



CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING AGENDA

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Historic City Hall, Commission Chambers – 225 East Main Street, Suite 105

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CALL TO ORDER

ADMINISTER OATH

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- 1.** Minutes for May 28, 2026, Code Enforcement Hearing and May 28, 2026, Code Enforcement Hearing Animal control

OLD CASES

- 2.** Angel Lopez Diego
319 N 9th Avenue
CITATION #WPD003151

NEW CASES

- 3.** Bertin Garcia Sotelo / Maria Alejandrina Delarosa Rodriguez
920 S 7th Avenue
26-059-M
- 4.** Sergio Negrete & Genoveva Negrete
408 N 8th Avenue
26-067-NA

PUBLIC COMMENT / NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT



CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Magistrate Mitchell was called to order at 10am

ADMINISTER OATH

Oath was administered to those present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. Minutes for 02/26/2026 and 04/23/2026 Code Enforcement Hearing
Magistrate Mitchell approved Minutes for 02/26/2026 and 04/23/2026 Code Enforcement Hearings

NEW CASES

2. 26-031-M
218 N 7th Avenue
First United Methodist Church of Wauchula
City Of Wauchula Code Enforcement Officer; Bergens provided documentation of property findings
Case Opened Feb 12, 2026- The building on the property has several things wrong with it; Rotten wood, stair issue, at time of opening was minimum maintenance and owner asked for extension after speaking with the church
Bergens is not opposed to working with them to get the issues resolved
Steven Southwell, a local Litigation/Transactional Real Estate attorney and board member of the church, provided statement on behalf of the Church.

Been ongoing - they own several structures on the property.
There was discussion about potential interest using the facility from others, potential buyers in the past, they wanted to demolish the building, homeless issues, they don't have a purpose to keep the building,

They haven't intentionally not taken care of the issues; they are working thru to find contractors.
Demo does require a permit - current plan is to demo the building, they have reached out to contractors and are waiting on estimates.

Church wants to have a board meeting to approve to move forward

Magistrate Mitchell is giving them to July 1, 2026, to pull a permit
Mitchell advised them to get in touch with Raina
A \$100 a day fine will go into effect, If they do not pull the permit, by July 1, 2026.
If they do pull a permit, the issue will be resolved

PUBLIC COMMENT / NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comments or Non Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing adjourned at 1007am



CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING - ANIMAL CONTROL MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 9:45 AM

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CALL TO ORDER

Magistrate Mitchell called Hearing to order @ 9:51am

ADMINISTER OATH

Magistrate Mitchell Administered Oath

Present was Officer Adrian Purdue of City of Wauchula PD

NEW CASES

1. Case # 312026001024

415 S 1st Avenue

Bethany Lorine Lazo Rimes

Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens presented evidence and findings for this case.

Rimes is a repeat offender, times 2 within 3 years.

Statement provided by Officer Adrian Purdue - City of Wauchula PD

Provided information on Animal Complaint

Responded to 5th and Orange, saw the dog, he was partnered with Sgt Christopher Gicker of Wauchula PD, recognized the dog from previous issues. they followed the dog and ran to the address on 1st Ave, owner stated it was her dog. Gicker advised Purdue to issue a ticket.

City is asking \$100.00 - Purdue agreed to formalize in Magistrate Order

Magistrate Mitchell fined Bethany Lorine Lazo Rimes for violation 4-8 one time fine of \$100 against respondent plus admin cost, Magistrate stated \$70 in admin costs that's reasonable in this case \$170.00

According to City of Wauchula Code of Ordinances Chapter 4 Section 8 -

Magistrate Mitchell did not specify a time or date for when the fine should be paid.

PUBLIC COMMENT / NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comments or Non-Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

Magistrate Mitchell adjourned hearing @ 955am

Elliott Mitchell, Magistrate

Melodie D. Kincaid, Deputy City Clerk