

City of Clewiston
Special Magistrate
Regular Hearing
August 1, 2012

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Magistrate Watt.

Attendance

Magistrate present: James L. Watt

Personnel present: Julia Leyva, Adam Marquith, Travis Reese, Debra Towner

Visitor(s) present: Jody Hendry, Edward Smith

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing.

Approval of minutes from May 23, 2012: Let the record show an accurate reflection of the proceedings as presented.

Swearing in of all parties intending to present testimony.

Additions/deletions to agenda: Mr. Reese stated none.

Consent agenda: All cases are dismissed after Mr. Reese's testimony that they are all in compliance.

Case No.12-0119:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 12-0119, for the property located at 518 East Sugarland Hwy., owner of record, MCP Management, Inc..

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is illegal construction per code section #18-46, "Permit Required". The owner had submitted a permit application with an illegible floor plan. Also, owner/builder permits cannot be issued to a corporation.

Code officer Reese verified pictures of the interior floor plan and passed on to the owner's attorney, Jody Hendry, who requested a continuance of thirty (30) or sixty (60) days.

The City of Clewiston recommended thirty (30) days to submit the requested scope of work from a licensed contractor.

Mr. Watt ruled that the owner has thirty (30) days to submit the requested scope of work from a licensed contractor. Once an inspection has been conducted and determined to be code compliant, the case will be closed. Failure to comply will result in a fine assessment of \$25 per day. The case will be heard at the next Magistrate hearing to determine if fines are to be levied.

Case No.12-0120:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 12-0120, for the property located at 518 East Sugarland Hwy., owner of record, MCP Management, Inc..

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is excessive signage per code section #18-420.

Code officer Leyva verified pictures of the signage with the owner's attorney, Jody Hendry, who requested a continuance of thirty (30) or sixty (60) days.

The City of Clewiston recommended thirty (30) days to remove the signage.

Mr. Watt ruled that the owner has thirty (30) days to remove the signage and to contact the office that it has been completed at which time a code officer will verify closure of the case. Failure to comply will result in a fine assessment of \$25 per day. The case will be heard at the next Magistrate hearing to determine if fines are to be levied.

Fine Assessment:

Case No.12-0062:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 12-0062, for the property located at 610 Sabal Avenue, owner of record, Bette C. Jones.

Mr. Reese stated the violation is non-compliance with an order of the Special Magistrate.

Ms. Leyva, code enforcement officer, verified that the pictures are of the property and not in compliance with the Special Magistrate order of May 23, 2012, as the owner was not present.

The City of Clewiston recommended a fine of \$25 per day from July 23, 2012 until compliance and a \$150 hearing fine for the period from March 13, 2012 until July 23, 2012 and a \$150 administration fee.

The owner nor an agent was present at the meeting. The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt concurred that there will be a fine of \$25 per day from 07/23/12 until compliance has been met. In addition, there will be \$150 hearing fine charged for the period from March 13, 2012 until July 23, 2012 and a \$150 administration fee.

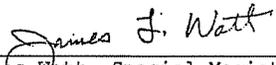
Other Business:

Tentative next meeting date of September 26, 2012.

Magistrate Watt closed the public hearing after receiving no further comments, written or oral, from the audience or the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


James Watt, Special Magistrate