

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 3, 2023**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023, in the Courtroom at 100 Mill Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 5:34 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
Director of Utilities and Public Works Richard Vereen
Chief of Police Belinda Penamon

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

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

Councilmember Hightower asked that under his Reports on the March 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes, Reverend Collier's name be corrected from Reverend Doctor Eddie H. Collier to Reverend Doctor Eddie F. Collier. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the following minutes with the change noted.

March 6, 2023	Regular Council Meeting
March 25, 2023	Special Called Meeting

Council heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 601 from City Manager Turner. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Sims, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 601 and adopted the Job Description for the Chief Finance Officer.

City Manager Turner read the election results from the March 21, 2023 Special Election where the retail sales and the package sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. passed. Councilmember Hightower asked for clarification on the stop time for Sunday Alcohol Sales. City Manager Turner said the stop time is 11:30 p.m. on Sunday. Attached are the election results.

Council heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 602 from City Manager Turner to amend the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance to allow Sunday Alcohol Sales. Mayor Banks noted current Ordinance No. 449 prohibits Sunday sales.

On motion by Councilmember Shropshire and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2023-0007 to recertify the City of Barnesville as a City of Ethics with GMA.

City Manager Turner reported to the Council on the status of the swimming pool and provided options and the costs to rehab the current pool, build a new pool, or place a Splash Pad. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Sims, Council unanimously approved to put a Splash Pad where the current pool is.

REPORTS

Councilmember McDaniel asked for someone to look into the sewer line location and sewer overflowing at Dr. Tuttle's house. Mayor Pro Tem Claxton added since the heavy rain, sewer has been coming up at Dr. Tuttle's behind the Harrell Circle homes. City Manager Turner said he would look at it.

Councilmember Sims requested assistance to help the Boy Scouts clean up debris. He asked about the status of the pallet company and reported Lee Street is in bad shape.

Councilmember Hightower reported he'd received information on Westchester being a natural water site. He thanked the City Manager, the City staff, and the City for sponsoring Craig A. Ogletree Day. Mayor Pro Tem Claxton commented it was a wonderful event.

Mayor Pro Claxton thanked the City Manager for opening up the street projects again and he added Holmes, Elm, Lee, and Byrd Street to the paving list. He stated he appreciated the City Manager revisiting the projects.

Councilmember Shropshire stated he wanted to have something to recognize Henry Murphy for all he did at the Recreation Department. He reported he'd received a call about the trash on Railroad Street and it has been addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kay Pedrotti clarified the Splash Pad doesn't require lifeguards and asked about supervision. City Manager Turner reported a city staff member will be present and for certain ages, parental presence will be required.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton, Council unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 6:15 p.m.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 7:20 p.m.

City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2023-0008. On motion by Mayor Pro Tem 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 personnel.

After no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folsom, City Clerk