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FIRE PENSION BOARD

A meeting of the Fire Pension Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Gary Tharp in the City Manager's office on March 17, 1980. Members present were: Gary Tharp, Jane Quimby, Claudia Smith, John Tasker, Fred Knowles and Mike Petersen. Also present were Gerald Ashby and Jeanne Herring.

The minutes of the February 12, 1980 meeting were read and approved.

Gary Tharp asked if any information had been received in reference to Jack Brandhorst. Gerald Ashby stated there had been nothing received and he will be getting back in touch with his attorney.

Gary Tharp then asked Board members if there was any discussion regarding the hearing for disability retirement on Gregory Hazelhurst. Gerald Ashby told Board members that they had to act as judges in making a determination. All the information had been received and now, a decision had to be made. Jane Quimby stated that she had no doubt there was an injury and her only question was the other activities that caused him problems with his back. Jane Quimby also questioned the liability of the City in this case if Greg were required to return to duty. Gerald Ashby stated that the City did have liability. Gerald Ashby stated that all of the doctors questioned had all substantiated the fact that Greg does have a disability. There was much discussion regarding this.

Jane Quimby then asked if the Board could restrict the activities of Greg if he were granted this retirement. After discussion, it was stated that the Board could not restrict the activities of any retired person but, they could recall them at the end of one year to further determine their continued disability. Fred Knowles stated also that he had no doubt that Greg does suffer with his back, however, his problems came with Greg's apparent unwillingness to be transferred to a sub-station or accept another position that would substantially reduce his frequency of lifting heavy objects. Mike Petersen stated this was also his concern.

The comments of Fire Chief Mantlo during the hearing were discussed at this point. It was pointed out that there is no other position within the Fire Department at this time that Greg could have been placed in and there are several other retired fire department personnel that have expressed a desire to be placed in some other position if one were available.

Gary Tharp stated that he had no questions in this case. He stated he guessed he still believed in the fact that people are basically honest individuals. Mike Petersen then stated one of his biggest questions was whether this injury had actually occurred on the job or not but, this area had been cleared up for him in the hearing.

Jane Quimby made a motion that Greg Hazelhurst's request for disability retirement be granted and that it should be noted that the Board does intend to recall him at the end of one year. This motion was seconded by Mike Petersen. With the exceptions of Claudia Smith who abstained from voting and Fred Knowles' vote of no, all other members were in favor.

Claudia Smith told Board members that a bill had been received from Dr. Patterson for payment in reference to his examination of Greg Hazelhurst. Jane Quimby made a motion that the bill be paid. This was seconded by Claudia Smith and all were in favor. Claudia Smith also asked about bills that would be coming in from the doctors in reference to their time spent at the hearing. Fred Knowles made a motion that the bills be paid after review by John Tasker. This was seconded again by Claudia Smith and all were in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Herring
Secretary