

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING
June 6, 2022**

Council met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Timothy T. Turner
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom
Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

Mayor Banks stated the purpose of the public hearing was to present Application #22-04-01 to rezone properties fronting Holmes Street. The properties are further described as being Map B23-091, 092, 093, 094, 095, 096, 097, 098, 099, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111 and are to be rezoned from R-2 Multifamily to R-1B Single Family Dwelling. The properties are in Ward 1.

City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 588.

Councilmember Claxton inquired if any permits have been issued or applied for. Building and Zoning Administrator Aiken stated there were none.

Councilmember McDaniel asked City Manager Turner for clarification that if someone owns property there now then this ordinance would not apply to them because they would be grandfathered in. City Manager Turner and Councilmember Claxton both clarified this was correct and City Manager Turner added they would have to file for a permit. Councilmember McDaniel noted this ordinance prevents future multifamily homes, but not today.

Mayor Banks called for public comments.

Ms. Denise Groll stated she resides at 127 Holmes Street and it would be best to keep it as single family.

Ms. Maggie Page stated she has lived in Barnesville since 1989 and on Holmes Street since 2005. She said the zoning should be for single family dwellings and not rental property. She added her position is from an investment position because she has invested a lot in her property.

Ms. Cindy Jones stated she resides at the corner of College Drive and Holmes Street and has lived there since 2002. She stated she's worried about parking.

Mr. Dan Williams stated he owns 150, 144, and 142 Holmes Street and he said he has multiple concerns particularly about properties being grandfathered in. He said the biggest problem is the house has been empty for 24 years and its producing rodents since there's activity in it now.

After some discussion by the Council, Mayor Banks called for a Special Called Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on tomorrow night, June 7, 2022, to hear the second reading of this ordinance.

Mr. Williams stated on behalf of the homeowners on Holmes Street, they appreciate the Council's consideration and they would like to keep the neighborhood the same as it has been.

Councilmember Claxton stated he appreciated the homeowners on Holmes Street coming together with a petition.

After no further business and on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk

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