(OLD HIRE)

December 17, 2003 9:00 a.m.
City Clerk/Customer Services Conference Room, City Hall, 250 N. 5th St.

The Old Hire e Pension Board met on Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk/Customer Services Conference Room at City Hall, 250 N. 5th St. Present were Ron Lappi, Administrative Services Director and Claudia Hazelhurst, Human Resources Manager. Also present was, Shelly Williams, Administrative Specialist, and Tim Bevan, Glen Crespin, and John Knudsen.

Administrative Services Director Ron Lappi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ron Lappi moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2002 meeting. Claudia Hazelhurst seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ron Lappi commented that he would call Kim Collins and ask if the actuarial report will be received annually by the pension board.

Claudia Hazelhurst reported that the matter of how pensions were calculated (years of service versus months of service) had been questioned at the February 11, 2002 meeting. FPPA has used months of service to determine pension rates while the City has long calculated pensions based upon the year in which a member was hired. Since members of the fire plan had relied on the fact that years of service would be used to calculate their full rank escalation under the Old Hire Plan, the pensioners' benefits were recalculated using this method. The new calculation did make some minimal differences in pension rates over the years, some underpayments and some overpayments. Mr. Lappi suggested that the differences were immaterial and he recommended that the pensions be adjusted under the new calculation from this point forward but that no retroactive payment or collection be pursued.

Ron Lappi advised that the current actuarial study indicates that the Old Hire Fire Plan will be the last plan fully funded; the last payment from the State will be in 2014. If full funding does not occur at that time, the City will have to complete the funding.

Tim Bevan moved that years of service rather than months of service be used to calculate the Old Hire Fire Pensions and that the board not go back to 1991 to repay or collect any differences the recalculation produced. John Knudsen moved and Ron Lappi seconded. Motion carried.

2004 Fire Pension Rates

Human Resources Manager Claudia Hazelhurst distributed the 2004 Pension Rates to the board members and pensioners that were present.

Tim Bevan moved to approve the 2004 Fire Pensions for retirees. John Knudsen moved Ron Lappi seconded. Motion carried.

Rate sheets were collected from the pensioners that were present.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Claudia Hazelhurst moved to adjourn. Ron Lappi seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Claudia Hazelhurst, SPHR