

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 7, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

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| December 3, 2018 | Public Hearing          |
| December 3, 2018 | Regular Council Meeting |

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0001 establishing and fixing the qualification fees to be paid by candidates seeking election in the November 5, 2019 General Election as listed below.

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| Mayor                  | \$72.00 |
| Councilmember – Ward 1 | \$45.00 |
| Councilmember – Ward 3 | \$45.00 |

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0002 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Wholesale Power Sales with the City of Adel, Georgia, the City of Forsyth, Georgia, the City of Monticello, Georgia, the City of Jackson, Georgia, the City of Sylvania, Georgia, the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, and Fitzgerald Water, Light & Bond Commission to provide electric service to a premises located in Adel, Georgia.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0003 adopting the Joint Comprehensive Plan for the City of Barnesville and the Town of Aldora.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the following 2019 City of Barnesville Appointments.

- 1) Senior Judge – Rob Morton  
Associate Judge – Jim Granum  
Associate Judge – Kathy Martin
- 2) Auditor – Robyn Underwood
- 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 Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously appointed Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth as the 2019 Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Whitworth thanked the Council for the appointment.

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth requested an increase in lighting on College Drive in the area near Anytime Fitness and Subway. City Manager Rose stated he would need to look into it because there are three service providers here. Councilmember Claxton said the bulbs may be out and she also reported a couple of lights being out near Big Chic on College Drive as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth also requested the DOT be contacted about the rough turn off on College Drive and the poor lighting on south College Drive near the four lanes.

Councilmember Hightower wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the City staff.

Councilmember Shropshire commented he had enjoyed being Mayor Pro Tem the past year and noted the goals that had been set by the Council had been accomplished.

Mayor Banks complained about the railroad crossing work being done. He stated he understands they're trying to make improvements, but they need to finish what's been started before moving on to other areas.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Kay Pedrotti. Ms. Pedrotti thanked City Manager Rose for the roof repair at the Depot.

Mayor Banks also recognized Ms. Dorothy Carter. Ms. Carter inquired if any reports had been made about low water pressure on Taylor Street or Forsyth Street. City Manager Rose responded that he knew of none, but would check with the Water and Sewer Superintendent. Ms. Carter further addressed Assistant City Manager Turner and asked if when he was out gathering information from residents for the CDBG Application if any had reported low water pressure or sewer problems in the area. Assistant City Manager Turner responded a work order had already been entered for low water pressure for that area.

Ms. Carter also reported a huge crater and drop off on Taylor Street near Robyn Underwood's business.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
February 4, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the January 7, 2019 regular council meeting minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks read a proclamation designating February 2019 as Black History Month in the City of Barnesville and urged all City residents to join in recognizing the importance of Black History in our lives. Mayor Banks presented the proclamation to Mr. Clifford Barber.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the joint reappointment of Mr. Irvin Trice to the Three Rivers Regional Commission Board for a one year term.

City Manager Rose presented to the Council his recommendation to hire Mr. Jerry Moats to fill the position of Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Superintendent. Mr. Rose reported Mr. Moats brings 15 years of sewer and water experience from Henry and Baldwin Counties. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Jerry Moats as the Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Superintendent.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved an agreement to purchase the sale of excess reserve capacity by MEAG Power to the City of Barnesville on behalf of the City of Elberton for one year and the sale of excess power by MEAG Power to the City of Barnesville on behalf of the City of Griffin for three years.

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth commented that it was a pleasure to attend the Barnesville Police Department luncheon last Thursday, January 31, 2019, for the retirement of Police Corporal Freddie Crummie. He stated the City has a lot of great employees that care about the City and it's his pleasure to work with everyone.

Councilmember Claxton conveyed the appreciation of Mr. Paul Sinor for the tree removal on Thomaston Street and Mr. Giadrosich for the street light repair on Byrd Street.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Kay Pedrotti and Ms. Pedrotti extended an invitation for everyone to attend a new Lamar Arts exhibit by Ms. Hazel Caldwell that will be opening on Friday night, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Depot.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Dorothy Carter and Ms. Carter also extended an invitation and informed the Council that Booker High School will be hosting a forum at the Civic Center on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for the purpose of informing the public of what's going on in Lamar County and the many resources available.

Mayor Banks stated for a long time, there's been much discussion to bring a Boys and Girls Club to Barnesville and there will be a group from the Rotary going to Madison on tomorrow, February 5<sup>th</sup>, to observe their operation. He extended an invitation to anyone interested in attending.

Mayor Banks recognized Mrs. Linda Olivier. Mrs. Olivier stated she was there to give an update on the Morehouse School of Medicine Alcohol Substance Abuse Prevention Project. She informed the Council they are still working in Barnesville to shed light on why underage drinking is not good. Mrs. Olivier presented to the Council information on the merchants that are participating in the project. She also informed the Council of a community forum on underage drinking which will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

City Manager Rose informed the Council that Mr. Eddie Felton has a program for young fathers at the E.P. Roberts Center where he's mentoring 26 young males, ages 18-29. Mr. Rose also reported Mr. Felton has been working diligently with Home Depot to remodel veterans' homes. Mayor Banks added Mr. Felton has done a lot for the veterans here.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth reported on an aging with dignity class he had at the Mayor's Day training last month. Mr. Whitworth stated there is a need in the community for documents that identify what medical, emergency, and transportation services are available and how to contact them. Mayor Banks stated these are at the Senior Citizens Center. Ms. Carter also said the Lamar County Family Connection Collaborative has this information as well. Mr. Whitworth stated he wants these made available on the counter at City Hall. City Manager Rose said he will check on getting these and making them available at City Hall as well.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:56 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 4, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the February 4, 2019 regular council meeting minutes as circulated.

City Manager Rose presented a resolution seeking approval to submit the 2019 CDBG Application. Mayor Banks stated the grant is for \$750,000.00. City Manager Rose identified the target area for the water and sewer improvements as beginning from Mill Street to Washington Street and from Jackson Street and Jenkins Street to First Street. Councilmember Claxton inquired as to how long it will take for us to be notified if we've been approved. City Manager Rose stated hopefully in the next six weeks. Councilmember Shropshire conveyed his appreciation to the City Manager for identifying what was needed and for half the resources going into a district where it's needed. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth further inquired if these improvements would allow us to obtain common water pressure and adequate sewer in this district. City Manager Rose replied they would and the improvements will also enhance fire protection as well as provide for the installation of additional fire hydrants. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0004 and the submittal of the 2019 CDBG Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

City Manager Rose read a resolution opposing House Bill 302 preemption of local building design standards. Mayor Banks clarified the bill pending in the Georgia House of Representatives preempts cities' or local governments' right to have design and building standards. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0005 opposing House Bill 302 preemption of local building design standards.

City Manager Rose gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 567 to establish policies and regulations on Brewpubs in the Downtown C-1 Commercial District. Mayor Banks stated if an eating establishment is licensed to serve beer, they can have a license for a brewpub to make and manufacture beer. They would follow the same standards and are subject to all alcoholic beverage laws. Councilmember Hightower asked if the Downtown C-1 Commercial District already allows for such brewpubs. Mayor Banks informed him it currently does not, but does allow for the sale of beer. Councilmember Hightower further clarified this ordinance establishes the policies and regulations for such an establishment, but there has not been an application yet. Councilmember Hightower inquired if there is any interest. Mayor Banks replied there is some interest. Mayor Banks also added they still have to be in a restaurant and serve food. City Manager Rose stated brewpub is craft beer. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth also clarified here we're just getting the regulations and they must comply with state laws and not local. Councilmember McDaniel stated that this would provide a license to brew beer.

Mayor Banks called for reports. Councilmember McDaniel reported on some signage issues in his Ward for the Street Department. He stated the stop signs attached to the street signs need to be straightened on Pine and Poplar Street and Memorial and Redbud Drive. Councilmember McDaniel also reported he attended his first meeting of the Three Rivers Regional Planning Commission, a ten county commission and they are preparing a one page fact sheet for Lamar County that will show the services provided as was discussed at last month's meeting and these will be provided at City Hall.

Councilmember Claxton stated she wanted the minutes to reflect this coming Friday and Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March, the Peaches to the Beaches Annual Yard Sale will be held which was started by the Golden Isles Parkway Association and now has been turned over to Explorer 341. Mrs. Claxton noted Barnesville is the beginning or the end of this yard sale that goes all the way to the coast and that it has become one of our major events.

Councilmember Shropshire reported on the Mill Street trees. He said twenty years ago, funds were raised to buy the trees and to put concrete barriers around them and now the trees are dying out. Mr. Shropshire stated he appreciates City Manager Rose trimming and trying to save the trees.

Mayor Banks reported to City Manager Rose that at the railroad crossing where the First Baptist Church comes into Greenwood Street, there is a dangerous drop off that you can't see and you can fall off of that he wants to get finished. Mayor Banks also extended an invitation for everyone to attend tomorrow, Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Gordon State College in the Nursing Building on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor a listening session with the County Commission Chair, himself, and Dr. Nooks, President of Gordon State College. Mayor Banks also announced he will be a candidate for Mayor at the next election and Councilmembers Shropshire and Claxton will be running for reelection too.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Eddie Felton as the Veterans Chair for the NAACP. Mr. Felton stated he resides at 290 McCollum Road in Barnesville and he is the Chair of Lamar on the Move, a group of men here in Lamar County who are trying to make a difference and who want to partner with local government to make improvements for our community. Mr. Felton reported they meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the E.P. Roberts Center and their next meeting is the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. He extended an invitation to the Mayor, Council, and City Manager to meet at the next meeting to discuss where the City is at, what the City's plans are, and how the City is going forward. Mr. Felton also stated they have suggestions, ideas, and thoughts they'd like to share with the Council.

Councilmember Hightower inquired if there was a particular focus he is looking for regarding where the City is going. Mr. Felton responded by saying they have read the twenty year plan, but would like to know what's being done for housing, particularly in blighted and slum areas, and other improvements for the community.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Dorothy Carter and Ms. Carter inquired what the boundary is for the commercial district. City Manager Rose responded the commercial district goes from the railroad track down to Main Street to Taylor Street, back to College Drive, back to Forsyth Street in the Badcock area, over to Market Street and Zebulon Street, and back to the railroad.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Rickey Brooks, Pastor of Christ Temple Ministries Church in Yatesville, Georgia. Pastor Brooks asked for the target area in the 2019 CDBG Application. Councilmember Claxton noted some lines have been updated already.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:13 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 1, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the March 4, 2019 regular council meeting minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month to Ms. U'landa A. Barkley and her staff of the Lamar County Department of Family and Children Services.

Mayor Banks also presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as Alcohol Awareness Month to Mrs. Linda Olivier of the Morehouse School of Medicine Alcohol Prevention Project.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0006 recognizing Georgia Cities Week April 21-27, 2019.

City Manager Rose gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 567. Councilmember McDaniel commented the ordinance addresses malt beverages, beer and wine, and businesses must still derive 50% of their revenue from food. On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 567 establishing the policies and regulations on Brewpubs in the Downtown C-1 Commercial District.

Mayor Banks called for reports. Councilmember Hightower thanked the City Manager for always responding to issues in his Ward. Councilmember Hightower reported as a member of the State Municipal Training Board, the District 4 Meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Newnan where they'll be asking all Councilmembers to complete a survey to help them develop and evaluate the state training program courses offered by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). Councilmember Hightower also commented that Barnesville is always on top of the list for taking courses and he's proud to sit on the Training Board and to see the City's support of GMA's training.

Councilmember Claxton informed the Council of a program, Lift Lamar, that's doing projects throughout the community and advised anyone who wants to offer some improvements or participate to contact the First Baptist Church.

Councilmember Shropshire reported he attended the Lamar on the Move meeting last month at the E.P. Roberts Center. He reported it was a good and very interesting meeting where they discussed what they want to accomplish specifically for housing here in the City and County.

Mayor Banks reported tomorrow is the last day of the General Assembly Session and House Bill 302, the Preemption of Local Building Designs and Standards, is in the Rules Committee of the Senate. Mayor Banks stated he has been told from a reliable source that the bill is dead.

Mayor Banks opened the floor to the public. Mr. Hiren Patel addressed the Council and informed them his family owns several businesses in town. Mr. Patel stated the County recently approved Sunday alcohol sales and he is requesting the City to at least put it to a vote and let the people decide. Councilmember Claxton reported she had brought it up for discussion a number of years ago after being approached by a convenient store owner and at that time, the Council was not interested in discussing. She stated if the Mayor, City Manager, or Council wants to put in on the agenda to discuss, it would be a start. After no further comments, Councilmember McDaniel requested Sunday alcohol sales be placed on the agenda at the next meeting for discussion.

Mayor Banks recognized Mrs. Linda Olivier. Mrs. Olivier reminded the Council to come and participate in the community forum to be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Barnesville-Lamar County Library to discuss underage drinking.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:07 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 25, 2019**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Tim Turner opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to approve the 2017-2018 Annual Audit.

Mayor Banks called on Certified Public Accountant Ms. Robyn J. Cannafax to present the 2017-2018 Annual Audit to the Council. Ms. Cannafax presented to the Council the Financial Highlights for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2018. Ms. Cannafax reviewed each fund and responded to numerous questions by the Council regarding the report. She noted the 2017 Property Taxes had the highest total there has ever been and the collection rate was very good and high, the Sales Tax has increased from prior years, the 2011 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) was completed and closed, and the 2017 SPLOST had no capital expenditures. Ms. Cannafax further reported the financial documentation records to be in good order, but the financial software is not operating effectively. Ms. Cannafax and City Manager Rose both noted the City is working to correct this. She reported the General Fund has no debt balance and the Enterprise Funds debt has been decreased. She noted all the hard work that has been done to stay on budget, decrease water loss, and maintain all the books up to date by City Manager David Rose, City Clerk Tammy Folsom, City Accountant Tammy York and Assistant City Manager Tim Turner.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the 2017-2018 Annual Audit.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:34 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 6, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

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| April 1, 2019  | Regular Council Meeting |
| April 25, 2019 | Special Called Meeting  |

Council unanimously approved a proclamation recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week, May 5-11, 2019. Mayor Banks presented the proclamation to City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom.

Mayor Banks stated the next order of business was to discuss supporting and funding of the Boys and Girls Club. City Manager Rose stated he's asking for approval of \$75,000.00 for funding on the building. He reported the Boys and Girls Club would provide service to ages 6-16 and it will be a good opportunity for the youth of the community. Mayor Banks stated the City, the Lamar County School Board, and the Lamar County Commission have all worked on this for a long time and all are in favor of it. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth inquired about the location and staffing of the building. Mayor Banks responded it will be located on the Lamar County Elementary School Complex and staffing will be provided by the Boys and Girls Club which may be affiliated with the Macon Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Banks further stated the Lamar County School Board would maintain and furnish the building. Councilmember Shropshire complimented everyone who have worked on making this possible and thanked them for working so hard to find funding. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved funding for the Boys and Girls Club not to exceed \$75,000.00.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth complained about tall grass throughout the City. He asked that people take pride and maintain their yards. City Manager Rose replied Code Enforcement has already sent out 30 letters concerning this problem with 10 days to comply.

Councilmember McDaniel agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth's complaint and added that in his Ward, the problem seems to be not with the homeowners, but the renters.

Councilmember Hightower thanked City Manager Rose and the City staff for taking care of some matters in Ward 2 particularly the Westchester neighborhood. He reported he will be talking with the Mayor and City Manager about possibly holding a public forum to let the citizens interested in City affairs know the City is working and taking care of Ward 2.

Councilmember Shropshire reported he was going to speak to City Manager Rose about this, but he noticed new signs had already been put up on Hwy 36 on the blind drive. He inquired if these were put up by the City or the State. City Manager Rose responded they were put up by the City and he has City staff, Richard Vereen and William Perdue, working on creating a list of signs that are needed. Councilmember Shropshire also recognized Mr. Rickey Brooks from Lamar on the Move and reported he had enjoyed attending their meeting and complimented them on the work they're trying to do.

