

CITY OF BARNESVILLE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 25, 2023

Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023, at the Womens Clubhouse, 176 Stafford Avenue, Barnesville, Georgia.

City Manager Tim Turner called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Claxton (left at 12:24 p.m.)

Councilmember Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

Councilmember Joseph Sims

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Peter L. Banks

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Tim Turner

City Clerk Tammy T. Folson

Community Development Director Niki Sappington

Chief Finance Officer Tammy York

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

City Manager Turner presented the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget to the Council and Council reviewed, considered, and discussed the Proposed 2023-2024 Revenue and Expense Budget.

Council discussed transfers from the Electric Department to the General Fund, business license collections, holding of liquor licenses by closed businesses and the number of liquors stores allowed, real estate sales income and interest, the decrease in building permits issued due to the sewer moratorium, American Rescue Plan Act money, SPLASH Pad, cable pole rentals, service fees, Council salary increase, Council City issued phones and email addresses, Police Department uniforms and number of officers, Fire Department retiree's pension, volunteers' pay increase, and an additional fire station, Street Department state prison contract and new carriage, employee drug testing, the two trunk lines of the sewer infrastructure, and the millage rate.

City Manager Turner noted the millage rate is coming down from last year's 3.266 to 3.067. Mr. Turner also proposed to the Council changes to the revenue manual fees and rates.

City Manager Turner reported this year's budget is challenging, difficult, but solid at less than a 1% difference from last year's with a total of \$17,588,300.00.

After no further discussion, Council adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Christopher Hightower, Councilmember

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk