

URBANA FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2012

The Fire Pension Board of Trustees of the City of Urbana, Illinois met at 9:30am, Friday, July 27, 2012, in the second floor Executive Conference Room of the Urbana City Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT Ron Short, Retired Board Member/President – end of term 5/1/13
Ron Eldridge, City Comptroller/Treasurer – end of term 6/30/14
Andrew Rickords, Firefighter/Sec/Clerk – end of term 5/1/14
Mark Ashby, Firefighter – end of term 5/1/15
Mike Dilley, Fire Chief – end of term 6/30/14

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Ashby, City of Champaign Firefighter
Dan Harmon, Former City of Urbana Firefighter

President Short called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

INVESTMENT BUSINESS

Mr. Scott MacAdam and Mr. Aaron Sutton of First Busey Trust & Investment Co. were present. They distributed the quarterly report and reviewed the Pension's Investment activity through the quarter ending June 30, 2012. The ending value for the portfolio as of that date was \$15,813,074.

Mr. MacAdam and Mr. Sutton recommended the elimination of the underperforming Rainer Fund, which makes up about 17% of the Fire Pension portfolio, for a better performing Dodge and Cox Portfolio. Another option discussed was a Busey Capital Management Mutual fund.

The fee Busey charges the Urbana Fire Pension Fund is \$.0005 per each dollar invested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Dilley suggested the wording of the contractual employee discussion, under New Business, should be clarified to be better understood. Chief Dilley will compose wording which will better reflect the discussion. Approval of the April minutes will be carried over to the October meeting. A motion to do so was made by Firefighter Ashby, seconded by Comptroller Eldridge and carried by voice vote.

Also discussed was employee suspension and whether a firefighter can make up time lost while suspended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Comptroller Eldridge presented the board with a new format for the Treasurer's Report. This format included a listing of all investments, which totaled \$32.7 million. Also included was a financial report which illustrated receipts and payment for the prior three months and a total for the fiscal year. Comptroller Eldridge indicated he believed this financial report could replace the previous Clerk's Bills report. After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted

President Short questioned the amount of entry of a payment for accounting services. After discussion

about the amount and whether it had been approved by the board, Comptroller Eldridge made a motion that as of April 1, 2012, Liz Walden would be paid \$3000 a year to do the accounting work for the Fire Pension Board. The vote was seconded by Chief Dilley and carried by voice vote as follows:

Sec/Clerk Rickords – Abstained
President Short – Nay
Comptroller Eldridge – Aye
Firefighter Ashby – Aye
Chief Dilley - Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Ashby was present to discuss the status of his pension with the City of Urbana. In May, 2007 (within 21 months of leaving Urbana), he had sent a letter to the State of Illinois, City of Urbana and City of Champaign explaining that he wanted to put his pension from the time of his service in Urbana toward credible service for his pension. The response from Urbana was that there was nothing due to them. He recently checked with Comptroller Eldridge to see the status of the money in his pension fund with Urbana. He was told he would have to pay 1% plus 6% of the amount currently in his pension to buy back his time. He was confused about why he had to do that, because he thought he had already addressed it in 2007. After discussion, Chief Dilley asked the board if they would have the right to override the part of the law requiring the 6% interest.

Sec/Clerk Rickords mad a motion to allow Firefighter Mike Ashby to pay the 1% plus 6% until the date of his letter of intent in May 2007. This motion was later rescinded by Sec/Clerk Rickords.

President Short made a motion to allow Attorney Dobrovolny listen to the issue and decide what should be done based on the law. Chief Dilley suggested holding a special meeting to allow Firefighter Mike Ashby present his case to Attorney Dobrovolny to an opinion could be rendered. Sec/Clerk Rickords made the suggestion to hold a special meeting within 30 days to allow Firefighter Mike Ashby to discuss the issue with Attorney Dobrovolny. He also asked that the interest that would accrue between the time of the current meeting and the date of the special meeting be waived. President Short made a motion to hold a special meeting of the Fire Pension Board within 30 days to have Firefighter Mike Ashby present his case to Attorney Dobrovolny. The motion was seconded by Chief Dilley and carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Comptroller Eldridge had some Busey Bank forms to be signed by the board members, which would authorize the Fire Pension Board to have an account at Busey. Signers can be two of three members of the board: President Short, Sec/Clerk Rickords and Comptroller Eldridge. Comptroller made a motion that on July 27, 2012, at this meeting of the Urbana Fire Pension Board, this resolution is approved by this board. President Short seconded the motion, which was passed by voice vote.

B. Brian Hoff – Firefighter Mark Ashby made a motion that Brian Hoff be accepted into the Pension Fund. After discussion the motion was seconded by Comptroller Eldridge and carried by voice vote.

C. Andrew Stewart – Firefighter Ashby made a motion that Firefighter Andrew Stewart be accepted into the Pension Fund. After discussion the motion was seconded by Sec/Clerk Rickords and carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Chief Dilley discussed dates of upcoming pension training sessions. Firefighter Ashby needs 32 hours of training. All other board members need 16 hours. Doing the training on the computer, or

attending upcoming training sessions at Addison, Illinois and Pheasant Run, Illinois are options.

MEETING DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT QUARTER

The next quarterly meeting of the Fire Pension Board is set for Friday, October 26, 2012, at 9:30 am. This meeting is not adjourned, but is recessed until the next regular Pension Board meeting. President Short made the motion to recess the meeting. Comptroller Eldridge seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

Sec/Clerk Rickords announced his resignation as Secretary Clerk of the Fire Pension Board of Trustees, as of August 1, 2012. He will remain a board member, but will give up his current duties on the board. There was discussion about who would take his place. Comptroller Eldridge will check with Attorney Dobrovolny to see what has to be done to find a new person for the position.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is not adjourned, but is recessed until the next regular Pension Board meeting. President Short made the motion to recess the meeting. Comptroller Eldridge seconded the motion, which was carried by voice vote.

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for Andrew Rickords, Secretary/Clerk

Ronald Eldridge, Treasurer