

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on April 5, 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 Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

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

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here for this special City Council meeting to conduct two public hearings for the condemnation of properties located at 211 S. Young Street and 225 N. Young Street. Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments from the public about the agenda items. There were none.*

*No representative was present for 211 S. Young Street. Mrs. Sarah Alpough stated that this is a vacant home that has been there for over 30 years. There is tarp on the roof and the roof is pretty much gone. It is dilapidated and has not been occupied. There has been no response from the property owner. She has contacted them numerous times through the mail and by telephone. The property owners are Delores and Joseph Adams.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to condemn the property located at 211 S. Young Street and have Sarah advertise for bids to demolish the home. The motion carried unanimously.

*The property owners of 225 N. Young Street were in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Piazza asked what their intentions are with the property. They reported that the property is for sale right now. They are now living in Carencro. It has been for sale for about 4 months. Councilman Broussard asked if they are trying to sell it themselves or if they have a realtor. The property owner reported they are trying to sell it themselves. The house needs to be torn down. Councilman Broussard stated that the yard is in violation too. We don't want the accumulation of rodents and other animals for neighbors. The property owner stated it is difficult to maintain the property since they no longer live here. They are asking for \$28,500 for the property. Councilman Broussard asked if they are planning to have someone to cut the yard. The property owner stated they have someone to cut the yard but the bamboo must be removed first and he does not know how to do that. They would have to take out a loan to have the house torn down. Councilman Broussard stated that this has been an ongoing problem. The City won't be able to give more than four to six weeks to make progress. It is not fair to others in that neighborhood. The City is in a position that we want neighborhoods and streets that are clean and safe and not overgrown and dilapidated.*

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to grant the property owner of 225 N. Young Street 30 days to get the yard cleaned and 90 days to sell the property. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza stated to the property owners that they have been given 30 days to get the property cleaned. If it is not cleaned then Sarah will contact some of the contractors that we have that clean property and they will go in and clean the property. That bill will be put on your property tax bill for the end of the year. At the end of 90 days, Sarah will contact you to see about a potential buyer. He understands that funds are tight, however in the meantime, the house will need to be secured so that vandals cannot get in there. Any broken windows are doors that are accessible need to be boarded up. Sarah can give you some names of people who would demolish the house. The City will keep this property in mind if a grant opportunity would happen to come up.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor