

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on September 21, 2021 at 5:15 P.M., at the A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center located at 300 A. A. Comeaux Drive, Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr. and Roslyn White

Members Absent: Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Sarah Alpough, Director of Revenue, Regulatory Codes and Permits
Family representative for 904 Greene Street

Mayor Piazza stated we are here tonight for a special City Council meeting for a public hearing to address the property located at 904 Greene Street.

PUBLIC HEARING

A family member was present to represent the property. She stated it was heir property. Mayor Piazza stated the problem is the big tree that fell last year for the hurricane. Some of it was removed that was on the Vallot building so what is left is on the family property. She stated the person who lives in the house doesn't want anyone on the property. When they go on the property to try to address the issue, he chases them out. He calls the police. He has a mental problem. One of her brother's got arrested because of this. He was trying to take care of the issue with the tree. The person in the house is their brother. Mr. Funderburk stated they need to hire a lawyer and open a succession. Councilwoman Broussard stated she understands the problem and does not want anyone to get hurt. Mayor Piazza asked who would cut the tree if the problem with the brother wasn't there? The family representative stated they would cut the tree. Mayor Piazza stated maybe the police can go there to restrain the gentleman that is on the property because you have a right to be on the property. That is a discussion you need to have with the Police Chief. You have as much right to be on the property as your brother. If you don't cut the tree, eventually, the City will hire somebody to cut the tree and the family will get a bill for that. The property representative stated they will need more than two police officers to restrain him. She already talked to the Police Chief and they said that her brother has just as much right to be on the property as she does. Mayor Piazza asked how many heirs are there? She stated they have 8. Mr. Funderburk stated that means he only has a 1/8th interest in the property. He asked if the other 7 are in agreement with what needs to be done on the property? She stated yes. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Funderburk to draft a letter so the other 7 members of the family could sign it stating that they want to be able to go on the property to cut the tree because they are in violation of the City code? We could present the Police Chief with that letter. Mayor Piazza stated that Sarah could get the names of the heirs and give those to Ike.

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to table any action on 904 Greene Street so that Ike can work with the family. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor