

## Minutes

### Building Board of Appeals

May 10, 2016

The Rapid City Building Board met on May 10, 2016. The following members were present: David Asbridge, Steve Struble, Steve Malone, Michelle Seaman, and Myron Tatum.

Staff Present: Brad Solon, Building Official, Bernie Hall, City Electrical/Mechanical Inspector, Jeff Larus, City Electrical/Mechanical Inspector, and Serenna Zeisler, Building Services Secretary.

Others Present: Gene with Collin's Siding

Asbridge opened the meeting at 7:38 a.m.

1. Set Agenda

**Malone made a motion to set the agenda, seconded by Seaman, the motion carried 5-0.**

2. Collin's Siding Discussion Item

Solon explained that Collin's Siding Contracting Company would like to pull a permit to do a commercial siding job, but because there is no "Siding License" the only option for them is to have to get a Commercial Class A License and take the commercial contractor exam that is required by the City. Solon explained the Memo he provided for the Board, and that it states, the City is not for or against the Siding License. Asbridge asked if other siding companies have conformed and had to take the exam due to having to pull a permit for a commercial job they were going to do. Solon explained, they either were grandfathered in or they had to take the exam and get the Commercial Contractor A License. Gene Collins explained his request in that he would like to have a specialty license to do siding (similar to a roofing license the City has for roofing contractors) and not to have to take the ICC Commercial Exam. Gene stated that in many other municipalities, like Minneapolis and Denver, they have a specialty license for siding contractors. Gene stated the questions on the ICC Commercial Exam have nothing to do with siding. Discussion continued. Asbridge and Malone agreed that making a specialty siding license could become a slippery slope; because then there would need to be specialty licenses for a window installer and so on. Tatum asked when Gene does commercial siding if he is using the same type of material and the same practice of installation. Gene replied, yes. Solon explained some of the different options the Board could vote on; they could do nothing on the matter and not require a specialty license for siding companies, or have that part exempted from the Ordinance where siding companies do not have to have a Class A Commercial License to pull a permit for

commercial jobs, they could require siding companies to obtain a specialty license, or they could vote on siding companies that need to pull permits for commercial jobs would need to take the ICC Commercial Exam and obtain a Class A Commercial License. Gene then stated the stipulations in the Denver Code regarding their siding license requirements. Seaman asked, if he goes in to take his commercial exam, can he then build commercial buildings. Solon stated, yes. Seaman replied, then is that the right answer to this issue. Malone stated, just because he holds a mechanical engineers license doesn't mean he's going to go and build nuclear power plants and at some point you have to give people the responsibility that they are only going to do what their expertise is. Gene explained some of the work he's completed in the City and what the City has required of him to complete the work. Seaman asked if it would be hard to add a siding license to the roofing license. Solon responded that the roofing exam that is taken to obtain a roofing license only has questions on it that pertain to roofing, so adding the siding to that license would not work and that there would need to be a test designed only for siding contractors. Asbridge stated it would be easier to exclude it. Solon stated siding used to be excluded and they didn't need a permit. Discussion continued. Malone stated he does not agree with exempting siding companies when pulling permits. Tatum stated we made a special license for the roofing companies and didn't make them get a Class A License. Asbridge asked if there is a specialized test for siding contractors. Solon stated no and that they would probably need to be a grandfathering period for the siding companies.

**Malone made a motion to draft an ordinance to create a special license similar to a roofing contractor license for siding contractors with a test requirement, seconded by Struble, the motion carried 5-0.**

3. Changes made to Rapid City Plumbing Code & to Title 15.04

Solon explained the changes to the Ordinance. Solon stated we need to have a public meeting and then bring them back to the board.

**Malone made a motion to move forward, seconded by Struble, motion carried 5-0.**

4. Reappointment of Building Board Members Election/Recommendation Continued from April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Malone made a motion to nominate Asbridge as Chair, seconded by Seaman, the motion carried 5-0. Struble made a motion to nominate Steve Malone as Vice Chair, seconded by Asbridge, the motion carried 5-0.**

5. Approval of the April 12th, 2016 BBOA Meeting Minutes

**Struble made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Malone, the motion carried 5-0.**

6. Adjourn