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CITY DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

YEAR: 1969

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 3, 1969

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock p.m. September 3, 1969 in the Civic Auditorium at City Hall. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Raymond R. Paruch, Harry O. Colescott, R.B. Evans, Stanley R. Anderson and President Richard G. Youngerman. Councilmen Ray A. Meacham and Theodore N. Naff were absent. Also present were City Manager R. N. Gray, City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Reverend Hollis Cook, Galilee Baptist Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 20, 1969 be approved as written. Motion carried.

FIREMEN'S PENSION- APPROVE ESCALATOR CLAUSE

Mr. Wm. McCurry, representative of the Fire Department, came to the Council meeting concerning recent legislation concerning the Firemen's Pension laws. He asked the Council to approve the escalator clause of the law. Mr. Ashby, City Attorney, explained that this section of the law would allow those firemen who retire either on disability or retirement to be eligible for one-half of any pay raises granted to members of the Fire Department. The general opinion of attorneys in other cities is that this would apply only to those firemen who go on retirement after the approval of the clause by the City Council. It could not be retroactive as this would then amount to the City paying a gratuity, which is illegal under the State constitution. A law was also passed by the last legislature which provided that the Cities would guarantee the payment of pensions to members of the Police Department. It is felt that the Firemen will be trying to get the same law passed in the near future.

At the present time it will not be necessary for the City to appropriate funds to take care of an escalator clause, unless by chance someone who is presently retired would take the matter to court and prove that it was legal to pay all firemen now on pension the increase in wages since their retirement. Mr. Ashby stated that he had been talking to the various members of the fire department suggesting that they try to make the Firemen's Pension fund actuarially sound. 1970 will be the first year that the State will be required to match the funds the City and firemen put in to the fund.

Jack Schmidt, who will retire on Sept. 5th from the position of Assistant Chief, spoke to the Council and explained some of the items in the law. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Council approve the escalator clause in the State Firemen's pension fund law, which will allow those firemen retiring after this date the privilege of having their pensions increased in accordance with the salary increase of positions of the same rank, at one-half the salary increase. This would not be retroactive to cover firemen already on retirement. Motion carried.

WILLIAM E. PRESCOTT, M.D.
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August 4, 1969

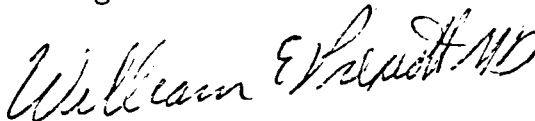
Frank Kreps, Fire Chief
Grand Junction, Fire Department
Grand Junction, Colorado

Re: Jack Schmidt
1114 Grand Avenue
Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Chief Kreps:

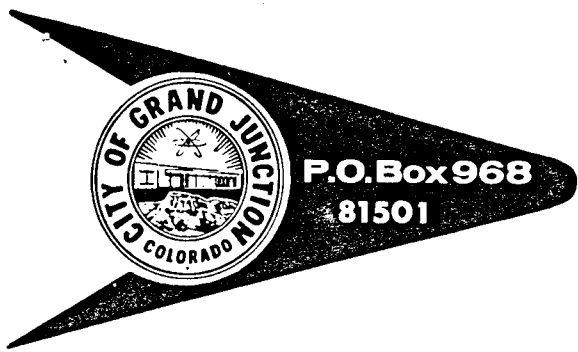
I have recommended to Mr. Schmidt that he put
in for his retirement. Since his second
coronary, he has not responded rapidly enough,
and he finds that minimal exertion tires him
a great deal. I, therefore, think that it
would be prudent for Mr. Schmidt to retire
from the force now.

Signed:



William E. Prescott, M.D.

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CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

FIRE DEPARTMENT

330 South 6th Street

July 16, 1969

FIREMEN PENSION BOARD

Due to my health condition at this time caused by a heart attack I suffered March 29, 1969 and upon the advice of my physician, I hereby make application for permanent disability pension to be effective September 5, 1969.

I would like to have this notice also serve as my notice of resignation to the City of Grand Junction to be effective the same date.

JACK F. SCHMIDT
Assistant Fire Chief

JFS:tp

cc: Helen Tomlinson, City Clerk
Richard Gray, City Manager
Frank Kreps, Fire Chief