MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 8, 2020
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

Board Members:
Brian A. Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Steve Johnston
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap
Russell Hadan, Douglas County Health Department (non-voting)
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector, City Planning Department (non-voting)

A current copy of the Open Meeting Act is posted in a white binder on the north wall of the Jesse Lowe Conference Room. The secretary certifies publication in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, on January 1, 2020.

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

I. Roll Call

Brian Barrett – Absent
Jeff Estabrook
Steve Johnston
David Miller
Christopher Reed
Terry Salem
Amy Schaap - Absent

Others Present:
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2019

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

III. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Dave Miller as Chairman. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Miller to approve Jeff Estabrook as Vice-Chair. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

IV. Examination Awards Presentation for 2019 – Nolan Ford, Nicholas Wonder, and David Heidvogel

Mr. Jim Wonder presented the top three awards for the first time Journeyman Plumber exams in 2019.
**City of Omaha Inspectors**

1. Jim Wonder  
2. Martin Gomez  
3. Jeff Gottsch  
4. Dennis Jones  
5. Jim Kruse  
6. David Lloyd  
7. Corey Moore  
8. Dave Simpson

**Plumbing Board Members**

1. David Miller  
2. Jeff Estabrook  
3. Brian Barrett  
4. Terry Salem

**ABC Instructors**

1. David Clements  
2. Aaron Grell  
3. Matt Roth  
4. Kevin Nieto  
5. Shawn Nelsen  
6. Mitchell Sainovich  
7. Nathan Steele  
8. Benjamin Bradley  
9. Shane Farley  
10. Jason Farley  
11. Gilbert Balboa  
12. Scott Dai  
13. Patrick Wonder  
14. Tony Lukens  
15. Richard John Eichler  
16. David Simon

**Metro Community College Instructors**

1. John Miller  
2. Aaron Lee  
3. Andrew Queen  
4. Mike Podjenski  
5. Adam Baum  
6. James Evans  
7. Josh Gruhn  
8. Anthony Bewley  
9. Benjamin Morgan  
10. William Shadden  
11. Carly Parys  
12. Dave Rock  
13. Thomas Rotundo  
14. Doug Hedges  
15. George Rybin  
16. Noel Holmstedt  
17. Robert Woodard  
18. Sean Kalasky  
19. Christopher Morrison  
20. Steven Barrett  
21. Jeffrey Gurwell  
22. Daryn Dimmitt  
23. Jeffrey Vogel  
24. Robert Vogel

Mr. Miller read the request into the record.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiving of the continuing education hours for the above individuals for 2020. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
Mr. Robert Woodard appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Woodard clarified the class. He clarified the teaching experience for the above instructors. Mr. Wonder clarified that this is for the certification course, not the backflow continuing education.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the above instructors for backflow classes. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Woodard clarified the request for the course. Mr. Estabrook asked if people can just attend part of the class. Mr. Woodard stated they must attend all forty hours for certification and credit.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the above class for eight (8) hours of continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. James Overton appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Wonder clarified the request and the discussions with the applicant. He detailed the parking limitations as well as the occupancy. He stated the Planning Department did not object to the request. Mr. Overton presented a drawing of the location. Mr. Estabrook clarified the request for the record. Mr. Overton clarified the use of the location and that it is a carry out only location. Mr. Wonder wanted the use clarified. Mr. Overton detailed the business. Mr. Wonder clarified the purpose of the chairs being available and that it is not a dine in operation. There is discussion about the square footage of the location.

Motion by Mr. Christopher Reed to approve the unisex restroom at this business and location only. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Wonder appeared on behalf of the applicant as he had the wrong time and was unable to attend due to medical reasons. He clarified the request to either have additional time to complete or waive the 2019 continuing education. Mr. Miller stated there is documentation from Nebraska Medicine.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to waive Mr. Arnold Kracht’s 2019 continuing education due to medical hardship. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
Mr. Frank Reida appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. He stated a list of topics was presented. Mr. Reida clarified the courses that he would teach and his background to make him eligible to teach plumbing classes. He detailed his reason for choosing these courses. Mr. Miller asked if this is just to approve the instructor or the class. Mr. Wonder detailed that he would be utilizing Mr. Reida as an instructor when he resumes teaching continuing education after his retirement. Mr. Salem asked if there was a certificate that could be included in the file to certify his credentials.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Frank Reida as an instructor for mathematics. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Bill Heller and Mr. Jim Lewis appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Heller clarified the request and the specifications that lead to the hardship for the request. Mr. Wonder clarified that the reason for the request. He detailed that the Planning Department could support this request if they provide a containment plan. Mr. Miller asked if there is a containment plan. Mr. Heller detailed their plan to purchase the New Pig and the back up plan for that.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve waiver of floor drain and Type I Interceptor with the stipulation that the owner has a spill containment plan for waste that is spilled. Second by Mr. Steve Johnston.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Mario Cole appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. He stated that the documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Team Blue Drain Cleaning & Plumbing as an Approved Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
**Plumbing Board Minutes**

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VI. *Apprenticeship Agreements*

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<th>Zachery L Aurand</th>
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<td>210 W 3rd St</td>
<td>12743 US Hwy 75</td>
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Mr. Zachery Aurand and Mr. Mario Cole appeared requesting approval to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with an August 2015 start date. There is discussion about why there was a wait. There is discussion about the documentation of on the job hours. Mr. Wonder clarified the delay and other details in regards to where this company does work. He clarified that Mr. Aurand will not lose his credit for schooling or on the job, but will need credit for it. Mr. Salem stated it sounds like most of his work is not in the City of Omaha. There is discussion about what to do.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny at this time. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Denied

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Mr. Dustin Adkins and Mr. Chris Roseland (did not sign in) appeared requesting a June 1, 2018 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program for Mr. Adkins. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. He stated his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Adkins to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a June 1, 2018 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

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<td>415 Cart St</td>
<td>8426 Cedar St</td>
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Mr. Miller stated this has been requested to be laid over to the February 12, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to layover the request to the February 12, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Laid over
Mr. Dylan Hartline and Mr. Chris Roseland (did not sign in) appeared requesting a May 9, 2017 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller asked why the delay in having them approved. Mr. Roseland detailed why. Mr. Miller stated his documentation was in order. Mr. Estabrook asked about schooling. Mr. Hartline detailed that he is a second year. Mr. Salem asked about his work history. Mr. Roseland clarified. Mr. Hartline detailed his schooling. Mr. Miller asked for documentation of schooling.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Hartline to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a May 9, 2017 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Gage Hartline did not appear but is requesting a May 28, 2018 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to layover the request to the January 22, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Laid over

Mr. Tanner Hurt did not appear but is requesting an August 19, 2019 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to layover the request to the January 22, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Laid over

Mr. Roseland stated Mr. Mike McGillen is no longer employed by Backlund Plumbing.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file the request. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Filed
Mr. Sheldon Portnell and Mr. Chris Roseland (did not sign in) appeared requesting a May 4, 2015 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order. Mr. Roseland detailed the delay in getting him approved as an apprentice and his work experience. There is discussion about the license. Mr. Portnell stated he didn’t know he needed to be registered before this year. Mr. Wonder stated they may not address that part of the code. There is discussion about the delay. Mr. Wonder asked about where Mr. Portnell is at in his schooling. Mr. Portnell stated he is completing his fourth year. Mr. Roseland detailed discussions about the process to become an apprentice to get his journeyman license. Mr. Wonder clarified the code distinctions and items at play including approval for an apprentice and the separate issue of testing for his journeyman license.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Portnell to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a January 8, 2020 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Miller stated this was requested to be laid over.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to layover to the February 12, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Laid over

VII. Discussion

Mr. Wonder – Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Reference Material to be approved at the next meeting

Mr. Wonder – willingness to assist the Acting Chief Plumbing Inspector with the Plumbing Exams

Mr. Wonder – last meeting as the City of Omaha official

Mr. Wonder – code changes update, still in the legal department

Mr. Miller – final words to Mr. Wonder

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Adjourned at 2:33 p.m.