

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

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

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:33 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. Folsom  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

September 6 2022	Public Hearing
September 6, 2022	Regular Council Meeting
September 8, 2022	Special Called Meeting

Councilmember Claxton asked to address his constituents. Mr. Claxton made a motion for Sunday Alcohol Sales to be placed on the ballot in the form of two questions. Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember McDaniel, and Mayor Banks expressed the motion was out of order and they didn't support the procedure on how the motion was made. Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire stated he felt Councilmember Claxton should be allowed to make the motion. City Manager Turner clarified a Councilmember can make a motion at any time even if it's not on the agenda. After some discussion, Councilmember Sims seconded the motion. Mayor Banks called for a vote for Resolution No. R2022-0017 to be read calling for a Special Election. All the Council agreed except Councilmember Hightower. The vote was 4 to 1 with Councilmembers Claxton, Sims, McDaniel, and Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire in favor of the Resolution being read and Councilmember Hightower was opposed. City Manager Turner read the resolution. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council approved Resolution No. R2022-0017 4 to 1 with Councilmembers Claxton, Sims, McDaniel, and Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire voting in favor and Councilmember Hightower was opposed.

City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 591 to adopt the Barnesville Municipal Court Fine Schedule. He noted there is an increase of \$24 on each fine due to Courtware Solutions fee increases.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2022-0014 on the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Distributions. Mayor Banks noted it's almost the same distribution as the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2022-0015 reactivating the Downtown Development Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire thanked City Manager Turner for carrying this out.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously reappointed Mrs. Sherry Farr to the Barnesville Housing Authority Board for a five year term ending October 1, 2027.

Mr. Al Hosford and Mr. Robert Knight updated the Council on their proposed projects on Johnstonville Road/Roberts Road, the National Guard Armory/Old Booker School, and Van Mar Boulevard.

### **REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel reported on the potholes on Harrell Circle and Pine Street and the need for paving.

Councilmember Sims asked about the Zoning Board Appointment vacancy that's been open for 10 months. City Manager Turner reported Anita Buice is trying to restructure the board and has asked to hold off for now. Councilmember Sims reported limbs hanging from Collier Road to Sims Street and kudzu on Forsyth Street. He also asked for the status on the fire truck. Fire Chief Kelvin Chute gave an update.

Councilmember Hightower reported meeting some College Manor residents where he officially welcomed them to Barnesville. He stated the Council moved very rapidly tonight on the Sunday Alcohol Sales and changed our process and he didn't have time to give it thought. Councilmember Hightower asked City Manager Turner to look at our process and make sure we're following it. He also asked if the Council is still having a November retreat. City Manager Turner stated Community Development Director Niki Sappington is finalizing the date.

Councilmember Claxton asked for an update on the limb trucks.

Mayor Pro Tem asked for an update on the Northside Village investors.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti expressed Lamar Arts is working to draw people to downtown.

Ms. Jane Huguely reminded the Council not to forget the impact fees with new development.

Ms. Anna Perdichizzi gave suggestions on how to bring money back to the community.

Ms. Dorothy Carter asked for consideration to reactivate Keep Barnesville Beautiful to assist in addressing the blight. She inquired about the Myles-Wimberly Park survey.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously voted to enter executive session to discuss real estate at 6:57 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 7:16 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously gave the City Manager authority to proceed with real estate as discussed in executive session.

City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2022-0016. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the resolution and executive session documents that showed compliance with the Open Meetings Law and confirmed Council entered in executive session for the discussion of real estate.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Sims, Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk