

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
May 1, 2023**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 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 Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager Timothy T. Turner  
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson  
Director of Utilities and Public Works Richard Vereen  
Fire Chief Kelvin Chute  
Chief of Police Belinda Penamon

**ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL**

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

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

April 3, 2023	Public Hearing
April 3, 2023	Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Banks presented a proclamation to the Lamar County Middle School Lady Trojans Soccer Team recognizing them for finishing the 2023 season with a 12-0 record, outscoring opponents 79-3, and for winning the Central Georgia Middle School Athletic League Title.

Councilmember Hightower presented a proclamation to Dr. Kirk Nooks honoring his service as President of Gordon State College from June 1, 2018 to May 19, 2023.

Fire Chief Chute recognized newly appointed Fire Lieutenant Josh Campbell. He noted Campbell is the first in 150 years to be appointed the first paid fire lieutenant in the City's history.

Council heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 602 from City Manager Turner to amend the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance to allow Sunday Alcohol Sales for both the retail sale and sale by the drink of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits on Sundays between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. On motion by Councilmember Sims and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 602. City Manager Turner stated it can begin this Sunday.

City Manager Turner read Resolution No. R2023-0009, a Sewer Moratorium. He said the Council has been discussing sewer problems for a while and the city engineers have asked for this due to the City's failing sewer infrastructure. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2023-0009 imposing a 6 month moratorium on the acceptance of applications for new connections to the sewerage collection and treatment system of the City of Barnesville. Councilmember McDaniel clarified this applies to homes as well.

Mayor Banks recognized Dr. Bridgette Wright who resides at 219 Jenkins Street. Dr. Wright addressed the Council and reported drainage problems on Jenkins and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street that have been affecting her property since 2020. She reported severe structural and mold and mildew damage to her residence and asked that something be done. Director of Utilities and Public Works Vereen reported the City is getting with the engineers to address her problems. City Manager Turner added the city engineers are coming to see how to reroute the water in the next 2 weeks.

Mayor Banks recognized Ms. Mary Rooks who resides at 650 Forsyth Street. Ms. Rooks reported having dirty, brown, and muddy water problems for years and asked for some resolution from the Council. City Manager Turner responded the Water and Sewer Superintendent and the ESG Manager for the Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Treatment Plant have all been to her house and tested her water and it is clean. He said there is something going on between her house and the meter. Mayor Banks noted the responsibility of the City is to the meter and beyond is the citizen.

**REPORTS**

Councilmember McDaniel thanked the Chamber, Fire Department, and Police Department for the job done on the BBQ & Blues Festival. He reported Redbud Drive and Pine Street are in bad shape. Councilmember McDaniel gave kudos on the Atlanta Street patchwork.

Councilmember Sims asked for an update on the limb truck. Director of Utilities and Public Works Vereen reported we're waiting on a part that we'll hopefully have this week. Mr. Sims also reported a large pile of debris on Collier Road.

Councilmember Hightower thanked the City Manager and staff for responding to Ward 2 concerns. He asked about the Council having a retreat later this year. Councilmember Hightower asked City Manager Turner to add to the retreat agenda for discussion the city facility hours, a monthly work session, and a review of the pay schedule of all employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Claxton thanked City Manager Turner for the work done on Elm Street.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

After no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Peter L. Banks, Mayor

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Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk