

CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 5, 2023

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 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 Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

STAFF ABSENT

Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Joseph Sims

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Timothy T. Turner
City Clerk Tammy T. Folson
Community Development Director Niki Sappington
Chief of Police Belinda Penamon

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

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

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council unanimously approved the May 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R2023-0010 in support of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Application by the Downtown Development Authority of Barnesville for the renovation of 215 Main Street by Southern Venture Partners LLC. Councilmember McDaniel inquired if the City can be held liable for the loan. City Manager Turner said no neither the City nor the Downtown Development Authority can be held liable for the loan.

REPORTS

Councilmember McDaniel expressed kudos to the Chamber and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the Chalk It Up event. He reported Mr. Bennison at 304 Spencer Street is getting a lot of water coming down the street into his yard and house and he has asked for help from the City. Councilmember McDaniel said Mr. Bennison would like a copy of the original engineering study and summary that has been done. He reported the Depot water fountain looks great, but we need to work on the Dog Park and the white concrete street markers need to come down.

Mayor Pro Tem Claxton thanked the road crew for the Greenwood Street repairs. He reported on all the renovations going on downtown and he encouraged everyone to go down and see what's going on. Mayor Pro Tem Claxton thanked the First Baptist Church for the Relay for Life. He requested an update on the Splash Pad and limb truck for Councilmember Sims in his absence. City Manager Turner replied that a deposit has been made and the materials have been ordered on the Splash Pad and he will be meeting with the contractor soon for guidance on filling the pool. He reported the limb truck is scheduled to be here this month. Mayor Pro Tem Claxton commented the City needs to be thinking about how it's going to police the parking for the current and coming loft apartments.

Councilmember Shropshire asked for an update on Mr. Henry Murphy. City Manager Turner reported he has done the design, but he wants him to look at it. Councilmember Shropshire asked the City Manager to contact Mrs. Marge Virden by tomorrow to discuss her concerns. He expressed concerns about the trees on Mill Street and discussed the desires of the residents for some of the trees to be taken down. City Manager Turner said it could be done. Councilmember Shropshire complimented the Water and Sewer Department for doing a great job and he thanked Community Development Director Sappington for her work with the DDA and said they're doing a good job and he can tell the difference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sylvia Bush reminded the Council not to forget about Dr. Bridgette Wright's drainage problems. She encouraged the City to get the Splash Pad and she reported she has spoken with the Chamber and Library about doing movies for the kids for the summer.

Ms. Kay Pedrotti reminded the Council about the Depot renovations and discussed options with the Council.

Ms. Dorothy Carter asked for an update on the Myles-Wimberly Park renovations. Community Development Director Sappington reported the conceptual plan has been completed, but it has to be converted to the engineering plan. Ms. Carter also discussed the trees on Mill Street and stated the City Hall awnings look terrible. She discussed the homelessness issue affecting 45 students and expressed the need for more housing in Lamar County. Ms. Carter asked the Council to address adding more housing with the Barnesville Housing Authority.

Ms. Kelly Hughes reported she will be doing her Great Day of Service project to clean street signs with the Boy Scouts on June 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m. She asked that the downtown music be put on a timer instead of it running all night. Ms. Hughes also reported a lot of signs are leaning in town.

After no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, Council adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk