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MINUTES OF FIREMEN'S PENSION BOARD

January 30, 1963

A meeting of the Firemen's Pension Board was held in the Conference Room for the purpose of considering further the request of Mr. Hoyt E. Brown for temporary retirement.

Present at the meeting were City Manager Joe Lacy, City Attorney Jerry Ashby, City Clerk Helen Tomlinson, Firemen R. T. Mantlo, Jack Schmidt and Orville Hannigan, and City Treasurer Charles E. Green.

In compliance with a motion made in the October 23, 1962 pension board meeting, an attempt was made on two different dates to send Mr. Brown to Denver for a physical and mental examination at the Colorado General Hospital. On both occasions as Mr. Brown boarded the train for the trip, he became panicky to the point that he had to leave the train and cancell his trip. As a result he has not as yet received the examination requested by the Pension Board.

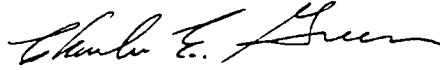
The contents of a letter from Dr. Richard E. Troy to the State Compensation Insurance Fund were then discussed. In summary Dr. Troy indicated in his letter that he felt "Mr. Brown is totally and possibly permanently disabled to function in emergency situations such as the unknowns as Fire Dept. requires". "I do feel this represents essentially an obsessive phobic anxiety neurosis precipitated by the accident in January 1962." However, Dr. Troy indicated that he did not feel that Mr. Brown is disabled in terms of the more routine types of work where the usual security and known requirements and expectations are apparent to him. Apparently Dr. Troy did not feel that such work existed in the Fire Department. The board discussed the possibility that the job of radio dispatcher would fit the description of the type of job to which Dr. Troy felt Mr. Brown would be suited. It was then indicated by Mr. Mantlo that he understood Fire Chief Frank Kreps had made such a job offer to Mr. Brown and that the offer was declined. Mr. Ashby suggested that Chief Kreps be asked to inform the board in writing of the action he had taken.

As a result of Dr. Troy's letter, the State Compensation Insurance Fund issued an "Admission - Special Liability" in which they admitted liability to Mr. Brown for compensation for disability caused by accidental injury and made such compensation retroactive to the date of the accident.

City Attorney Jerry Ashby stated that the pension board still has the right to have Mr. Brown examined by a psychiatrist of its own choosing and that he felt such an examination should be conducted before the board makes any decision concerning Mr. Brown's request for retirement. Mr. Ashby indicated that the board probably does not have the authority to require that Mr. Brown travel to Denver for the examination, but that the board certainly has the right to secure the services of a psychiatrist so that Mr. Brown can be examined here in Grand Junction.

A motion was made by Jack Schmidt and seconded by R. T. Mantlo that the board proceed as quickly and economically as possible to obtain the services of a psychiatrist for giving Mr. Brown an objective examination locally. The board could then proceed with its consideration of the case after the examination. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.



Charles E. Green
Secretary