I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Brian A Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Brian Feyerherm
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department
Reid Steinkraus, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from August 14th, 2013

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Feyerherm

Motion carried 6-0-1

III. *Approval of Apprenticeship Programs

13-8-104
Lundvall Plumbing Inc
23050 Norris Av
Glenwood IA 51534

REQUEST: Approval of apprenticeship program
49-244

The Board received a request to hold this case over to the next meeting.

Motion to hold case over to September 11th, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.
*Apprenticeship Agreements*

Lucas B Bird  
1110 Marshall Av Apt B12  
Council Bluffs IA 51503

Lundvall Plumbing Inc  
23050 Norris Av  
Glenwood IA 51534

The Board received a request to hold this case over to the next meeting.

Motion to hold case over to September 11th, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

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Ian T Yates  
105 S Hazel St Apt 1  
Glenwood IA 51534

Lundvall Plumbing Inc  
23050 Norris Av  
Glenwood IA 51534

The Board received a request to hold this case over to the next meeting.

Motion to hold case over to September 11th, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

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John D Kaupa  
5305 Y St  
Omaha NE 68117

Jimmy’s Plumbing Inc  
17609 Storage Rd D-2  
Omaha NE 68136

John Kaupa appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed the file and commented that all appeared to be in order with the application.

Motion to approve with a start date of April 15, 2013 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.
IV. **Cases**

13-8-111
Rory Sherman
13336 Industrial Rd #106
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST: Request for reinstatement of expired water conditioning contractor license.

Rory Sherman appeared before the Board. Mr. Sherman did not pay for his license renewal before the yearly deadline. The Board Secretary confirmed that Mr. Sherman was current on his continuing education hours. Mr. Sherman claimed that he had sent payment in to the City; however, this check was never cashed. The Board Secretary confirmed that payment was never received by the Finance Department for Mr. Sherman’s license renewal.

Mr. Wonder stated that in lieu of the required quad fee, the Board could accept copies of Mr. Sherman’s chronologically-ordered check register showing that a check was indeed written to the City for renewal of license and copies of his bank statements showing that said check was never cashed. He suggested that the Board approve Mr. Sherman’s renewal today, with the above stipulation. If Mr. Sherman could not provide proof of attempted payment, he would then be required to pay the quad fee as listed in the Code.

Motion by Mr. Reed to reinstate license subject to required quad fee, with the stipulation that Mr. Sherman will not be required to pay said quad fee if he can provide said documentation that a check was written to the City but never cashed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

13-8-103  *From 8/14/2013*
Drew Drummond
5332 S 138th St Suite 210
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST: Variance of section 636 Table 5

Location: 5834 and 5832 S 142nd St

8/14/2013:
Mr. Drummond was not present.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold this case over to the August 28, 2013 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

8/28/2013:
Drew Drummond appeared before the Board. This property is a multi-level chiropractic office; the applicant wished to operate without restrooms on the upper floor of the business. Mr. Drummond stated that he would like to provide two women’s restrooms and one men’s restrooms on the lower level. He stated that he did not want to put restrooms on the upper level, as this space is needed for examination/adjustment rooms. Mr. Drummond added that people visiting the upper level would be coming in for adjustments only; a process that takes approximately ten minutes. Those requiring lengthier examinations would be seen on the lower level, which would house the restrooms for the business. After reviewing the submitted information, the Board was unable to see any hardship in complying with the Plumbing Code.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny variance request as submitted; the applicant is additionally required to install a unisex restroom without a urinal on the upper level of this business. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0. Request denied.
REQUEST: Waiver to allow installation of a private well for irrigation and nursery stock
Location: 9120 N 96th St 49-1510

Bill Allen of Allen Well Company and Gary Nachman, property owner, appeared before the Board. Neither the Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) nor the Douglas County Health Department registered any objection to the proposed waiver. Mr. Steinkraus commented that the proposed well will have a limited capacity of fifteen gallons of water per minute; the owner utilizes a drip irrigation system for his business. Mr. Steinkraus stated that it was the Health Department’s position that this well would not cause any issues for other well users in the area. Mr. Nachman explained that he plans to use the well to drip-irrigate grape vines.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

REQUEST: Waiver of section 49-636 as regards drinking fountains
Location: 1918 N 203rd St 49-636

Kurtis Suhr of Architecture One appeared before the Board. The Board reviewed the submitted plan of the building, noting that there will be permanent sinks in the break rooms. A hydration area will also be provided for customers and staff, in addition to a coffee bar in the conference room. In response to the Board’s question, Mr. Suhr replied that the location houses a bank and an insurance office.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve. Second by Ms. Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap.

NAYS: Estabrook, Salem

Motion carried 5-2.
David Boone appeared before the Board. Mr. Boone operates a business which installs custom graphics on new vehicles. No auto detailing is done at this site. In response to Mr. Estabrook’s question, Mr. Boone confirmed that there are no floor drains in the space that he leases for his company. Mr. Boone stated that he does have supplies to soak up oil from the floor should it ever be an issue; however, he did not anticipate ever having to use it.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

NAYS: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-1.

John Delaney of Morrissey Engineering appeared before the Board. He presented plans for three commercial washing machines that will discharge to a drain trough with a removable lint screen. Mr. Wonder stated that this product has been reviewed by the Code Committee recently, which is considering setting guidelines for the use of this chemical-resistant polyurethane tank. Mr. Barrett commented that he liked the idea of using this type of tank for this application instead of trench drains.

Mr. Reed recused himself from voting on this case.

Mr. Reed stated that the fixture is to be installed in a Marriott hotel in downtown Omaha. Mr. Delaney confirmed that Marriott has used this product in many other locations around the country with no issues.

Motion by Ms. Schaap to approve the use of a manufactured drain trough as submitted. Second by Mr. Miller.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

NAYS: Estabrook

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 5-1-1.
13-8-109
Kevin Brown
Carlson Construction
2841 Legacy Commons Plz Apt 120
Omaha NE 68130

REQUEST: Variance of section 49-1109, Exterior grease interceptors
Location: 5018 Ames Av
49-1109

Kevin Brown appeared before the Board. Mr. Brown stated that the grease interceptor that his client proposes to use is currently on order but has not yet been installed at this location. He added that several Wal-Mart stores in Omaha have installed this interceptor tank and have had no issues with them. Mr. Wonder stated that the proposed tank does not meet the requirements set in Code for grease interceptors. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Brown why his client wished to depart from what is required by Plumbing Code. Mr. Brown stated that Wal-Mart has used this model in stores nationwide, including several stores in the Omaha area.

After review of the submitted information, concern was raised over some of the design elements used with this particular product. Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division was not able to approve the use of the requested tank administratively, as the design standards and material do not meet current code requirements. He added that his division had no objection to the proposed variance should the Board choose to approve it. Mr. Wonder did request that the City be required to approve the sizing of the tank to be installed at this location, as the submitted tank is not large enough in his opinion. Mr. Brown stated that his client would have no objection to installing a larger tank if required.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the use of the submitted “Proceptor” grease interceptor at this location, with the stipulation that the City review and approve the sizing of said interceptor prior to installation. Second by Ms. Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Schaap
NAYS: Estabrook, Miller, Salem

Motion carried 4-3.

13-8-110
Shawn Sterba
Charleston Homes
3803 N 153rd St Suite 200
Omaha NE 68116

REQUEST: Waiver of section 49-636 as regards drinking fountains
Location: 3803 N 153rd St Suite 101
49-636

Shawn Sterba appeared before the Board. The Board reviewed the submitted application, which stated that the space is being leased by a commodities broker. According to the application, no customers will be present in the space at any time. The Board reviewed plans submitted by Mr. Sterba, noting that there will be a permanent sink in the break room. The refrigerator in the break room also dispenses water; a water cooler will also be provided in the break room. Mr. Wonder clarified for those present that it makes no difference whether or not a business invites the public to come in; the requirements for a drinking fountain are the same.

After some discussion, Mr. Reed made a motion to approve. Second by Ms. Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.
V. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewal

Jacob M Williams  
Russell Plumbing  
Completed

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the above-listed apprentice. Second by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Discussion

- Mr. Wonder reported on the status of upcoming Plumbing Code changes.

VII. Executive Session

Mr. Wonder asked that the Board go into executive session in order to discuss recent plumbing examinations.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to go into executive session in order to discuss recent plumbing examinations. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 7-0. Board entered executive session at 2:45 pm.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 3:05 pm.

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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