

The City of Wauchula Code Enforcement met for its regularly scheduled hearing on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Also present at the hearing were Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens and City Clerk Holly Smith.

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

CE Officer Bergens gave an update on the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the case was a continuance from February and was originally opened May 7, 2018. Bergens informed Special Magistrate Dawson of the things that had been completely and mentioned the setbacks son William McClenithan had. William McClenithan addressed Special Magistrate Dawson and explained his circumstances and asked for an extension allowing him to save up money to finish the repairs. Special Magistrate Dawson granted a continuation of the case until December 31, 2019.

New Case – 19-117-M 911 Seminole Street Denise Sears, Benita Woods, Clerveina Capron

CE Officer Bergens testified and presented photographic evidence which Special Magistrate Dawson accepted. Bergens explained another case was opened on this property in June. Denise Sears and Clerveina Capron addressed Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens requested Special Magistrate Dawson to find that a violation did exist. Special Magistrate Dawson's findings were a violation did exist but had been remedied with no fine, however if a violation occurred again within the next five years it will be treated as a repeat offense and the City does not have to give notice.

New Case – 19-148-L 205 Goolsby Street Vicente Rodriguez (Est of) Gloria Rodriguez

CE Officer Bergens gave an update on the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the case was opened August 1, 2019. Special Magistrate Dawson asked if Rodriguez was present. Bergens replied no. Bergens stated she had heard from the daughter. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until September 30, 2019 to bring the property into compliance and if not brought into compliance then a \$50 a day fine will be assessed until brought into compliance.

New Case – 19-151-L 1094 Downing Circle Debra Penny Sanchez

CE Officer Bergens gave an update on the case to Special Magistrate Dawson. Bergens stated the case was opened August 8, 2019 for lot maintenance. Debra Sanchez addressed Special Magistrate Dawson and stated her family dropped off stuff in her yard and she was unable to do a lot of cleaning outside in the heat. Sanchez stated she had done some cleaning this morning. Special Magistrate Dawson granted an extension until November 8, 2019 and no fine at this time.

Old Case – 19-041-UDB 212 Louisiana Street Santa Anita Mares

CE Officer Bergens gave Special Magistrate Dawson a brief background on the case. Bergens noted she had stopped the fines after the chimney was taken down and ask for a finding on the other violations. Special Magistrate Dawson's findings were a violation did exist for everything other than the chimney and an extension was given until October 18, 2019 to become compliant and if not in compliance a fine of \$250 a day shall be assessed and the City has authorization to abate the property.

Vicente Rodriguez and daughter arrived after the case was heard. Special Magistrate Dawson explained his findings to Rodriguez.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no one in the audience to speak.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS HEARING MINUTES:

Special Magistrate Dawson approved the August 21, 2019 minutes.

With no further business to discuss, Special Magistrate Dawson adjourned the hearing at 3:36 p.m.

Special Master Jeffrey S. Dawson

City Clerk Holly Smith