

**MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND SWIMMING POOL
BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES**

March 14, 2006

Public notice having been posted, a public hearing of the MPE Board was held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas.

MPE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony McColum, Chairman
James Wheeler
Pat Watkins
Melissa Sparks
Ron Smith

STAFF PRESENT: David Sartor
David Riley
Dwayne Williams
Alice Adams

1. The meeting was called to order by Anthony McColum, Chairman.
2. The next item to come before the Board was the approval of the February 14, 2006 minutes. A motion was made by Ron Smith, and seconded by Pat Watkins, to approve the minutes as written. Said motion unanimously passed.
3. The next item to come before the Board was consideration, with possible action, to recommend adoption of the *2005 National Electrical Code*, with attached amendments, to the City Council. David Sartor, Building Official, addressed the Board members, advising them that at the February 14, 2006 meeting, it was recommended this matter go back before the electrical ad hoc committee to make changes to **Article 401.(a) License Required**, to allow new licenses to be issued from the City of Abilene for apprentice electricians. He said the committee recommended changes to that Article to allow for this. Mr. Sartor went on to say that the ad hoc committee also recommended deleting **Article 404.(a)** in its entirety since the appeal process referred to in this Section covers new journeyman and master licenses, which the City will not be issuing, if this Amendment Code Booklet is adopted. Mr. Sartor said the last change made by the ad hoc committee was in the amendment in **Article 334.12 Uses Not Permitted, Nos. 11, 12, 13**, wherein the term "commercial structures" was deleted and the following was inserted, "In other than residential structures, as defined in the City of Abilene Building Code".

After questions and answers by the Board members, Pat Watkins made a motion to recommend adoption of the 2005 National Electrical Code, with the attached amendments, to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Melissa Sparks, and unanimously passed.

Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Anthony McColum, Chairman

Alice Adams, Acting Secretary