

Minutes

Building Board of Appeals

April 12, 2016

The Rapid City Building Board met on April 12, 2016. The following members were present: Steve Struble, Steve Malone, and Michelle Seaman.

Staff Present: Brad Solon, Building Official, Dave Baumberger, City Plumbing Inspector, Bernie Hall, City Electrical/Mechanical Inspector, Jeff Larus, City Electrical/Mechanical Inspector, Carla Cushman, City Attorney, and Serenna Zeisler, Building Services Secretary.

Others Present: Steve Arne

Asbridge opened the meeting at 7:35 a.m.

1. Set Agenda

Malone moved to set the agenda, seconded by Seaman, the motion carried 3-0.

2. Proposed Changes to City & State Plumbing Ordinance

Cushman stated, the State adopted the 2015 Plumbing Code and the City needs to update our plumbing code as well. Cushman also stated we need to eliminate two licenses the City currently licenses, the Plumbing Apprentice, and Plumbing Journeyman licenses. Cushman stated, if these licenses are eliminated then we would only license Plumbing Contractors and Water Softener Contractors. Cushman then stated these would be all of the changes to the Plumbing Code. Malone asked what the background is on eliminating the two licenses. Baumberger, the Plumbing Inspector for the City, stated the background behind it is, that it is a duplicate of what the state already requires them to carry, and for the last fifteen years he has felt it was wrong. Malone stated he assumes that the Plumbing Contractor's in the City are for this decision. Solon stated there would need to be a public meeting held on this matter. Cushman added that a plumber still would be required to have a State license to do work in Rapid City. Baumberger stated the fee's for the two licenses are not real money makers for the city anyway; as the Apprentice License only costs \$10.00 and the Journeyman License only costs \$25.00. Struble asked how you guarantee if they have their State license. Baumberger replied, you ask them to show you their State license. Solon agreed. Malone asked Baumberger why the Water Softener License is a license required by the City. Baumberger replied it shouldn't be a required license because they don't even need a permit to install them, and that they should probably be eliminated as well. Struble asked why they can't eliminate that license along with the Apprentice and Journeyman Plumbing licenses. Baumberger agreed and stated again they should eliminate the Water Softening License too. Baumberger stated when it comes to the Gas

licenses, they need to keep those required to have by the City, because there are no State licenses required. Larus stated the same goes for the Mechanical licenses as well. Cushman stated she has no objection to this, but to keep in my mind that if the board votes on not requiring the licensees to have a city license that obtain a state license, if they ever want to bring them back, it will be a big hurdle. Discussion continued. Malone asked if the board was in agreement to get rid of the City license for Water Softeners. Seaman and Struble stated yes, and added if the City doesn't require a permit for that type of work then there is no reason to make them have a license.

Struble made a motion to approve the revised journeyman, apprentice, and water softener licenses and the 2015 UPC, seconded by Seaman, motion passed 3-0.

3. Proposed Changes to the Rapid City Electrical Code & Title 15.04

Cushman explained the revised changes to the Electrical Code & Title 15.04. Cushman stated these changes were discussed at the last meeting and among staff, that the City would be eliminating license requirements for Journeyman Electricians, Apprentice Electricians, and Master Electricians. Struble asked if they got rid of the Maintenance Electrician also. Cushman answered, yes. Cushman stated they clarified if a person is currently licensed by the City as a Master Electrician and they just want to obtain the Electrical Contractor license, they do not need to retake the test, and they can just switch that over. Bernie Hall stated, the change of the license period going from a two year, to a three year license period. Discussion continued. Larus stated in an electrical trade school/electrical training a 2 to 1 ratio would apply. Arne with AE Technical School stated they do wiring for the habitat for humanity homes and they keep it to about six students at a time. Discussion continued. Cushman clarified; it states in the code no Journeyman Electrician shall supervise no more than two Apprentice Electricians. Struble stated they would want to keep some sort of limitation on the number of students per instructor. Larus replied, for example, WDT uses 12 students per instructor. Malone asked Steve Arne to introduce himself. Arne stated he is an instructor at AE Technical School and the State Electrical Board President. Arne stated he agrees with Larus in the matter of consistency in keeping the same numbers. Arne requests to have the wording say a recognized wiring school by the State Electrical Board. Seaman stated a training recognized by the Electrical Board or Commission would be a clear way to word the Ordinance. The Board requests Cushman to draft and reword the Ordinance and have it be continued until the next meeting.

Struble made a motion to make the changes discussed, seconded by Seaman, motion passed 3-0.

Cushman explained the changes she made to the Ordinance regarding licenses. Discussion followed.

Seaman made a motion to wait until next month to approve all the revisions all at once, seconded by Struble, motion passed 3-0.

4. Reappointment of Building Board Members: Recommendation to Continue to April 12th, 2016

Struble made a motion to continue the next months scheduled meeting, seconded by Seaman, motion passed 3-0.

5. Approval of the March 8, 2016 BBOA Meeting Minutes

Struble made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Seaman, motion passed 3-0.

6. Adjourn