



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Council Session

Item H3

**Consideration from Electrical Board Recommending Revocation
of Certificate of Registration for Stevens Electric, 1316 South
Sylvan**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

Meeting: October 28, 2008

Subject: Request of the City Electrical Board for Revocation of Certificate of Registration for Stevens Electric

Item #'s: H-3

Presenter(s): Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

Background

The Grand Island City Code Section 15-46. Registration Certificate; License; Revocation, adopts the procedure for the licensing and revocation of electrical contractors within the City of Grand Island. That process is basically that the Electrical board conducts a hearing to review violations of the City and National Electric code, inappropriate trade practices, and enforcement problems presented by the electrical inspectors and after finding of fact presents a recommendation to the City Council.

The Electrical board met on November 5, 2007 to review the certificate of registration for Stevens Electric, that meeting was continued to November 13, 2007 to await the outcome of the State Electric Board meeting to review Stevens Electric license scheduled for November 9, 2007. At the November 13, 2007 meeting a letter was submitted from the State Electric Board that reinstated Stevens Electric license with three conditions. The City Electrical Board then motioned to dismiss the revocation hearing against Stevens Electric with the provision that any future violations reaching the point that legal involvement is required be brought back to the board for an additional hearing.

On September 4, 2008 Stevens Electric was notified that a September 25, 2008 meeting of the City Electrical Board was scheduled to review his certificate of registration because of additional violations and concerns received from citizens.

At the September 25, 2008 Electrical Board meeting violations were presented along with correspondence from citizens concerning Stevens Electric and a motion was made to recommend to the City Council that Stevens Electric certificate of registration be revoked for period of one year as prescribed in the city code finding a lack of consideration for regulations, lack of timely repairs and corrections to deficiencies identified, continual code violations, failure to obtain permits in a timely manor, abandonment of jobs,

inconsistent trade practices, excessive amount of time required from electrical inspectors and city personal in the enforcement of code regulations regarding Stevens Electric, and provisions stated in section 15-46 of the Grand Island City Code.

Discussion

The City Electrical Board has conducted a review of the past practices of Stevens Electric and found justification for a recommendation to the City Council that the certificate of registration be revoked for a period of one year as prescribed in the City Code.

That revocation would prohibit Stevens Electric from operating within the City and its jurisdictional area for a one year period; it would not take away the State license that would allow Mr. Stevens to work as an electrician for an electrical contractor or from doing electrical work within other jurisdictions.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the recommendation from the City Electrical Board and revoke the certificate of registration of Stevens Electric for one year, finding just cause as identified by the Electrical Board.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the recommendations from the Electrical Board and allow Stevens Electrical to continue to operate..
3. Modify the request to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Refer the matter to a special committee for a determination of a finding of fact.
5. Table the issue.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends that the Council approve the recommendation of the City Electrical Board and revoke the certificate of registration for Stevens Electric for 12 months as prescribed in City Code section 15-46.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the recommendation of the City Electrical Board and revoke the certificate of registration for Stevens Electric for a one year period.