

BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE BOARD
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Building and Housing Code Board was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 8:00 A.M., in the Third Floor Conference Room in City Hall.

Members Present:

Willie Delfs
Mark Corbin
Doug Rose
Dennis Dufault
Steve Bruening
Ron Speckman
Barney Pottebaum
Matt Thompson
Mike Willer

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Darrel Bullock
Code Enforcement Manager
Tiffany Bonnes, Secretary

Guests Present:

The meeting was called to order by Barney. Motion was made by Denny and seconded by Doug to recommend to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016, meeting. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Confirmation of Applications

The following applications were reviewed:

Leo Peters - 1st Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Denny and seconded by Mark that he could move forward to take the exam. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Robert Maaske - 3rd Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Steve that he could move forward to take the exam upon providing a letter on company letterhead or affidavit from his employer that explains his job description. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Richard Criss - 1st Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Denny and seconded by Mark that he could move forward to take the exam. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Tim Daly - 1st Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Ron that he could move forward to take the exam. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Joe Chmura - 1st Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Denny and seconded by Mark that he could move forward to take the exam. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

James Navrkal - 1st Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Steve and seconded by Doug that he could move forward to take the exam upon providing a copy of his Steam Plant II Certificate of Completion. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

James L. Dean - 1st Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Wille and seconded by Mike that he could move forward to take the exam upon providing a copy of his Steam Plant I & II Certificates of Completion and upon verification of his number of hours. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

We have been receiving a lot of applications recently. There was a lot of discussion on what exactly is required for these licenses, what the license holders do on the job that requires these licenses, and how to interpret the code concerning these licenses. The Board talked about developing a policy to follow so there is better clarification when questions arise.

Old Business

None.

Code Adoption Discussion

Darrel had recently taken a clarification to the City Council concerning a chart that was included with the wind loading information for the residential side. The clarification didn't change the overall engineering of the structure just the starting points for figuring out the wind load.

As of right now, we are as far as we can go in making sure we are current on the code.

New Business

We just had our ISO, Insurance Services Office, rating done. This rating looks at how our Department performs in many areas including how current our adopted code is, how we administer the codes, level of staffing, plan review, etc. A rating of 1 is the best a department can receive and a rating of 10 is the worst. Nine years ago we had a rating of 7 for our Department's commercial side and a rating of 8 for our Department's residential side. Five years ago we had a rating of 6 for the commercial side and a rating of 7 for the residential side. This year, we had a rating of 3 for the commercial side and a rating of 4 for the residential side. We exceeded the County, State, and National averages for this rating. This is a big win for Sioux City and will help us out. Insurance codes for the area will be based on this new rating and this may drop insurance rates. This also helps the City when applying for federal grants.

Hydronic License Approval

The board talked about approving applicants for taking the exam for Hydronic Licenses electronically if they meet all of the requirements with no Board discussion and the application was submitted between meetings for the Board. We would need to verify all the requirements are met before emailing the application to the Board and a majority of the Board would have to respond and vote yes with no one voting no. If there is any discussion on the application or if anyone votes no, the application will be held over until the Board meeting. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Mark to allow electronic approval from the Board for applicants who meet all the requirements to take the exam for Hydronic Licenses. All members present voting "aye," motion carried.

No further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. on motion made by Willie and seconded by Ron. All members present voting "aye," motion carried.

Barney Pottebaum, Chairperson

Darrel Bullock, Code Enforcement Manager,
Inspection Services Division