

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on March 16, 2021 at 5:00 P.M., at the A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center located at 300 A. A. Comeaux Drive, Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Vera Shelvin  
Purvis Pierre Hebert

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here tonight for a special City Council meeting for a public hearing to address three separate properties. The properties were 1009 Vernon Street, 1011 Vernon Street and 1807 Prairie Street.*

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

*1009 Vernon Street – Ms. Vera Shelvin was present to represent the property. Ms. Shelvin stated she owns the mobile home that the tree fell on from Green Street. She did an application online with FEMA. The incorrect hurricane was on the original application so she contacted FEMA to correct it. It was corrected but the request was still denied. She is having trouble paying for that herself. She received three quotes and the lowest quote was \$1,500 but she still has to rent the equipment with this quote. The mobile home is not occupied and she does not live in it. Mayor Piazza asked Ms. Shelvin what her plans would be for the mobile home. Ms. Shelvin stated she would like to repair it in order to rent the mobile home out. Mayor Piazza stated that FEMA will not grant assistance if it is not your primary residence. They will not give you money for that. Councilman Broussard added that FEMA will not repair rental property. Ms. Shelvin stated then she would do her best to have the mobile home torn down when she can afford it. That is the best she can do. Councilwoman Broussard stated she would like to work with Ms. Shelvin and grant her time. She stays in touch with Ms. Shelvin all the time. She would like to grant her 90 days and then we can revisit it. Mayor Piazza suggested that Councilwoman Broussard also check with Homer Stelly at the OEP office, in the meantime, to see if there are any funds available to assist Ms. Shelvin. The biggest problem is that the tree is on the mobile home.*

*1011 Vernon Street – no one was present to represent the property at this meeting however Mr. Joseph Hebert did attend the regular City Council meeting that followed at 5:30 PM and he discussed the property during that meeting. Councilwoman Broussard stated this property was damaged when the tree from Green Street fell on the structure. It is the same tree that fell on the mobile home at 1009 Vernon Street. Councilwoman Broussard wanted to grant them 90 days and then we could revisit.*

*1807 Prairie Street – Mr. Purvis Pierre Hebert appeared to represent the property. Mr. Hebert stated it took two months to get \$20,000 from FEMA but that is not enough to repair the property.*

*He has not done anything to the property and his belongings are still in the home. Councilman Touchet stated this is his district. When we have wind, it flies all over. He will make a decision for Mr. Hebert. The property needs to be demolished. We will demolish the home and we will charge Mr. Hebert for it. Mr. Hebert asked for time to get his belongings out of the residence. Councilman Touchet stated he is not giving any additional time. This has been like this for a long time and it is all over and he is getting complaints. He asked Mr. Hebert where he is living right now. Mr. Hebert stated he is living with his son north of Erath. Councilman Touchet stated he has residents that are complaining about the property. Get what you need and get out. He is not granting any additional time. He does not mess around with things in his district. You received \$20,000 and he understands that you can not repair it but it could have been demolished. Mayor Piazza stated that it can be demolished for ½ of the money Mr. Hebert received.*

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to grant the property owner of 1009 Vernon Street 90 days to remove tree from the mobile home and demolish the mobile home. If this is not completed, it will be revisited after the 90 days. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to grant the property owner of 1011 Vernon Street 90 days to remove the tree from the property and to revisit this property if not completed. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to condemn the structure located at 1807 Prairie Street and to proceed with demolition of the structure and charge Mr. Purvis Pierre Hebert. 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