

BELLEVILLE ELECTRIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
June 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Larry Glaenger

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>NOT PRESENT</u>
Mike Maxwell	X	
Larry Glaenger	X	
Gary Sheerin		X
J.P. Penet	X	
Ken Bassler	X	
Jason Klein	X	

Also attending:

Brian Flynn, Belleville Assistant City Attorney  
James Hickman of Current Plus Electric  
D. Paul Myer, Legal Counsel for Mr Hickman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without corrections.

**MOTION: PENET  
SECOND: MAXWELL  
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INSPECTORS REPORT

- For the month of MAY 2016, there were 54 Housing and 68 Other inspections, for a total of 122 Electrical inspections. There were no specific or hazardous issues raised by the inspector to be discussed by the Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No discussion or action was taken on unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- In accordance with Section 24-3-10 of the adopted ordinances of the City of Belleville, the Commission conducted a hearing on the suspension or revocation of the electrical license granted to James Hickman of Current Plus Electric.

- Electrical Inspector Ken Bassler provided detailed photos, descriptions of electrical work performed at five locations by Mr Hickman and employees of his company, Current Plus Electric.
- Mr Bassler also provided supporting references from the 2005 National Electrical Code (2005 NEC), and the National Electrical Installation Standards (NEIS), as referenced by the 2005 NEC.
- Mr Hickman and his attorney were afforded opportunity to examine all evidence presented, to ask questions of Inspector Bassler and the Commission, and to clarify or refute any evidence presented.
- ~~Mr Meier~~ Mr Hickman agreed to make repairs of any outstanding code violations at his own expense within a timeframe agreed by both him and the City.
- Upon completion of testimony, the Commission entered executive session.

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- Executive session concluded, the Commission resumed open session.
- The Commission considered the following to make its decision on the hearing;
  1. In accordance with Section 24-1-3, the Commission is charged with the sole responsibility to issue licenses to qualified electrical contractors performing work within the City of Belleville, within the limits and standards of the adopted 2005 National Electric Code.
  2. In accordance with Section 24-1-7, inspections were made of permitted electrical work which revealed numerous violations of the adopted 2005 National Electrical Code, and multiple re-inspections were made at the stated locations, without assessment of additional fees allowed by this Section.
  3. In accordance with Section 24-3-1 (c), Mr Hickman is identified as the designated person and deemed in charge of and responsible for the supervision of any electrical work performed by his company, Current Plus Electric.

4. In accordance with Section 24-3-9 (c), an electrical contractor's license may be suspended or revoked for failure to perform work in a good and workman like manner, performing work in a negligent manner, or if the license holder is found to be unfit or incompetent in performing electrical work.
- o Based on the evidence presented, and the charge given to the Commission in Section 24-3-9 to regulate and govern electrical contractors failing to perform safe and proper electrical installations, the Commission has found the work quality performed to date by Mr Hickman, and his company Current Plus Electric, does not meet the standard set by the adopted codes and ordinances, and requires significant improvement.
  - o The Commission moved that the electrical license granted to Mr Hickman be suspended. The suspension is stayed, in order to fulfill the following conditions:
    1. Mr Hickman shall make good on his pledge to repair all stated code violations, including those identified by the Commission as being in an un-workmanlike manner, at his own and sole expense;
    2. All stated work shall be completed by August 15th, 2016;
    3. Within 2 days of proper request and notification by the license holder, as required by Ordinance, inspections will be made to determine substantial compliance with adopted and applicable codes.
    4. Inspection reports shall be provided, with applicable supporting documentation, to the Commission in time for the stated August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 meeting of the Commission.
    5. At such meeting, the Commission will review again consider the imposing the suspension or possible revocation of the electrical license held by James Hickman. If the stayed suspension is imposed, and the mandated repairs remain uncorrected, the performance bond maintained by Mr Hickman shall be engaged to hire a qualified and licensed electrical contractor to complete all unrepaired violations.

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- The following agenda items were tabled until the next meeting:
  - Installation of conduit and low voltage wiring for pool lights and equipment.
  - Recessed luminaries with 3" apertures
  - Smoke Detector Act (425 ILCS 60) and Carbon Monoxide Act (PA 094-0731).
  
- The Commission considered the following applications for electrical licenses. Letters are requested to be sent to applicants stating the following:
  - Lou Schreier, AMF Electric – Approved for interview.
  - Joseph Jarvis, Jarvis Electric – Approved to retake exam, without interview.
  - Keith Williams, True Light Electric – Approved to retake exam, without interview.
  - David Bratten, K & F Electric – Approved to retake exam, without interview.
  - John Schoenberger – Passed exam. Housing Office requested to send letter of the process to attain electrical contractor's license.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Location will be 407 E Lincoln St, Belleville, IL.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Larry Glaenzer  
Chairman

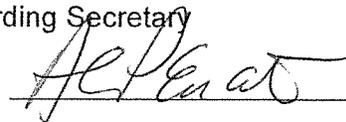
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Date 7 / 25 / 16

JP Penet  
Acting Recording Secretary

Approved



Date 7 / 25 / 2016