

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 30, 2022**

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

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Christopher Hightower 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 Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Joseph Sims

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Timothy T. Turner
City Clerk Tammy T. Folsom
Police Major Belinda Penamon

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously approved the agenda.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the following minutes as circulated.

October 3, 2022	Public Hearing
October 3, 2022	Regular Council Meeting

City Manager Turner gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 591 to adopt the Barnesville Municipal Court Fine Schedule and increase each by \$24. Councilmember Hightower inquired about some decreases he noted. City Manager Turner responded they are being realigned with our code. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 591.

City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 593 to adopt the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Amendment. Mr. Turner noted the minimum age requirement for in service distribution and if there is a gap in service, this plan allows the prior years to be counted and you don't have to start over.

City Manager Turner gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 594 to deannex Powell Place Apartments from the City of Barnesville. Mayor Banks stated the owner's approval has been obtained and the Town of Aldora will begin their procedure as soon as the City passes this. Councilmember Hightower asked what services the City will still provide. Mayor Banks reported water, sewer, and fire protection. Councilmember Claxton inquired if the City will provide electricity. City Manager Turner replied no because it's not in our territory, but Georgia Power's. Mayor Banks said the City will receive from the Town of Aldora what's loss in taxes. Councilmember McDaniel noted the City will receive the money back in the form of a donation to the Fire Department. Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire inquired whose Ward is it in. Councilmember Claxton responded it was in his.

REPORTS

Councilmember McDaniel reported there is a lot of activity coming up in December starting with the parade on December 10th. He reported he had received an email from the Chamber that listed all the upcoming events and he expressed how impressed he was. Councilmember McDaniel encouraged all to get out and come to the festivities.

Councilmember Hightower stated he appreciated the residents of Ward 2, the residents of the City who are comfortable communicating with him, and the City Manager.

Councilmember Claxton reported on all the activity going on downtown on the buildings. He reported some residents have asked what happened to the music and he's had a lot of good compliments on the music downtown. City Manager Turner said he'd check on it.

Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire reported the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been reactivated. He applauded the DDA for making downtown look better and he said they're doing a wonderful job.

Mayor Banks asked when the City is going to get new awnings for our buildings. City Manager Turner reported he has bids out for them. He discussed with the Council the cost of \$50,000 to replace them all by Macon Tent and Awnings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti reported Lamar Arts has an Exhibit on Friday from 11 to 2, Saturday 10 to 4, and Sunday 2 to 4. She thanked the Council again for making Market Street one way.

Ms. Dorothy Carter reported on the graffiti on stop signs and trash and debris on Taylor Street that's been there a month.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk