

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

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 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.

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Peter L. Banks
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Joseph Sims
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Timothy T. Turner
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson
Interim Police Chief Belinda Penamon

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

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

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the January 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

On motion by Councilmember Sims and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council approved the January 27, 2023 Council Workshop minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Claxton abstained from voting.

Councilmember Shropshire read the Black History Month Proclamation. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Clifford Barber and NAACP members Ms. Barbara Minter, Ms. Dorothy Carter, and Ms. Sylvia Bush.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Sims, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2023-0002 and pledged to practice and promote civility in the City of Barnesville.

Mayor Banks informed the Council Gordon State College has sent a request for the Council to adopt a proclamation that recognizes the Gordon State College Club Football Team for winning the national championship two consecutive years that will be prepared and signed tomorrow.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously approved the following 2023 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 & Sloope
- 5) Surveyor – Steve Coleman
- 6) Physician – Dr. Lee Woodall
- 7) Prosecuting Attorney – Mark Irvin

REPORTS

Councilmember McDaniel reported he's been getting a lot of calls on problems with the limb truck. He stated he'd like to see something put in the Herald Gazette informing the public that we're down to one limb truck and ask for the citizens' patience and for them to cut back on putting them out until the new limb truck on order arrives. He also noted the City needs to suspend the \$7.50 monthly charge now until May. Councilmember McDaniel commented he feels it's unfair for City residents to be only able to take stuff to the county landfill four times a year. City Manager Turner said he will take care of it.

Councilmember Hightower thanked Councilmember McDaniel for bringing up the suspension of the trash fee. He reported several people had reached out to him about their utility bills and he thanked City Manager Turner for looking into them.

Mayor Pro Claxton reported he also had giving a limb credit on his list and he thinks it will be well received. He noted he's receiving comments about speeding on Greenwood Street. Mayor Pro Tem Claxton reported the McIntosh Trail tenant was moving out and inquired about the planned use of the space. City Manager Turner reported they moved out on Tuesday to the Old Tag Office and he noted he hadn't decided yet on the use of the space. Councilmember McDaniel asked about the impact on losing the tenant. Mr. Turner noted there will be a loss of \$2,300 per month.

Councilmember Shropshire asked about the reason for the move by McIntosh Trail. City Manager Turner reported they felt since it was a county service that it would be better to be in a county building. Councilmember Shropshire reported he's received calls concerning the trash pickup and asked if the charge had been removed for those customers. City Manager Turner reported the charge was removed if they called. Councilmember Shropshire expressed concern about how removing the charge is going to affect the City. City Manager Turner said it will cut into the revenue. Councilmember McDaniel reported citizens have had to take trash to the landfill themselves at a cost of \$15 per occurrence. Council discussed solutions to solving this problem. City Manager Turner said he would speak with Amwaste.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti announced the suspension of the trash fee will be the lead on her story, but she asked that an ad still be placed. City Manager Turner reported one was run this week, but he will put another in for next week.

Ms. Dorothy Carter thanked the City for filling in the crater on Lee and Moye Street.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Sims, Council unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 6:09 p.m.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 6:51 p.m.

City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2023-0003. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, 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 personnel.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk