

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 4, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Bill Claxton  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the following minutes as circulated.

December 7, 2020	Public Hearing
December 7, 2020	Regular Council Meeting
December 22, 2020	Special Called Meeting
December 22, 2020	Special Called Meeting

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0001 establishing and fixing the qualification fees to be paid by candidates seeking election in the November 2, 2021 General Election as listed below.

Councilmember – Ward 2	\$45.00
Councilmember – Ward 4	\$45.00
Councilmember – Ward 5	\$45.00

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0002 authorizing Mayor Peter L. Banks and Acting City Manager Timothy T. Turner to communicate City decision's with respect to the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia Municipal Competitive Trust.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0003 regarding the FY 2021 CDBG Application.

On motion by Councilmember Hightower and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. Irvin Trice as the non-public or joint member to the Three Rivers Regional Commission for a one year term.

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the following 2021 City of Barnesville Appointments.

- 1) Senior Judge – Rob Morton  
Associate Judge – Jim Granum  
Associate Judge – Kathy Martin
- 2) Auditor – Mauldin & Jenkins
- 3) Attorney – Bobby Melton (Haygood, Lynch, Harris, Melton & Watson)
- 4) Engineer – Goodwyn-Mills-Cawood
- 5) Surveyor – Steve Coleman
- 6) Physician – Dr. Lee Woodall
- 7) Solicitor – Heath English

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Councilmember Christopher Hightower as the 2021 Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Pamela Smith. Ms. Smith stated she came down personally to officially oppose the renaming of Twelfth Street. She said some here should know the street history and renaming the street is disrespectful to the residents and the people who made the community like the Joneses, Smiths, Browns, and Wimberlys who were there before Annie Mae Harris moved on the street. She further stated renaming streets starts erasing the history. Ms. Smith said she still owns property here and is a taxpayer. She stated her cousin Quanita Smith was present and is also opposed. Ms. Smith submitted a letter from her brother David Smith who also opposes the street renaming.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower thanked Ms. Smith for coming and sharing her input. Mr. Hightower stated that on Annie Mae Harris Day, the street was dedicated to her and a sign was put up, but the street name hasn't been changed.

Ms. Smith asked about the survey results. Acting City Manager Turner reported 21 addresses were surveyed, 3 were not in favor and 6 couldn't be contacted. Ms. Smith noted only the residents were contacted and not the property owners.

### **REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Councilmember McDaniel encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

Councilmember Hightower asked for prayers for City Manager Rose and inquired what has been done for the family. Acting City Manager Turner reported flowers have been sent twice, a card is sent weekly, and he has reached out and asked if we can do anything and he reported they have said no. Mayor Banks further reported he's spoken with his daughter and he's having a hard time and encouraged all to pray for him. He added he's a good man and good City Manager.

Councilmember Claxton passed a picture to Acting City Manager Turner from a 12 year old constituent where there's a clogged pipe at 726 Greenwood Street. Mr. Turner stated he'd get it fixed. Councilmember Claxton also complained about problems with the ambulance service. Acting City Manager Turner stated he'd check on the contract and with Lamar County Chairman Glass.

Councilmember Shropshire wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commented Phase II of the CDBG project is well needed and all is in Ward 3 of his district. He thanked City Manager Rose for making it happen.

Councilmember Whitworth stated he needed to speak with the Mayor and Acting City Manager about reports he's been getting on attitudes from City employees. He addressed Ms. Smith and stated he gave the first swimming test in the Twelfth Street Pool and how it was an asset at the time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Banks called for any comments. Mr. Dooly Barber wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported Mr. Lewis Fallings had passed away on yesterday. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated he was glad to have Mr. Barber back attending the meetings.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**January 19, 2021**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the public hearing was to present Application #20-11-001 to rezone property owned by Mr. Lindy D. Farmer in conjunction with Tower Engineering Professionals on behalf of Verizon Wireless with a Conditional Use Permit. The Conditional Use Permit request is to allow a new telecommunication tower facility to be erected on 0.238 acres. The property is further described as a vacant lot located on the eastern side of Yatesville Road containing 0.238 acres, Parcel B27-003, Plat Book 13, Page 319. The property is in Ward 5 and is currently Zoned R-2 Multi-Family Residential to be rezoned I Industrial with a Conditional Use Permit for a telecommunication tower facility.

Acting City Manager Turner reported the Lamar County Planning Commission has approved the rezoning. Mr. Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 579.

Councilmember Claxton inquired about the conditional use permit and the exact area to be rezoned. Acting City Manager Turner replied with a conditional use permit, a tower is the only thing that can be placed there and it will be on the side of the existing field road.

Councilmember McDaniel inquired if the remaining acreage will stay zoned R-2 Multi-Family Residential. Acting City Manager Turner confirmed it would.

Councilmember Shropshire asked who the Councilmember is where the property is located. Acting City Manager Turner replied it is Councilmember McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel asked if there was any opposition at the Planning Commission meeting this morning. Mr. Turner reported there was no opposition at the meeting nor has anyone contacted the City opposing it.

Mayor Banks asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on the rezoning request. Acting City Manager Turner reported Mr. Lloyd McCarthy, a representative from Tower Engineering Professionals, was present.

Ms. Anita Brown, a land owner at 987 Veterans Parkway, asked to see the plat of the property and voiced concern over the trees on the property being destroyed. Mr. McCarthy reassured her no trees will be destroyed, but they will actually provide a buffer.

Councilmember Claxton asked Ms. Brown if she had any opposition to the tower being placed and she stated she wants the Verizon tower here because she has no signal. Ms.

Brown further stated she is not in opposition to it and they can put it on her property if needed.

Mr. McCarthy presented that they have worked for over a year to pick the best site. He stated their primary objective is to provide coverage improvement to this area because Verizon customers are having problems here and they are trying to address the problems. He further stated they don't build for speculative purposes. Mr. McCarthy said they will need 10,000 square feet for the tower and the remaining property's zoning will stay the same.

Mayor Banks asked about the height of the tower. Mr. McCarthy replied it will be 155 feet with the lightning pole. Acting City Manager Turner asked for clarification on the tower height because the documents submitted stated it would be 195 feet. Mr. McCarthy stated again it will be 155 feet.

Councilmember Claxton asked if it will be a 5G and will the new tower compensate or replace the existing Highway 341 Tower. Mr. McCarthy stated not initially, but it will compensate the existing and help with the capacity because the current load is too great.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Attached is a list of those present at the meeting.

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

Clerk's Notes: There were no special needs required.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
February 1, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Bill Claxton  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the following minutes as circulated.

January 4, 2021  
January 19, 2021

Regular Council Meeting  
Public Hearing

Mayor Banks presented a proclamation on Black History Month to Mr. Dooly Barber.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 579 to rezone property owned by Mr. Lindy Farmer in conjunction with Tower Engineering Professionals on behalf of Verizon Wireless with a Conditional Use Permit to allow a new telecommunication tower facility on the eastern side of Yatesville Road. Councilmember McDaniel reported he had received no objections to the tower only positives. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 579 and rezoned 0.238 acres of Parcel B27-003 from R-2 Multi-Family Residential to I Industrial.

Councilmember Whitworth arrived to the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Council heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 580 to rename Twelfth Street Annie M. Harris Drive from Acting City Manager Turner. Mayor Banks recognized Mayor Pro Tem Hightower. Mr. Hightower noted Councilmember Shropshire's Ward 3 shares one side of the street. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked Councilmember Shropshire if he had any comments. Councilmember Shropshire stated the final say usually falls on the Councilmember of the district and he has no reason to object. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated he wanted to reiterate Annie Mae Harris Day last October was an unofficial dedication to celebrate Ms. Harris and the late City Manager was involved in this.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Pamela Smith. Ms. Smith stated she opposes, along with several property owners, renaming Twelfth Street simply because of the history of Twelfth Street. She said some properties have been there since the 30's and two property owners were City employees. Ms. Smith proposed starting at Ms. Harris' house and renaming the street going down from there.

Mr. Kenneth Smith, Ms. Harris' son, expressed his appreciation for all the work done and for everybody coming together and making it possible to rename the street.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower requested it be noted on the record that the City has received the NAACP endorsement of the official name change and a letter from David Smith who is in opposition. He asked Acting City Manager Turner for the recorded response from the residents. Mr. Turner reported 21 residents were polled, 3 said no, 6 were unable to be located, and 2 were vacant.

Ms. Devy Harris, Ms. Harris' daughter, stated she appreciated the honor the City has given to her mom over the years. Ms. Harris said the street name change is not about the street, but about her mom's service. She further stated Ms. Annie Harris lived on Twelfth Street when she was first

elected to the Council and she hoped the street renaming will stand as a dedication of her service to the City.

Ms. Smith asked if it was possible to identify the residents that said yes because 90% of everyone she had talked to on the street opposed it. She further stated Twelfth Street is a community within a community and she doesn't want it to be forgotten or erased. Acting City Manager Turner stated he would give the information to her later.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower suggested the street name remain and Ms. Annie Mae Harris' name be placed as a dedication to honor her. He asked if there was any objection from the Council. No comments were received.

Mayor Banks asked Ms. Smith if she was ok with this alternative. Ms. Smith stated she was not for the whole street. Ms. Harris added it's not about Twelfth Street, but about memorializing, showing respect, and dedicating the street to the first African American female elected to the Council. Mayor Banks encouraged them to talk to Mayor Pro Tem Hightower and Councilmember Shropshire to work it out and if they can't, the Council will make the decision and vote on it next month.

Mayor Banks called on Acting City Manager Turner and he reported the new trash company, Amwaste, has purchased Dependable Waste and one issue will be recycling. Mr. Turner informed the Council he has asked Mr. Todd Casselman who has 30 years of experience in the waste industry to speak to the Council about the current trend in recycling.

Mr. Casselman addressed the Council and stated the company's aim is to make itself more available, more responsive to the customers, and to fix it right the first time. He reported the recycling market has dwindled down, there's not a place to market it, and 85%-95% of recyclables are ending back in the landfill. After some discussion with the Council, Mr. Casselman recommended the most viable option at this time is to suspend recycling and go to one container.

A motion was made at 6:29 p.m. to go into executive session by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth but was not voted on by the Council. At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council instead recessed from 6:31 p.m. until 6:41 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss real estate and personnel.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 8:30 p.m.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0004, the documents showing Council entered in executive session for the discussion of real estate and personnel. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0004, executive session documents showing compliance with the Open Meetings Law and confirming the meeting was for the discussion of real estate and personnel.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously gave the Mayor the authority to write a letter to the business owner as discussed in executive session regarding real estate.

Councilmember Whitworth commented the City has lost its second merchant and he made a motion to send a condolence note to Mr. Hillery McBroom's family. Mayor Banks suggested sending flowers instead. Councilmember Claxton seconded recognizing Mr. McBroom in some shape or size.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
March 1, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the February 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 580 to rename Twelfth Street to Ms. Annie M. Harris Drive. Mayor Banks asked Mayor Pro Tem Hightower and Councilmember Shropshire if they had any comments. They both yielded the floor to the public.

Several citizens spoke in favor of renaming Twelfth Street. They were Mr. Dooley Barber, Ms. Dorothy Carter, and Ms. Harris' children, Ms. Devy Harris, Mr. James Smith, and Mr. Kenneth Smith. Mr. Barber said Ms. Annie Mae Harris worked hard for what was given to her and it was well deserved. Ms. Devy Harris stated the street renaming is well deserved and she further stated she can't express in words her appreciation of the dedication the City did on her mother's birthday and her appreciation of the Council for recognizing her mother. She further stated the decision to rename Twelfth Street is based on her mom's service. Ms. Carter reported a letter of support has been sent to the Council from the Booker School Alumni in which Ms. Annie Harris was a member. She further stated if the street is renamed then her story can be told and her legacy continued.

Ms. Quanita Smith and Ms. Pamela Smith also spoke opposing the name change. Ms. Quanita Smith stated she didn't get the proper format, but she didn't have a problem changing the name as long as it was done down the street. She stated she wanted the entire street to go back to Twelfth or only half of it renamed. Ms. Pamela stated as she has expressed the last couple of meetings, she wants the name Twelfth Street to stay. She further stated Ms. Harris should be recognized, but she feels it's only fair to split the street and rename the second half of the street.

Mayor Banks called for a motion to rename Twelfth Street. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower clarified the street was initially named without any input from the residents. He stated the street sign was put up unofficially for the celebration on Ms. Harris' birthday and the street was dedicated to Ms. Harris, but the sign was never removed. He apologized for the confusion on his part.

Mayor Banks called for a motion again. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked Acting City Manager Turner to explain again the street renaming process and for the survey results.

Mr. Turner explained when a street is renamed, the City goes out and polls the residents. He stated he had gone out twice and 21 addresses were polled, 4 were vacant, 3 said no, and the remaining 9 said yes. Ms. Pamela Smith inquired if property tax payers were polled. Acting City Manager Turner replied no, only the current residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked if there were any Council comments. Councilmember Claxton stated he appreciated both sides coming out and he's learned a lot now about Twelfth Street even though he's not from here. Councilmember Shropshire stated any complaints should have been voiced when the survey was done.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked if there was any objection for the name Twelfth Street to remain and a dedication sign be placed on it in Ms. Harris' honor. Ms. Pamela Smith stated she was opposed. Ms. Pamela Smith also noted the survey wasn't done initially, but it was done after the dedication.

After no further discussion, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously renamed Twelfth Street Annie M. Harris Drive.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 581 to set the rental fees for the Womens Clubhouse. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked that No. 2 on the list be changed to Front Room or Back Room. Mr. Turner reported the remodeling should be completed by late April or the beginning of May.

Mayor Banks called on Mr. L. D. Park. Mr. Park stated he has lived on Pine Street for the last 10 or 11 years and he is concerned about the house being built on top of a sinkhole on Pine Street in the wetlands that's protected by the federal government. He further stated he's being on the planning board for 10 years and he objects to the house because it should never have been built here and the City dropped the ball on this.

Mrs. Tamara Boatwright stated also the house is on top of a sinkhole and this area has always been a wetland. She expressed concern over the value of the other homes in the neighborhood. She stated she didn't know how it ever got permitted, but Mr. Brutz English, former City Building and Zoning Administrator, said he was told to sign the papers. She also commented about the garage entrance being in the front. Councilmember McDaniel stated a change has been made to garage entrances. Mrs. Boatwright stated what's online is dated 2004 and it doesn't have the change.

Councilmember Shropshire inquired as to what year was the permit authorized. Acting City Manager Turner stated September 20, 2020. Mr. Park added Mr. English told him City Manager David Rose had told him to do it.

Councilmember McDaniel stated he agreed it was undesirable. Councilmember Claxton noted the County Building and Zoning is watching it very closely and will monitor it.

Ms. Tamara Boatwright at 202 Pine Street stated she and her husband Mr. Lanier Boatwright object and disapprove of it even being approved. She stated she wanted it on the record her opposition to the house.

Councilmember McDaniel stated we are monitoring it and it is to this point in code. Acting City Manager Turner added Mr. Buddy Lanier, Lamar County Building and Zoning, checks on it several times a day and so far, it is to code. Mayor Banks stated no action by the Council was going to be taken tonight.

## **REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel commended Acting City Manager Turner for the recent clean up at the Recycling Center. He also asked that the City assist in any way it can with the BBQ & Blues Festival to help open the economy back up. He reported Redbud Drive needs repaving. He also stated we need to work on tying the house on Pine Street into the neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated he appreciated all the communication with Acting City



Manager Turner and for him addressing Ward 2 concerns. He stated he wanted the record to note we have received and used the funds from the COVID Pandemic.

Councilmember McDaniel inquired if the City will be expecting any other funds from the pandemic. Acting City Manager Turner stated we have not been told if we'll be receiving any.

Councilmember Claxton thanked Acting City Manager Turner for taking care of his street light requests.

Councilmember Shropshire noted from the email he received from Acting City Manager Turner, the Water Department needed a jet pack. He inquired about how the money was pulled from the funds for this purchase. Acting City Manager Turner replied this was approved in last year's budget and it came out of the restricted funds which can only be used for water needs. Councilmember Shropshire also asked about the plan to put back the \$300,000 shortage. Mr. Turner stated hopefully the money will be put back this year.

Councilmember Whitworth commented the ordinance requiring rear or side facing garages changed for College Manor a couple of years ago to allow front facing garages, but he stated he didn't know if it addressed that side of College Drive. Councilmember McDaniel clarified it changed three years ago city wide.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
April 5, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved to place a memory page in the official minute book for City Manager David K. Rose who passed away on January 9, 2021 after 38 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Barnesville.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 581 to amend the 2020-2021 Budget Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates to add the Womens Clubhouse Rental Rates. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 581 and set the rental rates for the Womens Clubhouse.

Mayor Banks turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Hightower and adjourned due to him not feeling well at 5:37 p.m.

**REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel and Councilmember Shropshire had no reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower had no reports as well, but he expressed his appreciation for Acting City Manager Turner addressing Ward 2 concerns.

Councilmember Claxton reported he'd discussed his concerns with Mr. Turner today and he's on it.

Councilmember Whitworth reported on the loss of Mr. Henry Murphy (Big Henry) from the Recreation Department and he stated something needed to be done to recognize his work. Council agreed to send flowers and Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated the Council's prayers are with the Murphy family.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower acknowledged the letter Ms. Dorothy Carter had submitted to the Council before the meeting tonight. Ms. Carter said she had sent a similar letter back in October and she was disappointed that she hadn't received a response. She asked that her concerns in the letter be considered regarding programs for the kids at the E.P. Roberts Center. She also complained about litter, craters, and graffiti in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower thanked her for her comments and he requested for citizens to be mindful not to litter.

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti reported Lamar Arts will be having an Art Camp July 5-9 and Drama Camp July 12-16 this summer as a part of their Kids Camp. She said they will have scholarships available through a Lamar Gives grant this year and the price will be \$60 a week. Mrs. Pedrotti concluded she was very grateful to the City for everything they've done for Lamar Arts.

Mr. Richard Miller complained about not being able to get a building permit. He said he'd left messages, but he hadn't been contacted.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Shropshire and Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
April 14, 2021**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Bill Claxton

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the meeting was to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate.

On motion Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 5:13 p.m. to discuss real estate.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 5:27 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council unanimously granted permission for the Acting City Manager and Mayor to confer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement on some City property.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0005, the documents showing Council entered in Executive Session to discuss real estate. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0005, Executive Session documents showing compliance with the Open Meetings Law and confirming the meeting was for the discussion of real estate.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
May 3, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the following minutes as circulated.

April 5, 2021

Regular Council Meeting

April 14, 2021

Special Called Meeting

Councilmember Claxton abstained from voting on the April 14, 2021 Special Called Meeting minutes due to him being absent.

Mr. Chuck Groover with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, along with Ms. Jasmine Rhode with the GBI, presented the State Certification plaque to the Barnesville Police Department. Mr. Groover said it was his honor to present the recertification to the Barnesville Police Department for the third time. He stated the certification has never been more relevant than today. He further stated the City should be both honored and proud of the Police Department because out of 600 law enforcement agencies in the State of Georgia, only 146 agencies are certified and 120 are police departments. Mr. Groover stated the certification is from April 14, 2021 to April 14, 2024. He also presented a certificate to Chief Cooper for being the certification manager. Councilmember Claxton expressed his appreciation to the Police Department for all they are doing in today's climate.

**REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel had no reports. At this time, Mayor Banks recognized and congratulated Councilmember McDaniel for obtaining his insurance agent license.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower thanked Acting City Manager Turner and the staff for addressing Ward 2 concerns. He also said Happy Appreciation Week to the teachers who educate the students.

Councilmember Claxton also thanked the City staff for the maintenance done in Ward 1. He also recognized Troop 38 for their street clean up. Councilmember Claxton requested a financial report be provided on a monthly basis at the meeting in order to see how COVID has really impacted the budget. Mayor Banks stated he talks daily to Tammy York, the City Accountant, and the budget is on track. He also said we're doing well and any Councilmember can go in any time and talk to her if they have any questions. Councilmember McDaniel added there has not been a tremendous impact on the City from the operations that didn't open up due to COVID.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked Acting City Manager Turner if he could share what the funding source is for the Womens Clubhouse renovation project. Mr. Turner replied the majority is through SPLOST, the plumbing is through the Water Department, and the wiring is through the Electric Department.

Councilmember Shropshire complimented the City on the vehicles recently purchased. Mayor Banks asked about the total vehicles purchased. Acting City Manager Turner responded two were purchased for the Police Department and one for the Water Department and a jet pack. Councilmember McDaniel inquired if the jet pack and limb truck were all in the budget and if they were under budget. Mr. Turner replied they were in the budget with the limb truck being under budget and the jet pack right at budget.

Councilmember Shropshire also commented the CDBG was good to have and how much he appreciated it.

Councilmember Whitworth said he had no reports for his Ward, but if he did, he knew it would be taken care of. He addressed Chief Cooper and stated everybody in town needs to be proud of the Police Department and he's very proud to know about the kind of protection we have in the City. He also stated the City has an awesome group of employees which many are long time employees and he's very proud of all City employees.

Mayor Banks gave an update on the Womens Clubhouse and reported it will be close to \$500,000 to complete.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti reported there will be a yard sale on May 8<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Hope Tree Ministry Food Bank.

Mr. Michael Rogers complained about abandoned cars and a clean up needed on Sullivan Street. He also discussed the handout he provided to the Council before the meeting regarding funds available now for non-profits.

Ms. Dorothy Carter discussed the handout she provided also to the Council prior to the meeting regarding Keep Barnesville Beautiful and the litter problem. She stated she'd like to see some elected officials and the community involved instead of bringing someone in to do it. Ms. Carter said we need to clean up our own community.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower inquired if the City has received any award notice from the American Rescue Plan and about the eligibility requirements. Acting City Manager Turner stated cities with populations more than 50,000 will automatically receive funds and cities with less than 50,000 will have to apply and will only receive 75% of their budgeted General Fund which can only be spent on certain things. He reported the City is suppose to get 75% of \$2.089 million.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**June 7, 2021**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

City Accountant Tammy York

Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken

Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the first order of business was to hear Application #21-04-001 to rezone property owned by Ms. Vicky Reams. The property is located at 302 Taylor Street. The property is further described as being 0.437 acres in Land Lot 88 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District, recorded in Deed Book 1085, Pages 65-67, Plat Book 14, Page 234, and Parcel B23-304. The property is in Ward 3 and is currently Zoned C-2, General Commercial District, to be rezoned R-1B, Single-Family Residential, Low Density District.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 582.

Mayor Banks said the second order of business was to hear Application #21-04-008 for a variance of building setback lines for Lot 8 in the Spencer Hollow Subdivision by Mr. Denny Dunn. The property is further described as being in Land Lot 74 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District, recorded in Deed Book 381, Page 220, Plat Book 14, Page 98, and Parcel B17-116. The property is located in Ward 5.

Mayor Banks called on Acting City Manager Turner to discuss the Spencer Hollow Subdivision variance request. Mr. Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0006.

Mayor Banks asked if there were any comments on the Spencer Hollow variance request. Ms. Phyllis Abbott, who resides at 7 Spencer Hollow, stated she lives adjacent to Lot 8 and she asked for clarification on how close to the property line they were requesting and how close would this come to her house.

Mayor Banks asked if there was anyone present who owned the property. Mr. Joe Sims stated he represents the seller of the lot. Mayor Banks asked him to explain exactly how the house is going to sit on the lot. Before Mr. Sims could explain, Councilmember McDaniel stated he was not going to act on this tonight because it was the first he'd heard about this and he didn't understand why there wasn't a first reading. Councilmember Claxton stated also this was his first time hearing about this. Mr. McDaniel further stated he was concerned about squeezing a house in on the lot. Acting City Manager Turner and Mayor Banks both explained one reading is all that is required for resolutions.

Ms. Abbott asked what are the current variance setbacks and how much are they requesting over that limit. Mr. Mike Aiken, Building and Zoning Administrator, explained the setbacks and the lot location with the aid of maps and photos. Mr. Aiken informed the Council every house in the subdivision encroaches on the minimum setbacks according to the records on qpublic. Mr. Brad Bryan, who lives at 6 Spencer

Hollow, also explained the setup of the lots in Spencer Hollow. Councilmember McDaniel noted from the maps and photos provided by Mr. Aiken that whoever built Ms. Abbott's house was granted a variance. Councilmember McDaniel noted if the variance is granted, there would be less than 16 feet from house to house where you normally have 20 feet. Mr. Denny Dunn, the prospective builder, explained it will be a challenge to get a 1,800 square foot house in because of the small lot sizes. Councilmember McDaniel noted and Mr. Dunn agreed it could be an unbuildable lot because it's so small. Mr. Dunn explained to the Council they tried to choose the best plan possible to accommodate the site with minimal encroachment on somebody else's property.

Councilmember McDaniel inquired if there was anyone else present that lives in the subdivision besides Ms. Abbott and Mr. Bryan. There were none.

Councilmember Claxton asked Mr. Bryan's opinion on the variance. Mr. Bryan stated he did not come to complain, but to hear what was being said. He also said the normal City setbacks and the covenants for the community are not the same and he wasn't sure the 20 foot setbacks are required in this subdivision. Mr. Bryan stated if the City is doing the variance, he'd like to know which lines are coming over and by how much. Mr. Aiken responded those are on the plat being circulated tonight.

Councilmember McDaniel asked Mr. Bryan and Ms. Abbott if they had to vote on it tonight, how they would vote. Mr. Bryan responded he wouldn't vote on it, but table it since it is the first he's heard of this. Ms. Abbott replied she'd like for it to be tabled as well. Councilmember McDaniel agreed and stated it needed to be tabled so he could get more information from the people in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Claxton asked Mr. Dunn if there was any way the footprint could be staked out so the Council could look at it and he stated he was open to a Special Called Meeting being held before next month. Mr. Dunn stated it could be done, but he didn't want to spend a lot for a survey if the variance was not going to be approved.

Mayor Banks asked how the Council wanted to proceed. Councilmember McDaniel stated he would like some time to study it and talk to some folks and maybe have a Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Claxton asked again if it could be marked with wooden stakes. Mr. Dunn stated it could, but it wouldn't be exact.

Councilmember McDaniel told Mr. Dunn it didn't appear the variance he was asking for was a whole lot different than some of the other tightness he saw throughout this subdivision, but since it was the first he'd heard of this and it's in his Ward, he wanted to know more about it and see it visually. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously tabled the decision on Building Lot 8 of the variance request until such time the Council could do a little more investigating.

Ms. Vicky Reams asked to speak on her rezoning request for 302 Taylor Street. She explained it is a duplex where one is zoned residential and the other commercial. She complained about the commercial unit's light bill being higher because of its zoning classification.

Ms. Patsy Coffey, who lives at 235 Harrell Circle, requested for the Planning Commission and City rezoning signs both be placed frontward to reduce confusion in the future.

After no further business, Council adjourned the public hearing at 5:29 p.m.

Attached is a list of those present at the meeting.

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

Clerk's Notes: There were no special needs required.



**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
June 7, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

City Accountant Tammy York

Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken

Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks stated the second order of business was to appoint a voting delegate to the MEAG Election Committee. He noted Ms. Niki Sappington is already the alternate voting delegate and Acting City Manager Turner is being added because the City Manager has always had this duty and as Acting City Manager, Mr. Turner has the authority to serve on the committee. Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0007. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the resolution and appointed Acting City Manager Turner as the voting delegate to the MEAG Election Committee.

Mayor Banks stated the third order of business was to appoint a voting delegate to the Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0008. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the resolution and appointed Acting City Manager Turner as the voting delegate to the Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. Ms. Niki Sappington is also already the alternate voting delegate.

Mayor Banks stated the fourth order of business was to appoint Acting City Manager Tim Turner to the Barnesville-Lamar County Industrial Development Authority Board (IDA) to fill the unexpired term of Mr. David Rose that ends December 31, 2024. He said the IDA has always had the City Manager to sit on the Board. Mayor Banks stated we don't have a City Manager, but we have an Acting City Manager.

Councilmember Claxton voiced his opposition because he believed the appointment to the IDA should not be made from an interim or acting position, but it should be held open until the official title of City Manager is awarded.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower inquired does the City have representation on the IDA if the Acting City Manager is not appointed. Councilmember Claxton stated the three other appointments on the Board represent the City. Mrs. Kathy Oxford, IDA Executive Director, reported the City currently has representation and can make four appointments.

Councilmember McDaniel inquired if the two previous City Managers Kenny Roberts and David Rose were on the Board. Mrs. Oxford confirmed they both had served on the Board. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower voiced his support of Acting City Manager Turner being appointed as the previous City Managers had been.

Councilmember Shropshire stated he saw both Claxton's and Hightower's concerns. He said he didn't want to make a decision on the spur of the moment, but this gave him something to think about.

Mayor Banks stated he thinks there should be someone of the Board to speak for the City and the only person to do that is the City Manager and that person is the Acting City Manager. He added it's always been that way and it should continue and he feels the City representative should be able to vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked Councilmember Claxton for more insight into why the Acting City Manager should not be on the Board. Councilmember Claxton stated out of respect for the IDA Board, they don't need an Acting or Interim City Manager appointment, but they need a permanent appointment. He stated it's nothing personal against Mr. Turner and from what he's heard, Mr. Turner has been in attendance contributing and he has been a tremendous asset. Councilmember Claxton added out of respect for the City Manager position also, whoever has that position should have the appointment. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower and Councilmember McDaniel both expressed Mr. Turner is the City Manager now as the Acting City Manager.

Mayor Banks said regardless if Mr. Turner is eventually named City Manager, he wants someone from the City now to be able to vote. Councilmember McDaniel voiced he was in agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower made a motion to appoint Acting City Manager Turner to the IDA Board. Councilmember McDaniel seconded the motion and stated as far as he was concerned, Mr. Turner is the City Manager and possesses all authority now as City Manager and he doesn't see any distinction. Acting City Manager Turner was appointed to the IDA Board with a vote of 4 to 1. Councilmembers Hightower, McDaniel, Shropshire, and Whitworth voted in favor of the appointment. Councilmember Claxton voted against it.

Mayor Banks stated Mrs. Shelley Harris Mason was scheduled to speak on the Myles-Wimberly Park, but she has asked that her name be removed from the agenda.

### **PULIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Michael Rogers stated he was following up with Mr. Turner on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) information he left last time. Acting City Manager Turner reported the figures are still the same for Barnesville to receive on ARPA. Mr. Rogers asked if he had informed the public. Mr. Turner stated he had not yet because he hadn't received notice of receipt.

Councilmember McDaniel asked Acting City Manager Turner to explain the items the money can be spent on because he believed there was a perception problem. Mr. Turner stated the five categories the money can be used for are to support public health expenditures, address economic impact on businesses, replace loss sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, and invest in water and sewer and broadband structures.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked why the City has to apply, about the population requirements, if any money for Lamar County is eligible for the school system, and the timeline. Acting City Manager Turner stated the rules change daily and in the beginning the City didn't have to apply, but now we do. He reported cities with populations 50,000 or above will automatically receive funds, but those with less than 50,000 who are eligible for CDBG grants have to apply. City Accountant York stated any money for the schools would come from the County and the City has until 2024 to spend the funds on the specific categories.

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti stated she thinks some money can be used for individuals. Acting City Manager Turner responded it has to be a private non-profit. Mr. Turner concluded Mrs. York has been very instrumental in getting the requested information submitted.

Ms. Juanita Fletcher stated she was following up with Mr. Turner concerning the lighting on Gordon Road. Mr. Turner reported he's looking into the cost and he will follow up with her once the prices are obtained.

Ms. Dorothy Carter thanked Acting City Manager Turner for the clean up on Taylor Street and for filling in the crater. She still complained about the limbs on Taylor Street and graffiti on the signs on College and Taylor Street and Moye and Lafayette Street.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss real estate.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 6:18 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor and Acting City Manager to communicate to the real estate agent that the City is going to abide by what's in the contract.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0009. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the resolution and Executive Session documents that showed compliance with the Open Meetings Law and confirmed Council entered in Executive Session for the discussion of real estate.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**July 6, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the following minutes as circulated.

June 7, 2021	Public Hearing
June 7, 2021	Regular Council Meeting

Acting City Manager Turner read the Notice of Holding a General Election on November 2, 2021 for Ward 2, Ward 4, and Ward 5. Mayor Banks noted this was only a notice to the public and no voting is required.

Council heard from Mr. Turner the second reading of Ordinance No. 582 to rezone property owned by Ms. Vicky Reams at 302 Taylor Street. Councilmember Shropshire noted the property is located in his Ward 3 and he hasn't received any comments about it. On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 582.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0006, a variance request of building setbacks on Lot 8 in Spencer Hollow. Mayor Banks called on Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken. Mr. Aiken reported he's been unable to find any previous variances on the houses that have been built in the subdivision. Councilmember Claxton inquired if the proposed house was out of the ordinary as to what's there now. Mr. Aiken replied it was not.

Councilmember McDaniel stated he'd like to hear from the public present. Mrs. Phyllis Abbott, who resides at 7 Spencer Hollow, stated from the stakes placed, the house is close to the property line and more forward and she wouldn't like to look at it.

Councilmember McDaniel stated the houses will be 15 feet apart and it doesn't appear to fit in with the other houses. He further said he was not going to vote on it because the City has ordinances and variances to protect the integrity of homes.

Councilmember Claxton stated the house appears to extend close to the property line and inquired if it's denied, is the Council deeming it unbuildable. He proposed reducing the square footage and getting below standards.

Mr. Joe Sims, a representative of the seller, stated every house in the subdivision is out of variance and the subdivision probably shouldn't have been built because it's not correctly designed.

Mrs. Abbott stated the subdivision has covenants with minimum square footage. Mayor Banks replied the City doesn't enforce subdivision covenants. Building and Zoning Administrator Aiken added the property owner has the right to enforce covenants, but not the City.

Mr. Doug Cherry, who resides at 522 Thomaston Street, stated the plat was drawn out with the setbacks before the sidewalk was put in.

Councilmember McDaniel inquired from Building and Zoning Administrator Aiken what happens if the subdivision covenant and City ordinance differ. Mr. Aiken replied if it meets the City Code requirements, then permits would be issued and if it doesn't, the covenant would be enforced. Councilmember McDaniel stated this house doesn't meet requirement. Mr. Aiken replied it meets the covenant requirements, but if you follow the City setbacks exactly, it is unbuildable.

Councilmember Claxton made a motion to approve the variance request with the stipulation of a side entrance carport. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council tabled the variance request until the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Banks called for public comments. There were no public comments.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss real estate.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 7:27 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor and Acting City Manager to negotiate the possible sale of 70 +/- acres of an industrial tract along with the acquisition of 10+ acres in the same vicinity.

Acting Cit Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0010. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council unanimously approved the resolution and executive session documents that showed compliance with the Open Meetings Law and confirmed Council entered in executive session for the discussion of real estate.

### **REPORTS**

Councilmember Claxton asked about City Hall's sign. Mayor Banks reported the search has been narrowed to 5 people. He also requested a monthly budget be emailed to him. Councilmember Claxton reported the Recycling Center has become a dump and we need to stop paying employees to haul it to the landfill.

Councilmember Shropshire asked about the sewer on Washington Street. Acting City Manager Turner requested a couple of days to generate a plan.

Councilmember Whitworth asked about the Atlanta Street water main break and commented on the infrastructure being old. Acting City Manager Turner said the Water and Sewer Superintendent has worked out a pan to address the problem.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING  
OF THE  
LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF MILNER CITY COUNCIL, AND TOWN OF  
ALDORA CITY COUNCIL  
July 21, 2021**

An intergovernmental meeting of the Lamar County Board of Commissioners, City of Barnesville City Council, City of Milner City Council, and Town of Aldora City Council was held at the Barnesville Civic Center at 685 Forsyth Street, Barnesville, Georgia, on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Bill Claxton  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (arrived at 10:42 a.m.)  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
City Accountant Tammy York

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST), possible projects for inclusion in the referendum, including municipally owned or operated projects, and to consider a TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement by each of the four local governments.

Mayor Banks called the meeting of the City Council of the City of Barnesville to order at approximately 10:07 a.m.

The four local governments discussed if the proposed TSPLOST is approved, the sales tax would increase to 8%, it would be for 5 years, generate \$10.2 to \$10.6 million, and begin April 1, 2022.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously adopted the Intergovernmental Agreement specifying for Lamar County to receive 57%, the City of Barnesville 36%, the City of Milner 4%, and the Town of Aldora 3% of TSPLOST funds.

Acting City Manager Turner presented to the City Council of the City of Barnesville Resolution No. R2021-0011, a Resolution to approve an agreement with Lamar County and other municipalities in Lamar County concerning allocation of funding derived from a proposed Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST); to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution; to authorize the City Clerk to attest signatures and affix the official seal of the City, as necessary; to repeal inconsistent resolutions; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0011.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
July 28, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Accountant Tammy York

Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Acting City Manager Turner introduced the Auditors, Mr. David Irwin and Mr. Justin Elliott, with Mauldin & Jenkins, CPAs & Advisors.

Mayor Banks discussed the prior Auditor.

Mr. Irwin presented the 2019-2020 Audit.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously accepted the audit.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy York, City Accountant

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
August 2, 2021**

The Regular Council Meeting for August 2, 2021 was cancelled.



**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**August 25, 2021**

Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at the Womens Clubhouse, 176 Stafford Avenue, Barnesville, Georgia.

Acting City Manager Tim Turner opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower (arrived at 10:08 a.m.)

Councilmember Bill Claxton (left at 12:31 p.m.)

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (joined via phone at 11:25 a.m.)

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folson

Community Development Director Niki Sappington

City Accountant Tammy York

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Acting City Manager Turner presented the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget to the Council and the Council reviewed, considered, and discussed the Proposed 2021-2022 Revenue and Expense Budget.

Acting City Manager Turner reported this year's budget is very conservative and proposes a 2% increase from last year with a total budget of \$16,393,022.00.

Acting City Manager Turner informed the Council the City's infrastructure is in terrible shape and needs overhauled with the north being more critical than the south. Mr. Turner proposed to the Council changes to the fee schedule to increase fees on garbage collection for residential and commercial, house removals, abandoned vehicles, fishing permits, utility deposits, and cemetery fees.

Councilmembers McDaniel, Claxton, and Hightower voiced their support with an increase only on commercial dumpster fees and not on residential. Councilmember Shropshire and Mayor Pro Tem Hightower voiced their support in increasing cemetery fees. Councilmember McDaniel and Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated they didn't think so much needed to be increased all at one time. Acting City Manager Turner agreed to increase only the commercial dumpster fees.

After no further discussion, Council adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**September 1, 2021**

Council met at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at the Barnesville Civic Center at 685 Forsyth Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Bill Claxton

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Community Development Director Niki Sappington

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

The City of Barnesville has completed its FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project, CDBG #19p-x-085-2-6047. The purpose of the hearing was to inform the citizens of the availability of the final quarterly report, to review project accomplishments, and to receive citizen comments.

Ms. Keeley Garrett with Allen-Smith Consulting welcomed everyone to the close out of the CDBG Project. Ms. Garrett reported the project accomplishments were that the City rehabilitated and replaced aging and failing sewer and water lines within Phase One of the Jackson Street Target Area that included Jackson Street, First Street, Washington Street, and Jenkins Street, a total of 64 residents were served by the project with 95% being low to moderate income, and the total project cost was \$1,059,725.02. She also discussed the availability of the Final Quarterly Report. She called for public comments. There were no public comments. She discussed the City's previous CDBG grants and the Fair Housing Notice.

Councilmember Shropshire commented the project was done in his ward, Ward 3, and he reported the residents are very pleased and happy the project happened and they appreciate it.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attached is a list of those present at the meeting.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

Clerk's Notes: There were no special needs required.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**September 7, 2021**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the first order of business was to hear Application #21-07-001 to rezone property owned by Lee and Leesa Woodall. The property is further described as being 505 Rose Avenue, located in Land Lot 56, 7<sup>th</sup> District, Deed Book 469, Page 130, Plat Book 8, Page 119, Parcel B17-009, containing 0.56 acres. The property is in Ward 1 and is currently Zoned C-4, Highway Commercial District, to be rezoned R-1B, Single-Family Residential, Low Density District.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 583.

Mayor Banks asked Mrs. Woodall if she wanted to speak on her rezoning request. Mrs. Woodall stated there is more of a need in Barnesville for residential property and she felt the rezoning would provide her a better opportunity to sell the property.

Building and Zoning Administrator Aiken informed the Council he had received no comments in opposition or in favor of the rezoning and the Planning Commission has unanimously approved the request.

Mayor Banks called the second order of business to receive public comments on the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. He asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak. There were no public comments.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council adjourned the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

Attached is a list of those present at the meeting.

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Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

Clerk's Notes: There were no special needs required.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
September 7, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the following minutes as circulated.

July 6, 2021	Regular Council Meeting
July 21, 2021	Special Called Meeting
July 28, 2021	Special Called Meeting
August 25, 2021	Budget Workshop

Councilmember Claxton abstained from voting on the September 1, 2021 Public Hearing minutes due to him not being present. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, the remaining Council unanimously approved the September 1, 2021 Public Hearing minutes.

Acting City Manager Turner read the Notice of Election Cancellation from the Lamar County Board of Elections and Registration and noted the November 2, 2021 General Election for Ward 5 has been cancelled due to no opposition.

Council heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 584 from Acting City Manager Turner to adopt the 2021-2022 Operating Budget, set the 2021 Millage Rate at 3.609 mills, and to amend the 2020-2021 Operating Budget.

Council also heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 585 from Acting City Manager Turner to set the 2022 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Rates related to commercial dumpster and house removal fees.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0006, a resolution requesting a variance of building setbacks on Lot 8 in the Spencer Hollow Subdivision. Mayor Banks called for a motion. No motion was given. The resolution died due to a lack of a motion.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower thanked Acting City Manager Turner and the staff for responding to Ward 2 concerns. He asked Acting City Manager Turner about a Food Truck Ordinance for the City. Mr. Turner replied in Section 635 on the Downtown Commercial District, food trucks are not addressed and therefore not permitted. Councilmember Claxton voiced his concern that this would be traumatic for the brick and mortar restaurants. Councilmember McDaniel commented he'd like to see one.

Acting City Manager Turner stated the City Code would have to be changed to allow them.

Councilmember Claxton reported Byrd Street was in bad shape and asked for it to be looked at.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked for an update on the road and street repairs from Acting City Manager Turner. Mr. Turner reported the repairs have been contracted out due to a shortage of personnel in the Street Department. He further reported all repairs on Atlanta Street, Greenwood Street, Forsyth Street, and Rose Avenue will be done in two weeks.

Mayor Banks complained about littering getting worse. He reported the Keep Barnesville Beautiful group is planning a street cleanup.

Councilmember Whitworth voiced his concern with COVID. He asked everyone to be cautious and pleaded for all to be considerate of other people.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Teresa Harvey Davis, who resides at 113 Bradley Circle, reminded everyone of the need to take COVID 19 seriously. She also stated she reported a water leak on July 7, 2021 and complained about her bill still being unreasonable even after an adjustment.

Ms. Juanita Fletcher, who resides at 120 Bradley Circle, reported this was her second time asking for brighter lights to be placed on Gordon Road. Acting City Manager Turner replied as soon as the budget passes, he will work on getting some prices.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**September 9, 2021**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower (via phone)

Councilmember Bill Claxton

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom

Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Council heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 583 from Acting City Manager Turner. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 583 rezoning property owned by Lee and Leesa Woodall at 505 Rose Avenue from C-4, Highway Commercial District, to R-1B, Single-Family Residential, Low Density District.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 584. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 584 adopting the 2021-2022 Operating Budget, setting the 2021 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 3.609 mills, and amending the 2020-2021 Operating Budget.

Council heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 585 from Acting City Manager Turner. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 585 setting the 2022 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Rates relating to commercial dumpster and house removal fees effective January 1, 2022. The fees increased on all commercial dumpsters. The house removal fees increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
October 4, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Dooly Barber opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower (via phone)  
Councilmember Bill Claxton  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
City Accountant Tammy York  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the following minutes as circulated.

September 7, 2021	Public Hearing
September 7, 2021	Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2021	Special Called Meeting

**REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel thanked all City employees, the Barnesville Police Department, Barnesville Fire Department, and First Responders for their work during Buggy Days. He reported Governor Kemp is giving \$1,000 bonuses to police departments, fire departments, and first responders and the date to apply is from October 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021 statewide. Councilmember McDaniel also thanked Acting City Manager Turner for the recent paving and commended him for the great job done on Atlanta Street. Mr. Turner reported the contractor repaired the most terrible areas and the City will be repairing the smaller ones.

Councilmember Claxton reported the paving on Greenwood Street and Rose Avenue looked good and he inquired if Byrd Street is going to be done. Acting City Manager Turner said the City will be repairing it. Mayor Banks asked Mr. Turner if he had put out a list of streets where the money from the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant will be spent on. Acting City Manager Turner replied the list will be available next month.

Councilmember Claxton asked for clarification on which particular night Halloween will be celebrated. He said traditionally it's been done on a Saturday if it falls on a Sunday. Councilmember Claxton made a motion to provide City services on Saturday night for residents on Thomaston Street. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower requested the motion be modified to state Halloween will be celebrated on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the City will provide services as needed throughout the City. Councilmember Claxton amended his motion to say Saturday night will be Trick or Treat throughout the City and City services will be provided city wide. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shropshire. Council unanimously approved the motion as amended.

Councilmember Shropshire thanked everyone for their work during Buggy Days. He complimented the paving done on Atlanta Street. Mr. Shropshire also commented on the trash pickup done recently on Annie M. Harris Drive and expressed the need to make sure no single street gets like that anymore. He informed Chief Cooper that the trash is starting to build back up again. Mayor Banks added there is a lot more to be done on littering throughout the community.

Councilmember Claxton reported on the efforts being done by the citizens on Greenwood Street to slow the traffic down. He said the residents have taken it upon themselves to put up signs and he asked for the City to help in their efforts by possibly installing humps before someone gets hurt. Mayor Banks responded he has serious reservations about humps and bumps. Councilmember Shropshire added the Council has discussed this before and the City is limited in where these can be placed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower reported he enjoyed being out with the Council to pick up the trash and discuss our community. He expressed his support in securing the funds for the \$1,000 bonuses for the police, fire, and first responders. Mr. Hightower stated he's also looking forward to the announcement on how the American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP) are going to be spent. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower announced there would be a community prayer on Saturday at the Myles-Wimberly Park at 10:00 a.m. and the Health Department would be giving COVID vaccinations at 9:00 a.m. at the E.P. Roberts Center. He stated he was glad to see the repairs on Atlanta Street as well. He expressed his appreciation to the City administration for addressing the concerns of Ward 2 and he thanked everyone for what they contribute to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower apologized for not being in person at the meeting. He stated he had attended the Zellner-Williams family funeral services today and he publicly expressed his condolences.

Acting City Manager Turner asked everyone to go and take a look at the scarecrows downtown. He reported Mrs. Heather Stanley has organized a contest to make downtown look a little bit livelier. Mr. Turner said the contest is open to all businesses, churches, and civic organizations from the whole county. He said there will be judging and prize money awarded, October 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline, and they will be taken down on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Dooly Barber complained about his water bill from the City of Milner. Acting City Manager Turner informed Mr. Barber his bill has to be addressed and adjusted by Milner. After further complaining from Mr. Barber, Mr. Turner invited Mr. Barber to meet with him, Milner, the meter readers, and Mrs. York to review his bill.

Mrs. April Scott extended an invitation to the Council from the Community Improvement Task Force to attend their next meeting on October 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the E.P. Roberts Center.

Ms. Dorothy Carter inquired about paving on Taylor Street and reported the paving is worse on Lee Street, Moye Street, and Lafayette Street. Ms. Carter complained about craters on Annie M. Harris Drive, Taylor Street, and Lee Street. She commented on Keep Barnesville Beautiful and the litter problem. Ms. Carter also asked if the community will be informed about how the ARP Funds will be spent. Acting City Manager Turner responded the community will be informed and a committee inside City Hall has been formed.

Mr. Michael Rogers complained about abandoned cars on Annie M. Harris Drive as well as city wide. Acting City Manager Turner reported letters have already been sent to the property owners.

Mrs. Teresa Harvey Davis inquired if any of the ARP money will go towards the health coverage of the people affected by COVID 19. City Accountant York responded the City is working on setting up a committee and she has been advised by the auditors to hold off on any disbursements until the final ruling is provided on what the money can be spent on.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk



**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
November 1, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Bill Claxton  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the October 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Officer promotions and recognitions were presented by Chief Cooper. He noted this was the first time in his 35 years with the City, this had been done at a Council meeting and in public. Chief Cooper stated he's never been more proud of the group of men and women here today and they all are a great asset to the City of Barnesville. He thanked their families for supporting them. Corporal was awarded to Michael Meachern, Michael Bailey, and Michael Blankenship and Sergeant to Maria Gebelein. Chief Cooper also recognized Sergeant Michael Rainer for his work in the Evidence Room.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower read the Retired Educators Day Proclamation. Mayor Banks presented the proclamation to Mrs. Janet Graham, Mrs. Merrra Lyons, Ms. Barbara Minter, and Mrs. Linda Olivier.

Mayor Banks read the Lamar Arts Month Proclamation and presented it to Mrs. Kay Pedrotti.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously reappointed Mr. Robert Taylor to the Board of Health to serve a 6 year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2027.

**REPORTS**

Councilmember Whitworth commented teachers are wonderful, to be commended, and make a great impression on kids. He addressed Chief Cooper and stated the City of Barnesville Police are professional, do their job, and are there when you need them. He noted the City has a certified Police Department. He thanked the Chief for having a great group and teachers for teaching.

Councilmember McDaniel echoed how important teachers and the police department are. He stated he'll be sworn in on the Council for the fourth time this January and during this time, he's had complaints, but never about the Police Department. Councilmember McDaniel thanked them and further commented they work very hard, are professional, and are dependable.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower thanked Chief Cooper for sharing publicly the promotions and stated he feels it's important to share more of what we do. He said he thinks the policies and procedures the Council has put in place are executed. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated he appreciates Ward 2 for sharing and the City Manager for taking care of Ward 2 and the City.

Councilmember Claxton commended Chief Cooper and his department. He reported in Ward 1 on Greenwood Street, a safety issue exists due to cars parking on the street and blocking the sidewalks. He noted the Electric Department is doing the Christmas lights on Main Street and asked about the pruning procedures.

Councilmember Shropshire commended teachers and stated they do a lot and we can do more to thank them. He commented how gratifying it is to see the downtown decorations this year. He addressed Chief Cooper and stated the department is doing a fantastic job.

Mayor Banks stated he was glad the promotions were done tonight. He asked Acting City Manager Turner to purchase more trash cans where needed to assist with the clean up Dorothy Carter has been working on.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Dooly Barber thanked Chief Cooper and stated the Chief has brought a lot of good things to the City and a lot of good officers. Mr. Barber also thanked the Mayor, Acting City Manager Turner, and others who helped with his big water bill struggle. He wished Mayor Pro Tem Hightower well on the election tomorrow and stated he's doing a good job.

Ms. Dorothy Carter stated last October, a letter from her and the NAACP was presented to the Council about the E.P. Roberts Center. She submitted a new letter to the Council tonight. Ms. Carter said they are asking for the Council, Mayor, and Acting City Manager to hire a full-time program director to take care of the facility and programs because it is needed and the kids need it. Ms. Carter also commented the scarecrow contest is wonderful except for one disappointing display that was allowed that's negative, strictly political, and uses a controversial code for insulting President Biden. Ms. Carter submitted the contest guidelines and a photo of the display that she finds controversial to the Council.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 6, 2021**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Bill Claxton  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
City Accountant Tammy York  
Fire Chief Kelvin Chute  
Water and Sewer Superintendent Jerry Moats  
Street Superintendent Richard Vereen  
Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks welcomed everyone and acknowledged Councilmember Elect Joe Sims' presence in the audience. Mayor Banks stated this was the last Council meeting for Councilmember Larry Whitworth and he thanked him for his service. Councilmember Whitworth thanked everyone and expressed it was his honor and privilege to serve the second of two terms and to represent the City of Barnesville.

Mayor Banks read and presented a proclamation commending, congratulating, and giving special recognition to the LC Lightning U14 Soccer Team for its achievement of finishing the 2021 season with a 15-1-1 record.

Mayor Banks read and presented a proclamation honoring Barnesville Fire Engineer Josh Campbell for going above and beyond the call of duty to assist a caller in need out of state.

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the November 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Acting City Manager Turner read the General Election Returns for November 2, 2021.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0013 and adopted the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Language Access Plan.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the 2021 CDBG Certification Form for Special Condition #2 relating to the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0014 and explained it is an amendment to the contract with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia due to Georgia Public Web selling to the McGuire Group. On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2021-0014.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. Chuck Bankston as Board Commissioner to the Barnesville Housing Authority Board for a five year term ending October 1, 2026.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Ms. Barbara Caldwell as Resident Commissioner to the Barnesville Housing Authority Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2022.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss real estate and personnel at 6:04 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 7:36 p.m.

Both Councilmember McDaniel and Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated no action was to be taken regarding executive session.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2021-0015. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council unanimously approved the resolution and executive session documents that showed compliance with the Open Meetings Law and confirmed Council entered in executive session for the discussion of real estate and personnel.

### **REPORTS**

Councilmember Whitworth stated it's been great serving on the Council and he's enjoyed every second. He wished Councilmember Elect Sims the best of luck and said he looked forward to his leadership in the Ward.

Councilmember McDaniel congratulated the LC Lightning U14 Soccer Team and Josh Campbell. He expressed how refreshing it was to see that the girls were not only good athletes, but very well mannered and there is an employee on our Fire Department who went above and beyond to help.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower addressed Councilmember Whitworth and expressed it was a pleasure and honor to work with him and he thanked him for his service. He welcomed Councilmember Elect Sims and said he looked forward to working with him. Mayor Pro Tem Hightower asked Acting City Manager Turner if it could be put in the newspaper and on the website that the City is down one truck. Councilmember Claxton also asked if this can be placed on the utility bills. Acting City Manager Turner replied it can be put in the newspaper and on the website, but we are limited by law what can be put on the utility bills.

Councilmember Claxton thanked Councilmember Whitworth for his service and stated it's been a pleasure and he feels he's been part of the family for 16 years. He welcomed Councilmember Elect Sims and stated he's looking forward to working with him. At this time, Councilmember Claxton deferred his report to one of his constituents.

Ms. Courtney Claxton reported she lives on Greenwood Street and she complained about the constant trash piles on the street. Ms. Claxton stated she appreciated the blocked sidewalks being addressed, but she reported three days after the last Council meeting, the sidewalk has been blocked by a Leland cypress. She asked if no one had gone down the street and seen this too. Ms. Claxton further complained that the trash doesn't get picked up on any of the streets not just Greenwood Street and she's counted 183 piles of trash and litter being out. She stated she's not proud of the City lately. Councilmember Claxton and Ms. Claxton said Code Enforcement needs to get involved and they noted policies are in place, but are not being enforced.

Acting City Manager Turner responded that according to the Charter, the City is allowed to pick up 3 cubic yards per household at a time. He further reported Street Superintendent Vereen goes out and talks to the residents when there's a problem.

Ms. Claxton further stated there should also be enforcement of when trash cans be put out. She reported a recycling bin had been sitting out for four months so she picked it up herself and placed it at the end of Acting City Manager Turner's driveway. Mr. Turner said he'd take care of it, but this was this first he'd heard of it. Ms. Claxton replied you don't have to hear about it just go out and look.

Councilmember Shropshire commended Councilmember Whitworth for a job well done and stated it's been a pleasure to work with him. He commented on the great job done on the Christmas parade and the City float and golf cart by Community Development Director Niki Sappington and Accounts Payable Clerk Christy Roberts. Councilmember Shropshire wished Councilmember Elect Sims well.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower stated the event on Sunday downtown was nice and he expressed his thanks to Ms. Sappington and the others.

Mayor Banks thanked Councilmember Whitworth again for his service to the City and expressed his enjoyment of serving with him. He stated he looked forward to serving with Joe Sims. He thanked Police Major Kendall.

After no further business and on motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk