

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
March 25, 2023**

Council met at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023, in the Mayor's Office, 102 Merchants Way, in Barnesville, Georgia.

Mayor Peter L. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Councilmember Christopher Hightower opened the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Peter L. Banks

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Claxton

Councilmember Christopher Hightower

Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr. (arrived at 10:09 a.m.)

Councilmember Joseph Sims

Councilmember Cecil D. McDaniel, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT

City Clerk Tammy T. Folson

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

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

Mayor Banks stated the next order of business was to temporarily appoint Beck, Owen and Murray as City Attorney for the purpose of answering a lawsuit and for other purposes due to the recent illness of City Attorney Bobby Melton. He reported he has already spoken with Beck, Owen and Murray and they have agreed to serve as temporary counsel for the City.

After much discussion, on motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Hightower, Council approved to temporarily appoint Beck, Owen and Murray as City Attorney for the purpose of answering a lawsuit and for other purposes. Councilmember Hightower and Councilmember McDaniel voted in favor of the temporary appointment while Councilmember Sims and Mayor Pro Tem Claxton voted against it. Mayor Banks broke the tie and voted for the appointment. The vote was 3 to 2.

On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton, Council unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss real estate and personnel at 9:42 a.m.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously voted to reconvene into regular session at 11:58 a.m.

Mayor Banks read Resolution No. R2023-0006. On motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Claxton, 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 and personnel.

After no further business, on motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Tammy T. Folson, City Clerk