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Electrical Board Minutes – March 02, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order: Kenny Evans

Present: Rick Kiister, Kenny Evans, Dennis Royer, Travis Blankinship and Rick Howard

Approval of Minutes: Review of the January 06, 2020 minutes. Motion to approve Rick /  
Second Kenny. Yes – 5 No - 0

Old Business: Reviewed the approved ordinance and updates suggested at the last meeting.

Kenny Evans: Read the changes in 2020 approved IBC that requires disconnects

Rick Howard: 80% of the houses; this isn't an issue, but there are houses that can't be upgraded without high cost to the owner. Is there a way we can address those houses?

Kenny Evans: Some cities are now putting into the code that Federal Pacific Panels are no longer allowed and must be removed.

Motion: Travis Blankinship made a motion to approve items 1-4 and to include disconnects on all new and upgraded residential service.

Second: Motion failed for lack of second

Motion: Travis Blankinship made a motion to approve items 1-4 and to include disconnects on all new residential service as written below:

“(b) The 2011 edition of the National Electric Code as adopted is modified to include the following provisions:  
(1) All new or upgraded commercial electrical service shall have a service disconnect on the exterior of the building not to exceed 10' from the meter base.  
(2) All new residential construction electrical service shall have a service disconnect on the exterior of the building not to exceed 10' from the meter base.



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(3) Commercial buildings being remodeled more than {50}% require an electrical service and wiring upgrade throughout the building.

(4) The designated code enforcement officer for the City of Independence shall have authority to grant temporary service to a commercial or residential structure for up to 45 days while repairs or upgrades are being made. Any additional grant of temporary service shall require the approval of the Electrical Board.

Second: Rick Howard  
Approval: In favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Kenny Evans: We will review the Federal Pacific Panels next month. I want to get copies of the Ordinances that the other cities prepared.

David: I will send this to the City Attorney and have it on the next possible agenda for commission approval.

David: Update on the house on Cement street. The service has been upgraded and is now in compliance.  
Rick Howard – who did the work?  
David – Mike Moore did the upgrade

David: Discussion of 223 W. Main. The City requires the owner to have the MEP Engineer come and review the work done and report back to the City. General Discussion by the Board. Board feels it should be in conduit as per the code and it is in the Downtown Fire Zone.

Complaint: The Electrical Board has received a complaint that Newton's Plumbing and Electrical is doing electrical work without a journeyman or master on the job site. It is reported that Chanute, Coffeyville and So. Coffeyville have had them stop working.

Board: The City contact Joe and advice him the City code requires at a minimum a journeyman on site for any electrical work. If he is not in compliance he must stop doing electrical work in the City until he comes into compliance.

David: I will contact him on 3/3/2020

Kenny: I would like information on how the City verifies electricians licenses and qualifications before giving them a licenses? We also used to receive a card that



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we carried in our wallets to show proof of licensure. Is the building inspector reviewing the applications and signing off before the City issues a license? Do we have journeyman with a business license?

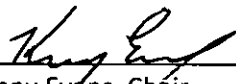
Discussion: Board asked the building inspector to start requesting to see city license when inspection a job site.

David: I will check with Lacey and report back or have her at the next meeting. We will be making changes next year related to the new ordinance. I will also check on how we issue business licenses for electricians.

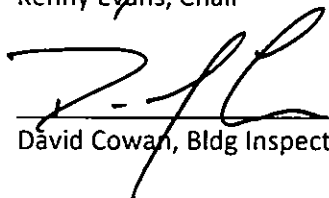
Rick Howard: I would like to discuss general maintenance and janitorial doing electrical work at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Motion Kenny Evans

Second – Rick Howard Motion passed 5/0

  
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Kenny Evans, Chair

6-8-2020  
Date

  
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David Cowan, Bldg Inspector/Secretary