

AGENDA



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM MARCH 4, 2025

The Honorable Joshua Deriso
Chairman

The Honorable Vesta Beal Shephard
Ward 1

The Honorable J. Wesley Rainey
Vice Chairman Ward 4

Vacant
Ward 2

The Honorable Isaac H. Owens
Vice Chairman, Ward 3

REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – March 4, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 18, 2025

RETIREES RECOGNITION

- a. Steve Fulford
- b. Irene Cantrell
- c. Rita Bass
- d. Jackie Walker

INTRODUCTION: Jarrod McCarthy – New CEO for Southwest Georgia United

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

- a. Davontae Hunt: Concerns regarding Elected and Appointed City Officials.

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

- 1. Community Advancement/HUA

2. Finance Department
3. Fire Department
4. Human Resource Director
5. Municipal Court
6. Police /Codes/Animal
7. Public Works Director
8. Social Media Marketing Manager
9. UC&T Director
10. IT Department

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and Approve the Request to Authorize the Chairman to Sign the National Museum of the Air Force Inventory Report.

Background Information

We are now in our first five-year loan renewal cycle for the Titan Missile with the National Museum of the United States Air Force. One of the requirements is to complete an inventory report for the property on loan from NMUSAF. This agenda item request authorization for the Chairman to sign the Inventory Report.

2. Consider and Approve the Request to Authorize the Chairman to Sign the City of Cordele Annual 2024 Watershed Assessment Report.

Background Information

TTL provides annual watershed assessment services for the City of Cordele. This Annual Watershed Assessment Report is for 2024 and was performed in accordance with requirements of the watershed protection plan for the City of Cordele. This agenda item is to request authorization for the Chairman to sign the Annual Watershed Assessment Report. For 2024.

3. Discussion – Tap Fees
4. Discussion – Late Fees and Disconnect Fees for Utilities
5. Discussion – Fee for Water Deposit
6. Discussion – CDBG Project
7. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
8. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on February 18th, 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman
Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner
Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Tommy Coleman, City Attorney

J. Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chair
Royce F. Reeves, Sr., Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager
Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary

Staff present: Maurice Hill – Community Advancement Manager, Sonya Alexander – Finance Director, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Nancy Crook – Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Jessie Mercer – Interim Public Works Director, Rick Smarr – Social Media Marketing Manager, Teddy Hubbard – Wastewater Superintendent.

Staff Absent: Debbie Wright.

Call to Order: Chairman Joshua Deriso, called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Opening Remarks: Chairman Deriso also stated that this is a Regular Meeting and comments will not be taken from the audience. Department Heads and City Officials will speak to give Reports during this Meeting. If there is a subject that needs an expert opinion, then the expert on that subject matter will be allowed to speak

Chairman Joshua Deriso asked all attendees of the Meeting to put their phones on silence or vibrate, preferably silence. If anyone needs to take a call, please step outside the door, away from the doors, so your conversation will not be heard.

Invocation: There was a moment of silence.

Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rainey.

Roll Call: A quorum was established

Attendee's Name	Title	Present	Absent
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman	✓	
J. Wesley Rainey	Commission Vice Chairman Ward Four	✓	
Vesta Beal Shephard	Commissioner Ward One	✓	
Royce F. Reeves, Sr.	Commissioner Ward Two	✓	
Isaac H. Owens	Commissioner Ward Three	✓	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 18, 2025: Commissioner Reeves moved to Approve the Agenda for February 18, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Agenda was Approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – January 29, 2025: Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Minutes for January 29, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Public Hearing Minutes were approved by the Commission.

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APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 4, 2025: Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Rainey. The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM: Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Minutes from February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Public Hearing Minutes for February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM were approved by the Commission.

RETIREE RECOGNITION: Michael Lavant retired from the City of Cordele Public Works Department with thirty-three years of service to the City. Commissioner Owens presented Mr. Lavant with a plaque from the City of Cordele.

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES: No requests.

SPEAKER ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM: No Requests.

DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Community Advancement/Community Development – Maurice Hill Reported.

- Attended the PROPEL Meeting in Athens on February 5th and 6th to discuss our progress and meet with potential funders for local projects.
- Attended the Land Bank meeting on February 11th to discuss a strategy to move housing programs forward through the Land Bank.
- Attended the Accident Report Committee Meeting on February 12th to review incidents and establish protocols to address future incidents.
- Attend the Ministers Meeting at the Community Clubhouse on February 13th to talk about upcoming programs in the community.
- Set up a meeting with the Department of Natural Resources to discuss grants they administer for walking/biking/motorized trails, playground equipment, STEM activities in Water Conservation, etc.
- Meeting with company for roof repair estimates for the Allied Building and the building next to the park on February 19th.
- Set up a Stakeholders Meeting with the Office of State Rural Health in Cordele on February 21st to discuss collaboration on grants opportunities for the City of Cordele.
- Working with The Orchard Subdivision to schedule a Planning Commission Meeting to rezone it as a PUD for the month of March.
- Had a conference call with the owners of Pateville Estates to discuss funding options for street repairs and renovation upgrades, also drove the property to see the scope of repairs.

Community Development Report:

Historic Preservation Committee	-	No February Meeting Scheduled
Board of Zoning Appeals Committee	-	No February Meeting Scheduled
Planning Commission Committee	-	No February Meeting Scheduled

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Revolving Loan Fund Committee Meeting/Public Hearing is Scheduled for February 13, 2025, at 11:30 am in the Cordele City Hall Court Room.

Set up a Revolving Loan Fund Committee Public Hearing to review the application for Mr. Creech and the 403 Bar & Grill.

2. Finance Department – Sonya Alexander Reported.

Increase in Business License payments for December 2024 and January 2025.

Increase in Property Taxes: December 2024 - \$31,118.08, January 2025 - \$915,964.94

Annual Audit starts March 3rd.

3. Fire Department – Chief Todd Alligood Reported.

Goals

1. Provide best possible service to the citizens and visitors of Cordele through firefighter recruitment and retention, professionalism (actions and appearance), extensive training, quick response, effective emergency mitigation, community risk reduction programs, and community engagement.

Accomplishments

1. Hired three (3) firefighters since the first of the year, David Sumner, Rico Howard and Abby Patterson. We are now at full staff (8) firefighters per shift and (3) administrative positions. Abby Patterson is the first female to work a shift with the Cordele Fire Department and she is doing well.
2. We have issued several smoke detectors; Red Cross is working to get us more.
3. Lt. Cook has earned his Fire Inspector Certification. That gives us two with Chief Bullington. Lt. Cook is also working towards his Fire Investigator Certification.
4. Hosting a Decision Making for Initial Company Operations 2/17-2/18 at Albany State Univ. (Cordele Campus). 18 from CFD...24 total registered. Chief Munday from Perry Fire Dept. will assist Lt. Averill with teaching the class.
5. We had our quarterly Command Staff meeting 1/29.
6. Attended the new website reveal and looking forward to the training.
7. Attended the Safety Committee meeting 2/12.
8. Response to Bombing Incidents – Fire Department sent three (3) Firefighters to New Mexico through a FEMA Grant and Homeland Security; they paid for the trip; Lt. Averill, Lt. Cook and Rob Calhoun attended this training. They were all certified as Instructors for the class. Now they can bring the class back to the City of Cordele and teach Firefighters, Police Officers and EMS. This training teaches how to identify bombing making material, things that may look suspicious and also teaches them what to do to respond to incidences before it happens.

4. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported.

Develop a workforce profile that identifies strengths, weaknesses, and potential areas for improvement – Conduct a thorough analysis of the current workforce, including:

- Position Analysis: Review job roles and responsibilities to ensure they meet current and future service demands.

- a. **Job descriptions for all positions in Public Works and U, C&T were updated to include working after-hours as may be required due to on-call or emergencies.**

Align HR goals with the City's objectives to improve public service delivery – Set measurable goals that support both the short-term and long-term priorities such as:

- Encourage and provide leadership development by setting clear paths for advancement within the organization.

- a. **Extended in-house promotions to Finance Director, Chief Court Clerk, Cemetery & Parks Superintendent, and Police Sergeants.**

Create a qualified candidate pool for all roles – Attract top talent by focusing on:

- Employer Branding: Highlighting benefits of public sector employment such as job stability, community impact, competitive pay, wellness support and pension plans.
- Partnerships: Build relationships with local school system, college, technical college and community organizations.

- a. **Participated in a Job Fair held at Crisp County High School.**
- b. **Attending an upcoming hiring event hosted by South Georgia Technical College Americus Campus.**
- c. **Finalizing details to host a Work-Based Learning student in the Fleet Department at Public Works.**

5. Municipal Court – Nancy Crook Reported.

Goals

- Report accurate and complete information for the Court and Public.
- Complete Court Docket for the Judge in a timely manner.

Accomplishments

- All Dockets and Court Disposition were turned into the State on time.

6. Police Department/Codes Compliance/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported Police Department Goals and Accomplishments:

1. We will continue to provide the City of Cordele with professional law enforcement service through our hiring process, training and self-accountability. **We currently have four (4) applicants in the hiring process for Police Officers. One applicant has an interview scheduled for later this week. The other applicants are in the third stage of the hiring process. They will be attending the preliminary physical agility test next week. Our department has one cadet that is currently on her sixth week of the Police Academy.**

Kenstan Hemphill was promoted to Corporal on February 14, 2025.

2. Develop strategies to attract new candidates and to retain our current employees. **We are continuing to promote on our sign boards and on Facebook page.**
3. We will continue to connect with the community through collaborating with local churches, groups and businesses. **The mission of the Event Committee is to partner**

with community groups to hold bigger and better events for our community. Our main goal is to focus on the children in our community. More information forthcoming on our next events.

4. We will continue to make advancements towards obtaining the Georgia Risk Reduction Certification. **We are continuing with policy reviews to make them align with State Requirements. Chief Heard stated State Certification is a very lofty goal and it is something the Police Department wants to achieve. However, he feels that the Risk Reduction Certification is a more achievable goal, it is short term and it will help the Police Department and better prepare the Police Department in becoming State Certified. Risk Reduction Certificate has changed to the Excellency in Policing Certification, it is through the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), Local Government Risk Management Services and the Association of the Chief of Police. Chief Heard stated that it is a good stepping stone toward becoming State Certified. It stills offer the five (5) percent reduction in the Law Enforcement Liability Premiums and it will last for three (3) years.**

City Manager Angela Redding stated she wanted to provide clarification. She stated that the Georgia Risk Certification is the one that we discussed from GMA, that is the Excellency in Policing Certification?

Chief Heard answered, the name was changed to Excellency in Policing Certification. City Manager Angela Redding stated, she wants to keep State Certification on the radar. She stated at some point and time, hopefully it can be a State Certified Police Department.

Animal Control Division Goals and Accomplishments

Get more animals rescued/adopted by being more active in the community and on social media.

- a. The Animal Shelter had forty-three (43) animals Adopted and thirty-four (34) Rescued in the month of January.
- b. We are bringing on a volunteer to help promote the Shelter Facebook Page and push the available dogs we have. She has a lot of experience and we hope it will revamp the vision that the Animal Control currently has.

Work towards implementing a volunteer program at the Shelter.

- a. We are working on a schedule and paperwork to have volunteers.

Make shelter improvements grates for drains, seal the floors, replace rusted kennel pipes, add a few more kennels outside.

- a. Four (4) kennels were added outside, along with two (2) others that were made before.
- b. Prices are being gathered about the grates for the drains.
- c. We would like to add a few more outside, but are figuring out the logistics as far as where they would go.

Actively promote better animal welfare (Spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter (housing, Kennel Ordinance Control).

- a. We have loaned out several dog houses for citizens until they are able to get them one.
- b. We have been contacted by several citizens about doing vouchers to get stray cats fixed. The vet's office is on board and we are working together on this issue. Cats are the number one animal that comes into the shelter. Spaying/Neutering will reduce the number that comes in.

Host events with the hope of bringing awareness to the shelter, animal health and welfare and increasing donations.

We are coming up with ideas and possible locations to have events. There have been several asking how to donate and what to donate, other than pet food.

City Manager Angela Redding for more information on dog houses that are loaned out.

Dog Houses – Animal Control loan out dog houses to individuals who do not have a dog house. They assist people with dog houses until the owner can get a dog house. The loan period for the dog house is thirty (30) days. Record of loaning the dog houses out is not recorded, but it will be in the future.

Code Compliance Division

Goals and Accomplishments:

The Codes Division will continue code enforcement efforts to increase code compliance in all wards. This will provide more attractive and presentable neighborhoods for the current citizens, future citizens, workers and travelers with the hopes to attract new businesses, industry and potential residents to the City.

Code Compliance Officers held meetings with two landlords to cover lack of adequate heat complaints, tenant rights, and rental unit property maintenance code requirements.

The Codes Division will continue sending Codes Officials to advanced training and certification seminars through the International Code Council (ICC) and the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) with the hopes of each Code Official becoming certified in multiple inspection categories.

The Code Compliance Division enrolled each officer in the local chapter of BOAG building inspectors to participate in local classes and training.

Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. **Code Compliance Officers met with the City Attorney and City manager to review the progress on existing blighted structures and added five (5) new properties to the attorney action list.**

Increasing our social media presence and utilizing other innovative ways to relay information and announce code issues and problems. The aim is to educate and keep the public informed about code related issues that concern them.

Code Compliance Officers met with Main Street Director to address downtown commercial property, blighted and façade code compliance.

7. Public Works Interim Director – Jessie Mercer Reported.

R & D lawn Service has completed four (4) Holding Ponds.
Stormwater completed – January 31, 2025.
ARPA Sewer Project is 50% completed.

8. Social Media Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported.

A goal from the beginning was to navigate the rebuilding of the City of Cordele website. On February 6th, the Website Committee met with Kian Miller of Granicus for the website reveal. All in attendance were pleased with what was presented and comments were positive and encouraging. We have received the link for the training schedule. There are three (3) levels of training: Basic Training is three (3) hours and consists of how to build, edit, and publish. All users on the access sheet are asked to attend in a classroom setting. The second level is ADMIN; this is for super-users who have full success to the site. The third level BEYOND THE BASICS, which addresses questions, concerns, and further training as needed.

9. UC&T Director – Teddy Hubbard Reported.

1. Water restrictions put in place in 2010 are still in effect and have not changed. This allows for daily outdoor watering between the hours of 10 AM and 4PM.
2. We have received updated quotes on the UV Disinfectant System. We still need to find an Engineer Firm to write the plans for installation. An RFP needs to be written to find an Engineering Firm to write the plans for installation.
3. We have six out of the ten aerators in the ponds that have been rewired to new control panels.
4. We have Primary Clarifier five (5) and six (6) have those in.
5. The broken valve has been removed from the Clarifier and a new one has been put in place.
6. The pump on Kelly Road went out and it is back in service.
7. We are compiling data for 2024 Water Audit that is required by EPD.
8. We are working on the Quality Water Report that is required by EPD.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swearing-In to serve on the City of Cordele Boards.

Cordele Carnegie Library: Jerome Deal

Commissioner Owens moved to table the swearing in until the Oath of Office is in place; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

The item was table by the Commission until the Oath of Office is in place.

City Clerk Genivieve Mumphery returned with the Oath of Office:

A motion was made to swear-in Mr. Deal.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the swearing-in of Jerome Deal; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approved the swearing-in of Jerome Deal to the Cordele Carnegie Library Board.

Chairman Deriso administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jerome Deal.

2. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Family Easter Event, April 12, 2025, 105 East 9th Ave., 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Sponsoring Organizations: Downtown Cordele, SAM Shortline, Gallery 41 and Cordele Police Department. Organizer's Name: Monica Rentfrow.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve an Event permit; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves voted aye.

The Event Permit was approved by the Commission.

3. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Autism Stroll, Crisp Regional Hospital Walking Track, April 26, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Sponsoring Organization – Downtown Cordele, Monica Rentfrow – Director.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve an Event permit; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Event Permit was approved by the Commission.

4. Consider and Approve a New Alcohol License: Beer & Wine Consumed Off Premises - Family Dollar – Store #30889, 302 E 24th Ave., Cordele, GA 31015. Store Manager – Sheteria Mason. Reviewed by Police Chief Jalon Heard on February 14, 2025.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the New Alcohol License for Family Dollar #30889; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.

5. Consider and Approve Contract for Animal Control Services with the City of Arabi.

Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Contract for Animal Control Services with the City of Arabi; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Commission approved the Contract with Animal Control Services with the City of Arabi.

6. Consider and Approve the Request for Items Listed from the Police Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Request for Items Listed from the Police Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved the Request for Items Listed from the Police Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com

7. Consider and Approve the Request for Items Listed from the Public Works Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Request for Items Listed from the Public Works Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Reeves, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.

The Commission approved the Request for Items Listed from the Public Works Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com

8. Discuss Financial Review:

Commissioner Reeves moved to discuss the Financial Review; seconded Commissioner Owens.

City Manager Angela Redding Reported.

The Financial Review is to keep the Commissioners abreast to where the City is regarding revenues and expenditures.

July 24 – January 25 Revenue Summary

Where the City is in terms of collections in the Budget.

Taxes	47%
Licenses and permits	15%.
Intergovernmental Revenue	12%
Charges for Service	60%
Fines and Forfeitures	69%
Investment Income	0%
Contributions & Donations	1%
Miscellaneous Revenue	61%
Other Financing Sources	62%
Water Fund	65%
Gas Fund	56%
Sanitation Fund	64%
Total Revenue Collections	47% for this Budget year

There is a carry over for Williams Field for contributions and collections. The City has not spent the funds for Williams Field.

For taxes, it is not just property taxes. Franchise Taxes, Alcohol Taxes, and other taxes are included in Taxes.

November 24 – January 25 Budget Summary by Department

The City is at 56%, of the Budget, in terms of expenditures. This is for all departments that the City supports, including Library, Chamber, and Main Street.

July 24 – January 2 Special Funds Budget Summary

Revenues and Expenditures are listed for the City's Special Funds.

Revenue Budget	\$5,252,281.00
Revenue Actual	\$4,018,381.79
Revenue Balance	\$1,233,899.00

Expenditures

Expense Actual	\$1,041,335.21
Expense Balance	\$4,210,945.79

SPLOST 2024 – 2029

Revenue Balance	\$168,923.17
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9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Angela Redding Reported.

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Prior Events (Photos were shown from prior events):

Crisp County Community Council Presents the Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance

Friday, February 7, 2025

First United Methodist Activities Center, 302 E. 12th Ave.

Historical Awards Committee

A Walk Through, Displaying Notable and Famous Black Americans from Crisp County

February 8, 2025

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cordele BBQ Bash – photos not included

Middle and South Georgia BBQ Association

Cordele Lions Club Fairgrounds

February 7th and 8th, 2025

Faith Based Organization Minister's Meeting

Thursday, February 13th, 2025

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Cordele Community Clubhouse

108 East 15th Ave.

Upcoming Meetings

BGES Annual GALA

Contributing 2 Life Choices Before & After High School

Saturday, March 22, 2025 @ 8:00 PM

Thad's Place

112 W 12th Ave., Cordele, GA

Announcement

Improvements at the Community Clubhouse – The Holly trees that were planted along side

15th Avenue, they have been cut, in addition to the lighting. The Community Clubhouse

Committee has been meeting on a regular basis. Community Clubhouse needs new members to serve on the board.

Request Approvals

Heart of Georgia (HOG) Railroad is requesting to reroute traffic for repairs that are slated to begin February 24th.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the request to reroute traffic for HOG Railroad, due to repairs being done; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Reeves, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Commission approved the request to reroute traffic.

Letter of Support – RaceTrac, LLC – locating at Hwy 300. There have been various discussions regarding a traffic light at Frontage Road and Kelly Road. With their potential development, they are asking for a letter of support to provide to GDOT to request a traffic light.

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Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Letter of Support for RaceTrac, LLC; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves.

The Commission approve the request for a Support Letter for RaceTrac, LLC.

CDBG Public Meeting

Dates are Tuesday, February 25th, Wednesday, February 26th, and Thursday, February 27th.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the date for the CDGB Meeting, Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Reeves, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved to have a CDBG Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

City Manager Angela Redding gave names of boards that need members:

Community Clubhouse – one (1) board member

Tourism Committee – need a board member from one (1) of the local hotels.

Planning Commission – one (1) member

Historic Preservation Commission – one (1) board member

Gaye Stennett – Accounts Payable Clerk will be retiring on February 28, 2025.

We are moving forward with the telephone service that the Commission approved.

Goals

Collections - Delinquent Utility Accounts – Approved Live Oak, LLC to assist with collections.

Protecting City Assets – A Committee has been established, Safety and Accident Review Committee. The first meeting was held last week. Chairman Deriso was appointed by the Commission to serve on that Committee.

This Committee was set up to protect City assets, so when accidents occur, we will know if they are chargeable or nonchargeable, as well as the expense that is associated with each accident or incidents. There were fifteen (15) accidents/incidents on the list that was reviewed by the Committee. Five were chargeable and ten nonchargeable. A reminder, if an employee receives three (3) chargeable accidents in three (3) years, there is potential termination of that employee. The cost associated with the fifteen that was on the Agenda last week was \$34,274.70. This is a combination of expenses in terms of repairs, as well as worker's compensation.

Deadline for Occupation & Property Taxes

Occupation license (Business License) expire at the end of the year and become delinquent in not paid by April 1st.

Property Taxes

The deadline for property taxes is March 6, 2025.

The front and rear entrances to City Hall have been designated as fire entrances. The red marking indicates “no parking”.

Chairman Deriso inquired about water deposits for residential and commercial accounts; residential water deposit is \$60 and commercial water deposit is \$150. He asked if there was any difference in the deposit for a small business and a corporation.

Sonya Alexander – Finance Director answered, a small business and a corporation pays the same for a water deposit.

Chairman Deriso stated that the Commission need to discuss the water deposits for small businesses and large businesses.

Vice Chairman Rainey stated that the tap fees need to be addressed by the Commission also. There is a ten (10) percent increase in tap fees every year. They fees have gotten out of control and the Commission need to discuss this; they have gotten non-competitive with the neighboring Cities.

City Manager Angela Redding stated there is a schedule for tap fees approved when Jeff Johnson was City Manager. There is ten (10) percent increase each year around December 19th. City Manager Angela Redding stated that she will send the Commission the schedule for tap fees. City Manager Angela Redding stated that the Commission need to look at late fees and reconnect fees. City Manager Angela Redding stated that she will get information from the Finance Department and bring it back to the Commission for discussion. She stated that there are fees from the surrounding Counties that the Commission can compare.

- 10. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** City Attorney Tommy Coleman requested an Executive Session for litigation.
- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate): Commissioner Reeves moved to go into Executive Session for litigation at 10:19 AM; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. The Commission approved to go into Executive Session.
- 12. REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED:** Commissioner Reeves moved to reconvene the Regular Session at 10:33 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission reconvened the Regular Session.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Reeves moved to adjourn the Meeting at 10:33 AM; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. The Commission approved to adjourn the Meeting.



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

ROYCE F. REEVES, SR.
Commission Vice-Chair

VESTA BEAL-SHEPHARD
Commissioner

WESLEY RAINEY
Commissioner

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Hill

DATE: March 4, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager Report
Community Development Director Report**

Community Advancement Manager Report

Good morning,

I have continued to reach out to residents and members of the business community to advance housing, business development and educational initiatives.

- Attended a Keep Crisp Beautiful Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce office on February 19th at 10 am to discuss Land Bank Projects and potential for partnering.
- Met with DDA/Mainstreet and RVRC on February 19th at 1 pm to review the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and discuss options and make recommended changes to enhance the plans overall reach within the (3) areas encompassed in the Redevelopment Plan.
- Set up and attended The State Office of Rural Health Stakeholders Meeting on February 21st at 10 am to learn about the S/O/R/H and the process for receiving funding for projects.
- Attended the Crisp Family Support Meeting on Tuesday February 25th at 10 am to discuss programs, funding options and collaboration with other organizations.
- Attended the CDBG Public Hearing Meeting on Tuesday February 25th at 6 pm to discuss potential projects for funding the CDBG Funding application.
- Met with the Crisp Regional on February 24th at 3 pm to discuss collaborating on their properties with the Land Bank to promote the 25 by '25 Housing Initiative.
- Schedule the Orchard Subdivision for review of Zoning Change on March 20th at 10 am.



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Community Development Director Report

Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Scheduled for March 20th at 6pm

The application presented by Ms. Tauser of 719 E 13th Ave to modify and install fencing at this location will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Committee for consideration.

Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - No March Scheduled

Planning Commission Committee - Meeting Scheduled for March 20th at 10 am

The application for rezoning The Orchard Subdivision from Single Family R-7.5S to PD is scheduled for the Planning Commission to review the information for consideration.

Revolving Loan Fund Committee - Meeting on February 13, 2025

The 403 Bar and Grill RLF Meeting was held and the Committee requested additional information from the applicant. **A new meeting date has not been established at this time.**

I thank you for the honor of serving the Community of Cordele!

Maurice Hill
Community Advancement Manager

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager
FROM: Sonyia Alexander, Finance Director

DATE: February 28, 2025
RE: City Commission Report



City of Cordele
Sales Tax Receipts

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			Monthly
Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Total
1/30/2023	\$237,469.63	December	1/30/2023	\$222,089.70	November	1/31/2023	\$33,427.28	December	\$492,986.61
2/27/2023	\$213,693.35	January	2/24/2023	\$228,904.97	December	2/28/2023	\$26,894.52	January	\$469,492.84
3/30/2023	\$204,834.30	February	3/28/2023	\$207,086.70	January	3/31/2023	\$28,042.50	February	\$439,963.50
4/28/2023	\$247,792.98	March	4/24/2023	\$198,730.99	February	4/28/2023	\$31,510.17	March	\$478,034.14
5/30/2023	\$218,788.37	April	5/22/2023	\$240,741.01	March	5/31/2023	\$28,935.47	April	\$488,464.85
6/29/2023	\$225,004.69	May	6/20/2023	\$211,944.08	April	6/30/2023	\$29,283.20	May	\$466,231.97
7/28/2023	\$247,284.48	June	7/31/2023	\$218,103.45	May	8/1/2023	\$30,471.24	June	\$495,859.17
8/30/2023	\$247,433.94	July	8/28/2023	\$240,433.14	June	8/31/2023	\$32,988.99	July	\$520,856.07
9/28/2023	\$204,631.16	August	9/16/2023	\$243,707.02	July	9/29/2023	\$34,002.30	August	\$482,340.48
10/30/2023	\$244,359.40	September	10/27/2023	\$198,640.37	August	10/31/2023	\$29,716.36	September	\$472,716.13
11/29/2023	\$227,086.31	October	11/20/2023	\$237,146.15	September	11/30/2023	\$31,686.43	October	\$495,918.89
12/28/2023	\$238,845.35	November	12/18/2023	\$220,394.40	October	1/4/2024	\$29,656.19	November	\$488,895.94
1/30/2024	\$238,707.49	December	1/22/2024	\$231,817.48	November	1/31/2024	\$33,271.42	December	\$503,796.39
2/28/2024	\$213,408.03	January	2/23/2024	\$231,681.86	December	2/29/2024	\$27,552.78	January	\$472,642.67
3/27/2024	\$234,937.72	February	SPLOST 2018-2023 Ended December 2023			3/28/2024	\$31,655.81	February	\$266,593.53
4/29/2024	\$232,723.34	March	4/29/2024	\$98,250.92	February	4/30/2024	\$30,706.67	March	\$361,680.93
5/30/2024	\$220,651.01	April	5/21/2024	\$154,349.08	March	5/31/2024	\$29,908.29	April	\$404,908.38
6/27/2024	\$226,427.34	May	7/1/2024	\$146,348.15	April	6/28/2024	\$30,675.82	May	\$403,451.31
7/30/2024	\$255,423.79	June	7/29/2024	\$149,899.91	May	7/31/2024	\$30,591.52	June	\$435,915.22
8/29/2024	\$247,676.79	July	8/27/2024	\$169,379.79	June	8/30/2024	\$31,553.77	July	\$448,610.35
9/27/2024	\$211,223.28	August	9/23/2024	\$164,273.44	July	9/30/2024	\$31,289.72	August	\$406,786.44
10/30/2024	\$227,094.71	September	10/21/2024	\$140,093.19	August	10/31/2024	\$29,702.64	September	\$396,890.54
11/26/2024	\$251,968.06	October	11/21/2024	\$150,566.72	September	11/27/2024	\$30,927.25	October	\$433,462.03
12/30/2024	\$246,347.33	November	12/30/2024	\$167,121.68	October	12/31/2024	\$30,993.83	November	\$444,462.84
1/30/2025	\$257,928.43	December	1/27/2025	\$163,393.95	November	1/31/2025	\$35,116.13	December	\$456,438.51
2/27/2025	\$220,806.44	January	2/25/2025	\$171,073.76	December	2/28/2025	\$28,700.10	January	\$420,580.30

CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT

509 North 7th Street Cordele GA, 31015

Fire Chief Todd Alligood

*"We Train Harder So That We May Serve Better; And It Is with
Dedication That We Serve "*



To: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman

Royce Reeves, Commission Ward 2

Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner Ward 1

Isaac Owens, Commissioner Ward 3

Wesley Rainey, Vice Chairman Ward 4

Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Todd Alligood, Fire Chief

Date: February 25, 2025

Reference: **Commission Report**

Reporting Period: January 28, 2025 – February 25, 2025

1. Calls for Service: Total 61

SMOKE SCARE	3
GRASS/RUBBISH FIRE	1
MEDICAL	28
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	11
VEHICLE FIRE	1
STRUCTURE FIRE	2
FALSE ALARM/OTHER	15

