

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Special Magistrate Christman called the hearing to order and administered the oath to those testifying.

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens, and Deputy City Clerk Victoria Thompson.

Special Magistrate Christman asked CE Officer Bergens if the agenda should be followed.

CE Officer Bergens requested permission to take the cases of those present first.

NEW CASE:

16-074-M Dennis R & Kimberly P Lowe 210 S 8th Avenue

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence showing the property not yet in compliance but major improvements have been made. She stated the City recommended allowing more time to comply.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe were present and they presented evidence of the improvements made and explained what they intend to do in the future.

Special Magistrate Christman found the violation existed and gave the Lowes ninety (90) days, August 31, 2016, to comply with no fines imposed at this time. If the property is not compliant by the specified date, they will be brought back to the hearing on September 21, 2016.

Special Magistrate Christman went back to the Agenda as presented.

OLD CASES:

15-157-M Lila Arnold Eures 822 N Florida Avenue

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence showing the property not yet in compliance but improvements have been made. She stated the City recommended allowing more time to comply.

Mr. James Eures was present for the respondent and presented evidence of the work completed so far.

Special Magistrate Christman found the violation existed and gave Mr. Eures an extension to July 31, 2016, to comply with no fines imposed at this time. If the property is not compliant by the specified date, the case will be brought back to the hearing on August 17, 2016.

16-009-L Johnnie A Hodges Jr. 505 S 7th Avenue

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence showing the property not yet in compliance but some improvements have been made. The City recommended allowing more time to comply.

Mr. Hodges was unable to attend the hearing.

Special Magistrate Christman found the violation existed and gave an additional thirty (30) days, June 30, 2016 to comply with no fines imposed at this time. If the property is not compliant by the specified date, this case will be brought back to the hearing on July 20, 2016.

NEW CASES:

16-069-M Gina Vasquez Agyagasy Geckler 411 S 11th Avenue

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence showing the property not yet in compliance but advised of contact made with the property owner and what she had advised her intentions were for the property. She stated the City recommended allowing more time to comply. No one was present for the respondent.

Special Magistrate Christman found the violation existed and gave an additional thirty (30) days, June 30, 2016 to comply with no fines imposed at this time. If the property is not compliant by the specified date, this case will be brought back to the hearing on July 20, 2016.

16-073-M Jeffery Danziel & Elizabeth Sabrina Ford 706 S 7th Avenue

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence showing the property not yet in compliance but major improvements have been made. She stated the City recommended allowing more time to comply.

No one was present for the respondent.

Special Magistrate Christman found the violation existed and gave the Fords an extension to July 31, 2016, to comply with no fines imposed at this time. If the property is not compliant by the specified date, the case will be brought back to the hearing on August 17, 2016.

16-074-M Dennis R & Kimberly P Lowe 210 S 8th Avenue

Presented previously, see above.

16-086-TL Frank & Olivia Pena Vasquez 920 S 7th Avenue

CE Officer Bergens testified this case has become compliant and is closed.

16-095-L Jose & Christina Avalos 808 S 7th Avenue

CE Officer Bergens testified this case has become compliant and is closed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS HEARING MINUTES:

Special Magistrate Christman reviewed, approved and signed the minutes of April 20, 2016 hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Christman adjourned the hearing at 3:25 p.m.

Special Magistrate Heather Christman

Deputy City Clerk Victoria Thompson