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CITY DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

YEAR: 1987

FIRE PENSION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 29, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Billings Claudia Hazelhurst
Allen Sartin O.F. Ragsdale
Jim Patterson Gary Tharp

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Chairman Gary Tharp.

The minutes from the previous meeting (May 26, 1987) were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Claudia contacted Chief Greene with regard to Dale Dean's request that his job be tied to that of a Lead Engineer for pension purposes should such a position exist in the future. Claudia stated that she had asked Wes Painter to join the meeting today in order to be available for any clarification on the memo which he issued in response to Chief Greene's request for information on this matter (Attachment I.)

There was discussion on this issue. John Patterson moved that Dale Dean's position be tied to a lead engineer position if, in the future, all three Station 1 Engineers are upgraded (and that this would affect all future Station 1 Engineers who retire.) Addendum in () added to original motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Tharp asked the status on rank escalation monies. Allen Sartin indicated that the plan resolution and ICMA agreement were in place; however, no money had been received from FPPA to transfer over to ICMA and that it might be a few months yet until the money is received.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made and seconded to approve pension for Eldon Avery with 75% rank escalation effective July 5, 1987. Avery meets the age and service requirements. The motion passed unanimously. Personnel was directed to notify FPPA of this retirement.

It was asked to be noted that the remaining 25% rank escalation on Avery is to be received through the State COLA, and that he will fall under the rank escalation 401 retirement plan.

Dale Dean has requested that his rank escalation buy-out money be paid to him upon the City's receipt of such and not forward to ICMA. The Board denied the request in that the City is legally restricted from disbursing the funds directly to participants. Claudia Hazelhurst was directed by the Board to issue a letter to Dean indicating their reasoning for the decision (Attachment II).

Ed Billings announced his resignation from the Fire Pension Board due to his upcoming retirement from service. The resignation was accepted by the Board. The fire members will be electing a new representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

TO: All Pension Board Members

FROM: Dale Dean, Engineer Mechanic, Station #1

DATE: May 11, 1987

RE: Retirement

This is to serve notice of my requested retirement date as of June 1st, making May 31st my last shift on duty at the Grand Junction Fire Department.

My required duties as First Position Engineer Mechanic assigned to Station #1 are: Responsible for all apparatus maintenance and air quality control on my shift and has functional supervision over the other Engineers of that shift.

My interest is, if that position were to be upgraded, that it will be reflected on my pension. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dale Dean

cc: Mark Achen, City Manager
Claudia Hazelhurst, Personnel Director
Pension Board Members

DD/hc

TO: All Fire Department Personnel
FROM: Chief Wes Painter, Operational Manager
DATE: October 20, 1986

RE: Purchases for Repair and Maintenance and new equipment.
** All equipment - Apparatus & building

Purchase of items MUST be approved by Engineer Gary Tharp and Chief Wes Painter.

Engineer's and Officers at sub stations will make their request through the Engineers assigned to Station #1, unless purchase or request is of an emergency nature. Such a request will be referred to Engineer Tharp.

Purchases for EMS, repair, maintenance and new equipment will be approved by EMS Coordinator Rick Beaty and Chief Wes Painter.

Receipts and orders for purchases, etc., must be sent to Station #1 explaining what was bought, how it was used, with persons name making the purchase.

We have been experiencing a problem with equipment being removed from reserve units and equipment being changed from one first line response truck to another. Removal of equipment or exchanging of equipment between units must be approved by the Engineer assigned to Station #1.

These policies are not intended to slight anyones responsibility, but rather to allow administration to get a handle on what is being bought, repaired and where our equipment is at.



Chief Wes Painter, Operations Manager

cc: All stations
File copy *Reg*

WP/hc

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: June 5, 1987
TO: Claudia Hazelhurst, Personnel Director
FROM: Robert Keeling, Training/Personnel/Safety
SUBJECT: Job Duties - Dale Dean

In response to your request regarding the job duties of Dale Dean and the requirements for the Station 1 Engineers distinguishing them from the Sub-station Engineers this is to advise you that the assignment to Station 1 is not a permanent assignment as the employees do rotate among the various stations. As for the job duties themselves, the Station 1 Engineers duties differ as per the attached memo.

I hope this will provide you with the information you need to assist the Fire Pension Board in their decision.

RK/sb

*TO: Mark Acken, City Manager
Claudia Hazelhurst, Personnel Director*

FROM: Dale Dean, Retired Fire Department

DATE: June 5, 1987

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Any information, payments, etc. regarding myself can be forwarded at this time to the Grand Junction Fire Department, Station #1. Thank you.

Dale L. Dean

DLD/hc

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6/5/87

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Follow-up on the above.

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Larry,
I don't think mazonec knew about this; what do you think?

AKS 6/9/87

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: June 23, 1987

TO: Allen Sartor, Finance Director

FROM: Claudia Hazelhurst, Personnel Director

SUBJECT: Request For Direct Payment of Rank Escalation Funds -
Dale Dean

In response to your inquiry concerning Dale Dean's request for the direct payment of his rank escalation funds, this is to inform you that the request cannot be accommodated.

According to Don Mazanec, our agreement with FPPA stipulated that the rank escalation funds be transferred into a qualified plan. Distributing funds before they reached that qualified plan would be considered a breach of our agreement. Secondly, receipt of any rank escalation funds is contingent upon them residing in a plan which allows for such a disbursement. Therefore, until the funds are received by ICMA, they fall under the control of FPPA and the "Old Plan" which currently have no provisions for a disbursement of this type, whether the pension board has the authority to create a provision to allow for a lump sum disbursement is a matter on which Gerald Esbey should render a decision. Finally, the check which FPPA will be sending through the City of Grand Junction to ICMA will be paid to the order of ICMA. The City, therefore, cannot cash the check nor would we have a legal right to it under the plan provisions.

Depending upon when the transfer of funds from FPPA to ICMA occurs determines who would be similarly impacted. To date, Bud Every is the only other employee.

Should you need further information in this regard, please let me know.

ccn

TO: ALLEN SARTIN FINANCE DIRECTOR

FROM: LARRY CLEVER, COMPTROLLER

DATE: JUNE 9, 1987

REFERENCE: DALE DEAN'S MEMO ON DISTRIBUTION OF RANK ESCALATOR BUYOUT FUNDS

THE TAX REFORM OF 1986 CHANGED THE TAX TREATMENT OF LUMP SUM DISTRIBUTIONS SO THAT ANY ONE TAKING A LUMP SUM DISTRIBUTION BEFORE THEY ARE 59 1/2 ARE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF 10% OF THE AMOUNT WITHDRAWN. DALE IS TRYING TO GET AROUND THIS PENALTY BY HAVING US SHORT CUT THE FPPA MONEY AND DISTRIBUTE IT DIRECTLY TO HIM INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH ICMA. I AM OPPOSED TO THIS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. I BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD BE ESTABLISHING A POOR PRECEDENT, AND WE WOULD RECEIVE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHERS SIMILARLY AFFECTED.
2. I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE BOUND BY THE PLAN TO PASS THE MONEY ON TO ICMA.
3. IT WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE PAYROLL AREA.
4. FURTHER MORE IT MAY NOT BE LEGAL FOR US TO DIVERT THE FUNDS AND IF THE IRS FOUND OUT ABOUT IT THEY COULD ASSESS A PENALTY ON THE CITY.

CC: CLAUDIA HAZELHURST