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 Schaap

Others Present:
Allen Brown, Douglas County Health Department
Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2015

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2015 meeting. Second by Mr. Miller.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

III. *Cases

15-10-131
Doug Clark – UNL Extension Office
405 Brentwood Dr
Gretna NE 68028

REQUEST
Renewal of continuing education provider, instructors, & class(es)
49-215

Mr. Doug Clark appeared before the Board representing University of Nebraska Extension Office. He is requesting renewal of continuing education provider. The Extension Office has been approved in the past.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the University of Nebraska Extension Office as a continuing education provider for 2015-2017. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Clark is requesting renewals of continuing education instructors for Mr. Wayne Woldt, Mr. Doug Clark, and Ms. Kathryn Pekarek. These instructors have all been approved in the past for wastewater treatment continuing education.
Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Wayne Woldt, Mr. Doug Clark and Ms. Kathryn Pekarek for continuing education instructors for 2015-2017. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Clark is requesting approval of continuing education classes regarding Onsite Wastewater Treatment Continuing Education Training. The subject matter includes vulnerable sites for onsite wastewater systems, risk management for wastewater systems, EPA guidelines, mound systems, aerobic treatment units, and system layout. These classes are 6 hours per day for two days. Contractors may come one day or both days. Mr. Clark is requesting continuing education credit toward City of Omaha Sewer Layers for four hours and Master Plumbers for two hours.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve these classes for continuing education credit for City of Omaha Sewer Layers - 4 hours and Master Plumbers - 2 hours. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Sam Gregg and Mr. Jon Miller with JTM Plumbing appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding fixture requirements. Mr. Gregg stated the owner would like to eliminate the second water closet in the women’s restroom. This will be Makovicka Physical Therapy at 6307 Center Street. Total square footage is 2602. There will be a maximum of four employees who can only work with one person at a time. Discussion included which table in the Code to use. Mr. Reed stated the fixture requirement is adequate under medical office and one water closet short as an exercise room. This business is a little of both. Mr. Barrett stated there would not be walk-in traffic and the therapists would be using scheduled appointments so there would not be an excess of people in the office at the same time.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for one women’s water closet for this business at this location only. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 5-2
Mr. John Clark appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a drinking fountain at 8320 F Street. Cape Truck Accessory’s expected employment in the Omaha location is six employees. The maximum number of customers they could service would be six. Total square footage is 5400 square feet. Half the business is the shop—approximately 3000 sq. ft.; and half the business is showroom—approximately 2400 sq. ft. Mr. Miller asked if there is a breakroom sink in the business, and Mr. Clark stated there is a wash sink in the back of the business. Mr. Miller asked what the hardship is for not wanting a drinking fountain, and Mr. Clark stated he didn’t think a drinking fountain was needed due to the number of customers the business would have and also the cost.

Motion to deny this waiver by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried - waiver denied: 7-0

Mr. John Redfern appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a private septic system. The septic system has failed, and Mr. Redfern is requesting installation of a new septic system. The water is currently shut off, and this house is empty. The depth of the sanitary sewer is 18’6.” Mr. Redfern stated he received a bid of approximately $35,000 to connect both 2505 and 2507 North 88 Street to the sanitary sewer. Mr. Redfern stated his concern regarding low-hanging electrical lines and utilities being a concern for the equipment that will need to be used to complete this project. Another concern is shutting the street down for approximately four days to complete the work per the bid. Mr. Wonder stated he visited this property, and both 2505 and 2507 are on a single lot. Mr. Wonder suggested a directional bore be done between the two houses with a simple cleanout instead of a manhole which would lessen the cost and be considered a private sewer. Mr. Wonder also stated that the trees on this property are an issue regarding a septic system also. Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Redfern if he had the cost of a new septic system. Mr. Redfern stated $6,000-8,000. Mr. Redfern does not have an estimate for directional boring.

