

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
February 7, 2022**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 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 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  
Fire Chief Kelvin Chute  
Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Aiken  
GIS Technician Jerod Watson  
Police Major Anthony Kendall

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

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| January 3, 2022  | Public Hearing                  |
| January 3, 2022  | Regular Council Meeting         |
| January 15, 2022 | Special Called Meeting Workshop |

Mayor Banks presented a plaque to Mrs. Bereatha J. Napier who recently retired on January 31, 2022 after 38 years with the City. On behalf of him and the Council, he thanked her for her service.

Acting City Manager Turner read the Black History Month Proclamation. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the proclamation. Mayor Banks presented it to Mr. Dooly Barber.

Acting City Manager Turner gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 586. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 586 and rezoned properties owned by Trice Funeral Home Inc. at 147 Mill Street and 149 Mill Street from R-1B, Single-Family Residential, Low Density District to C-4, Highway Commercial District.

Mayor Banks recognized Mrs. Fran Boggs. Mrs. Boggs said she was here representing herself and several residents of Harrell Circle about their concerns on College Manor. She complained about noise, environmental, and easement concerns. Mrs. Boggs reported they were told there were suppose to be a green space, a fence or sound barriers, and road maintenance. She said they are concerned also about a loss of privacy and diminished property values. She thanked Acting City Manager Turner and Building and Zoning Administrator Aiken for being very responsive to their concerns. Mrs. Boggs reported all of the 39 lots have been converted to rentals for single family occupancy and are now owned by two companies out of Franklin, TN and Jackson, GA. She said they are asking for help from the City to resolve their concerns and they would like some assurance that Gordon students and Section 8 Housing or HUD will not be allowed.

Mayor Banks responded Section 8 Housing is a federal program and it is not going to happen. Building and Zoning Administrator Aiken agreed with the Mayor and added Section 8 is not handled through our housing authority. Mayor Banks noted the owners would still have to follow our zoning requirements.

Councilmember McDaniel stated in the future, the City can issue a moratorium on built to rent neighborhoods. Councilmember Claxton added nothing can be done about what's happened in the past, but it can in the future with HB 1093. Councilmember McDaniel also said we as a City will

be able to hold the renters in the neighborhood to the same stringent regulations as in your neighborhood and although HB 1093 protects the corporations building built to rent homes, they will be held to the same zoning requirements too.

Several other unidentified residents also voiced their concerns against College Manor regarding fencing, tree planting, drainage problems, and poor planning.

### **REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel reported he's done a lot of research on built to rent housing and it is going to be a mess. Councilmember Sims noted another subdivision is about to come into town on Forsyth Street and the Martin Luther King, Jr. bypass across from Breezy Point. Councilmember Claxton commented it needs to be looked at very closely.

Councilmember Claxton said he understood the concerns of the Harrell Circle residents and he feels the City needs to address the things that can be done. Councilmember McDaniel inquired about the developer putting up a privacy fence or tree buffer. Building and Zoning Administrator Aiken informed everyone that as of today, they were asked and they said no due to the price. Acting City Manager Turner stated legally the developer has done everything they've been asked to do. Councilmember Claxton also stated he had some graffiti concerns. Mr. Turner said he's talked to the owners about it.

Councilmember Hightower stated he appreciated the Acting City Manager for responding to Ward 2 concerns and he asked that the City continue to communicate with the residents on Harrell Circle and focus on their privacy.

Councilmember Sims reported the minutes online are not up to date. Acting City Manager Turner noted that's being addressed and they will be by the middle of the month.

Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire commended Mr. Aiken and Mr. Turner for their communication with the Harrell Circle residents.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti invited everyone to the Lamar Arts Black History Exhibit and reception Friday night from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Depot.

Ms. Dorothy Carter commented we've got to get use to people moving here and it's on us to prepare for the growth and we have to have ordinances and laws already in place.

After no further business and on motion by the Council and seconded by the Council, Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk