

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Special Magistrate Dawson called the hearing to order and administered the oath to those testifying at 3:48.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, Customer Service Representative Christina Trevino and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Old Case – 18-145-M 401 S 1st Avenue Martina G. Castillo

CE Officer Bergens gave an update on the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the case was a continuance and Castillo was still working on receiving funding from Hardee County to build her a house. Bergens informed Special Magistrate Dawson the County had not said they would not help her but the money was allocated for a specific area currently. Special Magistrate Dawson granted a continuation of the case until December 18, 2019.

New Case – 19-109-M 1145 Downing Circle Alfonso Cortez

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens explained the property had explained one of the windows needed replacing and one had been ordered and once he received it the window would be replaced. Bergens stated she did not have any objections to giving him more time. Christina Trevino translated what was being discussed and Cortez stated he could have the window fixed within a day. Special Magistrate Dawson granted a two week extension (September 11, 2019) to bring the property into compliance and no fine at this time. Trevino translated the finding to Cortez.

Old Case – 18-234-M 812 S 9th Avenue Angel Alvarez-Ceto

CE Officer Bergens gave an update on the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the case was a continuance and she did not have any objections to giving an extension. Bergens explained the condition of the property and house and stated she was not opposed to working with them. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until August 31, 2019 to bring the property into compliance and no fine at this time.

Old Case – 19-058-UDB 213 Short Street Robert A & Blanche C Rogers

CE Officer Bergens gave an update on the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the case was a continuance and informed Special Magistrate Dawson that she had been in contact with the daughter and she was still trying to get probate started. Bergens stated she did not have any objections to giving an extension. Special Magistrate Dawson granted a continuation of the case until January 15, 2020.

Old Case – 19-058-UDB 219 Short Street Robert A & Blanche C Rogers

CE Officer Bergens gave an update on the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the case was a continuance and informed Special Magistrate Dawson that she had been in contact with the daughter and she was still trying to get probate started. Bergens stated she did not have any objections to giving an extension. Special Magistrate Dawson granted a continuation of the case until January 15, 2020.

New Case – 19-103-UDB 612 W Palmetto Street Estate of Mildred, Otho B Jr. & Molcie Stansell

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens gave a brief history of the lot and stated the son was unable to attend the hearing. Bergens stated the son had hired a contractor and had submitted for a demo permit. Special Magistrate Dawson granted a 60 day extension to bring the property into compliance and a fine of \$100 a day if not brought into compliance by October 23, 2019.

Certification of Fines/Liens – 18-233-L 530 Illinois Avenue Katonya Lariane Jackson

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated the City had to abate the property. Special Magistrate Dawson signed the abatement lien.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Dawson adjourned the hearing at 4:02 p.m.

Special Master Jeffrey S. Dawson

City Clerk Holly Smith