

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

December 13, 2011

Public notice having been posted, a public hearing of the MPE Board was held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13th, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas.

MPE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Wyatt, Chairman
Terry Williams
James Wheeler
Rick Kelley
Kenneth Rich
Melissa Sparks
Ronnie Carlson - Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Kelley Messer
David Sartor

1. The meeting was called to order by Jay Wyatt, Chairman at 4:05 PM.
2. The next item to come before the board was the approval of the September 13, 2011 minutes. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Sparks seconded the motion and said motion unanimously passed.
3. The next matter to come before the board was the consideration of Gastite FlashShield CSST as an alternate method of construction. Mr. Sartor addressed the board and stated Section 310.1.1 of the 2009 IFGC requires CSST gas piping to be bonded above and beyond the requirement for other types of gas piping material by the installation of a minimum #6 AWG copper wire. The reason for the additional bonding is standard CSST had been found to be susceptible to damage in the event of a lightning strike. Mr. Sartor further explained that the proponent of this CSST product has incorporated a conductive sleeve or jacket for the CSST piping to protect it from this type of damage if and when hit by lightning. Mr. Sartor pointed out that the manufacture has obtained a listing for FlashShield from the International Code Council Evaluation Services which states in part that when this product is installed in accordance with the ICC ES listing and the manufactures installation instructions the additional bonding required in IFGC Section 310.1.1 is not required. After some discussion Mr. Wyatt opened the public hearing and Mr. Steve Ambroso with S & S Marketing, Inc, representing Titeflex Corporation Gastite Division, addressed the board and answered questions. After discussion Mr. Wyatt closed the public hearing and asked the board for a motion. Mr. Wheeler made a motion for approval. Mr. Rich seconded the motion and said motion unanimously passed.
4. Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.


Jay Wyatt, Chairman


David Sartor, Acting Secretary