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

2. Department News

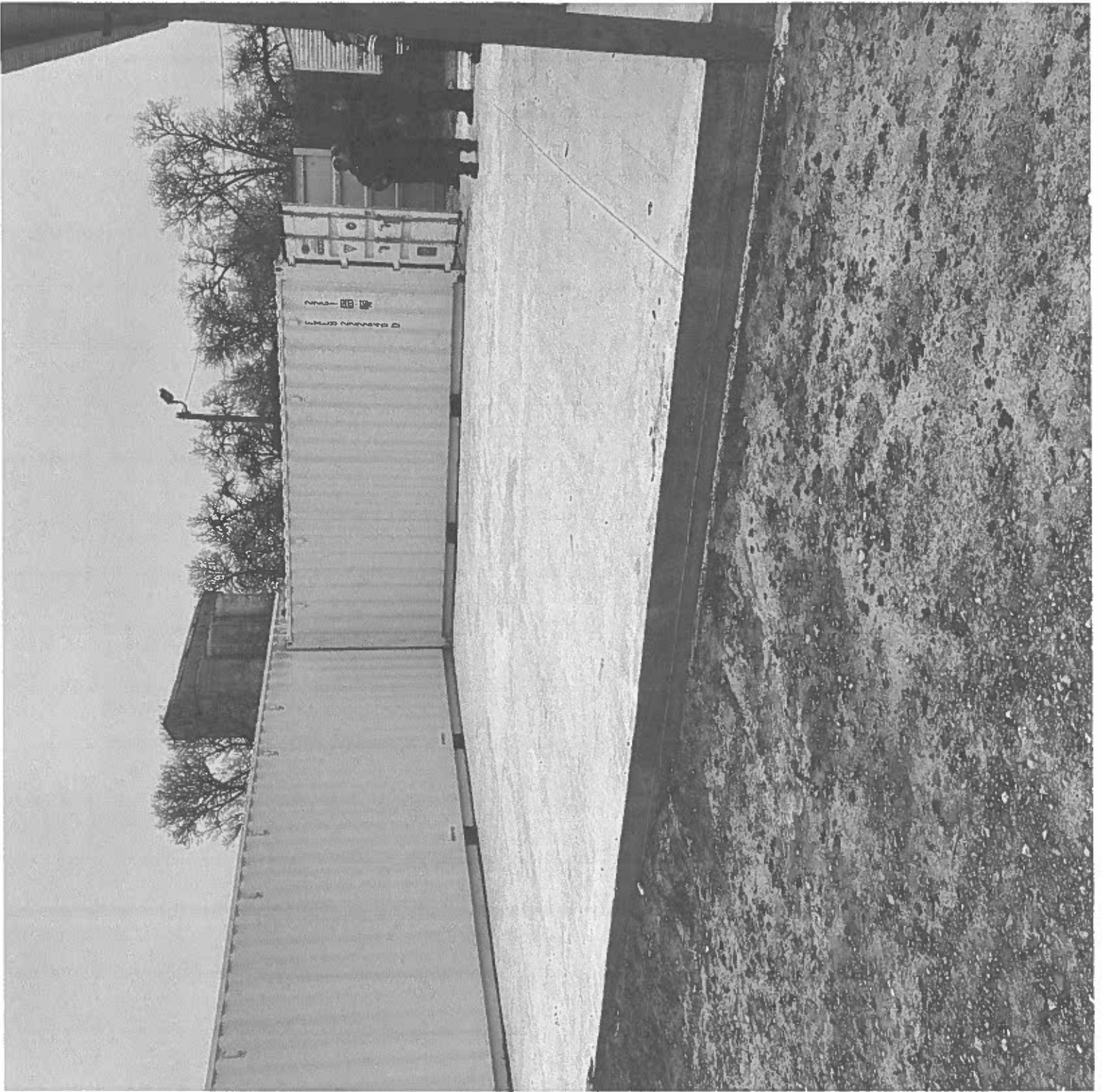
- Attended Public Safety Roundtable 2/19.
 - Attended meeting at the State Office of Rural Health 2/21. Met with Executive Director Nita Ham and other community leaders. Contacted our local State Representative Noel Williams about appropriating money for Cordele Fire to purchase 4 Life Pak 1000 AEDs.
 - Attended the Regional Traffic Incident Management (TIMS) meeting at the EOC.
 - Our live fire burn building is complete. I have included some pictures.
- Concrete pad was poured and leveled by firefighters and Street Department.
 - Pavilion was built by firefighters.
 - Public works and firefighters set the Conex boxes.
 - Firefighters cut and welded the doors, window, and fire box.
 - Express Disposal donated the small dumpster we modified for a fire box.
 - We have less than **\$25,000** in the project. Similar boxes (boxes only) were quoted at **\$170,000**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!















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City Manager



MEMO

DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: David Wade, Director of Human Resources

REF: Commission Report

Attached is the Personnel Department's report for the March 04, 2025 City Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CITY OF CORDELE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT
MARCH 04, 2025

Accepting applications for Police Officer, Water & Sewer Technician, Community Development Specialist, Community Development Director, Administrative Assistant, Deputy Court Clerk and Public Works Director.

January 29, 2025	Hired a temporary Administrative Assistant in the Community Development department.
January 30, 2025	Promoted three Corporals to Sergeant in the Police department. Promoted a Mechanic to Assistant Superintendent in the Fleet department.
January 30, 2025	Promoted the Deputy Court Clerk to Chief Court Clerk effective February 03, 2025. Began accepting in-house applications for the vacant Deputy Court Clerk position.
January 30, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Firefighter applicant. Anticipated hire date is February 13, 2025.
January 31, 2025	Participated in interviews for the vacant Accounting Clerk position in the Finance department.
January 31, 2025	Participated in a career fair hosted by Crisp County High School.
February 03, 2025	Promoted the Senior Accountant to Finance Director in the Finance department.
February 05, 2025	Hired a Firefighter in the Fire department. A conditional offer of employment was previously extended on January 08, 2025.
February 06, 2025	Attended the Website Development Committee meeting.
February 07, 2025	Began accepting in-house applications for the vacant Senior Accountant position in the Finance department.
February 07, 2025	Received the resignation of a Water and Sewer Technician in the Water and Sewer department.
February 07, 2025	Participated in interviews for the vacant Maintenance Technician position in Public Works. A conditional offer of employment was extended February 14, 2025 with an anticipated hire date of March 04, 2025.
February 12, 2025	Attended the Safety and Accident Review Committee meeting.
February 13, 2025	Participated in interviews of in-house applicants for the vacant Deputy Court Clerk position. Began accepting external applications on February 24, 2025.

**CITY OF CORDELE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT
MARCH 04, 2025 – CON'T**

February 13, 2025	Began accepting external applications for the vacant Administrative Assistant position in the Community Development department.
February 14, 2025	Received the resignation of the Accounts Payable Technician in the Finance department. Began accepting in-house applications for the position on February 18, 2025.
February 14, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to an Accounting Clerk applicant in the Finance department. Anticipated hire date is February 24, 2025.
February 14, 2025	Updated and submitted the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) 2025 Q2 testing rosters.
February 18, 2025	Hired a Water and Sewer Technician in the Water and Sewer department. A conditional offer of employment was previously extended January 23, 2025.
February 19, 2025	Participated in interviews for the vacant Community Development Specialist position.
February 25, 2025	Exchanged several phone calls and e-mails throughout the month with Michael Shurley and Trident insurance representatives regarding new and ongoing claims.

CITY OF CORDELE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT
MARCH 04, 2025 – CON'T

MANPOWER and VACANCY SUMMARY
As of February 25, 2025

DEPT.	APPROVED POSITIONS	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	CONTRACT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	NOTE
Executive	8	7	0	0	1	
Human Resources	2	2	0	0	0	
Finance	10	8	0	0	2	
Police Department	44	33	0	0	11	
Fire Department	27	27	0	0	0	
Public Works	53	45	0	1	7	
Community Dev.	3	0	1	0	2	
U, C & T	12	11	0	0	1	
TOTALS	159	133	1	1	24	



Cordele Police Department

501 North 7th Street Cordele, GA 31015 Telephone 229-276-2921 Fax 229-273-6773

Jalon Heard, Chief of Police

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon Heard 
Chief of Police

Date: February 25, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

Attached you find the department's information to be submitted for the Commissioners' review.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.



Cordele Police Department (Police) Commission Report

Reporting Period: January 28, 2025 thru February 24, 2025

I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
Part I Crimes	24
<i>Homicide/Murder</i>	0
<i>Rape</i>	0
<i>Robberies (Armed/By Force/Strong Arm)</i>	1
<i>Motor Vehicle Thefts</i>	3 (3 recovered)
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	5 (2 arrests)
<i>Larceny (Thefts)</i>	14 (1 entering auto, 9 shoplifting with 7 adult arrests and 2 warrants issued, 4 other thefts)
<i>Burglary</i>	1 (1 residential)
Part II Crimes	117
Incidents Reported	84
Community Contacts	2
Citations Issued	135
Warnings Issued	64
Total Calls for Service from Dispatch	1,085

II. Departmental News

We currently have 2 applicants in the hiring process. We have one cadet in the 8th week of the academy.

The Cordele Police Department will be participating in the Safe Driving Summit held at Crisp County High School on March 6th. This presentation is hosted by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Lutzie 43 Foundation. The purpose of the Safe Driving Summit is to educate High school Students on the dangers of distracted, impaired, and unsafe driving, and to provide them with the tools to make better decisions behind the wheel.

Chief Heard and Captain Taylor will be attending the Georgia Internal Affairs Investigators Association Conference March 4th - 7th.



Cordele Police Department (Animal Control) Commission Report

Reporting Period: January 28- February 24, 2025



I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Reported Numbers
Dog & Cat Intake Total:	128
<i>City Intake</i>	78
<i>Intakes from Crisp County</i>	34
<i>Intakes from Other Entities</i>	16
Number of Calls Received:	64
Number of Adoptions/Rescues:	9 Owner Reclaims 24 Rescued 28 Adoptions
Animals Currently at The Shelter:	25 Cats 19 Dogs
Citations Issued:	1
Warnings Issued:	29
Open Shelter Slots:	5 Cat Cages / 5 Dog Kennels

II. Division News:

A volunteer is assisting us with posting available animals on our Facebook page.

We received a large donation of dog food from Judicial Alternatives Georgia (JAG) probation, CSRA Probation and Tractor Supply. Citizens also purchase dog food and leave it at Tractor Supply for us to pick up.



Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report

Reporting Period: January 28, 2025 – February 24, 2025

I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents*
Abandoned Vehicle	1
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	1
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	3
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	0
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	17
Other	8

II. Departmental News

Code Compliance Officers are set to attend the GACE Conference (Ga Association of Code Enforcement) in Savannah on March 5th- 7th. This provides training certification and CEU hours for ICC.

The Code Compliance Division facilitated another residential blighted demolition by the owners on 309 W 22nd Ave.

Code Compliance Officers also met with four additional landlords to continue education on post eviction, junk, and debris removal.

MARCH 2025 REPORT

PERMITTED COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CRM Company, LLC	Tire Recycling Facility 4706 Pateville Road Job Valuation: \$1,500,000.00 Permit Fee: \$3,680.00
Retail Space	Darrin Felton. 515 West 16 th Avenue. Job Valuation: \$350,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1230.00
Crisp Regional OR Expansion	902 North 7 th Street. OR Expansion Job Valuation: \$17,200,000.00 Permit Fee: \$35,080.00
Speedway Truckstop	Truck Stop at 510 North Greer Street. Job Valuation: \$1,650,000.00 Permit Fee: \$5120.00
Crisp Regional/MRI Room	Remodel MRI Room at 902 N 7 th Street. Job Valuation: \$197,000.00 Permit Fee: \$771.00
Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$20,897,000.00 Total of Permit Fees: \$45,881.00	

PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Single-Family Home	Single-Family Home for Jud Lanneau at 1902 Quail Run Job Valuation: \$580,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1840.00
Total of Residential Job Valuations: \$580,000.00 Permit Fees: \$1840.00	

Combined Total of Commercial/Residential: \$21,477,000.00

PENDING JOBS:

Christian Homes Community	24 apartment complex on West 25 th Avenue. Plans approved. Waiting on permit and Pre-construction meeting.
Jones Petroleum Truck Stop	New Truck Stop at 2302 Highway 300. Plans received. On hold.
Single Family Home	1502 Fleming Road. Waiting on payment for permit.
RaceTrac Gas Station	New gas station at Corner of Hwy 300 and Frontage Road Waiting on plans and permit.
Single Family Home	1508 Fleming Road. Waiting on permit.
Advanced Drainage Systems	1013 West 11 th Avenue. Expansion part City/part County

Projects Completed in 2025**Demolition Permits completed in 2025**

<u>Address</u>	<u>Commercial/Residential</u>	<u>By Owner/City</u>
408 West 17 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
903 West 11 th Avenue	Commercial	Owner
401 East 9 th Avenue	Residential	Owner



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Memo

Date: February 25, 2025

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Jessie Mercer, Interim Public Works Director

Re: Public Works Commission Report – March 4, 2025

Please see the attached commission report for the Public Works Department.

Commission Report

Public Works Department

3/4/2025

Cemetery/Parks

- Routine grass maintenance in the ditch and sidewalks is ongoing.
- The installation of No Parking Fire Lane signs is in progress.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 54 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders since our last commission report.

Engineering

- 2023-0117 SPEEDWAY @ 8TH AVE & GREER. In progress.
- 2023-0134 CRISP HOSPITAL EXPANSION. In progress.
- The Engineering Department has completed 7 customer reported and routine maintenance work order for the storm water system.

Gas

- Documentation is being compiled for the completion of the 7100 and the EIA 176 annual reports. The EIA-176 will be sent February 28, 2025 and the 7100 will be submitted prior to March 12, 2025.
- Annual CP Test Station Survey is currently in progress.
- Operator Qualification manual review and Emergency Plan review are set to begin in March.
- Public Awareness effectiveness evaluation is ongoing.
- The crew continues to perform routine job tasks such as responding to customer complaints, suspected leak response, new service installation, requested removal of gas services, and general operations and maintenance tasks
- The Gas Department has completed 71 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Street

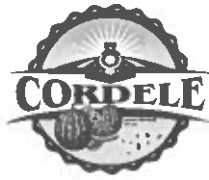
- Street Dept. has been working on utility cuts that were not properly backfilled and trying to combat the ever-growing number of potholes.
- The department has, when weather permits, worked on building a retaining wall on 20th Avenue between 7th Street and 8th Street. The purpose of this retaining wall is to allow us to backfill under the edge of the street and provide a place to add a guard rail (requested by City Mgr.) between 20th Ave. and the ditch.
- The Street Department has completed 27 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Water/Sewer

- ARPA Project:
 - Excavation work for point repairs and service replacements has begun.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 30 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

GovDeals Sales Report for February 2025

- We are in the process of finalizing the sale of the following items:
 - HP Designjet Ink Cartridges
 - Lathem Time Clock



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◆ MAIN STREET ◆

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February 2025 GovDeals Sales Report

We are in the process of finalizing the sale of the following items:

Surplus Sales Item	Amount
HP Designjet Ink Cartridges	\$50.00
Lathem Time Clock	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$85.00



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager



TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER

FROM: RICKY SMARR

DATE: MARCH 4TH, 2025

SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING REPORT

**MISSION: TO FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION,
BUILDING ON THE IDENTITY OF THE CITY OF CORDELE**

FEBRUARY 1ST – FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025

Your Social Media Marketing Department disseminates positive, timely, and informational content to the citizens of the City of Cordele and throughout its governmental structure. Through continuous interaction, our reach continues to grow. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

EVENTS & ACTIVITY

February 3rd: I attended the Department Head meeting at 8:15 AM at the Cordele Community Clubhouse in preparation for the Commission meeting on 2/4/25.

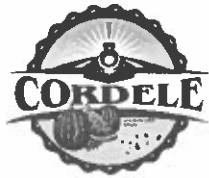
I attended an event meeting with Lisa Odom and Monica Rentfrow at Downtown Cordele to discuss upcoming collaborative events including The Autism Stroll, Easter Train, National Train Day & Spooktacular.

February 4th: I attended, produced, and published coverage of the Cordele City Commission Meeting which included the second HB581 Public Hearing, and at 6 pm the third and final public hearing on HB581. These meetings were placed on the city's social media platforms.

Public Hearing #2: <https://youtu.be/hRSSk6PHAJc>

Commission Meeting: <https://youtu.be/buju7yOHWhQ>

Public Hearing #3: <https://youtu.be/wYnSdnedcOk>



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I attended a Zoom call with Maurice regarding his vision of a Georgia Film Academy, to be housed locally. Participants were interested in the community and are planning a future visit.

February 6th: The website committee came together to get a first look at the completed website. We were excited to see what Kian and the Granicus team have built.

February 8th: I attended the Cordele BBQ Bash on 3 different occasions, gathering content. I published an establishing 4 ½ minute video with the organizer Lane Stuckey early and some pictures. From there I attended the Historical Awards Committee Black History Month Local Black Americans Exhibit at Blackshear Place Events Center. I produced a news package that included voices from Detective C.R. Lemmons, Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard, and HAC committee member Willie Mae Dexter. I finished the day with the Cordele BBQ Bash Awards Ceremony, carried live on our social media platform.

HAC Wrap-up: <https://youtu.be/mV7P80QbKXY>

Cordele BBQ Bash Awards: <https://fb.watch/xUgyVAFuFT/>

Cordele BBQ Bash Advancer Interview: <https://fb.watch/xUgC2YWYTs/>

February 13th: I attended the Faith-Based Community Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. Doug Dean presented his vision for a Community Center to the group. 16 were in attendance for this meeting.





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February 18: I attended and recorded the Cordele City Commission meeting and placed it on the city's FB & YouTube platforms.

Commission Meeting Link - <https://youtu.be/sljl1g7Qkync>

February 19th: Along with Chief Heard, Captains Taylor, and Hicks with PD, I attended the Homeless Coalition Meeting at the Dowdy Center.

