

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on February 18, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board

Mayor Piazza stated this special meeting has been called for public hearings and discussion of the condemnation of 2 properties. We will address the blighted property at 913 E. Oak Street and 516 Dutel Street.

913 E. Oak Street – Ms. Crystal Elaine Hernandez was present at the hearing. Mayor Piazza stated that the property needs to be secured. Ms. Hernandez stated the doors and windows have been boarded up. We placed solid plywood. It is her intention to fix the property. The grass has been cut. Mayor Piazza stated the main issue is that the doors and windows remain boarded up to protect the property against vandalism and other things that would disrupt the neighborhood.

-01 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to condemn the property at 913 E. Oak Street, give the property owner 5 days to secure the property and then go out and inspect the property to verify it has been secured. The motion carried unanimously.

516 Dutel – Ms. Willie Mae Sellers Gaspard was present at the hearing. The owner of the mobile home (Gwen Campbell) was not present. Ms. Gaspard is only the property owner. Ike stated if the property is condemned and we have the mobile home demolished and removed, then we will lien the property for the cost of that. Ms. Gaspard stated the owner of the mobile home is still paying her rent. No one is living in the mobile home. There are no utilities. The mobile home owner has told Ms. Gaspard that she is trying to get a permit to demolish the trailer. She cut one of the trees on the property without her permission. Mayor Piazza suggested that we condemn the mobile home, and give them 30 days to either demolish or move the mobile home. Ms. Campbell will be notified that the building has been condemned and has been ordered to be demolished. The mobile home owner will either have to tear it down herself or move it. He hopes she doesn't just abandon it and drop it in Ms. Gaspard's lap. If the City has to pay to tear the building down then it becomes Ms. Gaspard's burden. We hope the trailer owner will do the right thing. Councilwoman Broussard stated the mobile home has to come down as it is beyond repair and she will work with the mobile home owner.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to condemn the mobile home located at 516 Dutel, give the mobile home owner 30 days to remove or

demolish the mobile home and if the property owner does not demolish or remove the mobile home, request bids for demolition.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor