

**CITY OF BARNESVILLE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 1, 2014**

Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014, 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 Mark R. Stone
Councilmember Anne H. Claxton
Councilmember Christopher Hightower
Councilmember Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr.
Councilmember Larry B. Whitworth

STAFF PRESENT:

Kenneth D. Roberts, City Manager
Carolyn S. Parker, City Clerk
Chuck Keadle, Chief of Police
Jason Shirey, Director of Public Works and Utilities

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Claxton, Council unanimously approved the November 3, 2014 minutes as circulated.

Mayor Banks called Item #2 on the agenda and explained a potential conflict of interest related to the City's FY2014 CDBG #14p-x-085-2-5643 Sewer Improvement Project. Mayor Banks yielded the floor to Councilmember Sammie Shropshire who owns property in the CDBG Target Area. Councilmember Shropshire delivered the following statement:

“Thank you Mayor. I want to announce that I own a 3.82 acre vacant lot in the FY2014 CDBG Target Area. This property is located on 12th Street between the intersections of Parkview Drive and Wilson Street. I have no plans to develop this property.

I am disclosing this conflict of interest regarding my property ownership and announcing that I was not involved in the selection of this project and I will not vote or otherwise participate in actions of the Council involving this project.”

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stone and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Reverend Jimmy Lyons for a five year term to the Barnesville Housing Authority Board.

On motion by Councilmember Whitworth and seconded by Councilmember Shropshire, Council unanimously approved a MEAG Power Sale of Excess Reserve Capacity to the City of Barnesville on behalf of the City of Thomasville (1 year contract).

Mayor Banks referred to the 2014 CDBG Sewer System Rehabilitation Project bid opening which occurred on November 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Each member had been provided a copy of the Stevenson & Palmer bid tabulation sheet. Mayor Banks stated Stevenson & Palmer has recommended the contract be awarded to the low bidder RDJE, Inc. in the amount of \$514,949.50. On motion by Councilmember Claxton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stone, Council approved the award of the contract to RDJE, Inc. subject to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs approval of the conflict of interest. The motion passed with Councilmembers Claxton, Hightower, Stone, and Whitworth voting affirmatively and Councilmember Shropshire abstaining.

Mayor Banks noted the draft Sidewalk Cafe Ordinance was on the agenda for discussion. He stated no action would be taken, but welcomed any comments or questions Councilmembers might want to share. Mayor Banks asked City Manager Roberts to provide a summary of the draft ordinance.

After no further business, Council adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Peter L. Banks, Mayor

Carolyn S. Parker, City Clerk