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## FIRE PENSION BOARD

A MEETING OF THE FIRE PENSION BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:10 A.M. IN THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE ON DECEMBER 4, 1979. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: GARY THARP, MIKE PETERSEN, FRED KNOWLES, JANE QUIMBY, CLAUDIA SMITH AND JOHN TASKER. ALSO PRESENT WAS JEANNE HERRING.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED.

CLAUDIA SMITH STATED THAT SHE HAD SENT JACK BRANDHORST A LETTER, CERTIFIED, RESTRICTED MAIL, REQUESTING THAT HE REPORT FOR DUTY WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF SAME. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE LETTER WAS HIS PENSION CHECK FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1979.

CLAUDIA SMITH SUBMITTED A BILL FROM DR. JON P. WAGNILD FOR SERVICES IN REGARDS TO CLARENCE COOPER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE PETERSEN THAT THE BILL BE PAID, CONTINGENT UPON CHECKING TO MAKE SURE IT HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARY THARP AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

FRED KNOWLES BROUGHT UP THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMPLOYEES TO THE FIRE PENSION FUND. HE GAVE FIGURES FROM OTHER CITIES AND QUESTIONED WHY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GRAND JUNCTION FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD TO CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH MORE. THERE WAS MUCH "IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION" REGARDING THIS MATTER. JANE QUIMBY STATED THAT ONE COULD NOT COMPARE AMOUNTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AMONG OTHER CITIES SINCE THEIR FINANCIAL STATUS, ETC. WAS SO VASTLY DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF GRAND JUNCTION. JOHN TASKER HIGHLIGHTED THE DISCUSSION BY STATING DIFFERENT FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT TO BE CONTRIBUTED, BOTH BY THE CITY AND THE EMPLOYEES. JANE QUIMBY DID ASSURE THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE COUNCIL HAS MADE NO DECISION AT THIS POINT AS TO THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND THAT THE MEETINGS THEY HAVE HAD TO DATE HAVE BEEN INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSIONS. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THE FUND HAD TO BE LOOKED AT IN REGARDS TO THE FUTURE AND NOT WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST. JOHN TASKER STATED THAN DON MASONIC WOULD BE IN GRAND JUNCTION AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLAINING THE NEW RETIREMENT PLAN VS. THE OLD PLAN. AT THAT TIME, ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HIM IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHICH PLAN WILL BEST FIT THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

GARY THARP READ A LETTER FROM JERREL CAPPS REQUESTING A DISABILITY RETIREMENT. HE ALSO READ A LETTER FROM DR. TICE REGARDING SAME. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS MATTER, JOHN TASKER MADE A MOTION THAT R.T. MANTLO BE CONTACTED IN ORDER FOR HIM TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER HE CAN USE MR. CAPPS IN SOME OTHER SIMILAR POSITION IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR, IF HIS IMPAIRMENT WILL PREVENT HIM FROM DOING THE DUTIES OF A FIREFIGHTER. HE IS TO BE GIVEN ONE (1) WEEK TO GIVE AN ANSWER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JANE QUIMBY AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. CLAUDIA SMITH DID STATE THAT SHE HAD TALKED TO R.T. ABOUT THIS AND HE HAD STATED THAT IF HE HAD AN APPLICANT WITH THIS SAME IMPAIRMENT, HE WOULD NOT HIRE HIM.

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CLAUDIA SMITH READ ANOTHER LETTER FROM DR. HARTSHORN IN REFERENCE TO JERREL CAPPS REGARDING AN INNER EAR PROBLEM.

THE BOARD DECIDED THAT CLAUDIA SMITH IS TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR JERREL FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A SECOND OPINION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE BOARD MAKES A DETERMINATION.

PURSUANT TO MR. CAPPS REQUEST, THE BOARD DID DECIDE THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME ACTION REGARDING THIS MATTER PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1980.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:05 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JEANNE HERRING  
SECRETARY