

Wichita Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Minutes

July 6th, 2011

Present: Ray Frederick, Keith Brewer, Jerry Short, Ron Means, and Eric Vail

Absent: Andy Veatch and Don Vaughn

Staff: Stoney Nethercot, w/ Central Inspection; Jeff VanZandt, w/ Law Department. Billie Vines, w/ Public Works & Utilities Department and Kim Mudd, w/ Central Inspection

Guests: Dan Leidy, Executive Director, w/ PACK; Lonny Wright; Mike Dirck, w/ A-Plus Plumbing; Donna Lehane, w/ American Plumbing Inc., John Shepherd, w/ Local 441; Earl Carra, w/ Ferguson/Aquatherm and Bill Schweitzer, w/ IAPMO

Chairman, Jerry Short called the meeting to order.

Keith Brewer, second by Eric Vail moved to have the minutes of the June 1st, 2011 meeting corrected and resubmitted, motion carried 5 – 0.

Ray Frederick, second by Eric Vail moved to accept the minutes of June 15th, 2011 and June 29th, 2011, with the correction, motion carried 5 – 0.

Stoney Nethercot welcomed Ron Means to the board and he will be replacing Leon Breedlove. Chairman, Jerry Short wanted to acknowledge Leon Breedlove for his service to the board and the plumbing trade and Mr. Short wanted to publicly thank him for his service.

No Public Agenda items.

New Business – Stoney Nethercot brought before the board a request to raise sewer permits from \$30 to \$60, however, if the board approved it would still need to be presented to the City Council for approval. After some discussion, Keith Brewer, second by Ron Means moved to accept this request and proceed to the City Council, motion carried, 5 – 0.

Discussion was held on the IAPMO test. Stoney Nethercot and Bill Schweiter, w/ IAPMO informed the board on their work on updating this process. No action was taken.

Old Business – Earl Carra, w/ Ferguson/Aquatherm, was present to request permission for the Aquatherm piping to be used for domestic piping only and only in the City of Wichita. After

major discussion and the uncertainty of the UPC Shield, Mr. Carra informed the board that he could have a picture sent over via a cell phone.

Eric Vail, second by Ray Frederick moved to recess for five (5) minutes to wait for the arrival of the picture. Board recessed at 9:50 a.m.

9:55 board resumed.

Chairman, Jerry Short called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Carra informed the board that the quality of the picture he had received was clear and he would go retrieve a pipe from the office. Ray Frederick, second by Eric Vail, moved to table the Aquatherm until Mr. Carra could arrive, motion carried 5 – 0.

Discussion was held on code review.

Mr. Carra arrived with the pipe.

Ray Frederick, second by Eric Vail moved to table the Code Review discussion, motion carried 5 – 0.

Ray Frederick, second by Eric Vail moved to remove the Aquatherm from the table and to resume discussion, motion carried 5 – 0. After review of the pipe and examining the seal, discussion was held. Keith Brewer, second by Eric Vail, moved to accept the Aquatherm piping to be used only in the City of Wichita and for domestic use only, motion carried 5 – 0.

Eric Vail, second by Ron Means moved to remove the Code Review from the table and resume discussion, motion carried 5 – 0.

Stoney Nethercot announced the election of offices would be held after all board members were reappointed and officially sworn into their positions.

Eric Vail, second by Ray Frederick moved for adjournment, motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Mudd