

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
April 4, 2022**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 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**

City Manager Tim Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Chief of Police Craig Cooper

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

March 7, 2022	Regular Council Meeting
March 14, 2022	Special Called Meeting
March 21, 2022	Council Retreat

**REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel asked for an update from City Manager Turner on College Manor. Mr. McDaniel stated there have been three or four incidents where the builders are not meeting the City's standards and he inquired about issuing a cease and desist. Councilmember McDaniel stated he would like to get a moratorium on building any subdivisions for awhile. City Manager Turner said this needed to be discussed in executive session.

Councilmember Sims inquired about the process in proceeding to make Market Street a one way street. Councilmember McDaniel stated he was in support of it as long as it started at the entrance of Main Street down to Ozier Dance Studio and it didn't intrude on the bank's business. Councilmember Claxton reported everyone he's spoken with is in favor of the change. City Manager Turner stated he'll make a mock drawing and email it to the Council and they'll discuss it at the next meeting.

Councilmember Hightower reported he has spoken to Mr. Sohel Batliwala and he's waiting to hear back from him. He thanked City Manager Turner and the City staff for being responsive to Ward 2 concerns. Councilmember Hightower asked City Manager Turner to share the process of notifying residents that their properties need to be cleaned up, the policy on picking up old tires, and the status on sending notices to residents on pulling their bins back. Mr. Turner responded Building and Zoning has been sending letters for awhile to residents with junk cars and trash in their yards since Mr. Rogers' comments. City Manager Turner said it's against the code for residents to put out tires, but it hasn't been enforced and we are picking them up now. He responded he will send notices out again on the bins.

Councilmember Claxton reported he's been out in Ward 1 assessing the condition of the streets in preparation of the TSPLOST (Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax). He noted he will be turning in a list this week on suggestions. Councilmember Claxton commended and thanked City Manager Turner for the wonderful workshop held at Calloway Gardens.

Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire commented it has not been in our interest to pick up tires and we are not suppose to, but the City does to keep it clean. Councilmember Hightower said he wanted this clarified to convey the correct message to the citizens. Mayor Pro Tem Shropshire also commended City Manager Turner for the retreat and said it was the best we've had in awhile and he enjoyed it very much. He said he has three roads for paving that he will turn in soon to the City Manager.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Dooly Barber thanked the City for Craig Ogletree Day.

Mrs. Kay Pedrotti reported the artwork of Eleanor Stecker will be on display at the Depot Friday night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss real estate at 5:57 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 6:54 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously gave the Mayor the authority to move forward with the real estate discussed in executive session.

City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2022-0007. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem 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 real estate.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk