

The Mayor Pro-Tem and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on April 19, 2022 at 5:15 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, with the Honorable Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: Mayor Mark Piazza

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Sarah Alpough, Director of Revenue, Regulatory Codes & Permits

*Councilman Touchet stated that we are here for this special City Council meeting to conduct two public hearings for the condemnation of properties located at 216 N. Lamar Street and 311 W. Lafayette Street. He asked if there were any comments from the public about the agenda items. There were none.*

*Ms. Levine appeared to represent the property located at 216 N. Lamar Street. She would like to repair the outside of the property. The inside is livable. Councilman Broussard stated the Public Works Director gave his report saying it should be condemned because the property is not secure. People can go into that structure because it is not secure. He asked Ms. Levine what her plans are for the immediate future. Ms. Levine stated that she would like to secure the property first off and then begin working on repairing the structure. She would like to fully restore the property as an investment property. They plan on starting that as soon as possible. She will be financing it but she will have individuals to do the work. Councilman Broussard thanked Ms. Levine for getting the yard in shape. That affects the neighbors. We would like to see you secure the property so that nobody can get in but we also want you to continue to get the property up to code. You have to have a good roof; you can't have broken windows and you have to have doors. You need to take it to where our inspector will agree that it is up to code. He wants to work with Ms. Levine and he would like to suggest that we give her 6 weeks to do that. Communicate with Sarah as often as you need and she will update the Mayor and Council on the progress. There is nothing better for a neighborhood than a good property. It helps the value of all properties.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to grant the owner of 216 N. Lamar Street six weeks to secure the property and get it up to code. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Chad appeared to represent the property located at 311 W. Lafayette Street. Councilman Broussard asked Mr. Chad what his plans are for the property. Mr. Chad stated that the building will be sold and torn down. Councilman Broussard asked if he might have a timeframe for that. Mr. Chad stated that Mr. David Ashley is looking into different contracts to see how much the cost will be to tear it down. It might take a couple of months. Councilman Broussard stated that is very good news that you have somebody who wants to purchase it. He will encourage Mr. David to work with you. He recommended that he be given 6 weeks and if that needs to be extended Mr. Chad can talk to Sarah and we will work with you. You will need a demolition permit if you tear it down. If the purchaser will tear it down, then they will need to purchase one.*

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to grant the owner of 311 W. Lafayette Street six weeks to have the structure demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Touchet declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Francis Touchet, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem