

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 9, 2023**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Bill Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Joseph Sims
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Timothy T. Turner
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson
Director of Utilities and Public Works Richard Vereen
Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken
GIS Technician Jerod Watson
Police Major Belinda Penamon

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the agenda.

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

December 8, 2022	Public Hearing
December 8, 2022	Regular Council Meeting

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Sims, Council approved the December 14, 2022 Special Called Meeting minutes. Councilmember Claxton abstained due to him being absent from the meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2023-0001 establishing and fixing the qualification fee to be paid by candidates seeking election in the November 7, 2023 General Election.

Council heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 592 from City Manager Turner. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council approved Ordinance No. 592 and rezoned 30.21 acres on the southwest corner of Highway 41 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway for Twiggs Pleasure LLC. The vote was 4 to 1. Councilmembers Claxton, Hightower, McDaniel, and Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire were in favor of the rezoning and Councilmember Sims was opposed.

Council heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 600 by City Manager Turner. On motion by Councilmember Sims and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 600 and amended the 2022-2023 Budget to reflect a total Cost of Living Adjustment of 5%.

City Manager Turner updated the Council on the CDBG Bid. He said the original bid was rejected due to it being too high and the project was rebid and it came in cheaper at \$1 million from \$1.5 million. Councilmember Hightower asked for clarification on the original amount of the project and grant amount and the change in the project's scope. He stated he wanted to ensure what the City said would be done has or will be done. City Manager Turner reported that what the City said would be done has already been done. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously accepted the updated CDBG Bid.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. Irvin Trice to the Three Rivers Regional Commission as the Non-Public Member for a one year term. Councilmember McDaniel reported they have been having a problem with attendance and he said he'd speak to Mr. Trice about it.

Council discussed the 2023 Appointments. On motion by Councilmember Sims and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council tabled the appointments until its February 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The vote was 4 to 1. Councilmembers Claxton, Hightower, Sims, and McDaniel were in favor of tabling the appointments and Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire was opposed.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously appointed Bill Claxton as the 2023 Mayor Pro Tem.

REPORTS

Councilmember Sims asked about the sewer line Soheli Batliwala has been trying to get taken care of. He said he'd like to see them help get this done. Council discussed the issue. Councilmember Sims also asked for an update on the full reopening of Main Street.

Councilmember Hightower asked about the street resurfacing. Council discussed the current process, LMIG, and TSPLOST. He also expressed his appreciation of the City staff and acknowledged the passing of the late City Manager David Rose two years ago on this day.

Councilmember Claxton reported on the condition of the sidewalk on Elm Street behind the Baptist Church and on the limbs on Harrell Circle.

Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire thanked the City crew and Richard Vereen for removing the dangerous tree hanging over the road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jane Huguely of 512 Thomaston Street commented the sewer system on Atlanta Street and in the rest of town is horrible.

Ms. Dorothy Carter recommended the state and representatives be contacted for them to provide monetary assistance for the sewer system repairs. She also reported on Taylor Street between Lee Street and Moye Street that the holes are growing.

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti reported there is a new exhibit coming on January 20th on photography at Lamar Arts.

Mr. Dan Waller asked Council to not annex the property on Roberts Road.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk