

FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND
LOCAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015
10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Dave Bruster called the Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund Local Board Meeting to order on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Dave Bruster led the members and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL	Mayor Dustin Escapule	Present
	Board Member Chris Townsend	Absent
	Board Member Roger King	Present
	Board Member Caleb King	Present
	Board Member Anthony Palma	Absent
	Chairman David Bruster	Present
	Citizen at Bobby Ramirez	Present

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Board Member Caleb King, **SECOND** by Mayor Escapule to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5/0

MOTION: Carried

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION: Review of Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund to determine status of funds.

MOTION by Mayor Escapule, **SECOND** by Board Member Ramirez to discuss Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund to determine status of funds.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Bruster; "The actual payments are supposed to be made from interest earned from the principal and right now the money is not kept in a way that it earns interest." "Correct?" "Brenda is not in here right now."

Mayor Escapule; "In order to do that we are going to have to open up a separate account which it probably should have anyway. I though we discussed that with Ruben Villa and Ruben was supposed to get us set up with a special interest bearing account for that purpose. We will make it a matter or record that the Mayor will discuss this with Ruben Villa and make sure that we do get it set up into a interest bearing account so that the revenues generated by interest goes toward the payment of firemen's pension." "Is that what you wanted?"

Chairman Bruster; "Yeah, that's pretty much what I wanted to get changed."
"Other than that the status is about ninety four thousand dollars now.

MOTION by Mayor Escapule, **SECOND** by Board Member Ramirez to discuss with Ruben Villa to get the account changed to a special interest bearing account.

VOTE: 5/0

MOTION: Carried

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION: on payment of (4) four retired fire fighters for fiscal year 2015-2016.

MOTION by Board Member Townsend, **SECOND** by Board Member Bruster to approve payment of (4) four retired fire fighters for fiscal year 2015-2016.

"Chairman Bruster states that the four retired fire fighters are Gary Harrison, Ralph Gonzales, Joseph Perotti, and James Fought, Jr.

MOTION by Mayor Escapule, **SECOND** by Caleb King to discuss approval of payment for (4) four retired fire fighters for fiscal year 2015-2016.

DISCUSSION: "Board Member Ramirez asked how much the monthly amount was.

It was stated by several members of the board and reiterated by Fire Chief Bruster to be in the amount of one hundred dollars.

Chairman Bruster closes discussion.

VOTE: 5/0

MOTION: Carried

B. DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION: Approval of payment of monies paid into the fund to (3) three members who have resigned from the department. James Dotson, Jr., Linda Baker and Richard Baker.

MOTION by Mayor Escapule, **SECOND** by Board Member Caleb King to approve payment of monies paid into the fund to (3) three members who have resigned from the department. James Dotson, Jr., Linda Baker and Richard Baker.

DISCUSSION: “Mayor Escapule; “Make it a matter of record; each member is going to be paid according to the calculations that is done by the City Clerk and the Finance Advisor Ruben Villa the pension plan contribution fund calculations are as follows; total contributions by James Dotson due to J.D. is six hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty seven cents. Richard Baker is two thousand three hundred and thirty one dollars and sixty eight cents and Linda Baker is one thousand four hundred and forty three dollars and eighteen cents.

I would also like to make it a matter of record that one of the reasons that J.D. is so low is that there was period of time that he didn't participate with the fire department and he had a reduced rate of money that he had paid out. Also like to show the difference in revenues paid between these firemen which is what we base this on. J.D was twelve thousand three hundred and ninety one dollars and forty cents over a period of 1997 through 2015. Richard Baker was paid forty six thousand six hundred and thirty three dollars and sixty three cents over a period of 2006 through 2015 and Linda Baker was paid twenty eight thousand eight hundred and sixty three dollars and sixty one cents over a period of 2006 through 2015. That's just so we have that as a matter of record in the minutes.

Chairman Bruster; “The only other discussion I have is when people leave the fire department it's unfortunately more disheartening when they ask for their retirement back because it is essentially prohibiting them from coming back to the fire department from this point forward. I think that most everybody knows that (inaudible) requesting it but I do want it to be put on record because once they request this money that they are essentially saying that they are not ever going to be a part of the fire department again. I don't know if it is subject to any taxes or anything; right?

Mayor Escapule; “All I know is that five percent of the contribution. This is based on the W-2 forms from the (inaudible). I am thinking that it already has had taxes paid out.

Chairman Bruster; “Okay.”

Mayor Escapule; “because if it is based on W-2's then that means that taxes have been withheld out of this at five percent. This five percent I think is the actual amount that will be submitted to him.

Chairman Bruster; “We need a roll call vote to make the payments to the individuals.”

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Caleb King	Yes
Board Member Roger King	Yes
Chief Dave Bruster	Yes
Mayor Escapule	Yes
Board Member Robert Ramirez	Yes

5 Yes Votes; 0 No Votes

VOTE: 5/0

MOTION: Carried

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bruster entertains a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Mayor Escapule, **SECOND** by Board Member (inaudible) to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 5/0

MOTION: Carried

The meeting was thereby adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Dave Bruster, Chairman

Caleb King, Board Secretary