**Banaybanay**

A legend tells that in the beginning, ten families settled in a plain of untouched forest, tilled the land and planted corn and other crops. The corn vigorously grew with robust stalks with sizeable cobs (banay) yielding bountiful harvest. Thus, the place got its name Banaybanay, pertaining to the bunch of hearty corn (banay) raised by the families (banay).

Originally a barrio of the municipality of Lupon, Banaybanay became a separate municipality on June 21, 1969 with the passage of R.A. 5747 originally filed by Congressman Lorenzo Sarmiento of Davao and revived by Congressman Constancio B. Maglana.

In the November 1970 local election, Mayor Ricardo A Villanueva became the first Mayor of Banaybanay. He held the post up to June 30, 1992. He was replaced by Atty. Pedro T. Mejos who served for three consecutive terms from 1992 to 2001 and another three consecutive terms from 2004 to 2013 after Ms. Eva T. Geollegue served as Mayor from 2001 to 2004.