I. Roll Call

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

Others Present:
Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department
Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Members Absent:
Amy Schaap

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

II. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2016

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from April 13, 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

ABSTAIN: Barrett

Motion carried: 5-0-1

III. *Cases

16-4-51 Hold over to 5/25/2016
Dave McArdle
12110 Portal Road #500
LaVista NE 68128
REQUEST Approval of grease interceptor

4/13/2016
Mr. David McArdle with Jay R. Smith Mfg. Co. appeared before the Board to request holding over this product until the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold over Case 16-4-51 until April 27, 2016. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0
4/27/2016

Mr. David McArdle with Jay R. Smith Mfg. Co. appeared before the Board along with Mr. Andrew Bird with Canplas and Patrick Fedor with IPEX. The inlet section of the grease interceptor, Endura XL100, was brought for the Board to examine. Mr. Bird gave a very detailed narrative regarding the specifications of this hydromechanical grease interceptor. The Board requested more time for consideration by Mr. Jim Wonder and Mr. Chris Reed regarding the inlet and outlet.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to lay this case over until the Plumbing Board meeting on 5-25-2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. Mike Green and Mr. Scott Green appeared before the Board with a sample linear drain for the Board’s examination. The Board examined the sample and discussion included the specifications. Mr. Green stated this drain uses a clamp collar for flashings and is made of 304 stainless steel.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the Josam Series 46200 stainless steel shower channel drain as an acceptable linear drain per the Omaha Plumbing Code. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. Mike Green and Mr. Scott Green are requesting approval of renewal of their continuing education classes for 2016. These are the same classes as last year. DWV and Water Piping is for one credit hour, Tankless Water Heaters for two hours, and Residential Gas Heaters and High Efficiency Water Heaters for two hours.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of continuing education classes for a total of five credit hours for master and journeymen plumbers. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0
Mr. Adam Sawyer representing Thomas Smith and Mr. Pat Carson with BCDM Architects appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding temporary classroom portables with PVC piping at Crestridge Elementary. These portable classrooms are needed for approximately 12-15 months while the main building is being renovated. The portable buildings will be tied directly into the sanitary sewer. Once renovation is completed, the portables will be moved to another site. Mr. Wonder clarified that this waiver is for these units only, at this site only, for 12-15 months. Once the trailers are moved to another site, a new waiver would be required. Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Smith were in agreement to this.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow temporary portable buildings with prefabricated plumbing at Crestridge Elementary for a period of 15 months at this location for this use only. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. Leo appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding Board Policies. Mr. Leo stated he took the exam in November 2015 and then he could not make it to the second test in February due to personal reasons. He is present today requesting to postpone testing until November, 2016 for his second try. Mr. Cataldo will discuss his situation with Mr. Wonder privately, and Mr. Wonder will forward his recommendation to Mr. David Miller.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold over case 16-4-59 until the next Plumbing Board meeting on 5/11/2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0
Mr. Dave Bramow with Leo A Daly and Mr. Nick Ramsey with Shamrock Development appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards fixture requirements on the first floor of the Capitol District Apartments. This is a twelve-story apartment building with 221 units. Level 1 is secure from street traffic, and staffing with a part-time guard at the security area or no guard at the security area has not yet been determined. The electrical, mail, and fire command center are non-occupied spaces, and the storm shelter is only used for emergencies. Restrooms on Level 2 which is located directly above may be accessed with an elevator. Level 3 and up includes the apartments. Mr. Miller inquired as to the hardship for this waiver. Mr. Ramsey stated lack of use and more space. Mr. Estabrook inquired if they could make the FEMA room smaller, and Mr. Bramow stated, “No, we are right at the limit.”

Mr. Reed made a motion to waive the restroom fixtures on Level 1. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem

NAYS: Estabrook, Miller

Motion carried: 4-2

Mr. Stratman appeared before the Board requesting reinstatement of his sewer layer license. Mr. Stratman moved and did not let the Board Secretary know his new mailing address. Continuing education credits are up-to-date. Mr. Stratman must pay a quad fee penalty.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the reinstatement of Ben Stratman’s sewer layer license for 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0
Daniel Kermeen
1153 Colfax Street
Blair NE 68008
REQUEST Request for reinstatement of sewer layer license
49-216

Mr. Kermeen appeared before the Board requesting reinstatement of his sewer layer license. Mr. Kermeen failed to renew his license by the deadline date. Continuing education credits are up-to-date. Mr. Kermeen must pay a quad fee penalty.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the reinstatement of Daniel Kermeen’s sewer layer license for 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

Kyle W Strong
11305 Pratt St #9
Omaha NE 68164
REQUEST Request reinstatement of journeyman license
49-216

Mr. Kyle Strong appeared before the Board requesting reinstatement of his journeyman plumber license. Mr. Strong failed to renew his license by the deadline date. Mr. Strong must pay a quad fee penalty. Mr. Miller stated Mr. Strong is short two credit hours for 2015 continuing education hours. Mr. Wonder read Section 49-216(a) of the Plumbing Code, “Continuing education hours requirements are current per section 49-218.” Mr. Miller informed Mr. Strong that he must make up the two hours plus a four-hour penalty for 2015 before reinstating his license. Mr. Strong will need an additional eight hours for 2016.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the reinstatement of Kyle Strong’s journeyman plumber license after six continuing education hours are completed. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0
Mr. Kenneth Hahn and Mr. Adam Sawyer appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding temporary classroom portables with PVC piping at Sunny Slope Elementary School. The temporary trailers are needed due to an addition to the school building. Two temporary classroom portables will be needed for approximately 9-12 months. These portables are rented units that come preplumbed. Mr. Wonder stated the City does inspect these units to make sure everything will be working properly, i.e. relief valves, anti-siphon toilets, air gaps, etc.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the waiver for 12 months for use of portable classrooms, specifically waiving waste and vent system, materials, and installation. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. Robert Peters and Ms. Jessica Lindersmith appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a unisex restroom at 2101 Woolworth Avenue. This is the former Quartermaster Depot site in the National Register District comprising approximately 8-9 buildings. This building is the former vehicle repair and storage bays that was part of this Quartermaster Depot. The property is zoned heavy industrial. Mr. Peters stated the master plan is to transition uses in the buildings to residential uses, live/work uses, and commercial uses, and migrate away from the heavy industrial uses that were traditionally there. The building in question is a four-bay vehicle garage structure. There are CMU walls that separate the four bays. There is a single restroom that currently exists that is not up to code in the first bay. The owner wishes to elevate the use from storage and nonoccupied to one that provides more 24/7 eyes on the property and elevate the uses within. The number of employees per bay are one or possibly two. There is approximately 1800 sq/ft per bay.

Mr. Wonder stated the City supports this waiver with one stipulation; the unisex restroom could be used for nonfood establishments.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver with the stipulation that none of the bays be used for food service, restaurant, or any other business associated with food preparation. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0
Mr. Mark Sanford appeared before the Board requesting a waiver to install a unisex restroom instead of two separate restrooms. This tenant is a single employee who caters and delivers food to the schools. There will be no customer traffic and no other employees. Square footage is 1100.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the unisex restroom at 14236 U Street for this business only. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. Roger Rieke appeared before the Board requesting a temporary master license. Mr. Wonder stated Burton Plumbing Services does not have a master plumber, and Mr. Rieke is in the process of testing for the master license at the present time.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Roger Rieke’s temporary master license for Burton Plumbing for a period of one year from today’s date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

VII. *Journeymen Plumber Examination Applications

_Held over from 1/27/2016_

Brandon J Behney
18484 Cornhusker Rd
Omaha NE 68136

Dave Janke Plumbing Inc
15013 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68144

1/27/2016

Brandon Behney notified the Board Secretary that he would like to postpone until May 2016 testing. This was done within the postponement period.

Motion to hold Mr. Behney’s journeyman exam application over until April 27, 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap
4/27/2016
Mr. Brandon Behney appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2016. Mr. Behney’s schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 9,611 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Brandon Behney to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Farley has a 9/01/2012 apprenticeship start date and is ineligible to test at this time.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold Mr. Farley’s application over to the October 26, 2016 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Brandon Kontor appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2016. Mr. Kontor’s schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College. Documentation showed 7,909.20 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Brandon Kontor to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0
Mr. Scott Larson appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2016. Mr. Larsen’s documentation shows 19,841 on-the-job training hours. He holds a master’s license in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Scott Larson to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Christopher J Lathrop appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2016. Mr. Lathrop’s schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College with 605.5 hours in 2009 when the requirement was 576 hours. Documentation showed 8,796.50 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Christopher Lathrop to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Donald Spittler Jr appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2016. Mr. Spittler’s schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College with 697.5 hours. Documentation showed 8,214 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Donald Spittler Jr to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0
Mr. Andrew Minich appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2016. Mr. Minich started Metro’s plumbing apprentice program in the fall of 2007. He completed the first and second year classes in 2007 and 2008 for a total of 266.5 hours. Mr. Minich then left for the military. He came back to the program in the fall of 2014 and completed his last two years of classes through Metropolitan Community College with 684.5 hours. (Mr. Minich started the program when the requirement was only 576 hours.) Documentation showed 9,782 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Andrew Minich to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Kyler Wolf appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the journeyman examination in May 2016. Mr. Wolf’s schooling was completed through Metropolitan Community College with 697.5 hours. Documentation showed 8,990.75 on-the-job training hours.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Kyler Wolf to take the journeyman examination in May. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

**VIII. Master Plumber Examination Applications**

Mr. Patrick Roseland appeared before the Board requesting approval to test for the master examination in May 2016. Mr. Roseland’s journeyman license was issued on 4/30/2007.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Patrick Roseland to take the master examination in May. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem
IX. **Sewer Layer Examination Applications (18)**

Codie Barnhart  
Paul S Carson  
Marc A Chamberlain  
Nathaniel D Clark  
Cornell Dunbar  
Thomas Gonzales  
Mike Hansen  
Connor S Henderson  
James Hohn  
Brandon S Kildow  
Christopher R Larrick  
Quintin K Martin  
Homero Ramirez-Perez  
Duane Pruett  
Glen A Schroeder  
Randy Sheard  
Matthew A Stolzenburg  
Michael Taylor

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the 18 sewer layer applications above to take the sewer layer exam on May 10, 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0

IX. **Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (10)**

David Carmody  
Derek Carmody  
Zachary Frank  
Russell J Gamelin  
Ethan Graham  
Jordan LaNoue  
Christopher Lathrop  
Chad M Pedersen  
Billy L Pratt  
Aaron Perry

Metro  
Metro  
ABC  
Metro  
Metro  
Metro  
Metro  
Completed

Carmody & Sons Services  
Carmody & Sons Services  
#1 Priority Plumbing LLC  
Carmody & Sons Services  
Dave Janke Plumbing  
Nebraska Plumbing & Sewer Service  
Precise Contracting & Plumbing Inc  
Carmody & Sons Services  
Tim Melia Plumbing  
Express Plumbing

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the 10 apprentice renewals above. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried 6-0
XII. Discussion

No discussion.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0

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