



Electric Board MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2010

The Electric Board convened in a regular meeting on February 24, 2010 at City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room.

Gilbert Ferrales called the Board Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Gilbert Ferrales, Randy Pomikahl, Robert Schmidt, Ronny Williams, Susie Simpson.

Staff in Attendance: Leon Barba, Dan McNabb, Marvin Pace, Randy Haydon and Cynthia Frazier

Board Members in Not in Attendance: David Adamson. Board Member Randy Walden was excused through prior notification relating to a medical issue.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—Motion to approve minutes as written from the Board meeting held on October 22, 2009 was made by Randy Pomikahl. Ronny Williams seconded, and the motion passed 5-0-0.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**—David Johnson
3. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**—

- a. **Special Permit Issues for Service Contractors**

Gilbert Ferrales opened the discussion by asking about the status of Special Permit Issues for Service Contractors. Dan McNabb, Manager of Building Inspections, suggested the City adopt the New Rules via Code by Rule. He suggested a Task Force to review the issue of no more than 8 to 10 people be formed to include Stake Holders, IBEW, IEC and Inspectors. The Task Force would then report and make recommendations to the Board.

No Action: The Board agreed this was a good idea but did not take action.

- b. **General Ordinance Items**

Randy Pomikahl had concerns about the labeling of outlets in Junction Boxes. Marvin Pace informed the Board that the labels were a suggestion from within the Inspection Group. Robert Schmidt suggested a review of the issue. Gilbert Ferrales said that the new 2011 Ordinances would be coming up shortly and suggested the Board revisit the issue at that time. There was discussion about forming a small group to clarify the intent of the Ordinance regarding Junction Box Labeling, then notifying contractors accordingly. Gilbert Ferrales said the City Staff and the Electric Board had done well in the past two years and would like to see the adoption of the 2011 Code moved forward quickly.

Citizen Communication:

David Johnson read the portion of the Ordinance regarding the Labeling of Junction Boxes aloud, commenting that he felt the code was “over-enforced.”

Response: Dan McNabb said he would have a Task Force review and clarify the language for the purpose of intent and provide the Board with the results for discussion.

c. Old Business

- i.** Robert Schmidt asked about the issue of the proper inspection of portable buildings at AISD schools. Dan McNabb responded that the issue had been resolved, and that all AISD school buildings had in fact received proper inspection prior to the issue being raised. He said computer software issues with the AMANDA system have been upgraded to reflect all inspections and re-inspections, and that inspectors are making every attempt to comply (see Interoffice Memorandum “Performance of Inspections” dated Nov. 27, 2009).
- ii.** Gilbert Ferrales asked about progress with Austin Energy regarding electric meters. Randy Haydon suggested the Board, the Stake Holders and Austin Energy review the issue again. Gilbert Ferrales said he would like to see a written procedure with measurable standards from Austin Energy. Ronny Williams suggested Tabling the discussion.

4. FUTURE ACTIONS—None.

- 5. ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ronny Williams and was seconded by Randy Pomikahl. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. with a vote of 5-0-0.