

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Special Magistrate Dawson called the hearing to order and administered the oath to those testifying at 3:30.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, Estefani Juarez, and City Clerk Holly Smith.

NEW CASES:

19-005-CV (Repeat) 348 MLK Jr/404 Wisconsin Avenue Jose & Elsa Gonzalez

Jose Gonzalez was present to testify in this case. Estefani Juarez was present for translation.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens explained to Special Magistrate Dawson that another semi had been on the property again. Bergens stated Gonzalez had come and talked to her and said his worker had left the semi there and she informed him that it was his responsibility to not have the truck on the property. Bergens recommended a fine of \$250.

Translation – Gonzalez said he told his driver to take it to his home (the drivers), but instead the driver misunderstood and took it to Gonzalez’s residence on Wisconsin. Gonzalez stated he had to remove the name off the semi to take it to action.

Special Magistrate Dawson replied the City has asked me to enter a \$250 fine and previously a \$250 fine was entered for the same offense. Bergens stated he does mechanic work on semi’s and this will let him know we are watching and hopefully will not bring them back. Special Magistrate Dawson stated if his mechanic parked the truck there and he saw it, he could have moved it.

Translation – Gonzalez said his driver’s license is currently suspended and he did not want to move it.

Special Magistrate Dawson replied based on the City’s testimony that other people around there have seen the truck there on other occasions; I am going to enter the fine of \$250 as the City has requested. Special Magistrate Dawson informed Gonzalez if it occurs again the City can bring it back before him and we will continue to enter fines.

Translation – Gonzalez replied to Special Magistrate Dawson he does not want to bother anyone but that is all he knows how to do and that is his occupation and what he lives from.

Special Magistrate Dawson replied if he does not have a license then how is he driving.

Translation – Gonzalez stated it is temporarily suspended.

Special Magistrate Dawson replied he does not have to quit driving; he just has to quit parking the trucks on the property. He can appeal my decision to the Circuit Court within 30 days if he would like.

18-197-L 907 S 8th Avenue Billy & Janice Hill

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-205-M 501 S 1st Avenue Jose Roberto Venega Lopez

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-206-L 501 S 1st Avenue Jose Roberto Venega Lopez

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-207-NA 501 S 1st Avenue Jose Roberto Venega Lopez

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-220-N 1082 Downing Circle Rafa Junior Holdings, LLC

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-222-L 826 S 8th Avenue Yellowbird Properties, LLC

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-232-NA

201 N 8th Avenue

Monica J Clarke and Monica L Pflugh

CE Officer Bergens testified for the record this case is compliant and closed; no discussion was held.

18-223-NA

826 S 8th Avenue

Yellowbird Properties, LLC

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated this is a rental and one of the vehicles does not have a tag and there are two more that are questionable. Special Magistrate Dawson stated he gives the property owner until February 4th to bring into compliance otherwise a fine of \$100 a day will be imposed.

Bergens asked Special Magistrate Dawson if she could ask the tenant or property owner to bring her proof the other two vehicles are tagged. Special Magistrate Dawson replied you can run it by your City Attorney but I do not see a problem with you asking for proof.

18-226-L

910 Alabama Street

Julio C Jaimes & Ana L Sandoval-Calvillo

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated the grass is overgrown and the property owners live out of town but have been notified. Bergens stated she had been contacted by a realtor that wanted to know what the code violations were. Bergens added the property owners and the realtor are aware of the violation and nothing has been done. Special Magistrate Dawson stated he gives the property owner until January 27th to bring into compliance otherwise a fine of \$50 a day will be imposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS HEARING MINUTES

Special Magistrate Dawson asked about minutes to approve. Bergens replied she would email them to him.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Dawson adjourned the hearing at 3:47 p.m.

Special Master Jeffrey S. Dawson

City Clerk Holly Smith