Mr. Allen Brown stated that the Douglas County Health Department objects to the approval of a new septic system. Mr. Wonder stated the City would allow North 88 Street to be shut down from Lake Street to Maple Street for five days. Mr. Barrett and Mr. Miller would like Mr. Redfern to check into more information for directional boring and an estimate. Amy Schaap suggested holding these two cases over to the next Plumbing Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold case 15-10-134 over until October 28, 2015 Plumbing Board meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
John Redfern  
22612 Homestead Road  
Elkhorn NE 68022  
REQUEST  
Waiver as regards privies, cesspools prohibited private sewer connections generally  
Location: 2507 N 88 Street  
49-2103

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold case 15-10-135 over until October 28, 2015 Plumbing Board meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Laura Xiong – Asian Family Market  
5916 Ames Avenue  
Omaha NE 68104  
REQUEST  
Waiver as regards required exterior grease interceptor  
Location: 5916 Ames Avenue  
49-1104

Laura Xiong, Hla Thit (owner) and Paul Housler with Paramount Construction appeared before the Board requesting a waiver for a grease interceptor at Asian Family Market located at 5916 Ames Avenue. Mr. Housler stated there is no cooking or frying that takes place at this business. There are prep tables for cutting vegetables. All meat is frozen fish and pork and is cut with a saw. The table is wiped down with paper towels. Mr. Wonder stated the City is not opposed to this waiver.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve this waiver for no grease interceptor at Asian Family Market at this location only. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

IV. Apprenticeship Agreements

Brett Bender  
19011 Jacobs Street  
Omaha NE 68135  
Precise Contracting & Plumbing Inc  
13109 S 144 Street  
Louisville NE 68037

Mr. Brett Bender and Mr. Nathan Steele appeared before the Board requesting a 7/06/2015 start date. Mr. Bender is employed with Precise Contracting & Plumbing Inc. Documentation was reviewed and in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Bender with a 7/06/2015 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
Mr. Andrew Frowiss and Mr. Nathan Steele appeared before the Board requesting a 5/01/2015 start date and 9 months credit from San Diego back in 2010. Mr. Frowiss is employed with Precise Contracting & Plumbing Inc. Documentation was reviewed. Credit cannot be given from 2010 because it is not consecutive dates of employment.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Frowiss with a 5/01/2015 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Max Sherman and Mr. Nathan Steele appeared before the Board requesting a 7/06/2015 start date. Mr. Sherman is employed with Precise Contracting & Plumbing Inc. There was discussion regarding Mr. Sherman being 17 years of age. The Plumbing Board cannot waive licensing. He cannot register as an apprentice until he reaches 18 years of age in July of 2016.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny Mr. Sherman for the apprenticeship program within the City of Omaha due to Section 49-244(e). Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried-apprenticeship denied: 7-0

Mr. Jeffrey Brownfield and Mr. Scott Walter appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 6/01/2014 start date. He was actually employed from 1/03/2014 starting out as a drain cleaner. Documentation was reviewed and in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Brownfield with a 6/01/2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
Mr. Joseph Figueroa and Mr. Scott Walter appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 10/09/2014 start date. He was previously employed with Barrett Plumbing in 2009-2010 but then was out of the plumbing trade due to the economy. Documentation was reviewed from 10/09/2014-9/21/2015 and in order with Omaha Council Bluffs Plumbing Inc. Mr. Figueroa had 1.5 years of schooling through Tom Holm and is a third year at ABC. Mr. Figueroa has not been able to get his past records from GP Plumbing in Iowa.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Figueroa with a 10/09/2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Jeffery Pease and Mr. Scott Walter appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 1/15/2015. Documentation was reviewed and in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Pease with a 1/15/2015 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Joshua Smith and Mr. Scott Walter appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 2/26/2015. Documentation was reviewed and in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Smith with a 2/26/2015 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
VI. Discussion

- The City Council had a public hearing on the new plumbing code. There was one minor change related to subsoil drainage Section 49-909. The language was changed back to the language in the 2010 Plumbing Code. Final reading will be before the City Council next week. Effective date for the new 2015 Plumbing Code will be November 4, 2015.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

*APPPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.*

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