MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 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)
Martin Gomez, Acting 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 February 5, 2020.

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

I. Roll Call

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

Others Present:
Martin Gomez, Acting Chief Plumbing Inspector
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary
Frank Reida, Plans Examiner

II. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2020

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the January 22, 2020 minutes. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

III. *Cases

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<td>20-1-9 <em>Laid over from the 1/22/20 meeting</em></td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>49-218</td>
<td>For approval of continuing education course(s) and instructor</td>
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No one appeared.

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

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Filed
Mr. Chance Rohlfing appeared in regards to the above request. He stated he completed four (4) hours and would just like an extension to complete. Mr. Estabrook asked about a plan. Mr. Rohlfing stated he spoke to an instructor who has classes in March.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to grant a three (3) month extension, until May 31, 2020, to complete the remaining four (4) hours plus the four (4) hour penalty for 2019. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Ken Pringle appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller stated that his paperwork appears to be in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Plumbing Today LLC as an approved apprentice program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. John Howard appeared in regards to the above request. He stated there is no section in the code so he wanted to bring it in for Plumbing Board approval. He presented a sample as well as the manufacturer's instructions and the catalogue. Mr. Brian Barrett asked how it ties in. Mr. Howard responded. Mr. Martin Gomez asked what gauge it is. Mr. Howard stated a sixteen (16) gauge. Mr. Gomez stated the code requires a fourteen (14) gauge. Mr. Miller asked how it is clamped to the membrane. Mr. Howard stated that it is an adhesive. There is discussion about possibilities for approval requirements. Mr. Gomez asked about the resistance. Mr. Howard stated that it is a ligature resistance. Mr. Gomez asked if there was a job specific approval. Mr. Howard detailed that there were many projects coming up. He stated that he could get samples as needed. There is consensus about needing to see a specific sample.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve this linear drain provided it is shown to the Permits and Inspections Division for the UNMC med center in a fourteen (14) gauge and clamping ring. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to lay over to the February 26, 2020 meeting for further approval. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Laid over to the February 26, 2020 meeting
Mr. Pat Connor appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Connor stated he is actually looking for a waiver to Section 49-1140. Mr. Estabrook asked about drains. Mr. Connor stated there are no drains. Mr. Gomez stated that it should be for a Type I interceptor waiver. Mr. Estabrook asked how many vehicles can get in the garage. Mr. Connor stated it would just be one bus. He detailed that it will not have work on it in the garage and he has a spill kit. Mr. Miller stated there is a containment plan in the submission. Mr. Barrett asked if it is already built. Mr. Connor confirmed.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiver of Type I interceptor at this location with stipulation that a spill kit is kept in the garage. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Tim Stone appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Stone stated that the former Master Plumber is no longer in the department. There is discussion about the testing process.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Timothy Stone as a temporary master plumber for Omaha Public Schools for a period of one year from today. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Jeff Davis appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Davis detailed Completely Kids plan as well as the plan for the structure. Mr. Miller asked about the slope of the floor that was addressed. Mr. Davis stated that a spill would be towards the parking lot that is equipped with a granular basin as well the spill and containment kit. Mr. Gomez asked about what would be stored in the garage. Mr. Davis detailed that the intention was to prevent theft and it would be serviced off-site. He stated that there would be nothing stored in the garage besides the vans.

Mr. Estabrook asked if it is a new build. Mr. Davis stated that it was built and they were red tagged. There is discussion about how this got through the permitting process without the drain. Mr. Gomez asked if there is any plumbing. Mr. Davis stated there is no plumbing. He stated the only water is irrigation water which is seasonal. Mr. Miller asked about the plans being submitted. Mr. Davis stated they went through the permitting process. Mr. Barrett asked why it wasn't caught on plan review. Mr. Gomez detailed what he's looking at on the plans, that it could be used as a mechanical spot. There is discussion about what was discussed with the former Chief Plumbing Inspector. There is discussion about these requests.

Mr. Salem stated he had a concern that wasn’t addressed. Mr. Barrett asked about a possible sewer connection and a hardship. Mr. Estabrook stated there is a manhole. Mr. Barrett recounted previous cases. Mr. Gomez stated that if a waiver was given it would be for this business and this business only. Ms. Amy Schaap stated they’ve made other waivers in the past. Mr. Barrett wondered about the future requests that might be coming in. He asked about the plan review process.

Mr. Davis made a point about the wording of the code and his interpretation. Mr. Miller clarified the intention of the interpretation. Ms. Schaap stated she understands Mr. Davis’ interpretation and that it could be clarified in a later code revision. She asked how these things could be caught prior to them being built. Mr. Miller stated the Planning Department may need to start asking questions about plans for garages. Mr. Barrett suggested it being addressed in the Planning Department when there is a garage door on the plans.

Motion by Mr. Barrett to approve for this occupancy alone to waive the Type I interceptor with a spill plan in place. Second by Mr. Steve Johnston.

AYES: Barrett, Johnston, Schaap
NAYES: Estabrook, Miller, Salem

Motion carried: 3-3, Denied
Mr. Brandon Hanna appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. He clarified that this is a proposed address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Hanna stated they’ve gotten this request at other locations. He detailed the plan. Mr. Gomez asked about it being electric. Mr. Hanna confirmed. Mr. Barrett recalled previous approvals. Mr. Gomez asked about accessibility. Mr. Barrett asked about the ability to mock this up. Mr. Hanna stated it would be a brand new build that they could upon construction provide a mock up. Ms. Schaap stated that since this hasn’t been built yet, why not just build it to comply with code. Mr. Hanna stated it is a significant cost. Ms. Schaap stated that cost is not a hardship. She expressed the opinion to have it meet the code. Mr. Barrett detailed how he uses this in other jurisdictions. Mr. Gomez asked about the twelve (12) inches. Mr. Miller stated they were already told it could change. Mr. Hanna stated it could be from nine to twelve (9-12) inches based on the other project’s install. Mr. Gomez stated that he would recommend giving a minimum requirement of twelve (12) inches. Mr. Barrett argued that there would still be access.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve with a twelve (12) inch minimum with a mock up being reported to the City for approval. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap
NAYES: Johnston, Schaap

Motion carried: 4-2, Approved

Mr. Brandon Hanna appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Hanna stated this is not a new building. He detailed the project. He stated it is in the permitting process and they are proposing to use these basins. Mr. Gomez asked if this is like an indirect drain. Mr. Barrett clarified. Mr. Hanna stated he would want the Tile Redi system to be approved. Mr. Gomez asked if the diagram matches. Mr. Hanna confirmed, but stated that the sizes are custom sizes. Mr. Salem asked what exactly he’s asking for. Mr. Hanna detailed. Mr. Gomez asked about the final connection. Mr. Hanna stated it is a typical connection. Mr. Gomez stated he would want to see it. Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. Barrett asked if the tile is laid over it. Mr. Hanna confirmed.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to lay over to the February 26, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Laid over to the February 26, 2020 meeting

**IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements***

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<td>415 Cart St</td>
<td>8426 Cedar St</td>
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<td>Avoca, NE 68307</td>
<td>Omaha, NE 68124</td>
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*Laid over from the 1/8/20 meeting*

Mr. Ken Pringle appeared requesting a January 2, 2017 start date for Mr. Anthony Barnhart to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. He requested a layover because the applicant is on vacation.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to lay over to the February 26, 2020 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Laid over to the February 26, 2020 meeting
Mr. Anthony Morris appeared and is requesting a March 25, 2019 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Barrett asked about the number of masters employed. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order. He asked if Mr. Morris was registered as an apprentice. Mr. Pringle stated it was his fault, they didn't get it.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Morris to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a March 25, 2019 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Joshua Francois did not appear but is requesting a February 12, 2020 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Francois to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a February 12, 2020 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Daniel Gaskill did not appear but is requesting a February 12, 2020 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Gaskill to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a February 12, 2020 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Colton Hilger did not appear but is requesting a February 12, 2020 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Hilger to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a February 12, 2020 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Jacob Hoffman did not appear, but is requesting a January 13, 2020 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated there is no documentation of hours, however the ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Hoffman to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a January 13, 2020 start date with the stipulation of documentation being submitted to verify his start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Ms. Tabbathia Lewis did not appear but is requesting a February 12, 2020 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Ms. Lewis to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a February 12, 2020 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Myles Roberts did not appear but is requesting a February 12, 2020 start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Roberts to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a February 12, 2020 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Ms. Schaap about the Completely Kids request and the difference between the non-profit and the for-profit request. There is discussion about the handling of the waivers. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Frank Reida how he catches plans. Mr. Reida stated that the previous Chief Plumbing Inspector would look at things, but he doesn’t have knowledge of the conversation. There is discussion about the process and who’s responsible for catching this.

VI. Executive Session to Approve Exam Scores

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to go into Executive Session to grade tests. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Executive Session begins at 2:35 p.m.

- Journeyman Plumber Exam
  1. Bailey, Jonathon
  2. Balcom, Josh E
  3. Brockman, Trent
  4. Brownfield, Jeffrey
  5. Bueno, Fernando
  6. Douthit, Steve
  7. Engler, Dylan
  8. Frank, Zachary
  9. Gudeman, William
  10. Hommen, Theodore
  11. Hoskinson, Travis
  12. Kierscht, Jacob

- Master Plumber Exams
  1. Heuring, Thomas
  2. Huseby, Ryan
  3. Jack, Bradley
  4. Miller III, James C
  5. Molacek, Joseph
  6. Morrow, Kevin
  7. Queen, Andrew
  8. Stone, Timothy

- Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Exams
  1. Costanzo, Michael
  2. Farrington, Josh
  3. Hernandez, Jose
  4. Nihsen, Dustin

- Sewer Layers
  1. Brown, Darins
  2. Cippera, Cody
  3. Clifford, Bradley
  4. Coe, Jeffrey
  5. Crane, Boyd
  6. Derr, Quinton
  7. Ehner, Harold – No Show
  8. Facemire, AJ
  9. Frank, Brian
  10. Gamerl, Troy – No Show
  11. Grasselli, Zach
  12. Haner, Austin
  13. Harris, Brian
  14. Hawkins, Zac
  15. Henten, John M – No Show
  16. Henten, John R
  17. Medina Hernandez, Jose
  18. Hike, Chase
  19. Hoppes, Mitchell
  20. Hoskins, Josh
  21. Johns, Scott
  22. Landaverde Santos, Alvaro
  23. Marco Jr, Delbert
  24. Marco, Robert
  25. Marco, Trevor – No Show
  26. Morris, Anthony
  27. O'Dell, Michael
Motion by Mr. Estabrook to exit Executive Session. Second by Mr. Barrett.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Executive Session ends at 3:40 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to certify grades. Second by Mr. Barrett.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

VII. Adjournment

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

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Adjourned at 3:41 p.m.