

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on July 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana 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
Sarah Alpough, Director of Revenue & Taxation

Mayor Piazza stated this special meeting has been called for a public hearing and discussion of the condemnation and demolition of the property located at 1728 Franks' Alley. The property owner is Kimberly Bolden. We have already had a hearing with Kimberly Bolden in December 2019. She made a lot of promises she did not keep. We had a subsequent meeting after the City Council hearing in the Council Committee meeting room with her and some of her relatives. She informed Sarah and him that she had borrowed the money to fix the mobile home and it was going to be fixed. We later found out later that was not necessarily true. Sarah has been in contact with the mortgage company. Sarah Alpough stated she had spoken to Mr. Pervis and he said it would not benefit them to try to get any money from the mobile home. They do not want the mobile home back and they are not going to repair it. They are relinquishing everything and the City needs to do what they need to do to make it safe. The mortgage company is fine with that. She has an email from them. Clay Menard stated that the mobile home was not worth repairing way back and now a tree has fallen into the mobile home. The structure is really in disrepair. The owner did get a permit to repair the property but nothing was done. Councilwoman White asked if we had previously already moved to condemn the structure and demolish it. Mayor Piazza stated that we did but since time has lapsed and because we had the lending company involved, we had to negotiate with them. It would be best to do it again. There is no representative of the family here tonight. They were provided notice. Sarah stated she did send notice and Ms. Bolden has never received it because she never receives anything. Ms. Bolden did call Sarah on the 10th about another issue. Sarah brought up the topic of the certified letter and she also made a copy of the certified letter and mailed it regular mail. Ms. Bolden stated she has not received that either but it has not been returned to us as undeliverable. Sarah did call Ms. Bolden on the 13th and the 16th to remind her about the hearing tonight, but there was no response. There was no option to leave a voice mail. Mayor Piazza stated that we have fulfilled all of our obligations.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to condemn the structure located at 1728 Franks' Alley and to proceed with demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor