

City of Clewiston
Special Magistrate
Regular Hearing
July 16, 2014

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Magistrate Watt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance

Magistrate present: James L. Watt

Personnel present: Matthew Beatty, Debbie McNeil, Chad Pelham and Debbi Towner

Visitor(s) present: Terry Brackins, Douglas Scott Garrett, Everardo Lopez, John Bradley Smith, Matt Stanton III and Steven Wetter (for Bernie Campbell)

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing.

Approval of the minutes from April 16, 2014: 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. Pelham stated that there were none.

Mr. Pelham stated both cases from the April meeting are in compliance. Mr. Watt declared both cases #13-0290 and #14-0012 closed.

Case No. 14-0060:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 14-0060, for the property located at 915 Popash Circle, owner of record, Everardo Lopez.

Mr. Pelham stated that the violation is a junk issue regarding a parked vehicle and proper notice was given. The owner was present at the meeting.

Mr. Lopez stated that he works shift work and that the vehicle is licensed and runs but is inoperable because of faulty brakes. He asked for enough time to have his mechanic make arrangements to get the vehicle towed to his service station for repairs.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that Mr. Lopez has seven (7) days to move the vehicle. Mr. Watt ruled that a fine of \$150.00 be levied for the time from date of violation (06/04/14) to today (07/16/14) as well an administration fee of \$150.00 be levied on the property if not complied with in the time allowed. A fine of \$50.00 per day will start on 7/23/14 and continue until the property is in compliance.

Red light camera cases

Mr. Pelham stated that there are five (5) red light camera cases on the docket.

1st case against Bernie Dean Campbell is discussed. The attorney, Mr. Wetter, stated that Mr. Campbell was not the one driving, it was the daughter. Mr. Watt ruled to dismiss case for lack of ID and reduce fine to \$50 with follow up in October.

The 2nd case against Douglas Scott Garrett, II is discussed. Mr. Garrett claims he didn't see the light was red because of the semi in front of him and was too late to stop in time. Mr. Watt ruled to reduce the fine to a \$50 admin fee.

The 3rd case against Harrell's LLC, (John B. Smith was the driver), is discussed. Mr. Smith claims he didn't see the light until it was too late to stop because of the semi in front of him. Mr. Watt ruled to reduce the fine to a \$50 admin fee.

The 4th case will be continued because Uriah Peters was not present.

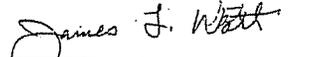
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The 5th case will be continued because Deborah William Pino was not present.

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 2:46 p.m.


James Watt, Special Magistrate