

**MINUTES OF OLD HIRE FIRE PENSION BOARD**  
**June 22, 2001**

A meeting of the Old Hire Fire Pension Board was called to order on June 22, 2001 at 10:00 AM in City Hall Administrative Services Conference Room. Board members present were Tim Bevan, Glenn Crespin, Ron Lappi, and Claudia Hazelhurst. Also present were John Shaver, Assistant City Attorney and pensioners, Gary Tharp, and John Knudsen.

The minutes of the April 10, 2001 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

John Shaver presented By-law changes requested by the board regarding board configuration. Tim Bevan suggested that wording be added to the By-laws that would require they be reviewed annually. The Board agreed and asked John to draft this revision. Ron Lappi moved to approve By-laws as amended. Glenn Crespin seconded and motion carried.

The Board received (3) letters of interest from current pensioners interested in serving on the Old Hire Fire Pension Board. Letters received were from Wayne Marks, Robert Strobl, and John Knudsen. Tim read all three letters to the Board and opened nominations. Glenn nominated John Knudsen, Ron, nominated Bob Strobl, and Tim nominated Wayne Marks. Claudia moved that nominations cease. Glenn seconded and motion carried. Tim asked for a verbal vote from each Board member. Pension Board voted unanimously electing John Knudsen as its new Old Hire Fire Pension Board Member.

Claudia Hazelhurst stated she had received information from FPPA which documented their administrative procedure of using months of service to compute rank escalation percentages rather than years of service. The procedure had been approved by FPPA. While FPPA's approval is not binding on the City of Grand Junction, the procedure they have endorsed does make sense and produces the more accurate result than using the years of service basis. Furthermore, using months of service would result in higher benefits for pensioners for which the City would be solely responsible and would place the actuarial soundness of the Plan into question. The Board discussed the fact that members had been provided with a percentage figure which referred to the percent of their future pension which would be tied to full rank escalation. This figure was provided to active members in a handout prepared during the time that an alternative money purchase plan was being looked at to replace rank escalation benefits. Claudia will compute pensions using years of service to determine the ideal financial impact of this change. Tim Bevan moved that this matter be tabled for future discussion. Glenn Crespin seconded and the motion carried.

Tim asked when the Board approved increasing the contribution rate from 8% to 10% and whether City Council approved this change. Claudia will look into this and have an answer for next meeting.

Tim Bevan asked to have next meeting set for Friday, September 14, 2001 at 10:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Martinez, Secretary