

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 6, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

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

December 2, 2019	Public Hearing
December 2, 2019	Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Banks presented a proclamation to Dr. Scandrett and the Literacy Team with the Lamar County School System designating January 2020 as Literacy Month in the City of Barnesville.

Mayor Banks recognized Mr. Eddie Felton, Chairman of Lamar on the Move. Mr. Felton presented to the Council for the minority communities a street clean up and maintenance list and a trash can replacement list for 23 locations. On his list, Mr. Felton requested the removal of abandoned vehicles, requested tree trimming, asked why Ward 2 and Ward 3 Councilmembers can't meet with their constituents quarterly to discuss their concerns, and asked what are the City's plans to improve the living conditions of the people in the minority communities. Also on his list, Mr. Felton stated "Mill Street is one of the main thoroughfares into the City and it is one of the most unappealing. We can do better to represent our City" and that they want to work with the City on other problems that have been identified.

Mayor Banks explained there is a process to removing abandoned vehicles that we have to follow. He stated he disagreed with Mr. Felton and Mill Street is not the most unappealing street in our City. Mayor Banks stated the City picks up and cleans up every week and he suggested Mr. Felton can help organize a clean up with the citizens if he wishes. Mayor Banks stated the Councilmembers in Ward 2 and Ward 3 do a good job to address citizen concerns in their wards and here was not the place to criticize them. Mayor Banks noted Mr. Felton can call the Councilmembers, the City Manager, or him to discuss his concerns privately, but he is still welcome to come to the Council meetings.

Mr. Felton stated he was not here to criticize Ward 2 and Ward 3 Councilmembers, but to ask the question why can't they have a quarterly meeting where people can come to discuss their concerns because people are coming to Lamar on the Move meetings with concerns that should be directed to the Council.

Councilmember Hightower as Councilmember of Ward 2 thanked Mr. Felton and other members of his organization for coming to tonight's meeting and other Council meetings in the past and he asked that he continue to come to City meetings. He also asked Mr. Felton to invite the people to come to the Council meetings when they come to his meetings. Councilmember Hightower stated he had already mentioned at the Council Retreat and other meetings last year about holding a Town Hall Meeting and he's looking forward to a Spring or Fall meeting for Ward 2 and asked that he please express at his meeting, all are welcome to come to City meetings to express their concerns. Councilmember Hightower thanked Mr. Felton for his concern about our wards and for his question.

Councilmember Shropshire stated as far as Ward 3 is concerned, the people know how to get in touch with him and he gets calls all the time and addresses those concerns. Councilmember Shropshire stated he's attended Lamar on the Move meetings and it seemed no one wanted to hear about what the City has accomplished and is doing, but what the City hasn't done. He further stated he would be glad to hear what Mr. Felton has to say to make Ward 3 better and he has tried and will continue to address any issues that are brought to his attention.

Mr. Felton stated again he was not here to criticize anyone, but he was here to point out specific things that have happened over a period of time in the minority communities from Mill Street going east. Mr. Felton addressed Mayor Banks and stated there are certain parts of Mill Street that are unappealing and the community can look a lot better and the City needs to try to contribute something to the cause because he feels what's being done on one side of the track is not being done on the other. Councilmember Shropshire suggested as has been done in the past, Mr. Felton organize a clean up where the community can pitch in and help out.

Mr. Felton complained about the incomplete tree trimming on Mill Street. City Manager Rose reported this has already been scheduled to be done. Councilmember Shropshire added some people want the trees to stay as they are, but as for the ones that have been cut, the people came to him and they were trimmed.

Mr. Felton complained about the trash cans needing to be replaced. City Manager Rose noted that work orders have been made for the list that had been previously provided and he's further instructed Assistant City Manager Turner to compare the two lists to make sure all have been repaired.

Mr. Felton concluded he's coming as a citizen before the Council and speaking for the people who don't want to come or are afraid to. Mr. Felton asked if there were any questions for him. Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth asked when does Lamar on the Move meet. Mr. Felton replied the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the E.P. Roberts Center and the reason for their meeting is to let the citizens know what the City is doing and how the City goes about doing things. Councilmember Claxton asked Mr. Felton if the people who needed trash cans didn't know to call City Hall. Mr. Felton replied they said they have already called and nothing has been done. Mr. Felton thanked the Council and Mayor Banks stated he was welcome anytime.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the following 2020 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 Mayor Pro Tem Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr. as the 2020 Mayor Pro Tem.

REPORTS

Mayor Banks called for reports. Councilmember Whitworth complained about littering, speeding, and needing the Light and Water Shop to be cleaned up and painted. Councilmember Whitworth conveyed from his brother-in-law a thank you for the great job being doing at Greenwood Cemetery.

Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel commented on the condition of the trash cans and stated it's not just a Ward 2 and Ward 3 problem, but it's a city wide problem. City Manager Rose noted there is a truck that goes around and repairs or replaces the damaged trash cans.

Councilmember Hightower thanked the City Manager and staff for all they do.

Councilmember Claxton commented that everything Mr. Felton has asked for has been done. Councilmember Claxton further stated trash and littering is an ongoing problem and that government can't do everything because of its limited resources, but if everybody helped out and did a little bit by stopping and picking things up as she does, it would not be a big problem.

Councilmember Shropshire commented that most of the complaints received regarding the trash cans and potholes from Mr. Felton have already been taken care of during the month. Councilmember Shropshire told Mr. Felton he is always welcome to come to the Council meetings.

Mayor Banks stated he always hears comments about what a beautiful, little City we have despite what some may say and even though we can't do everything, we try to do the best we can.

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 6:06 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 3, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Mr. Dooly Barber opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager David K. Rose
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom
Police Chief Craig Cooper

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the January 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks presented a proclamation to Mr. Dooly Barber designating February 2020 as Black History Month in the City of Barnesville.

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

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

REPORTS

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel commented on all the support given by the community for the Boys and Girls Club and expressed his hope that an organization will provide the same support for the Armory Building.

Councilmember Hightower also commented on the huge community presence at the Boys and Girls Club ribbon cutting ceremony. Councilmember Hightower acknowledged the presence of citizens Ms. Barbara Minter, Ms. Dorothy Carter, and Mrs. Linda Olivier and thanked them for their contributions to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also recognized Mr. and Mrs. John Perry Walker from Ward 2 for being in attendance at the meeting. He further reported the City has the highest number of training hours for District 4 again. Councilmember Hightower informed the Council the University of Georgia Student's Spring Break Tour of Georgia will visit the World's Greatest City, Barnesville, Georgia on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Gordon State College.

Mayor Banks thanked Councilmember Hightower for being on the Georgia Municipal Association Training Board and he noted Mr. Hightower has the highest number of training hours. City Manager Rose addressed Councilmember Hightower and reported training has improved tremendously and he commended them for the classes being more open and engaging.

Councilmember Shropshire thanked City Manager Rose for the tree trimming on Highway 36 at the Welcome sign without him having to report it.

Mayor Banks announced the Forge Valley Academy Choir will be coming to Gordon State College on February 16, 2020 and invited everyone to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Banks called for any comments from the public. There were no comments. Mayor Banks welcomed all present.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 2, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks asked that a change be made to the February 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes under Reports on Page 2, Paragraph 2. Mayor Banks asked that the sentence "Mayor Banks announced that the Forward Valley Choir will be coming to Gordon State College and the First United Methodist Church on February 16, 2020 and invited everyone to attend" be removed entirely and replaced with "Mayor Banks announced the Forge Valley Academy Choir will be coming to Gordon State College on February 16, 2020 and invited everyone to attend".

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the February 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended.

Mayor Banks called for the first reading of Ordinance No. 572 by City Manager Rose to amend Ordinance No. 359 to add the following policies to the City of Barnesville's Personnel Policies and Procedures:

Whistleblowers' Protection Policy
Weapons Policy
Care and Use of City Equipment Policy
Gifts and Gratuities Policy
Social Media Policy
Kenneth D. Roberts Employee of the Year Award Policy
Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) Policy, as updated by Law
Severe Inclement Weather

REPORTS

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel reported a bad pothole on Memorial Drive even though it was just paved.

Councilmember Hightower thanked the City Manager and City Staff for getting the Personnel Policy to the Council. Councilmember Hightower commented on the NAACP Black History Month Breakfast that was held at the Civic Center. He also asked Mr. Eddie Felton who was his target audience at his upcoming Town Hall Meeting and Mr. Felton responded anyone. At the Mayor's request, Councilmember Hightower announced that on March 11, 2020, 30 students from the University of Georgia will be touring Georgia on the University of Georgia Student's Spring Break Tour and the City and Carl

Vinson Institute will be hosting them at Gordon State College to tour and receive information on Barnesville.

Councilmember Shropshire expressed his appreciation for the hard work that has been done on the Personnel Policy by City Manager Rose. He stated he didn't hear about the NAACP Breakfast until afterwards, but he was glad there was a good turnout.

Mayor Banks announced to Mr. Felton that he will be attending his Town Hall Meeting on March 21, 2020.

Councilmember Whitworth stated the work done by Assistant City Manager Turner and City Manager Rose on the Personnel Policy was great.

City Manager Rose clarified the update on the Personnel Policy was an undertaking done also by City Clerk Folson, Community Development Director Sappington, and Police Chief Cooper over the last two months. He also announced the plaque for the Boys and Girls Club had arrived and the dedication of the building will be done on March 4, 2020 at noon, but if this date was not acceptable, then the following week on March 11, 2020 or March 12, 2020. City Manager Rose also reported the pipe repair at Summers Field Park was completed today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Banks called for any comments from the public. Mrs. Kay Pedrotti commented on a new exhibit on display at Lamar Arts.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 6, 2020**

The Regular Council Meeting for April 6, 2020 was cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Governor Brian Kemp's Shelter In Place Order.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
April 16, 2020**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020, via Zoom due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Peter L. Banks
Mayor Pro Tem Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager David K. Rose
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner
City Accountant Tammy York

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to approve the 2018-2019 Annual Audit.

City Manager Rose called on Certified Public Accountant Ms. J. Robyn Underwood to present the 2018-2019 Annual Audit to the Council. Ms. Underwood presented the Financial Highlights for the past Fiscal Year from October 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2019 for the City of Barnesville. Ms. Underwood noted the total net position for the City increased \$669,275 for the prior fiscal year.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously approved the 2018-2019 Annual Audit.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 11, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower (via phone)
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager David K. Rose
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom
Police Chief Craig Cooper

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

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

March 2, 2020	Regular Council Meeting
April 16, 2020	Special Called Meeting

Mayor Banks presented a proclamation proclaiming May 6 through May 12, 2020 as National Nurses Week and the month of May 2020 as National Nurses Month to Mrs. Sherry Farr, County Nurse Manager with the Lamar County Health Department, and Mrs. Samantha Bishop, Interim Director of Nursing at Gordon State College.

City Manager Rose gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 572. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 572 amending Ordinance No. 359 and the City of Barnesville's Personnel Policies and Procedures to add the Whistleblowers' Protection Policy, Weapons Policy, Care and Use of City Equipment Policy, Gifts and Gratuities Policy, Social Media Policy, Kenneth D. Roberts Employee of the Year Award Policy, Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) Policy, as updated by Law, and Severe Inclement Weather Policy.

REPORTS

The Mayor and Council thanked all the nurses, doctors, healthcare workers, first responders, and City employees for all the hard work they have done during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

City Manager Rose stated March 16, 2020 is when everything shut down. Mr. Rose said the City Hall staff and Council have been great during this time and further expressed his appreciation for being able to work with the Council. City Manager Rose reported the City has reopened with 100% of the staff back to work as of last month except the prison detail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Banks called for any comments from the public. Ms. Dorothy Carter inquired if the Feeding Program will be held at the E.P. Roberts Center this summer and if Stasia Harper will be coordinating it. City Manager Rose replied we're not sure yet, but hopefully we'll know by June 1st and he believes Mrs. Harper will be handling it because she's expressed an interest in continuing it this year. Ms. Carter asked that she be notified

if she doesn't. Ms. Carter also stated as she's been delivering meals in the community, she's noticed a lot of blighted properties and asked if there was an ordinance on this. City Manager Rose reported he and Assistant City Manager Turner made a list of 70 blighted properties last Monday and Brutz English in Building and Zoning is working on it now to address the issue.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 1, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower (via phone)
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks introduced Mr. Kenny Coggins. Mr. Coggins addressed the Council and informed everyone he's running for a seat in the State House of Representatives for the Districts of Upson, Pike, and Lamar Counties on June 9, 2020. He asked for everyone's support and vote.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the May 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

City Manager Rose reported two bids had been received on the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from Ronny Jones, RDJE Inc., for \$1,049,000.00 and Site Engineering for \$1,610,911.03. Mr. Rose asked for Council approval to accept RDJE Inc.'s bid. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved RDJE Inc.'s bid for the 2019 CDBG Project for water and sewer improvements on Washington Street, Jenkins Street, First Street, and Jackson Street.

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

REPORTS

Councilmember Whitworth reported the manhole outside the Tellers area at United Bank needs repairing. City Manager Rose responded it's on United Bank's private property and they have been notified of the problem.

Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel reported the trees on Pine Street need trimming off the power lines. Mr. McDaniel also applauded the Council for the action taken on upgrading the water filters tonight and he stated Barnesville has very clean water.

Councilmember Hightower thanked City Manager Rose and the Barnesville Police Department for their assistance in distributing 100 boxes of food to the community on last Saturday. Mr. Hightower also asked Mr. Rose in light of the governor's extension of the State of Emergency, if it was possible to continue to work with the citizens and not cut off utility services during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Mayor Banks responded the City has been lenient and bent over backwards, but we can't afford any additional assistance. City Manager Rose reported some customers haven't paid in three or four months and revenues are getting low. Councilmember Hightower concluded he appreciated the City working with the citizens, but asked the City to continue to be mindful that we're still in a pandemic and State of Emergency and we need to continue to help the citizens.

Councilmember Claxton complained about a city wide problem of garbage carts not being removed from the curbside after they've been emptied. Mrs. Claxton attributed this to a lack of education and asked if a letter can be put in the bills to notify customers. City Manager Rose stated a flyer will be placed in the bills and posted on the website.

Mayor Banks reported stop signs throughout the community are getting old and need replacing.

Councilmember Shropshire stated 85%-95% of the CDBG Project is in Ward 3 and he appreciated all the work that's been done and commented how much of an asset the improvements will be for storm drainage. He also acknowledged Assistant City Manager Turner for helping make things happen. Councilmember Hightower concurred with Councilmember Shropshire's statement on Mr. Turner. City Manager Rose stated we have a good team.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Dorothy Carter reported after contacting City Manager Rose, the stop signs needed on Lyons Street and Mill Street have been put up. Ms. Carter complained about the upkeep at the Myles-Wimberly Park and the need for a trash can and additional seating, the crater on Taylor Street has returned as well as the street being torn and having a pothole, overgrown property on Bradley Circle that's encroaching on other properties, the torn flags box being full, and the silver trash can at Summers Field being full. She stated the Summers Field Park looks good and the same needs to be done at the Myles-Wimberly Park. She acknowledged Mrs. April Smith Scott, Mrs. Shenica Murphy, and Ms. Quinetta Smith who distributed over 100 of the 250 meals that were handed out at the school feeding program. Ms. Carter inquired if there was a delay in the infrastructure grant and asked about the public being informed about water pressure. She stated the young people are talking on social media and she encouraged the Council to prepare to listen, address issues, be proactive, and acknowledge it for what it is.

City Manager Rose responded he and the Street Superintendent have looked at the trees at the Myles-Wimberly Park and they will be cut back in the Fall, the silver trash can at Summers Field belongs to Gordon State College, and the CDBG Project will replace both water and sewer.

Councilmember Hightower expressed his appreciation for Ms. Carter directing people to whom and where they need to go to present their problems. He stated every Councilmember is out looking at their ward even though people may not realize it and he encouraged people to continue to contact the Council and the City staff with their concerns.

Ms. Kay Pedrotti reported Lamar Arts has closed down to the public at the Depot until further notice due to social distancing challenges. She also reported the Summer Camp has been cancelled.

Councilmember Claxton reported her business had reopened today and she has had very good sales and steady traffic.

Ms. Murphy inquired about any community events on the calendar. City Manager Rose responded he'd get that information to her.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 6, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks asked everyone to stand and called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Councilmember Anne H. Claxton.

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the June 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously declared a vacancy in Ward 1 due to the death of Anne H. Claxton.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2020-0001 to establish and fix the qualification fee to be paid by candidates seeking election in the November 3, 2020 Special Election. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the resolution and set the qualifying fee at \$45.00 for the Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Ward 1 and for the ad to run one week.

City Manager Rose read the Notice of Holding a Special Election calling for a special election to fill the unexpired term of Ward 1 to be held November 3, 2020 and for the ad to run for two weeks. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the Notice of Holding a Special Election.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2020-0002 to amend an intergovernmental agreement for wholesale power sales. On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously authorized an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Wholesale Power Sales with the City of Adel, the City of Forsyth, the City of Monticello, the City of Jackson, the City of Sylvania, the City of Fitzgerald, and the Fitzgerald Water, Light & Bond Commission to provide electric service to a premises located in Adel, Georgia.

On motion by Councilmember Hightower and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Jarrod Fletcher to the Planning Commission for a four year term beginning July 2020 and ending June 2024. Councilmember Hightower thanked Mr. Richard Miller for his service to this board and he stated he was honored Mr. Fletcher is willing to serve.

City Manager Rose reported five bids were received on the 2020 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG). Mr. Rose reported the lowest bid was from Blount Construction for \$143,959.10 and the highest bid was from Womack Construction for \$278,918.00. City Manager Rose reported the paving would be on College Drive starting from Carleeta Street to the four-lane. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved and accepted Blount Construction's bid.

REPORTS

Councilmember Whitworth asked for a moment of silence for the family destroyed on Forsyth Street on July 4th. Mr. Whitworth reported two to four loads of limbs are out on Harris Drive. City Manager Rose responded the contractor has been notified they need to be removed. Councilmember Whitworth also complained about tires on Holmes Street.

Councilmember Hightower publicly acknowledged the life of Anne H. Claxton and thanked her for being a valuable part of the Council for so many years. Mr. Hightower congratulated the Mayor of Union City Vince Williams for being appointed the new President of the Georgia Municipal Association. He also thanked City Manager Rose and the City staff for being responsive to Ward 2 and all of the City's concerns.

Councilmember Shropshire expressed how much he missed going to Savannah for training at the Annual Convention this year due to the disruption caused by the pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sylvia Bush reported Chief Cooper had come to the NAACP meeting and encouraged them to get involved in helping to clean the community. Ms. Bush stated she liked that he started the discussion. She inquired if there was a specific plan for all the parks in the City for landscaping, cutting grass, etc. City Manager Rose reported the Department of Corrections was mowing every two weeks, but they haven't been since March 3rd. Mr. Rose further reported three employees from the Street Department are working on it. City Manager Rose also reported the doors have been ordered and landscaping has been scheduled at the Myles-Wimberly Park. Ms. Bush thanked the Council for their time.

Ms. Dorothy Carter inquired if there were anymore "Keep Barnesville Beautiful" signs. Mayor Banks reported there were none and the previous program didn't work. Ms. Carter asked about the availability of using the EP Roberts Center, Summers Field Park, and Womens Club House. City Manager Rose responded gatherings are limited to fifty people because of the governor's order that is in effect until August 15th at the EP Roberts Center, Summers Field Park, and Civic Center. Mr. Rose reported the Womens Club House will be undergoing remodeling and is unavailable. Ms. Carter complained that we're now in July and nothing has been done for the children. She said she's trying to find services for the youth who haven't been serviced since March and inquired what options are there to help the children.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 3, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Mr. Dooly Barber opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Christopher Hightower

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the July 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks read Resolution No. R2020-0003 to honor Councilmember Anne H. Claxton. Mayor Banks presented the resolution to Mrs. Claxton's family. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved for both the resolution and a Memory Page to be placed in the Minute Book.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2020-0004 to approve a Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Wholesale Power Sales. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0004 and authorized the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Wholesale Power Sales with the City of Adel, the City of Forsyth, the City of Monticello, the City of Jackson, the City of Sylvania, the City of Fitzgerald, and the Fitzgerald Water, Light & Bond Commission to provide electric service to a premises located in Adel, Georgia.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2020-0005 to approve the Lamar County Hazard Mitigation Plan. City Manager Rose noted there were no changes. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved and adopted Resolution No. R2020-0005.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2020-0006 on the CARES Act Grant funding. City Manager Rose reported the total amount granted is \$103,030 with 10% being released at this time. He also reported training with the Georgia Municipal Association still has to be completed and invoices submitted. City Manager Rose noted the grant covers the cost of Covid related expenses. Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel clarified the grant is more of a reimbursement than a grant. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0006.

REPORTS

Councilmember Whitworth reported he had been approached by builders interested in putting mini houses if there is land available. City Managers Rose stated he had met with them and none met zoning requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel asked the City to make sure the grass is being cut at the cemetery. City Manager Rose reported Assistant City Manager Turner is working on the headstones tilting problem.

Councilmember Shropshire inquired about the future of Northside Village. Rose reported two inquiries had been made before Covid, but it has been put on hold.

City Manager Rose reported the new limb truck went down on Friday and is in the shop. He stated the crew is two days behind and they will work this weekend if it gets back in service. City Manager Rose also reported the doors at the Myles-Wimberly Park have been changed out and

we are waiting on the hardware. He further reported Police Chief Cooper is working on a grant for benches and picnic tables at the Myles-Wimberly Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti introduced Mr. Eric Edmonson, an aspiring reporter who graduated from Lamar County and is going to Gordon.

City Manager Rose and Ms. Sylvia Bush discussed further the Myles-Wimberly Park. Ms. Bush reported the E.P. Roberts Center needs painting and the ice machine doesn't work. City Manager Rose responded he'll look at it and that he has been looking at all the facilities for maintenance.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 12, 2020**

Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at the Barnesville Civic Center in the Cultural Activities Room, 685 Forsyth Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Peter L. Banks
Mayor Pro Tem Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

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 the Proposed 2020-2021 Budget to the Council and the Council reviewed, considered, and discussed the Proposed 2020-2021 Revenue and Expense Budget.

City Manager Rose proposed to the Council that the millage rate for 2020 be 3.804 mills. Mr. Rose also proposed changes to the fee schedule to increase meter and tap fees on 2'-8' meters by 2% in the Water and Sewer Department and to increase sludge dumping fees at the Sewer Treatment Plant from \$50 to \$100.

Overall, the 2020-2021 Budget presented proposes a 2% increase from last year with a total budget of \$16,107,188.00.

After no further discussion and no action taken, Council adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING
September 8, 2020**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Kay Pedrotti opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments on the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget.

Mayor Banks opened the floor to the public. There were no public comments.

Mayor Banks stated the grand total of the budget is \$16,107,188 and it represents a slight increase over the previous year. City Manager Rose reported it's an increase of 1.988% .

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Attached is a list of those present at the meeting.

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

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

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 8, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Kay Pedrotti opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

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

August 3, 2020	Regular Council Meeting
August 12, 2020	Budget Workshop

City Manager Rose read the Notice of Election Cancellation for the November 3, 2020 Special Election from Ms. Anita Reid of the Lamar County Board of Elections. The election has been cancelled due to Bill Claxton being unopposed.

Mayor Banks presented a proclamation to several members of the Akins Family that recognized their long years of service to our community. Mr. Bruce Akins thanked the Council and expressed his appreciation for the support given to his family over the years from Barnesville and the City.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Dr. Brigitte Wright as Commissioner to the Barnesville Housing Authority Board to serve a 5 year term beginning October 1, 2020 and ending October 1, 2025.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose to give the first reading of Ordinance No. 573 to set the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 3.804 mills, to adopt the 2020-2021 Operating Budget, and amend the 2019-2020 Operating Budget. Mayor Banks asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

City Manager Rose gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 574 to set the 2020 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Rates for Water and Sewer and Sewer Treatment.

Council heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 575 from City Manager Rose to refund the Outstanding City of Barnesville Water and Sewer Revenue and Improvement Series 2011 Bonds. Mr. Tony King with Crews & Associates and the Financial Advisor for this bond issue informed the Council the City will save \$4.2 million for a savings of over 18%. Mayor Banks noted this is advantageous for the City to do. Mr. King concluded it is a strong refunding.

REPORTS

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel reported he enjoyed the First Responders event at Summers Field on Friday night. He reported he's still receiving complaints on recycling issues. He said the bins are too small and he'd like for it to be put out for bids. Councilmember McDaniel stated he would like to do more to educate the public because he feels there is a lot of confusion on what can be recycled and he verified glass is no longer recyclable here.

Councilmember Hightower welcomed Bill Claxton and stated he is doing us an honor and commented it was an honor to sit next to Anne for so many years. He thanked the City staff for responding to Ward 2 and City requests so promptly. Councilmember Hightower thanked City

Manager Rose for the grass cutting done at the E.P. Roberts Center and he inquired about the schedule. City Manager Rose stated it's done every two weeks. Council Hightower recognized Ms. Devy Harris, the daughter of the late and former Councilmember Annie Mae Harris, as being present.

Councilmember Claxton stated he feels honored and humbled to be at the meeting. He expressed his hopes of being able to do half the job his late wife did. Councilmember Claxton stated he feels he's been a part of the family the last 16 years and he's looking forward to working for Ward 1. Councilmember Claxton reported the Census is due on September 30, 2020 and the Georgia Municipal Association is reporting a response rate of 58.8% for Barnesville and 63.1% for Lamar County. He asked that a message be placed on the utility bills to inform the citizens. Mr. Claxton also stated it's been an honor serving on the Industrial Development Authority with the Mayor and City Manager. He reported his term expires in December and the Council will need to appoint someone. Councilmember Claxton thanked everyone again for letting him serve.

Councilmember Shropshire welcomed Councilmember Claxton and stated he's got some big shoes to fill. He commented Anne has done a lot for Barnesville and he knows we will get the same quality.

Councilmember Whitworth welcomed Councilmember Claxton and seconded the comments made by Councilmembers Shropshire and Hightower. He stated Anne was a great partner and council person and she represented her Ward well.

Mayor Banks also welcomed Councilmember Claxton as the newest member. He commented Anne was a great friend and great Councilmember. Mayor Banks stated he knows Councilmember Claxton will be good and thanked him for his willingness to take the seat. He complained about weekend dumping at the Recycling Center and the trucks coming through town. He stated we need to remind the public on what is and isn't recyclable. City Manager Rose stated notices were mailed out for two months in the utility bills of what's recyclable. Mr. Rose stated part of the problem is people aren't reading the information. He said he's already prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) that he will advertise for thirty days and this will change some of it. Chief of Police Cooper reported they have been rerouting a lot of the trucks coming through town.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Banks called for public comments. Mrs. Kay Pedrotti reminded everyone Lamar Arts is reopening after seven months and the first exhibit of an abstract painter will be on September 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with mandatory masks being required. She invited everyone to come.

Ms. Dorothy Carter inquired about what the RFP for grant writing was for in an article in the paper last week. City Manager Rose reported it's the second phase of Jenkins, Jackson, and Third Street. Ms. Carter stated she thought it was for something different other than infrastructure.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
September 10, 2020**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Bill Claxton
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

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

City Manager Rose gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 573. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 573 setting the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 3.804 mills, adopting the 2020-2021 Operating Budget, and amending the 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

City Manager Rose gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 574. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 574 setting and adopting the 2020 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Rates relating to water and sewer meter and tap fees and sludge dumping fees. Water and sewer meter and tap fees will increase by 2% on 2'-8' meters. The sludge dumping fees will increase from \$50 to \$100 per load.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
September 29, 2020**

Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street, in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear the second reading of Ordinance No. 575 to refund the Outstanding City of Barnesville Water and Sewer Revenue and Improvement Series 2011 Bonds.

City Rose gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 575. Mayor Banks asked for the exact amount of the refund. City Manager Rose stated it will be \$4.6 million. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 575.

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

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 5, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Bill Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

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

September 8, 2020	Public Hearing
September 8, 2020	Regular Council Meeting
September 10, 2020	Special Called Meeting
September 29, 2020	Special Called Meeting

Mayor Banks presented a Retired Educators Day Proclamation to retired educators Mrs. Linda Olivier, Ms. Barbara Minter, and Mrs. Margaret Fluellyn. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the proclamation. Councilmember Hightower commented we celebrate you all and noted it is World Teachers Day as well.

Mayor Banks read a Red Ribbon Week Proclamation for the Young Marines, a group from Camilla, Georgia. On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved the proclamation.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem 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, 2021.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose to present the recommendation for the 2021 CDBG Grant Writing/Administration Services. City Manager Rose stated this would be for Phase II of the CDBG Project going on now on Jackson Street and Jenkins Street. City Manager Rose recommended Allen-Smith Consulting. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmembers Shropshire and Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Allen-Smith Consulting to perform the 2021 CDBG Grant Writing/Administration Services.

Mayor Banks called on City Manager Rose to present the recommendation for the 2021 CDBG Engineering Services. City Manager Rose stated five bids had been received and he recommended Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved for Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood to perform the 2021 CDBG Engineering Services.

REPORTS

Mayor Banks called for reports. Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel reported on last Saturday's trash pickup from the Chevrolet place to Carleeta Street. He reported there was a lot of littering and they collected three large bags.

Councilmember Hightower expressed his appreciation of the City Manager and staff. He reported there will be an event on October 18th at 2:45 p.m. to remember and honor Annie Mae Harris.

Councilmember Claxton thanked the City crew for the pole repair and for restoring power from the tree coming down by Pizza Hut. He asked about having a community sponsored volunteer

day. Mayor Banks stated he'd check with the Methodist Church about resurrecting the Great Day of Service. Councilmember Shropshire stated there may be some people here tonight who may want to adopt a project and help.

Councilmember Shropshire thanked the City Manager for having the deteriorating deer picked up last Saturday. He asked Assistant City Manager Turner about the groups in the past who have helped decorate downtown. Mr. Turner responded the Azalea Garden Club took care of downtown and the Red Hats took care of Greenwood Cemetery. Councilmember Shropshire also asked if the City is decorating this year for Halloween. Assistant City Manager Turner and City Manager Rose said no and Councilmember Claxton and Mr. Turner reported the Chamber usually does this. Councilmember Shropshire asked when the road on Richardson Street will be opened. City Manager Rose said hopefully this week after the Sims Street repair is completed.

Councilmember Whitworth seconded Councilmember Claxton's comment on the City crew staying up all night to repair the pole and restore power from the fallen tree and Mr. Whitworth expressed his appreciation. He asked City Manager Rose how often are hazardous trees addressed. City Manager Rose reported since he's been City Manager, four have been taken down, but we try to monitor them. Councilmember Whitworth inquired how much of the City was knocked out. City Manager Rose replied a third. Councilmember Whitworth also reported a need to concentrate on keeping the main entrances coming into the City clean.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Banks called for public comments. Mrs. Kay Pedrotti said Lamar Arts is grateful for what the City has done for it and the City can count on them to help with a clean up. She commented Chief Cooper's men and women will do whatever needs to be done and they are a great bunch of people.

Mr. Eddie Felton reported there are homes in need of major repairs off Mill Street and he asked for help to get these homes repaired. Mayor Banks clarified Mr. Felton wants to have a meeting to discuss this. City Manager Rose told Mr. Felton to let him know when.

Ms. Sylvia Bush asked about the status of houses to be demolished. City Manager Rose reported the problem is not having help and he identified five houses to be demolished. He asked for patience because it may take a year and a half for condemnation to occur. Ms. Bush also reported street names signs need repairing. City Manager Rose reported William Perdue is working on it.

Ms. U'landa Barkley reported the traffic on Atlanta Street is scary because of speeding. She said the census people asked about house numbers because some were difficult to find and some aren't numbered. City Manager Rose stated he will talk to Code Enforcement about it.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
October 14, 2020**

Council met at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Councilmember Bill Claxton opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss real estate at 12:17 p.m.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 1:02 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to negotiate as discussed in executive session on real estate.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2020-0007, the document stating the Council entered in executive session to discuss real estate. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0007, Executive session documents showing compliance with the law and confirming the meeting was for the discussion of real estate.

After no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
October 29, 2020**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Clerk Tammy T. Folson
Assistant City Manager Tim Turner
City Accountant Tammy York
Police Major Anthony Kendall

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks acknowledged the absence of City Manager David K. Rose due to illness.

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the meeting was to adopt a supplemental bond resolution and authorize the execution of the forward delivery for the City of Barnesville Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2021 A&B.

Mayor Banks called on Mr. Tony King with Crews & Associates and the Financial Advisor for this bond issue. Mr. King noted the City adopted on September 29, 2020 a bond ordinance to refinance the City's Water and Sewer 2011 Bonds. He reported the rates are such that the City will receive significant savings on those bonds. Mr. King also reported Standard and Poor's has confirmed an A rating on this bond issue as it did also for the 2011 Bonds and it has assigned a stable outlook to the credit rating. He noted this is not a small feat and this is a testament to the Council and staff being able to maintain the rating and achieve a strong financial performance in the midst of a pandemic. Mr. King reported the municipal bond underwriter that has been selected to purchase the City's bonds is Stephens, Inc., an investment banking firm. Mr. King introduced Mr. Bill Johnston with Stephens Inc. and turned the presentation over to him to discuss the pricing of the bonds.

Councilmember Claxton inquired about what changes in the rating have occurred since the passing of the last bond ordinance. Mr. King replied the City is getting the same rating as previous and he's here for the Council to amend and restate the ordinance and approve today's pricing. Mayor Banks stated we're not changing anything else.

Mr. Johnston presented booklets to the Council and reviewed the details of the refunding for the 2021 Bonds. He reported 90% of the City's bonds were sold today and the City will save approximately \$5.7 million over the next 25 years.

Mayor Banks read Ordinance No. 576 to adopt a supplemental bond resolution and authorize the execution of the forward delivery for the City of Barnesville Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2021 A&B. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously adopted the ordinance.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 2, 2020**

The Regular Council Meeting for November 2, 2020 was cancelled and due to be rescheduled at a later date.

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
November 9, 2020**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager David K. Rose (via phone)
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. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss real estate at 5:02 p.m. Mayor Banks noted the only person to be physically present in executive session other than the Council was Tammy Folsom.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 6:02 p.m.

City Manager Rose read Resolution No. R2020-0008, the document stating the Council entered in executive session to discuss real estate. Mr. Rose stated the resolution authorizes him to negotiate on real estate as discussed in executive session. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0008, Executive session documents showing compliance with the law and confirming the meeting was for the discussion of real estate.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
November 24, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Bill Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the meeting was to go into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 5:33 p.m.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 5:59 p.m.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor and Acting City Manager to negotiate the sale of some City property.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2020-0009, the documents stating the Council entered in executive session to discuss personnel and real estate. Mayor Banks stated this shows we are in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0009, Executive session documents showing compliance with the law and confirming the meeting was for the discussion of personnel and real estate.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2020-0010 authorizing Acting City Manager Turner to be added as a signatory on all City bank accounts with United Bank. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0010.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING
December 7, 2020**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Bill Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)

STAFF PRESENT

Acting City Manager Tim Turner
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom
Chief of Police Craig Cooper
Community Development Director Niki Sappington
City Accountant Tammy York

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the City of Barnesville is considering applying to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$750,000.00. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain citizen input into the development of the application and to review progress on previous CDBG grants if applicable. Mayor Banks noted there was not any public present. Mayor Banks turned the meeting over to the grant writers for the proposed project.

Ms. Callie Smith and Ms. Hannah Smith of Allen-Smith Consulting stated they would be the ones developing the application for the City of Barnesville. They stated that due to the coronavirus pandemic, the application is moving online and they were not sure if April 1 will be the due date as usual. They informed the Council the CDBG application is a competitive process that is based on need where at least 80% of the target area must be of low to moderate income and all HUD regulations must be abided by. They identified the target area as Phase II of First Street, Washington Street, Jackson Street, and Jenkins Street. They further stated this phase will move to the middle of the same area of Phase I.

Councilmember Claxton asked what would be done in Phase II. Ms. Hannah Smith responded this project will also address the water and sewer infrastructure particularly water mains, sewer mains, and manholes to make sure there is clean water and adequate sewer. Ms. Smith further clarified for Councilmember Hightower that Phase II will be in the same area and the same things will be done as in Phase I. She reported no displacement will occur, the project is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy, no conflict of interest exists, and the project will abide by the Fair Housing and Title VI laws.

Ms. Hannah Smith called for any questions. Councilmember Shropshire commented the projects are in his Ward and he appreciated all the work. Mayor Banks added Allen-Smith Consulting have always done a good job and we appreciate it. Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel inquired when the City would be notified if awarded the grant. Ms. Smith stated it would be applied for in the Spring and notification would be received in the Fall around October.

Mayor Banks asked Community Development Director Sappington for an update on Phase I. Ms. Sappington referred to Ms. Hannah Smith. Ms. Smith gave the Council an update. Councilmember Shropshire asked what was being done now. Ms. Smith

responded they were doing replacement and repair. Councilmember Claxton asked how the contractors are hired. Community Development Director Sappington responded the jobs are bid out. Mr. Shropshire asked about the pipe size and Acting City Manager Turner stated the 2 inch pipes on Washington Street and First Street were replaced with a 6 inch. Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel inquired what types of pipe were they replaced with and Ms. Smith said the cast iron pipes were replaced with PVC pipe. Councilmember Whitworth commented if all three phases are done, \$2.25 million in improvements would have been done in the area.

Mayor Banks thanked Ms. Hannah Smith for her presentation.

After no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Attached is a list of those present at the meeting.

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

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

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 7, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Pastor Clayton Andrews of Building Relationships Ministries International opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated it was great to have everyone here and good to see his friend, Mr. Horace Hightower, and members of the Lamar County Board of Education here. He also thanked Pastor Andrews for the prayer.

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

October 5, 2020	Regular Council Meeting
October 14, 2020	Special Called Meeting
October 29, 2020	Special Called Meeting
November 9, 2020	Special Called Meeting
November 24, 2020	Special Called Meeting

Mayor Banks read a proclamation honoring retiring School Board member Mr. Horace Hightower for his 42 years of service to the Board and community where he has helped the Lamar County Board of Education provide all students with an equitable and excellent education that prepares them for college, career, and life. Mayor Banks presented the proclamation to Mr. Hightower with his family in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel recognized Pastor Clayton Andrews and asked him to tell about the drive his organization is doing. Pastor Andrews informed everyone his organization currently is doing a coat drive for 60 foster children under the care of the Department of Family and Children Services that ends on December 16th.

Mayor Banks called on Acting City Manager Turner to introduce Mr. Frank Arnold. Mr. Turner introduced Mr. Arnold as the Director of Special Projects with Amwaste which has acquired Dependable Waste and who will be providing garbage and recycling service to the City now. Mr. Arnold addressed the Council and informed them it's been three weeks since his company's acquisition of Dependable Waste. He stated he knows there have been some issues and complaints and he's trying to get everything straightened out. He told the Council he appreciated the opportunity.

Councilmember Shropshire asked how long his company has been in business and will the carts be the same or different. Mr. Arnold responded his company has been in business for 10 years and new carts will be rolled out over time. Councilmember Hightower thanked him for his service and expressed his hope that the information gets to

the community and he asked how the citizens should contact his company. Mr. Arnold replied they can contact them either directly or through City Hall. Mayor Banks thanked him and stated he looked forward to having them. Acting City Manager Turner stated our work orders have gone down in the last three weeks.

Mr. Johnny Poore of the Lamar County Regional Solid Waste Authority informed the Council they have experienced the same problems with Dependable Waste as the City. Mr. Poore spoke highly of Amwaste and informed the Council the company is a contract hauler for his company as well.

Mayor Banks called for the second reading of Ordinance No. 576 to adopt the supplemental bond resolution and authorize the execution of the forward delivery for the City of Barnesville Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2021 A&B. Acting City Manager Turner stated there was some confusion when the bond was done as to if it needed to be an ordinance or resolution and this was just a formality to have the second reading. Mr. Turner read the ordinance and stated the Council did not need to vote on it because they had already on October 29, 2020.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. David Rose to the Barnesville-Lamar County Industrial Development Authority Board for a 4 year term ending December 31, 2024.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. William Tuttle to the Barnesville-Lamar County Industrial Development Authority Board for a 4 year term ending December 31, 2024 to replace Mr. Bill Claxton.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Red Sammons to the Barnesville-Lamar County Industrial Development Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Robbie Tenney ending December 31, 2022.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss real estate.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 6:48 p.m.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2020-0011, the documents showing Council entered in executive session for the discussion of property. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0011, 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 Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
December 22, 2020**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear two street naming ordinances. He stated the first was to rename portions of Sardis Street to Forster Way for Pastor Garth Forster of First Baptist Church who's retiring on Sunday. Acting City Manager Turner stated typically the City will poll the residents, but no residents live on either side of the street. The Council praised what a wonderful pastor and preacher Brother Garth has been and how he has been dedicated not only to providing for the spiritual needs of First Baptist Church, but to our entire community for twenty eight years. Acting City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 577.

Mayor Banks stated the next order of business was to hear the first reading of Ordinance No. 578 to name the street between Atlanta Street and Veterans Parkway as Louis Drive for property owner Jason Governor's dad. Acting City Manager Turner read the ordinance.

After no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
December 22, 2020**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.
Councilmember Bill Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth (via phone)

STAFF PRESENT

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

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear the second reading of Ordinance No. 577 to rename portions of Sardis Street to Forster Way. Acting City Manager Turner gave the second reading. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 577 renaming portions of Sardis Street to Forster Way.

Mayor Banks stated the second order of business was to hear the second reading of Ordinance No. 578 to name the street between Atlanta Street and Veterans Parkway as Louis Drive. Acting City Manager Turner gave the second reading. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 578 naming and accepting Louis Drive as a City street.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Whitworth, Council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 5:38 p.m. to discuss real estate.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 6:11 p.m.

Acting City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2020-0012, the documents showing Council entered in executive session to discuss real estate. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2020-0012, executive session documents showing compliance with the Open Meetings Law and confirming the meeting was for the discussion of real estate.

On motion by Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to negotiate the sale of some City property.

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

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk