

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on January 3, 2023 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., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Member Absent: Councilwoman Terry Broussard

Also, Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Liz Touchet, Vermilion Parish Police Juror

Mayor White called the special City Council meeting to order. She stated that we are here for this special meeting in order to conduct a hearing with the property owner of 1418 S. Jefferson Street, or their designee, regarding the condemnation of the burnt structure and to address people living in campers. Mayor White asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.

1418 S. Jefferson Street – *No one was present to represent the property. Councilman Broussard stated this owner is a persistent ordinance violator. The property is affecting neighbors and businesses near it. The Vermilion Parish Task Force has arrested drug offenders there. They do not respect the Police Jury ordinance regarding trash pickup. They have someone living in a camper on the property. They are collecting junk cars, appliances and other rubbish in the yard. He met with the City Attorney to strengthen our ordinances because of this property. They have not responded to any of the letters from the City. Mayor White stated that she has passed by that property often and it has been an ongoing problem. We should prosecute them for any and all violations that we can. They are obviously in violation of littering so the Police Chief can cite them with littering. The property owner is Eric Jerome Mouton and he should be ashamed and embarrassed by the state of his property. It is absolutely criminal what is happening on that property. We need to use any means necessary to hold him accountable. Councilman Broussard stated that the Public Works Director has condemned the burnt shed and they are hanging blankets around it with a light bulb in it. Mayor White stated this is also a public nuisance so we can contract that out to get the property cleaned and lien his property. It has gotten progressively worse. Chief Jude Mire stated they have been called there for a structure fire and two trash fires. They have run over 40 medicals there. The property owner has tapped into the electric box for power to the shed that burned. They had wires coming out of the electrical box and running and laying on top of the ground to the building. The Fire Department took the meter to give to the City but it is not the City's meter. It is Entergy's meter. We notified Entergy and they went and put a new meter and did not come to the Fire Station to get their meter. Mayor White asked Chief Jude to get the State Fire Marshal involved. He stated that he would.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize the City Attorney to work with the tax department and to immediately enforce any and all violations and to bid out all necessary remediation for 1418 S. Jefferson Street. 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