

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Special Magistrate Dawson called the hearing to order and administered the oath to those testifying at 3:00.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens and Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long.

New Case - 19-023-CV (Repeat) 403 S 9th Avenue David & Jessica Nord

David Nord was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens explained to Special Magistrate Dawson the issue is commercial vehicles in residential districts. Photographs from the Wauchula Police Department were presented as evidence. Bergens stated Nord was found guilty in August 2018 of parking commercial vehicles in residential districts. Discussion was had on rezoning or moving to the County. Nord discussed issues he had faced with parking his truck on other people's property. Special Magistrate Dawson found Nord guilty and imposed a fine of \$50.00 and informed Nord that if he returns for the same violation in the future the fine will be more.

Old Case - 18-127-M 704 E Palmetto Cynthia Ann Aguilar & Janie Ann Aguilar

Janie Aguilar was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated an extension had been given until January 31, 2019 and Aguilar was making progress but need more time. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until April 30, 2019 to bring the property into compliance.

Old Case – 18-087-M 111 N 10th Avenue Charles & Mary F McClenithan

William McClenithan, son on Charles, was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated they had been given until December 5, 2018 to comply but has not been able to finish due to family illnesses. Bergens stated McClenithan is making progress and does keep in contact with her. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until August 31, 2019 to bring the property into compliance.

New Case – 18-238-M 810 S 9th Avenue Ramiro Jr & Rebecca Briones

Rebecca Briones was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated the case was opened December 28, 2018 and explained the issues with the property. Bergens stated progress is being made. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until May 31, 2019 to bring the property into compliance.

New Case – 18-239-L 810 S 9th Avenue Ramiro Jr & Rebecca Briones

Rebecca Briones was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Briones asked about the City picking up debris from her yard. Bergens explained the City does not pick-up construction debris and explained until she has an active account the City will not pick up anything. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until May 31, 2019 to bring the property into compliance.

New Case – 18-240-N 810 S 9th Avenue Ramiro Jr & Rebecca Briones

Rebecca Briones was present to testify in this case.

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated Briones needs to put 911 numbers on the house. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until February 24, 2019 to bring the property into compliance.

New Case - 18-223-L**530 Illinois Avenue****Katonya Lariane Jackson**

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated the case had been opened December 2018 and nothing has been done. Bergens recommended given a short amount of time and then abate. Special Magistrate Dawson gave until February 28, 2019 to bring the property into compliance and if not compliant, fine of \$25 per day. Special Magistrate Dawson gave Bergens authorization to abate the property if she felt it was needed.

New Case - 18-234-M**812 S 9th Avenue****Angel Alvarez-Cleto**

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated the case had been opened December 27, 2018 and the property owner had been in contact with her and explained what had been repaired. Bergens stated Alvarez wrote a letter requesting an extension. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until July 31, 2019 to bring the property into compliance.

New Case – 19-024-CV**301 Georgia Street****Jose A Jr & Peggy L Valdiviez**

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence (provided by Wauchula Police Department) which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens stated this property owner was previously found guilty October 15, 2015 for a commercial vehicle parked at the residence. More discussion was had on this property regarding mechanic work being done on commercial vehicles. Special Magistrate Dawson found Valdiviez guilty and imposed a fine of \$250.00. Special Magistrate Dawson stated this is a repeat offense and if the truck is there each day we can access a daily fine for each day you see it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS HEARING MINUTES

Special Magistrate Dawson approved the minutes from the November 6, 2018 and the January 16, 2019 hearings.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Dawson adjourned the hearing at 3:49 p.m.

Special Master Jeffrey S. Dawson

City Clerk Holly Smith