City Manager Rose reported he has the Street Department Superintendent Richard Vereen working on patching potholes throughout the City.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Banks opened the floor to the public. Ms. Kay Pedrotti, along with several Lamar Arts Board Members, thanked the Council, City Manager Rose, and James Blackmon for the new sidewalk around the Depot.

Ms. Dorothy Carter stated it was also National Nurses Week, May 6-12. She encouraged everyone to thank a nurse this week and commented on the awesome Health Department we have.

Mr. Michael Rogers complained about abandoned cars in residential areas city wide. City Manager Rose stated three years ago, he had sent out about 35 letters addressing this problem, but he will get Code Enforcement on it again. Mayor Banks thanked him for bringing it to the Council's attention.

Ms. Carter also asked that the City Council be given a hand of applause for supporting the Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth asked if it could be disclosed where the money came from. City Manager Rose stated the funds came from the sale of the surplus equipment done by Assistant City Manager Turner.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 3, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the May 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks called on Mr. Mike Thomas with the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. Mr. Thomas stated his organization represents 4,000 water professionals across the State of Georgia and he was there to recognize the great work done by our personnel for maintaining 100% compliance with their permit requirements. Mr. Thomas presented three awards to Mr. Brandon Lewis and Mr. Don North with ESG Operations, Inc., operators of the City's Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment Plants. The awards received were the Gold Award for the James A. King Wastewater Treatment Plant for 100% compliance, the Platinum Award for the City of Barnesville Water Treatment Plant for five years of continuous compliance where the City has a total of twelve years of continuous compliance, and the District 4 Tap Water Taste Test Champion which the City has won three times since 2011. Mr. Thomas congratulated the Council, operation management, Mr. North and Mr. Lewis, and ESG Operations, Inc. Mayor Banks extended congratulations from the Council.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2019-0007, a re-certification of the City of Ethics Ordinance. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0007 re-certifying the City of Barnesville as a City of Ethics under the Georgia Municipal Association Certified City of Ethics Program.

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth inquired about the removal of the stump on Lee Street prior to paving, requested the cutting of the ditch on Honeysuckle Lane, inquired about the area on Holmes and Lee Street being fixed prior to paving, and he thanked and expressed his appreciation to the Police and Fire Department for their response to trespassers in his backyard and a kitchen fire at his property on Redbud Drive.

Councilmember McDaniel commended the Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment Plants for the awards they received tonight and expressed how much their work is greatly appreciated. He also thanked City Manager Rose for his efforts on getting letters out regarding lawns being cut. He reported he's beginning to see this being done.

Councilmember Hightower expressed his appreciation to the City Manager, City Clerk, City Staff, and Assistant City Manager for always being responsive to his requests and gave kudos also to the Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment Plants for the awards received.

Councilmember Shropshire also complimented the Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment Plants and told them to keep up the good work. Mr. Shropshire reported the speed detection device sign on the lower end of Mill Street needs replacing and the Welcome to Barnesville sign needs painting and trimmed around.

Mayor Banks reported a pothole at the corner of Redbud and Academy Drive. He also requested reports on the grass cutting improvements. Councilmember McDaniel reported since the letters have gone out, it's looking a lot better. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth reported there are still some, but it's improved. Mayor Banks added congratulations for the hard work done by the Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment Plants. He also reported Mr. Brandon Lewis has been here since 2012 and he will be leaving on June 7, 2019 to go and work for the City of Griffin as the Assistant Director of Water/Wastewater.

Mayor Banks opened the floor to the public. Mrs. Kay Pedrotti congratulated Barnesville Fire Department Firefighter/Engineer Andrew Mercer on the birth on his daughter, Emmalise Claire Mercer.

Mr. Brandon Lewis thanked the Council for allowing him to work for the City the last seven years. He stated the community is dear to him and the City Barnesville is a great place to live and work.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL RETREAT  
JUNE 12, 2019**

Council met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at Callaway Gardens Lodge and Spa in Meeting Room Sourwood 4, 4500 Southern Pine Drive, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

City Manager David Rose called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Community Development Director Niki Sappington

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

City Manager Rose presented to the Council and the Council discussed the following:

**Public Facility Improvements**

The Public Facility Improvements discussed were facilities maintenance and remodeling projects involving primarily roof replacements for the Barnesville Civic Center, Barnesville Fire Department, and Ritz Park and an expansion of the Womens Clubhouse.

**Street Light Conversion Project**

The Street Light Conversion Project discussed involves switching out the light bulbs in the street lights from higher priced sodium to lower cost LED bulbs throughout the City starting on Mill Street and ending at the four lane.

**Water and Sewer Rates**

The Council discussed a water and sewer rate study that has been done comparing the City's rates with the surrounding areas with the City's rates being the lowest. A proposed water and sewer rates increase was discussed.

**Council Comments**

The Council discussed and brought to the City Manager's attention problems or concerns they have in their wards.

**Sunday Alcohol Sales**

The Council discussed having Sunday Alcohol Sales in the City and placing a referendum on the November 5, 2019 General Election ballot.

After no further discussion and no action taken, Council adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 1, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| June 3, 2019  | Regular Council Meeting |
| June 12, 2019 | Council Retreat         |

City Manager Rose read the Notice of Holding General Election. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the Notice of Holding General Election on November 5, 2019 for Mayor, Councilmember-Ward 1, and Councilmember-Ward 3.

Mayor Banks presented plaques to Mrs. Christy Allison and Mr. Chuck Chute for 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Barnesville and its citizens for their work at the Water Treatment Plant under the City, OMI, and ESG.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Tyrone Smith, a Recruiter with the United States Census. Mr. Smith stated his purpose for asking to be on the agenda was to inform the Council the Census is now hiring with pay starting at \$14.50 per hour plus mileage. He stated the Census is as important as your vote because the federal government forks down into the states and counties \$675 million to those who get their constituents counted.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Councilmember Hightower reported on the completion of training for this year with the Georgia Municipal Association last month in Savannah. He thanked the City for allowing the Council's participation and congratulated the City of Barnesville for ranking high in the state on training hours for elected officials which he stated makes the Council more knowledgeable about their jobs. Councilmember Hightower also congratulated Assistant City Manager Turner for receiving a certificate of achievement for his hours of training. Councilmember Claxton noted Councilmember Hightower has completed almost 300 hours of training.

Councilmember Shropshire stated he was glad to see all the citizens present who wanted to provide their input on Sunday Alcohol Sales. He stated he feels the Council should let the people say whether or not to have a referendum. Councilmember Shropshire asked for the Council to think about it and allow the citizens present to speak and then for the Council to discuss.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Eddie Felton of 290 McCollum Road. Mr. Felton stated he was there to speak on Sunday Alcohol Sales, but he was not for or against it. He stated he thinks the public should be able to speak for themselves and make the determination.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Hiren Patel. Mr. Patel stated he had spoken to 100 people over the last few days and he feels the issue of allowing Sunday Alcohol Sales should be put to a vote and the people be allowed to speak for themselves also.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Elizabeth Edmonson. Ms. Edmonson stated she has worked for Mr. Patel and she is a citizen of Lamar County. She spoke in support of Sunday Alcohol Sales and said the citizens want this to happen.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Henry Abreu. Mr. Abreu also spoke in support of Sunday Alcohol Sales and asked that it be turned over to the people.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Dorothy Carter. Ms. Carter spoke in opposition of Sunday Alcohol Sales. She stated she believes people should be informed not just about the sale of alcohol, but also about the lives it impacts and its effects. She further stated our kids are at risk and it's not about us and the money.

In order to assist her in making an informed decision, Councilmember Claxton asked the public in attendance for a show of hands of who wanted and who didn't want Sunday Alcohol Sales. Of the people present, 19 were for and 4 were against allowing Sunday Alcohol Sales.

Councilmember McDaniel further asked for a show of hands of those present that reside in the City of Barnesville.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth stated he had polled a lot of people in Ward 4 and he will vote the way the people in his Ward have told him to from going door to door.

Councilmember Shropshire made a motion for the Council to vote to put a referendum on the ballot to allow Sunday Alcohol Sales. Mayor Banks called twice for a second motion to be made and after no second was given, he declared the motion dead.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 5, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the July 1, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved funding of \$70,500.00 to upgrade the trident sand filter at the Water Works Trident Plant.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth expressed his appreciation for the resurfacing done on Bradley Circle. He asked for an update on the change out of the street lights. City Manager Rose stated the project has begun on Mill Street and is almost complete there. He further stated they started today on Thomaston Street and will next move from Atlanta Street to Forsyth Street to College Drive and it will take from six months to a year to complete the first phase.

Councilmember McDaniel inquired as to where replacement recycling bins could be obtained. City Manager Rose stated City Hall needs to be called and Assistant City Manager Turner will coordinate with Dependable Waste to get the replacements. Councilmember McDaniel also inquired about the City getting the larger recycling bins on wheels. City Manager Rose and Assistant City Manager Turner both said they would check into it and see if they are available.

Councilmember Hightower stated he appreciates the staff for always responding to concerns in his ward.

Councilmember Shropshire thanked all the departments for what they do and commented we're small, but we get a lot done. He asked Assistant City Manager Turner for an update on the trash bins. Assistant City Manager Turner reported the company is in the process of slowly switching the trash bins out to go with the truck. Councilmember Shropshire thanked City Manager Rose for getting with him last week on some of the concerns in his ward. He also expressed his appreciation for the resurfacing and lighting change out on Mill Street.

Mayor Banks expressed the need for two more signs to be placed at the Summers Field Park to remind people of the rules for the use of the park especially on vehicles not being allowed on the grass. Mayor Banks stated also there needs to be a no right turn sign at Norcom on Mathews Street. He further pointed out there's not a sign at the bypass that states all trucks.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Banks recognized Mrs. Linda Olivier. Mrs. Olivier invited the Council to attend a CPAW (Community Prevention Alliance Workgroup) meeting to be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Upson Medical Building relating to the Alcohol Substance Abuse Prevention Project.

Mayor Banks recognized Mrs. Kay Pedrotti. On behalf of Lamar Arts, Mrs. Pedrotti thanked the City for the repairs and cleaning done at the Depot for their reception.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 14, 2019**

Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at City Hall in the Conference Room, 109 Forsyth Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

City Manager David Rose called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Community Development Director Niki Sappington  
City Accountant Tammy York

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

City Manager Rose presented to the Council and the Council reviewed, considered, and discussed the proposed 2019-2020 Revenue and Expense Budget.

Two key points discussed were the proposed millage rate and fee schedule changes. City Manager Rose proposed for a second year the millage rate not be increased. The proposed 2019 millage rate is 3.799. The changes proposed to the fee schedule were to increase the consumption rates on water and sewer by 4% and increase tap fees.

The 2019-2020 Budget presented proposes a 2% increase from last year with a total budget of \$15,866,591.00.

After no further discussion and no action taken, Council adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**September 3, 2019**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Dooly Barber opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

David K. Rose, City Manager  
Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk  
Tim Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Craig Cooper, Chief of Police

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments on the Proposed 2019-2020 City of Barnesville Operating Budget.

Mayor Banks asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to speak on the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. There were no public comments.

Mayor Banks then called on the Council for any comments about the budget. Councilmember McDaniel thanked the City Manager and staff for the work done this year and commented they should be commended. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth seconded Councilmember McDaniel's comment and added the City Manager and staff did do a great job and they do a great job. He further added the budget was met and the City is not in debt.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:08 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 3, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

David K. Rose, City Manager  
Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk  
Tim Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Craig Cooper, Chief of Police

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

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| August 5, 2019  | Regular Council Meeting |
| August 14, 2019 | Budget Workshop         |

On motion by Councilmember Hightower and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Reverend Jimmy Lyons as Commissioner to the Barnesville Housing Authority Board to serve a 5 year term beginning October 1, 2019 and ending October 1, 2024.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose to give the first reading of Ordinance No. 568 to set the 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 3.799 mills, to adopt the 2019-2020 Operating Budget, and amend the 2018-2019 Operating Budget. Mayor Banks asked what last year's millage rate was. City Manager Rose noted it was 3.977 and this is the second year it will not be raised.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose to give the first reading of Ordinance No. 569 to set the 2019 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Rates for water and sewer.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose for the first reading of Ordinance No. 570 to adopt the Wireless Facilities and Antennas Ordinance regarding the placement of small cell facilities.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth asked City Manager Rose to repeat the tax rate for last year. City Manager Rose stated the 2018 millage rate was 3.977. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth noted the proposed 2019 millage rate is a 4½% decrease from last year. He further noted all the books are in the black and all the bills have been paid.

Mayor Banks inquired about the water and sewer fees on commercial accounts. City Manager Rose stated the proposed change on water and sewer rates will increase across the board by 4%.

Councilmember McDaniel congratulated City Manager Rose and the grant writers, Allen-Smith Consulting, for securing a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$750,000.00 to be used for Phase I. City Manager Rose reported the CDBG will be awarded on October 16, 2019.

Councilmember Shropshire commented the money received from the CDBG will be used in places where it's well needed.

Mayor Banks reported a left turn only sign needs to be put up on Mathews Street. City Manager Rose stated Norcom has been instructed to tell the drivers to exit to the right.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth requested the crosswalk on Forsyth and Main Street be repaired. City Manager Rose stated a truck hit it and the parts have been ordered.

Mayor Banks reported the cancellation of the City General Election scheduled for November 5, 2019 due to the candidates being unopposed. City Manager Rose read the Notice of Cancellation published by the Lamar County Board of Elections and Registrar. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously accepted the Notice of Cancellation.

After no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council adjourned at 5:54 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 5, 2019**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2019, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Assistant City Manager Tim Turner opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Mayor Pro Tem Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

David K. Rose, City Manager  
Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk  
Tim Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Craig Cooper, Chief of Police

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose for the second reading of Ordinance No. 568. Mayor Banks asked if there was any further discussion to be had by the Council. There was no further discussion by the Council. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 568 setting the 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 3.799 mills, adopting the 2019-2020 Operating Budget, and amending the 2018-2019 Operating Budget.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose for the second reading of Ordinance No. 569. Mayor Banks called for discussion by the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth asked for clarification on the rates. City Manager Rose stated there will be a 4% increase on consumption on the water and sewer rates and a 25% increase on tap fees due to material costs. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth noted the base rate will remain the same. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 569 setting and adopting the 2019 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Rates relating to water and sewer rates.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
October 7, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2019, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

David K. Rose, City Manager  
Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk  
Tim Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Craig Cooper, Chief of Police

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

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| September 3, 2019 | Public Hearing          |
| September 3, 2019 | Regular Council Meeting |
| September 5, 2019 | Special Called Meeting  |

Mayor Banks read and presented a proclamation proclaiming November 3, 2019 as Retired Educators Day to Mrs. Merrra Lyons, Mrs. Linda Olivier, and Ms. Barbara Minter.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Dick Esco, Buggy Days Chairman, Mrs. Melissa Lee, Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce President, Mr. Glen Allen, Barnesville Electrical Superintendent, and Mr. Craig Cooper, Barnesville Chief of Police. He thanked them for all their hard work on this year's Buggy Days. Mayor Banks stated they did a great job in making it one of the best, if not the best, and expressed the appreciation of the Council. Mayor Banks also stated the City will allow on a one year trial basis the use of the Summers Field Park for the Buggy Days Dance.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth arrived at 5:39 p.m. to the meeting.

Councilmember Claxton commented how important Buggy Days is to the citizens of Barnesville and how much they enjoy it.

Councilmember McDaniel stated people don't have an appreciation for how much work goes into Buggy Days. He thanked them all for a wonderful weekend and how good it is to have Mr. Esco back.

Mr. Esco stated we couldn't have Buggy Days without the City's support and it's much appreciated. He reported there were very few glitches and the best organized year with the Police Department, Electric Department, and Street Department doing a fantastic job.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Ms. Barbara Caldwell as Resident Commissioner to the Barnesville Housing Authority Board to serve a 1 year term ending December 31, 2020.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose to give the second reading of Ordinance No. 570, the Wireless Facilities and Antennas Act. On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 570 adopting the Wireless Facilities and Antennas Ordinance regarding the placement of small cell facilities.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose to read Resolution No. R2019-0008 providing for the refunding of the outstanding Water and Sewer Revenue and Improvement Series 2011 Bonds. Mayor Banks clarified refunding of the bonds means refinancing and these are on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Banks reported by refinancing, the City can expect to save \$3,950,000.00. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0008 authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the refunding of the outstanding City of Barnesville Water and Sewer Revenue and Improvement Series 2011 Bonds.

Mayor Banks called for public comments and recognized Mrs. Linda Olivier. Mrs. Olivier stated she was there on behalf of the Alcohol Substance Abuse Prevention Project to let the Council know about some of the things they're doing in the community during the month of October. Mrs. Olivier informed the Council Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd-31st with the focus being to send the message to stay drug free and to raise awareness on drugs and to provide information on vaping Mrs. Olivier also stated in conjunction, she would be supporting the Police Chief's event on October 31 at the Old Jail Museum and she extended an invitation to the Council to attend the CPAW meeting to be held on October 8th.

#### **REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth asked City Manager Rose about the lake and water status. City Manager Rose reported the water level is holding on, we're at a voluntary conservation state now, and there aren't any mandatory restrictions. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth thanked Mr. Esco and his counterparts for bringing back the old Buggy Days. He stated it was a well maintained controversy free event where he was most impressed with the age and police stations and the police and fire presence. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth also complained to Chief Cooper about speeding on the side streets.

Councilmember Hightower thanked City Manager Rose and the staff for all they do and especially for Ward 2. Mr. Hightower stated he was happy to see Mr. Esco back in his position. He also congratulated the retired educators and thanked them personally for all they do. Councilmember Hightower stated he was pleased to hear Red Ribbon Week still exists and stated Barnesville is the greatest City.

Councilmember Shropshire commended Buggy Days' success also and expressed his appreciation for everything done. Mr. Shropshire thanked the retired teachers also for their service. Councilmember Shropshire asked City Manager Rose for an update on Northside Village with the recent upswing in the housing market. City Manager Rose reported two developers are looking at the property now evaluating it for future development.

Mayor Banks reported Buggy Days started in November 1974.

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  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
November 4, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

David K. Rose, City Manager  
Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk  
Tim Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Craig Cooper, Chief of Police

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council, in the absence of Councilmember Hightower and Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, unanimously approved the October 7, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Tim Turner. Mr. Turner addressed the Council as a Rotary Board Member who was elected Chairman of the 2019 Honor Walk. Mr. Turner informed the Council the Honor Walk is held every year to honor the first responders of the Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments for the good job they do. Mr. Turner extended an invitation to the Council and the public to come out to the Honor Walk on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at Summers Field Park at 12:00 noon where there will be a dinner for the first responders, a parade, and the guest speaker will be Tim Melton, Senior Academy Manager for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center-Forsyth Regional Academy.

Mayor Banks next recognized Mrs. Kathy Oxford, Executive Director of the Barnesville-Lamar County Industrial Development Authority (IDA). Mrs. Oxford thanked the Council for their support and stated the City is the economic driver for the IDA. Mrs. Oxford gave a detailed overview of her job responsibilities and expectations of the Board which includes working to attract new businesses, promoting existing businesses, recruitment, having available sites, and a facilitator for work force development.

Mrs. Oxford stated Legacy Park is the best piece of property available. She also stated the lack of spec buildings makes it harder to attract industries and imposes more challenges. Mrs. Oxford further stated the closer we are to building specs, we're better off. City Manager Rose stated the City has more than enough surplus capacity for water, sewer, and electricity to provide to industries.

Councilmember Hightower arrived at 5:38 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth at 5:41 p.m. to the meeting.

Councilmember McDaniel asked for more information on the spec buildings. Mrs. Oxford reported if there was a 40,000 to 50,000 square foot or greater spec building, it could sell quickly, but the further away from Atlanta you are. It's hard to get developers to take risk. Councilmember Claxton inquired if we are too far from the interstate, even though we have rails, to attract the developers. Mrs. Oxford responded we are too far from the interstate for distribution centers, but wood industries are fine for us.

Councilmember Shropshire asked if there has been any interest in the Old Carter's Mill building. Mrs. Oxford responded no because the building is too old. She stated the project managers typically want something new. Councilmember Shropshire also inquired about the spec building on Veterans Parkway and Grove Street and the Old Murphey building. Mrs. Oxford responded the first is a spec building that usually only stays empty for 30 days and for the second, we don't have the budget to do a lot of marketing for it.

Mayor Banks inquired about the Chevrolet building being advertised as an industrial property. Mrs. Oxford stated she doesn't have any information on it.

Mrs. Oxford also reported on the \$9 million filming industry. She stated she usually gets a monthly call from scouts inquiring about locations here and she thinks we will win some soon because of the Sharp Objects experience. She reported sales tax income goes up when they're here. Mrs. Oxford concluded she just wanted to come and let the Council know what she does routinely. Mayor Banks thanked Mrs. Oxford for coming.

