

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 3, 2022**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Hightower 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**

Acting City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
City Accountant Tammy York  
Fire Chief Kelvin Chute  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

Mayor Banks welcomed Joe Sims to his first meeting and said he hopes he has a long career on the Council.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hightower, Council unanimously approved the December 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

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

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the following 2022 City of Barnesville Appointments.

- 1) Senior Judge – Rob Morton  
Associate Judge – Jim Granum  
Associate Judge – Kathy Martin
- 2) Auditor – Mauldin & Jenkins
- 3) Attorney – Bobby Melton (Haygood, Lynch, Harris, Melton & Watson)
- 4) Engineer – Carter & Sloop
- 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 Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. as the 2022 Mayor Pro Tem.

**REPORTS**

Councilmember Sims reported he has a list of street lights that are out and he will get with Acting City Manager Turner about them.

Councilmember Hightower thanked the constituents of Ward 2 for contacting him with their concerns and expressed his appreciation of the City administration and Acting City Manager Turner for always addressing and taking care of his concerns. He reported he's excited about resuming the King Celebration Ecumenical Service this year which will be held the third weekend in January on Sunday.

Councilmember Claxton reported his pleasure in seeing an improvement on the trash pickup, Greenwood Street looking considerably better, and the truck operating better. He also reported he's received positive comments from the residents on Greenwood Street also regarding this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire reported he spoke with his constituent Dorothy Carter today about her concerns with the E.P. Roberts Center that she has already brought before the Council and feels haven't been addressed. He reported some of her concerns they discussed were about the cleanliness of the facility, things not happening like they should, and the staff doing what they're supposed to do.

Mayor Banks reminded the Council executive session is confidential and not for public discussion. He also reported he's trying to do some more clean up with Dorothy Carter and he will be putting a letter about littering in the utility bills.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Kay Pedrotti reported there will be a members meeting to change officers via Zoom and at the Depot on Friday, January 7th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Dorothy Carter said she has already addressed clean up at the E.P. Roberts Center with Community Development Director Niki Sappington and Acting City Manager Tim Turner. She said her concern is with the programs. Ms. Carter noted a letter from the NAACP was given to the Council on November 1<sup>st</sup> and she asked that they read it and put it on the agenda to hire a Program Director to address clean up of the facility and provide programs and activities for the youth and families. She thanked the Council for the work done on the building and for the new roof and appliances.

Councilmember Hightower informed Ms. Carter the Council is in the process of having a Council retreat where they will discuss major projects. Mr. Hightower asked for the opportunity to address her concerns at the retreat in February.

Ms. Carter stated another concern is that she hopes the Council makes a decision on Tim Turner soon. She said it's good he lives here and know what's going on and he needs to be made City Manager instead of Acting City Manager.

After no further business and on motion from Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk