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The Grand Junction Firemen's Pension Board met at 8:30 a.m. with City Manager Harvey Rose presiding. Board members present were Firemen Cecil Campbell, Clarence Cooper and Eldon Avery, Finance Director Victor A. Vance and City Clerk Neva Lockhart. Also present were Patricia Bittle and Ed White.

The meeting was called to order by Harvey Rose. Letters from Carol McKissen and K. Matchett, Jr., M.D. were read.

Pension Board
Grand Junction Fire Department
Grand Junction, Colorado

October 2, 1973

Dear Sirs:

In reference to the letter of September 28, 1973 to Mr. Frank Kreps, from Dr. K. Matchett, Jr., M.D., I would like to make application for service connected disability pension from the Grand Junction Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Carrol M. McKissen

Mr. Frank Kreps
330 S. 6th
Grand Jct., Colo. 81501

RE: Carrol McKissen

Dear Mr. Kreps:

I have had the opportunity to evaluate one of your fine employees, Mr. Carrol McKissen. As you undoubtedly know, he

has recently returned from Denver where he had Xray pictures made of the circulation to his heart. These xrays have shown us that Mr. McKissen has significant disease in his coronary arteries and that his symptoms of chest pain are undoubtedly related to this disease. I have advised Mr. McKissen that I think he can no longer continue to work as a fireman. The combination of the emotional excitement of rushing to a fire plus the sudden strenuous exercise could be catastrophic for him. However, I see no reason why he could not work at a desk job or secretarial type or dispatcher type job for the fire department, if such an opening should be available to him.

We have started Mr. McKissen on intensive medical management for his angina pectoris but if this does not control his symptoms, it may be necessary for him to return to Denver for coronary artery surgery. We would anticipate that he would be out of work some four to six weeks if such surgery should become necessary but that he would be able to return again to full employment, as that would be the primary purpose for doing the surgery.

If you have any questions or if I have not made myself clear, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
K. Matchett, Jr., M.D.

Clarence Campbell said that anyone with 5 years or more service and unable to work due to heart disease is awarded full disability per manual.

Harvey stated the Board had the option to decide whether the illness was job incurred. Victor asked whether we should have a letter from the doctor stating that the disease was job incurred. However, it was the feeling of the Board that it would be too difficult to definitely determine. The statement was made that Mr. McKissen did not have the disease when he was employed and does now, therefore, it probably was job incurred. Harvey suggested he have a physical at the end of one year.

The motion was made by Victor Vance to allow disability retirement to Carrol McKissen with the stipulation he have a physical at the end of one year. C. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The amount of retirement being one half of his monthly salary of \$709.00 amounting to \$354.50 per month.

Discussion followed as to who made up the members of the Board and it was read from the Manual that the Mayor, Finance Officer, one citizen and three Fire Department members make up

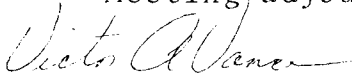
the Board. Victor moved that Pat be appointed as citizen member to replace Neva Lockhart and City Manager Harvey Rose to represent the Mayor. Seconded by Eldon Avery. Motion carried.

Harvey suggested the Council reaffirm the six voting members of the Board. Then at the next Board meeting there would be election of officers.

Clarence Campbell asked if the Escalating Clause money was in the budget. He was assured it was.

Mr. Campbell brought up the fact that the first check to Mrs. Bennett was incorrect. The payment was based on first class fireman at rate of beginning fireman. However, this should mean top grade fireman not beginning. Mr. Bennett's date of death was June 19th so the period covering this payment is approximately two weeks. Harvey asked Victor to take care of this informally.

Meeting adjourned.


Victor A. Vance
Board Secretary