### **REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth apologized for being late and asked Mrs. Oxford if we build a spec building then would industries come to Barnesville. Mrs. Oxford stated she believed they would and suggested having a pad ready site and not necessarily a \$50 million spec building. Mrs. Oxford said this would save time to market and there are not many spec buildings in the state which would give Barnesville an advantage in attracting industry. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth further inquired if she had any idea of the required specifications. Mrs. Oxford responded the required spec would need to be an expandable 50,000 square foot building.

Councilmember McDaniel inquired about the lack of striping on Bradley Circle. City Manager Rose stated there was no striping before the repaving and usually with paving projects, they are completed as before, but he believed it could be done. City Manager Rose stated he would take a look at it and get the measurements. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth inquired about the manhole covers on Bradley Circle as well. City Manager Rose reported they will be raised.

Mayor Banks asked for an update on redoing the stop and street signs. City Manager Rose reported the project was coming along with about 36 more to complete.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Banks called for public comments and recognized Mrs. Kay Pedrotti of the Herald Gazette. Mrs. Pedrotti informed the Council she's enjoyed being at the meetings, but beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of the year, she will be taking a sabbatical and won't be covering the meetings any more.

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  
November 12, 2019**

Council met at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in the City Hall Conference Room at 109 Forsyth Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Tim Turner opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Peter L. Banks  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Mayor Pro Tem Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower

**STAFF PRESENT**

David K. Rose, City Manager  
Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk  
Tim Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Niki Sappington, Community Development Director  
Jerry Moats, Water & Sewer Superintendent

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the approved activities of the City's FY2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Ms. Keeley Garrett with Allen-Smith Consulting presented the project to the Council and public. Ms. Garrett reported on October 16, 2019, the City was awarded a CDBG Grant of \$750,000.00 to fund water and sewer improvements, engineering design, construction management, and administration services. She reported there would be no displacement for this project. Ms. Garrett said the total budget for this project is \$849,735.50 with \$342,902.00 for water improvements, \$345,134.00 for sewer improvements, \$39,464.00 for engineering design and construction management, and \$22,500.00 for administration services. Ms. Garrett identified the beneficiaries for this project and the target area will serve 64 persons of which 61 or 95% are low to moderate income citizens.

Ms. Garrett also gave an overview of previous CDBG Applications and Grants done by the City. She reported the City had a 2006 CDBG CHIP Project, a 2007 Employment Improvement Project (EIP) for General Protecht Water and Sewer Improvements, a 2008 Water and Sidewalk Improvements Project, a 2010 Water Improvements Project, and a 2014 Sewer Improvements Project.

Ms. Garrett also reported there were not any conflict of interests for this project and reminded everyone the City of Barnesville abides by the laws pertaining to the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and Section 3 Requirements.

City Manager Rose added the project covers Washington Street from Mill, Jenkins, cross First Street, and back to Washington Street.

Ms. Dorothy Carter inquired about water pipe pressure concerns at the older houses once the improvements are completed and what the customers should expect. Mayor Banks responded that's the purpose of the project to fix these problems. City Manager Rose added there's a mismatch in the lines size and this will correct them and add fire protection. Water and Sewer Superintendent Moats suggested the customers may need to look at the plumbing underneath their houses to prevent any problems.

Ms. Garrett noted the survey of the project area will start in three weeks and construction will start by the end of June. Mayor Banks asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were no other public comments.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 12:09 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  
PUBLIC HEARING  
December 2, 2019**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the public hearing was to present Application #19-10-001 to rezone property owned by Ms. Rosemary Lewis. The property is further described as 303 Forsyth Street, located in Land Lot 88, 7<sup>th</sup> District, Plat Book 14, Page 234, Parcel B23-269, containing 0.437 acres. The property is in Ward 3 and is currently Zoned C-2 General Commercial District to be rezoned to R1-B Single Family Residential, Low Density District. Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose and Mr. Rose gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 571.

Mayor Banks asked about the recommendation of the Barnesville-Lamar County Planning Commission. City Manager Rose reported they had approved the rezoning.

Mayor Banks asked if there was anyone from the public or any Council who wanted to speak for or against the rezoning request. There were no public or Council comments.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:04 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  
December 2, 2019**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, 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 Larry B. Whitworth  
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton  
Councilmember Christopher Hightower  
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.  
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager David K. Rose  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom  
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner  
Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

November 4, 2019    Regular Council Meeting  
November 12, 2019    Public Hearing

City Manager Rose gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 571 requesting the rezoning of property owned by Ms. Rosemary Lewis at 303 Forsyth Street. On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth and Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 571 rezoning the property from C-2 General Commercial District to R1-B Single Family Residential, Low Density District.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2019-0009 requesting the adoption of the FY 2019 CDBG Language Access Plan. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2019-0009 and adopted the FY 2019 CDBG Language Access Plan. Councilmember Claxton clarified that the City had recently been awarded a CDBG grant and this was just a formality the City needed to complete, but the City has already met all the requirements to get the grant.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Banks called for reports. Councilmember Hightower acknowledged the life and legacy of former Councilmember Annie Mae Harris who recently passed away. Councilmember Hightower thanked Mr. Walter Geiger of the Herald Gazette and the City for honoring and remembering the life of Councilmember Annie Mae Harris.

Mayor Banks stated as we end this year, it has been a good one and the City has accomplished a lot of things. Mayor Banks reported the Boys and Girls Club is coming along very well and is almost complete and he thanked the Council for all their support.

City Manager Rose reported the lake level is 4 inches from being full and with the next rain, it should be at full pool.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Banks recognized the audience and called for any comments. There were no comments from the public.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk