

BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Building and Housing Code Board was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 8:00 A.M., in the Third Floor Conference Room in City Hall.

Board Members Present:

Dennis Dufault
Barney Pottebaum
Matt Thompson
Mike Willer
Ron Speckman
Steve Bruening
Willie Delfs

Board Members Absent:

Mark Corbin
Doug Rose

Staff Present:

Kelly Leigh, Secretary
Darrel Bullock, Code Enforcement Manager

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

Confirmation of Applications

The following application was reviewed:

Michael Lunda - 3rd Class Stationary Engineer

Motion was made by Denny and seconded by Steve that he could move forward to take the exam upon providing on paper verification of his number of hours. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Old Business

None.

Code Adoption Discussion

The State of Iowa has adopted a new plumbing and mechanical code as of July 1, 2016. Sioux City has until December to adopt. There was discussion about the fact that the State has taken out the requirement for gas pressure testing, which the group felt was a definite safety concern. The Board felt this is a necessary practice that should be continued with the new code.

Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Steve to support the State of Iowa's new plumbing and mechanical code in Sioux City with an exception of leaving the gas pressure testing requirement in our code.

Darrel mentioned there will be a meeting on October 20, 2016 at the Home Builders Association office at 6:30 pm where Darrel and the trade's inspectors will present information about the new code and answer any questions contractors have. Please let Darrel know if you would like to attend. Willie mentioned the more people to attend the better, as he has received comments that some HBA members feel as though they are unrepresented.

There was a brief discussion of how some views of our Code are skewed based on what people here from other contractors, or just misinterpretation of the Code. Darrel mentioned he has thought of the idea to host monthly trade meetings to answer questions and misconceptions about the Code.

There was also a discussion about solar panels on rooftops and how this will become increasingly more popular in years to come. There are concerns about the structural aspect of holding these units and how much extra wind and snow loads increase with these units on roofs. Darrel mentioned that currently we require a stamped engineer's drawing to state that the roof can handle the extra load. Barney mentioned he had met with a gentleman at VanMeter and they are big into solar panels and are seeing a large increase of interest. Darrel also mentioned that low voltage does not require an electrical permit. The Board consensus was to keep the requirement for a stamped engineer's drawing.

Member Renewals

Darrel mentioned that Sarah Swearingen will send out applications to the current members that are up for renewal.

New Business

None.

No further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. on motion made by Willie and seconded by Matt. All members present voting "aye," motion carried.

Barney Pottebaum, Chairperson

Darrel Bullock, Code Enforcement Manager,
Inspection Services Division