

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on June 18, 2024 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 Roslyn R. White, Mayor presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Carlton Campbell, Brady Broussard, Jr., Terry Broussard and Tony Hardy

Member Absent: Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

Also, Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Chris Gautreaux, Parks and Public Works Director
Stewart Head, Electrical Department Superintendent
Cristian LeJeune, Digital Media Assistant
Bryan Fisher, prospective Code Enforcement Officer
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Gene Sellers, Engineer

Mayor White called the special City Council meeting to order and requested a roll call.

Mayor White explained that two properties, 702 S. St. Valerie and 704 S. Valerie, were left off of the special meeting agenda so she asked the Council to amend the agenda to add the two properties. The entire special meeting is to hold hearings with property owners regarding dilapidated property.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to amend the agenda to add 702 S. St. Valerie and 704 S. St. Valerie to the list of properties on the agenda for hearings with the property owners regarding dilapidated property. The motion carried unanimously.

206 S. Miles – *Ms Loretta Cooper appeared to represent the property. A demolition permit was applied for on June 3rd. She has hired a contractor to demolish the structure.*

-02 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to condemn the structure at 206 S. Miles. The property owner will demolish the structure. The motion carried unanimously.

208 S. Miles – *Ms. Loretta Cooper appeared to represent the property. She has applied for a building permit to make the necessary repairs. She will also clean the property.*

-03 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to table action on 208 S. Miles since no action is necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

507 E. Vermilion- *Ms. Phyllis Greene appeared to represent the property. She is living in the mobile home. The shed is not hers. She will clean up her property.*

-03 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to table any action on 507 E. Vermilion since it is not needed. The motion carried unanimously.

515 E. Vermilion – *no one was present to represent the property. This is two mobile homes that are very bad shape and the shed behind it is falling apart.*

-04 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to condemn the structures at 515 E. Vermilion and authorize demolition of the structures. The motion carried unanimously.

1010 S. East – *no one appeared to represent the property. The property is owned by Kelly Bourque. There have been many attempts for many to rent-to-own the property but nothing has been done to the property.*

-05 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to condemn the structure at 1010 S. East and move forward with demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

1111 S. St. Charles – *No one appeared to represent the property. 1109 S. St. Charles was previously condemned but they wanted to renovate 1111 S. St. Charles but they did not.*

-06 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to condemn the structure at 1111 S. St. Charles and move forward with demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

705 Hawthorne – *No one appeared to represent the property.*

-07 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to condemn the structure at 705 Hawthorne and proceed with demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

702 S. St. Valerie – *no one appeared to represent the property. Councilman Campbell stated that he had received a call from the owner stating that they needed extra time to clean up the property. They have been given many opportunities to clean up the property. Bryan Fisher stated that they need to clean up the front part first and then we can work with them for the rest.*

-08 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to grant the property owner 30 days to clean up the property however if no significant progress is seen, the City will have the property cleaned up and lien the property. The motion carried unanimously.

704 S. St. Valerie – *no one appeared to represent the property. This is blighted property. It had come to the City Council before and they were given an opportunity to clean it up. They painted the house and apparently, they attempted some repairs on the roof that either did not get finished or were so poorly done that the panels have blown off. Nobody lives at the residence according to the neighbors. It is a nuisance property and it is a chicken farm. The lot needs to be cleaned up and the roof needs to be repaired and it needs to be in a better state than it is. The property cannot be condemned because the structure is not dilapidated.*

-09 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to table action at this time for 704 S. St. Valerie and to take it under legal advisement to see what the options to remediate the property are. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor