

**City of Wauchula
Code Enforcement Board
Minutes 06/23/2009**

The Wauchula Code Enforcement Board met Monday, June 22, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Secretary Gibbs called roll with the following members present: Chairman Gerald Waldron, Sue Connor, John Woodburn, Frank Notar and Vice-Chairman Dewey Cowart. Waldron declared a quorum. Also present were City Attorney Cliff Ables, Code Enforcement Officers Kathleen Whaley and Raina Bergens.

Attorney Ables swore in Code Enforcement Officers Whaley, Bergens and anyone testifying about the cases.

Woodburn made the motion, seconded by Cowart to accept the minutes from the May 25, 2009 meeting. Gibbs polled the Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Ables explained that Code Enforcement Officers Whaley and Bergens had a question about capping the fines for cases. He explained that initially when he began as City Attorney, the Board had a custom of capping the fines. There is no statutory provision for that, so in the guilty motion forms he prepared for the Board, there is no provision for capping the fines, but the CE Officers had a question about how to invoice a person. As currently ordered by the Board using said guilty motion forms, the fine is running continuously until paid. Ables stated to the Board that if they would like to continue the custom of capping fines, the guilty motion form can be revised to provide a space and the Board can limit the number of days that they would like the fine to run. Ables stated that the Board could set their own procedures and rules as long as they don't exceed the State law. Notar asked if they could use their own discretion on each case? Ables stated that it would be better to be consistent, but this should be a Board discussion. There was discussion to base this on a case-to-case basis. Whaley asked what should be done on the previous cases because she has ten to invoice now. Ables stated that they would need to be brought before the Board to make a decision on each one.

1. 09-096-M Hayden L & Mary L Cobb 515 N 7th Avenue

Hayden L. and Mary L. Cobb were not present. Woodburn made the motion, seconded by Conner to find Hayden L. & Mary L. Cobb guilty. If the violations are not corrected by July 24, 2009, the owners will be fined \$300.00 per day for each and every day past July 24, 2009. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. 09-044-NA, L Carol Knight 612-614 S 7th Avenue

Carol Knight and her grandson, Heath Knight, were present. Woodburn made the motion, seconded by Notar to continue this case until the July 27, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. 08-184-M Roxanne Rodriquez 620 Green Street

Florentino Obregon, resident at 620 Green Street and brother-in-law of Ms. Rodriquez, was present. Notar made the motion, seconded by Cowart to continue this case until the July 27, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4. 09-107-NA Pedro G & Teresa Granda 218 N 2nd Avenue

Pedro G. Granda was present. Woodburn made the motion, seconded by Conner to continue this case until the August 24, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. 09-018-M Ricardo & Diana Sandoval 3613 N 8th Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Sandoval was present. Notar made the motion, seconded by Conner to continue this case until the August 24, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. 09-078-M Billy & Lynelle Hines 605 N Florida Avenue

Mr. Hines was present. Woodburn made the motion, seconded by Notar to continue this case until the September 28, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. 09-035-M Marjorie H Freeman 316 N 10th Avenue

Ms. Freeman was not present. Conner made the motion, seconded by Cowart to continue this case until the August 24, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. 09-083-L Lexan Investments LLC N 8th Avenue – Vacant lot

Anthony Scheipsmeir, owner, was present. Notar made the motion, seconded by Woodburn to continue this case until the July 27, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. 07-194-M Brian & Betty Larimer 508 S 7th Avenue

Brian Larimer was present. Notar made the motion, seconded by Conner to continue this case until the August 24, 2009 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. 09-001-M Juan & Araceli Plata 707 E Palmetto Street

Case became compliant on the day of the meeting, therefore didn't go before the Board.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susie Gibbs
Code Enforcement Secretary