

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on July 19, 2022 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, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Sarah Alpough, Director of Revenue, Regulatory Codes and Permits
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Mr. Joseph Pillette

Mayor White stated that we are here for this special City Council meeting to conduct a public hearing for the property located at 804 and 808 North East Street. She asked if there were any comments from the public about the agenda item. There were none.

804 and 808 North East Street – *Mr. Joseph Pillette appeared to represent the properties.*

Mr. Pillette stated that he constantly cleaning up his property. He is having to deal with extreme heat and weather so this requires additional time. This has hindered him. He will require additional time to complete the cleanup. His intention is to clear up the property. Mayor White asked Mr. Pillette if he is living on the property. Mr. Pillette stated that he is. Mayor White stated that this is currently in Councilman Tony Hardy's district but previously it was hers. It has been over two years since you were brought before the Council for the same issue. At that time, you asked for extended time because you needed help because of the amount of stuff on it and the heat. You made a promise to us that we would see progress. In fact, we did not. When we repaved the road on North East, they had to pave around your stuff that you left on the shoulder to do the road. You had a trailer full of hot water heaters on the shoulder of the road waiting to be picked up. We had to send a crew back to pave the road. Her personal thought on this matter is that you have had adequate time and she has seen no progress. It is worse than it was two years ago. However, it is now Councilman Tony Hardy's district and ultimately, we yield the decision on extension of time to the person who represents that district. She yielded the floor to Councilman Hardy. Councilman Hardy asked Mr. Pillette how long it would take to complete the project. Mr. Pillette stated about 30 days. Lately, he has moved everything off of the City right-of-way and the only thing left is the bush hog tractor. He intends to remove that also. A lot of the hot water heaters have been removed. He has cleared a lot of the vegetation that was on the property. He is making it acceptable to himself and the City. Councilman Hardy would like to grant him the 30 days and he will verify to make sure this happens. Councilman Campbell asked where the hot water heaters have been moved. Mr. Pillette stated that he scrapped 15 of them. Councilman Hardy stated that after 30 days from today, if it is not acceptable, we will do what we have to do. Mayor White stated that means we will send a contractor in there to clean the property and we will lien your property for the cost. It has been years and it is not to the satisfactory of the Council, it is to your neighbors and the community that surrounds you. It is a burden to everyone. Our community deserves better and your neighbors deserve better. They don't deserve to live with that much junk on property next door to them. Councilwoman

Broussard stated that she respects Councilman Hardy's decision to help Mr. Pillette. She works hard every day to ask people to respect their neighbors.

-01 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to grant Mr. Joseph Pillette 30 days from today to complete the cleanup of his property at 804 and 808 North East 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