

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 3:08 p.m.

Special Magistrate Dawson called the hearing to order and administered the oath to those testifying.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, City Clerk Holly Smith and Community Development Director Kyle Long.

New Case – 21-077-NA

203 Walton Avenue

Millbrook Properties LLC

CE Officer Bergens presented the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Ann Miller, property owner, addressed Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens explained there was an inoperable vehicle on the property. The tenant of Miler's, Clark, explained the vehicle was tagged and had insurance. Bergens noted the vehicle was inoperable and did not run and had been that way for a while now. Clark asked why did the vehicle have to be operable. Special Magistrate Dawson explained what an inoperable vehicle was. Clark argued with Special Magistrate Dawson regarding his vehicle. Special Magistrate Dawson informed Clark that he ran the meeting and again explained why Clark's vehicle was in violation of the City's policy. Bergens stated there was grass grown up around the vehicle and it had flat tires that was a dead giveaway that the vehicle did not work. Clark stated it was his prerogative to have the vehicle and fix it whenever he could. Special Magistrate Dawson stated it was the City's prerogative not to allow broken down vehicles to be all over town. Special Magistrate Dawson gave until September 20, 2021 to become compliant and if not brought into compliance a fine of \$100 a day would be assessed until brought into compliance.

New Case – 21-079-NA

711 Green Street

Jose Sergio & Carla Renee Gonzales

CE Officer Bergens presented the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated she opened the case June 22, 2021. Bergens noted when the case was opened there were three vehicles and one had been moved to the back of the house. Carla Gonzales addressed Special Magistrate Dawson and explained the white Chrysler 200 had been moved to the back of the house waiting on the bank to pick it up. Gonzales stated the vehicle had a whole in the roof and the insurance company had totaled it. Gonzales noted both of the trucks in the front yard do work but at the time of the violation was given the trucks tag was not current but has been renewed. Special Magistrate Dawson gave until August 28, 2021 to become compliant on the blue truck and gave until September 20, 2021 to have the white Chrysler 200 removed.

New Case – 21-057-NA

208 Louisiana Street

Roy A. Brown

CE Officer Bergens presented the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated she opened the case May 3, 2021 and no repairs had been made by the landlord. Bergens noted some of the window would not even open and it was a serious issue. Special Magistrate Dawson gave until August 28, 2021 to become compliant and if not brought into compliance a fine of \$250 a day would be assessed until brought into compliance.

New Case – 21-063-NA

501 S. 7th Avenue

Guille's LLC

CE Officer Bergens stated the property was compliant.

New Case – 21-067-NA

910 Harvey Street

Manuel C. Villafuerte

CE Officer Bergens presented the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated she opened the case June 21, 2021. Bergens noted one vehicle had been moved the other still remained. Special Magistrate Dawson gave until August 28, 2021 to become compliant and if not brought into compliance a fine of \$50 a day would be assessed until brought into compliance.

New Case – 21-072-L

806 N. 8th Avenue

Janice Hill

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CE Officer Bergens presented the cases to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the property was compliant. Bergens noted this was a repeat offender and requested Special Magistrate Dawson to find the (rental property) property owner guilty. Special Magistrate Dawson stated a violation did exist but had been remedied and no fines at this time. Special Magistrate Dawson noted any further violations could be treated a repeat offense.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Dawson adjourned the hearing at 3:29 p.m.

Special Master Jeffrey S. Dawson

City Clerk Holly Smith