

## POLICE PENSION BOARD MINUTES

January 31, 1975

The Police Pension Board met in the City Manager's Office at 8:00 A.M., Friday, January 31, 1975. Members present: Chairman Harvey Rose, Finance Director Victor Vance, Police Representative Harvey Gorby, and Secretary Neva Lockhart. Also present: City Attorney Gerald Ashby, Personnel Assistant Pat Bittle, John F. Becker, John H. Dickey, and Fred Landry.

The meeting was requested by John Dickey and John Becker for the purpose of discussing the monthly retirement benefits they are receiving. Mr. Dickey, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Landry retired from the Police Department under the "Detective" category. During 1974, the trend statewide was the abolishment of the categories "Patrolman" and "Detective". Mr. Becker and Mr. Dickey stated that they were receiving \$465 monthly during 1974. Finance Director Victor Vance said an error was made, and there was an overpayment of \$368.50 made to Mr. Dickey, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Landry, and an overpayment of \$184.25 to Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, widow of Detective Robert E. Johnson during 1974. Mr. Becker and Mr. Dickey contended that under the escalator clause, they should be receiving effective January 1, 1975, \$474.65 per month. Instead, they are receiving only \$442.50.

Mr. Vance submitted that Grand Junction is the only City in the State of Colorado with a population of under 100,000 that is paying the full escalator. He acknowledged the error made in 1974, but upheld the placing of Mr. Becker, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Landry in the "Police Officer" category for 1975. He felt the Board had four options:

- 1 Keep the member tied to positions acting in the capacity;
- 2 Tie the member to percentage position range and step at time of retirement, not time of escalator;
- 3 Stop escalation;
- 4 Escalation tied to cost of living.

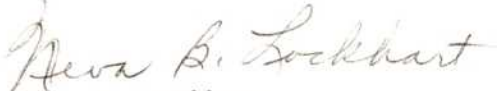
City Attorney Ashby said that when a job category is abolished, we have a problem. He advised that the Board has the responsibility to be fair, and of the options presented by Mr. Vance, one of three are open. The Board could not stop escalation. Consensus of the Board was option 1.

Mr. Becker stated that he would like to reimburse the Pension Fund the \$368.50 in a lump sum repayment, but he asked about the charge to him for taxes.

It was moved by Victor Vance and seconded by Harvey Gorby that if a lump sum reimbursement is made to the Pension Fund within thirty (30) days, an adjustment in an appropriate amount will be made for the taxes. If installment repayment is made over a period of 11 months, there will be no adjustment of the tax payment. Motion carried.

The Board did not recognize a differential between the "Detective" and "Patrolman". The Pension Plan will stand as is.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.



Neva B. Lockhart  
Secretary