The need for funding was a main topic of discussion. The possibility of placing Homeless Coalition Jars in businesses and churches for people to drop their loose change was discussed.

Upcoming events: 2025 Housing Symposium March 19 – 21

Community Café March 3rd – 5:30 PM

Including City of Cordele personnel, 12 people were in attendance. The next meeting is March 26th at noon.

February 20th: I attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Complete Tire & Service at 101 S. Pecan St. The event was carried live on your FB platform and recorded and produced with lower third titles.

I was honored to be asked to bring greetings on behalf of the city.

<https://fb.watch/xUk2iC4WmG/>

I also stopped by the Bridging the Gap Educational Services City On The Move College and Financial Aid Fair at the invitation of executive director, Julia Byron.

Junior and Senior high school students in attendance visited with representatives from several area institutes of higher learning and received instructional material and tips regarding financial aid. I produced a news package and published it on the city's social media & YouTube channel.

<https://youtu.be/H2BWZKfQavA>



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MAIN STREET

February 25th: Along with the Community Advancement Manager, I attended the Crisp County Family Connection Family Support Cohort Meeting at the Dowdy Resource Center.

February 25th: I attended the CDBG Public Input Meeting in the Cordele City Hall Courtroom. The meeting was recorded and placed Wednesday morning on the city's social media and YOUTUBE platforms.

<https://youtu.be/pZtvMm1Qwbg>

February 27th: I attended the Cordele City Commission Called Meeting in the City Hall Courtroom at 9 AM and recorded the meeting for publication on the city's social media and YOUTUBE platforms.

<https://youtu.be/mtd6Gj7mYWQ>

At the invitation of Chief Alligood, I went to CFD's training facility on West 8th Avenue to watch live fire training being held for the first time at the new live fire burn building. I published provided pictures by Chief Alligood and worked Friday on a news package format piece to be published as soon as completed and approved by Chief Alligood.

A complete log of all social media activity performed by this department is available for inspection.



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Website Update

As you know, the website committee had an opportunity to see the website build in a reveal meeting on February 6th. Training was scheduled for February 24th at 1 pm and was supposed to be a three-hour session. We received the link for logging into the site so we could begin to prepare for training.

Unfortunately, the login would not work. I want to thank Bobby and Brett for their hard work in trying to understand what the issues were and how to resolve them. This being said, Kian Miller is working with our IT team and his people at Granicus to get the problems resolved. Since Granicus recommended in-classroom hands-on training, which we could not do, the committee elected to postpone the first "Basic User" training. Once the log-in issue has been resolved, and the committee members confirm they can log in, we will reschedule the first layer of training.

Respectfully submitted

Ricky R. Smart

Social Media – Marketing Manager

City of Cordele



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February 25, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL

REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

Water Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	56,462,600 gallons	1,821,374 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	57,050,000 gallons	1,840,000 MGD average *
Sludge to Landfill	00.00 tons of sludge via Dump Truck	
Total Sludge 2025	0.00 tons of sludge via Dump Truck	
Grit to Landfill	0.00 tons	

Rainfall for the month of February was " *

Total Rainfall for 2025 is 3.20 " *

*These numbers will be updated by the Commission Meeting.

Water restrictions put in place in 2010 are still in effect and have not changed. This allows for daily outdoor watering between the hours of 4pm and 10am.

We are having a Water System Inspection on Wednesday the 26th. EPD with the Albany Office will be conducting this Inspection.

We had a Fluoride Inspection on February 24th. Everything was found to be in order. The inspector said this may be the last one.

CITY OF CORDELE
DEVELOPMENT CHARGES WATER/SEWER
INCREMENTAL CHARGES SCHEDULE

WATER METER/TAP FEES									
METER/TAP SIZE	THRU 12/19/2019	THRU 12/19/2020	THRU 12/19/2021	THRU 12/19/2022	THRU 12/19/2023	THRU 12/19/2024	THRU 12/19/2025	THRU 12/19/2026	
3/4" Meter/Tap	\$ 1,528.97	\$ 1,681.87	\$ 1,850.06	\$ 2,035.06	\$ 2,238.57	\$ 2,462.43	\$ 2,708.67	\$ 2,979.53	
1" Meter/Tap	\$ 1,879.30	\$ 2,067.23	\$ 2,273.95	\$ 2,501.35	\$ 2,751.48	\$ 3,026.63	\$ 3,329.30	\$ 3,662.23	
1-1/2" Meter/Tap	\$ 2,446.35	\$ 2,690.98	\$ 2,960.08	\$ 3,256.09	\$ 3,581.69	\$ 3,939.86	\$ 4,333.85	\$ 4,767.23	
2" Meter/Tap	\$ 3,224.77	\$ 3,547.25	\$ 3,901.97	\$ 4,292.17	\$ 4,721.39	\$ 5,193.53	\$ 5,712.88	\$ 6,284.17	
3" Tap Only	\$ 4,114.34	\$ 4,525.78	\$ 4,978.35	\$ 5,476.19	\$ 6,023.81	\$ 6,626.19	\$ 7,288.81	\$ 8,017.69	
3" Meter/Tap	\$ 8,339.89	\$ 9,173.88	\$ 10,091.27	\$ 11,100.40	\$ 12,210.44	\$ 13,431.48	\$ 14,774.63	\$ 16,252.09	
4" Tap Only	\$ 6,683.05	\$ 7,351.36	\$ 8,086.49	\$ 8,895.14	\$ 9,784.65	\$ 10,763.12	\$ 11,839.43	\$ 13,023.37	
4" Meter/Tap	\$ 13,899.78	\$ 15,289.76	\$ 16,818.74	\$ 18,500.61	\$ 20,350.67	\$ 22,385.74	\$ 24,624.31	\$ 27,086.74	
Tap Only Fees (meter cost is not included)									
6" Tap Only	\$ 7,750.49	\$ 8,525.54	\$ 9,378.09	\$ 10,315.90	\$ 11,347.49	\$ 12,482.24	\$ 13,730.47	\$ 15,103.51	
8" Tap Only	\$ 8,182.08	\$ 9,000.28	\$ 9,900.31	\$ 10,890.34	\$ 11,979.38	\$ 13,177.31	\$ 14,495.04	\$ 15,944.55	
10" Tap Only	\$ 9,435.17	\$ 10,378.69	\$ 11,416.56	\$ 12,558.22	\$ 13,814.04	\$ 15,195.44	\$ 16,714.98	\$ 18,386.48	
12" Tap Only	\$ 10,861.75	\$ 11,947.93	\$ 13,142.72	\$ 14,456.99	\$ 15,902.69	\$ 17,492.96	\$ 19,242.26	\$ 21,166.48	
SEWER TAP FEES									
	\$ 1,111.97	\$ 1,223.16	\$ 1,345.48	\$ 1,480.03	\$ 1,628.03	\$ 1,790.84	\$ 1,969.92	\$ 2,166.91	
FIRE RATED METERS									
6" Fire Rated Meter	\$ 8,937.50	\$ 9,831.25	\$ 10,814.38	\$ 11,895.81	\$ 13,085.39	\$ 14,393.93	\$ 15,833.33	\$ 17,416.66	
8" Fire Rated Meter	\$ 11,742.50	\$ 12,916.75	\$ 14,208.43	\$ 15,629.27	\$ 17,192.19	\$ 18,911.41	\$ 20,802.56	\$ 22,882.81	
10" Fire Rated Meter	\$ 18,191.80	\$ 20,010.98	\$ 22,012.08	\$ 24,213.29	\$ 26,634.61	\$ 29,298.08	\$ 32,227.88	\$ 35,450.67	
WATER/SEWER EXTENSIONS: 100% of Installation Costs									
INSTALLATION OF SERVICES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS: 100% of Installation Costs									



CITY OF VIENNA

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DEPOSITS

<u>UTILITY TYPE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT AMOUNT</u>
Gas	\$ 75.00
Water	\$ 75.00
Sewer	\$ 75.00

CONNECTION FEES

Connection Fee	\$ 25.00
Transfer Fee	\$ 25.00
Re-Connect Fee	\$ 50.00
<i>Service Work Order Changes (Based on hourly rate of \$30.00 per hour)</i>	
After Hour Rate (Emergency Only)	\$ 50.00
After Hour Rate (Non-Emergency)	\$ 75.00

TAPS

<u>UTILITY TYPE</u>	<u>INSIDE</u>	<u>OUTSIDE</u>
Gas	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Water	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Sewer	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,275.00
ALL Services	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 2,775.00

OTHER COSTS

LABOR - \$30.00 per hour (estimated time two-hours)

There will be extra charges for time over TWO hours and any extra material used. (These costs are included in the utility tap fees.)

CLEANING LOTS	\$ 100.00	min. plus \$30/hr plus dumping fee
SEWER SOLVENT	\$ 10.00	per bottle
BROKEN METER BOX	\$ 230.00	
METER HEAD	\$ 167.00	
METER LID	\$ 25.00	
CREDIT CARD CHARGE	3% of amount charged on card	

IRRIGATION

	<u>INSIDE CITY LIMITS</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS</u>
3/4" \$	500.00	\$ 750.00
1" \$	600.00	\$ 900.00
1 1/2" \$	1,500.00	\$ 2,250.00
2" \$	2,500.00	\$ 3,750.00

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Meter Tampering	\$200.00 (in addition to any criminal charges incurred)
Meter Testing	\$20.00 (if meter is accurate)
Relocation of Meters	\$50.00

Gas Fees

Gas Tapping Fees (Residential)	\$120.00
Gas Tapping Fees (Commercial-Minimum Fee)	\$120.00*
Reset Gas Meter	\$35.00

Light Fees

Temporary Electric Service	\$50.00
New Underground Electric Service	\$100.00

Water Fees

Installation of Water Meter on Fire Hydrants	\$50.00
5/8" Pipe	\$700.00
1" Pipe	\$750.00
1 1/2" Pipe	\$1,075.00
2" Pipe	\$1,150.00
3" Pipe	*
4" Pipe	*
6" Pipe	*
8" Pipe	*
10" Pipe	*

**cost will be calculated on each application*

Reset Gas Meter \$35.00

Light Fees

Temporary Electric Service \$50.00

New Underground Electric Service \$100.00

Security Light Fees

Water Fees

Installation of Water Meter on Fire Hydrants \$50.00

5/8" Pipe \$700.00

1" Pipe \$750.00

1 1/2" Pipe \$1075.00

2" Pipe \$1,150.00

3" Pipe *

4" Pipe *

6" Pipe *

8" Pipe *

10" Pipe *

* cost will be calculated on each application

Other Information

Deposit

All Residential customers applying for services with Albany Utilities are required to make a deposit to cover the utility services that are available at the new address.

The deposit amount will be based on the customer's credit rating.

The Deposit Amount Will Not Exceed \$200.00

Current Customer

A current customer with a deposit can transfer the deposit if moving to a new address. If the current deposit is

City of Tifton

Schedule of Fees

Leroy Rogers Senior Center Rental Fees

Multi-Purpose Room

a. Hourly Rental	\$75/Hour
b. Daily Rental (8am to 11pm)	\$750.00
c. Kitchen Use	\$60.00
d. Deposit	\$300.00

Miscellaneous Fees

a. Alarm Permit Fee	\$10
b. Returned Check Fee	\$30
c. Credit Card Processing Fee	2.95%
d. Special Event Permit	\$25
e. Special Event Additional Resources	\$100
f. Film Permit	\$250
g. Film Permit - Deposit	\$1,000
h. Landmark & Honorary Designation	\$50

Natural Gas Fees

a. Gas Meter (275)	\$980
b. Gas Meter (425)	\$1,310
c. Gas Meter (630)	\$2,020
d. Gas Meter (800)	\$2,770
e. Larger Gas Meters - Individually Priced	
f. Residential Base Rate (Monthly)	\$7.50
g. Commercial Base Rate (Monthly)	\$10.00

Open Records Requests

a. Copies	\$0.10/page
b. CD/DVD	\$0.28
c. Copies of Photos	\$1/page
d. Accident Report	\$5.00
e. Criminal History Reports	\$5.00
f. Fingerprints	\$5/card
g. Expungement of Criminal History	\$25.00

Utility Service Fees

a. Water Service Deposit	\$50.00
b. Sewer Service Deposit	\$50.00
c. Gas Service Deposit	\$50.00
d. Garbage Service Deposit (Residential)	\$19.33
e. Garbage Service Deposit (Commercial)	\$20.00
f. Reconnect Fee	\$50.00
g. Returned Check Fee	\$30.00
h. Afterhours Call Out Fee	\$25.00
i. Tamper Fee - \$85.00 + Damaged Equipment Cost	

* Commercial deposits vary from the above schedule

** See attached schedule for water/sewer rates

Water Tap Fees

a. 3/4" Meter	\$790
b. 1" Meter	\$1,010
c. 1 1/2" Meter	\$2,730
d. 2" Meter	\$3,195

Sewer Tap Fees

a. 4" Tap	\$690
b. 6" Tap	\$735

Other Utility Fees

a. Basin Specific Fee	\$1,050/Lot
b. Street Cut Fee	\$355
c. Welding Fee	\$650
d. 3/4" Water Meter (parts only)	\$590
e. 1" Water Meter (parts only)	\$815
f. 1 1/2" Water Meter (parts only)	\$2,530
g. 2" Water Meter (parts only)	\$2,995
h. <u>Fire Hydrant Meter Rental</u>	
Deposit	\$2,000
Service Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$25
Daily Rental Fee	\$5.00
Water Usage Fees (per 1,000 gals)	\$1.76

* Record retrieval fees vary, and will be based on lowest hourly wage of employee qualified to complete request.

WATER TAP FEES-RESIDENTIAL

NOTE: Backflow preventors up to 1 inch on residential will be furnished and installed by the City of Sylvester. All backflow preventors over 1 inch on residential or commercial accounts will be furnished and installed by the contractor with a city performed inspection.

Water Meter Size	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
¾" or Smaller	\$700.00	\$900.00
1 Inch	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
1 ½ Inch	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
2 Inch	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00
3 Inch	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
4 Inch	\$2,200.00	\$2,600.00
6 Inch	\$2,400.00	\$2,800.00
8 Inch	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00
10 Inch	\$3,200.00	\$3,400.00
12 Inch or more	\$3,600.00	\$4,000.00

SEWER TAP FEES-RESIDENTIAL

Tap Size	Price
4"	\$650.00 Plus \$250.00 Installation of Clean Out at Property Line
6"	\$850.00 Plus \$250.00 Installation of Clean Out at Property Line

WATER TAP FEES-COMMERCIAL

Water Meter Size	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
1 Inch	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
1 ½ Inch	\$1,200.00	\$1,350.00
2 Inch	\$1,350.00	\$1,450.00
6 Inch	\$2,800.00	\$3,350.00
8 Inch	\$4,000.00	\$4,450.00
10 Inch	\$5,000.00	\$5,550.00
12 Inch	\$6,000.00	\$7500.00

SEWER TAP FEES-COMMERCIAL

Tap Size	Price
6"	\$1,200.00 Plus \$250.00 Installation of Clean Out at Property Line
8"	\$1,350.00 Plus \$250.00 Installation of Clean Out at Property Line
10"	\$1,600.00 Plus \$250.00 Installation of Clean Out at Property Line
12"	\$1,850.00 Plus \$250.00 Installation of Clean Out at Property Line

GAS TAP FEES

INITIAL FEE

Gas Tap.....\$350.00 Up to 200 Linear Feet
 Feet.....\$2.00 Per Linear Feet PLUS Cost of Tap

Fee by Type	City of Cordele	Crisp County Power	Crisp County Water Works	Vienna	Tifton	Albany	Ashburn	Sylveste	Fitzgerald
Late Fees	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	15%	15%	15%	15%	10%	15%
Disconnect fees	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00
Reconnect fees	\$ -					\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00
After hours fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00

The power company press a button to turn the power off and on. If a truck has to go out the fee is \$150.00