

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on July 20, 2021 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
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant
Gerald Gaspard, American Legion & Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Piazza stated we are here tonight for a special City Council meeting for a public hearing to address three properties. The properties are located at 506 S. Guegnon, 1515 Graceland, 1811 Fairmont and 1818 Fairmont.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to move the hearing for 506 S. Guegnon from number 1 to number 4 on the agenda since Councilwoman Broussard is running late and the property is in her district. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

1515 Graceland Avenue – *The property owner appeared and requested more time to remove the tree. He was originally given 10 days. He needs a lot more time to get this done. Councilwoman White asked if he also owned the homes on that property that have the broken windows. The property owner answered yes. Mayor Piazza stated the issue today is the tree. There are some issues with the brick home with broken window but the main issue that the owner was sent the letter for is the tree. The tree has been down for a long time. Chief Mire stated that he takes care of the cemetery and that tree has been down for two winters. Councilman Touchet stated he would grant him 10 days to take care of the tree. Mayor Piazza stated that if this is not done within 10 days, the Council will take some other kind of action. The tree has been on the ground a long time so the Council is not being unreasonable. Councilman Touchet asked the property owner where he lives. The property owner stated he lives in Lafayette and Houston. Councilman Touchet stated to the property owner that he does not live in this community but other people do. It is very disturbing that the owner is aware of the problems with his property but comes here and asks for more time. That is very unreasonable. The people who have to live in that area are complaining about this. Please be proactive and take care of the entire property. There are broken windows on your property too. Does anyone check on your property? Councilwoman White stated that we have a major problem with absentee landlords. These are people from out of town who don't care about the condition of those properties. The people of Abbeville are suffering because of it. You are making revenue from that rental property and the fact that the tree has been on the ground for two years and you haven't even cared enough to come and start the process of removing it is insulting to the Council and residents of Abbeville. She hopes that*

moving forward he will be a more responsible landowner. You can expect more action from this Council if you don't take better care of your property.

1811 Fairmont Street – *the property owner was present. The property owner reported the property had been cleaned up. Councilman Touchet stated there is still stuff on the right of way. The property owner stated that the trash at the road was never picked up by the grab truck. Councilwoman White spoke with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury Solid Waste department today and the trucks should be in that zone next week. Mayor Piazza asked the property owner to contact their Police Juror regarding the trash pickup.*

1818 Fairmont Street – *The renter of the property appeared to represent the property. She reported the pile of trash has been cleaned up. There is only trash left at the road to be picked up by the Police Jury. Mayor Piazza asked her to contact her police juror too regarding the trash pickup. Councilwoman White asked that the small items be placed in a bag and placed in the trash can instead of being left at the roadside. It cannot be put at the road like that.*

506 S. Guegnon Street – *the property owner appeared to represent the property. He requested 10 days to clean up the property. Councilwoman Broussard stated that if the issue is not taken care of in 10 days, then the City will have to take action.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to grant the property owner of 1515 Graceland Avenue 10 days to remove the entire tree from the property. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to grant the property owner of the property located at 1811 Fairmont Street 10 days to clean up the property. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to grant 10 days to clean up the property located at 1818 Fairmont Street. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to grant the property owner of 506 South Guegnon Street 10 days to clean up the property. 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