

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 17, 2023**

The City of Cordele Commission held Public Hearings and Regular Meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chair	Royce Reeves, Sr., Commission Vice Chair
Vesta Beal-Shepard, Commissioner	Wesley Rainey, Commissioner
Isaac Owens, Commissioner	Angela Redding, City Manager
Tommy Coleman – City Attorney	Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary

**Staff present:** Rusty Bridgers – Finance Director, Fire Chief Augusta Telfair, Irene Cantrell – HUA Director, Jack Wood, Sr. – Chief Codes Official, David Wade – Human Resources Director, Jackie Walker – Chief Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Steve Fulford – Public Works Director/Asst. City Manager, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director.

**Media Present:** Deepayah Sinha - South GA TV.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**5:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Commission Chair Joshua Deriso called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman		✓
Royce Reeves, Sr.	Commission Vice Chairman		✓
Vesta Beal-Shepard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓
Wesley Rainey	Commissioner Ward 4		✓

\*\*\*Commission Vice Chair Royce Reeves, Sr. entered the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m.

1. **Alcohol License Renewal – Fast Stop:** Owner, Tiffany Graham was present.

**Background Information:** City Manager Angela Redding stated, on December 21, 2022, an employee at Fast Stop was issued a Citation for Selling Alcohol to a Minor. The employee is scheduled to appear in Court, February 14, 2023. City Manager Redding also stated, she included in the packet a copy of the Code Section regarding Renewal of Alcohol License, so if there are any violations, the owner is required to appear before the City Commission.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Shephard stated this business is in Ward One, which is her Ward. This is the first offense for this business and also understands this business sells alcohol until 3:00 p.m., never in the evening or night. There was a new employee that started to work at the business and did not adhere to the rules, this one time. I feel we should allow them to renew their license.

Commissioner Rainey stated, he agrees with Commissioner Shephard.

City Manager Angela Redding asked the Municipal Court Clerk to explain the process for this Offense:

Jackie Walker, Municipal Court Clerk, stated the fine is paid, the person that sold the alcohol is the one that is being charged.

Commissioner Owens asked if the employee is still employed?

Tiffany Graham (Owner) stated, yes, she is.

Commission Chair Deriso asked, at the time of the offense, how long had the employee been employed with the business?

Tiffany Graham (Owner), probably six (6) months.

Commissioner Owens asked, what is the store procedure for checking identification?

Tiffany Graham (Owner), 25 years or young, identification is checked.

Commissioner Owens asked, do you have something displayed in the store?

Tiffany Graham (Owner), yes we do have something displayed in the store, stating this.

Commissioner Owens stated, he agrees with the other two Commissioner, to renew the Alcohol License, but just wanted to make sure, that going forward that something will be in place, so it will be better serve the employee, as well as, customers who come in.

Commission Chair Deriso asked, what is the business policy on when this happens?

Tiffany Graham (Owner) stated, we do not let the person go, but if it happens again, I will definitely let her go. But she is a very good and dependable employee. If someone looks 25 years old or younger, we suppose to ask for identification.

Police Chief Jalon Heard stated, he agrees with the Commissioners in renewing Fast Stop Alcohol License because it is the first offense.

2. **Alcohol License Renewal – American Legion:** Charles Felton, Commander of the American Legion Post #542:

Mr. Felton stated he is here to request renewal of their Alcohol License. He stated there have been things put in place to assure that there will be no problems in 2023.

(1) Hired a new head of Security, Mr. Eddie Hill; (2) have four (4) new securities that will be patrolling on the inside; (3) Have been in touch with Lt. Duckworth, Sheriff Department, who has assured him that he would have off duty officers to patrol the outside. Mr. Felton is requesting that the Commission renew the American Legion License with things that are in place.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Shephard stated the American Legion is in her Ward also. She believes in defending hers. The American Legion has been an inspiration and a help to this Community since 1946. Commissioner Shephard stated she is looking at what they have done for the people in Cordele, Crisp County. I have seen them pay for funerals, give \$500 donation to fire

victims, and feed the hungry. I have seen them work in this Community. No, I am not a member of that Post anymore, so it is not a conflict of interest. Commissioner Shephard stated she thinks the Commission should renew their License as well.

**Note:** The American Legion did not renew their State License in year 2022, so they will have to start a new Alcohol License with the City and then the State. After the process is finished, approval has been granted by the City of Cordele Police Chief, and the City Commission, the City Alcohol License will be issued, and it will be uploaded to the State, and the State will issue the State Alcohol License.

City Manager Angela Redding asked, why was Crisp County Deputies being used, instead of City of Cordele Police Department off duty officers?

Mr. Felton stated, last year there was a problem with crowd control. The Officers were gathering outside of the facility and they were hindering the customers from going in and out. He met with his officers and they came to the conclusion that an off-duty officer was needed to control the crowd outside of the Legion, to allow people to come up and down the streets because they were blocking off the streets, that's the only reason. Mr. Felton also stated, they ran into some problems with a couple of the Cordele Police Officers, he and Mr. Wiggins talked with Police Chief Heard about the problems, so it was an inside decision to use Crisp County Sheriff Department.

City Manager Angela Redding stated, she would like to know what was issue and also, if our off-duty Officers can be utilized, because the American Legion is within the City Limits. Mr. Felton stated, there was three incidents he had with the Police Department not removing the crowd outside. After those incidents, he and his officers decided to use the Sheriff Department.

Mr. Charles Felton stated he has no problem working with the Police Department with the new Police Chief.

Police Chief Heard stated, he was never made aware of any issues with any Officers.

Was this during the time we were working the over-time?

Mr. Felton stated, "yes."

Chief Heard stated he was never made aware of any issues with the over-time. Chief Heard stated that his conversations with Mr. Felton was everything is good, I did not hear anything about the Officers. Chief Heard stated he thought Mr. Felton and he had a good relationship.

Police Chief Heard stated he is not discrediting anything the American Legion is doing for the Community. However, we have had several calls to the American Legion in one year; there are calls of disturbances, calls of disorderly, etc. Chief Heard stated that there may not be an issue inside of the Legion, but when they come out on the American Legion property, into their parking lot, those parties general tend to carry over and then now it is a Police or a safety issue, and this is the concern that he has. We had a conversation to do side security with the American Legion, to try to fix the problem, if it is own the American Legion property, it is their issue; if it was their party that they were having and it trickled onto their property, the American Legion should have a Security Staff to handle it, it is not for the Police Department to handle it, it

would be for their private security, unless, we are getting paid to be security. This is what we had discussed. Again, it was my understanding everything was going well.

Commission Chair Deriso asked, who is making the calls?

Mr. Felton stated, it was people who were not apart of the American Legion.

Commission Chair Deriso asked with the new security, what is the procedure and protocol when they leave, making sure everyone is leaving the premises?

Mr. Felton stated the New Head of Security, Mr. Eddie Hill will announce at 1:45 a.m. that it is time to shut down and the lights will come on; at 2:00 a.m. the inside will be cleared and on the outside Mr. Calvin Jackson and Mr. Montae Jones will make sure the parking is cleared.

Commissioner Shephard stated when she was a member, habitual customers were barred from the American Legion.

Mr. Felton stated, the policy is still in place.

Commission Vice Chair Reeves stated if the off-duty Police Officers were hired, they can clear the parking lot.

Commission Chair Deriso stated he think the City Manager had the best idea; for the Police Chief, Mr. Felton and herself meet to discuss the problem and resolve it.

Commission Chair Deriso stated the American Legion would have to get their license with the City of Cordele first and then get their State License. This will have to take place before their Alcohol License will be renewed.

3. **Public Hearing** - Request to Amend the City of Cordele Zoning Map to rezone the property located at 502 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suites A-G, All of Lots 4 and 5, parts of Lots 1 and 3, in Block 134 City of Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia from (OI) Office and Institutional to (HC) Highway Commercial. This property is owned by BINGO, LLC.

**Background Information:** City Manager Angela Redding stated the Planning Commission is recommending this request to the City Commission: To Amend the Zoning Map from Office and Institutional to Highway Commercial.

**Clarification:** City Manager Angela Redding wanted to make sure everything is listed correctly. City Manager Redding asked Mrs. Cantrell, the discussion was from Office and Institutional to Highway Commercial District or General Commercial?

Mrs. Cantrell answered: Highway Commercial

4. **Public Hearing** – Request to Amend the City of Cordele Zoning Map to rezone the current Office and Institutional District (OI) on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Fleming Road to Highway Commercial District (HC).

**Background Information:** City Manager Angela Redding stated the Planning Commission is recommending this request to the City Commission: To Amend the Zoning Map from Office and Institutional District to Highway Commercial District.

City Manager Angela Redding stated this will cover the entire area, and nothing else will

appear, as far as, rezoning.

**5. Public Hearing – Proposed 2022-2023 Budget.**

Background Information: City Manager Angela Redding stated the Commission has information on the Proposed Budget, items have been incorporated that was discussed during the Budget Work Shops. This Budget expenditures total \$23,105,802.00; it includes a 5% COLA for employees. City Manager Redding stated the City has received an increase from Waste Management, which is the Annual CPI, the Gas Fund is the area where the City is losing money, as well as the sanitation, both funds lost money last year, in terms of revenue to expenses. The Water Fund is sustaining itself, but we definitely need to look at increasing in those areas. Some Capital Items have been removed from the Budget and will be included in the upcoming SPLOST. City Manager Redding stated she has received a direct lease financing information from GMA, because a Ladder Truck was discussed and there are other vehicles in various departments, vendor invoices have been received for those items, so they can be sent to GMA and we can look at a Direct Lease Financing Program through GMA. As discussed during the Budget Workshop, it includes the two positions that the City Commission agreed upon, which is the Community Advancement Manager and Social Media Marketing Manager, PIO positions and additional Building and Maintenance Personnel. We should see an increase of collection of prior years Property Taxes, citizens with past due taxes have been making payment arrangements. Per discussion at the Budget Workshop, customers are allowed three (3) extensions a year on their water bill, the latest the customer's water will be turned back on is 7:00 PM.

- 6. Adjournment:** Commissioner Owens move to adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:32 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**REGULAR MEETING  
5:33 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Joshua Deriso called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** There was a silent moment of prayer.

**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	Absent	Present
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman		✓
Royce Reeves, Sr.	Commission Vice Chairman		✓
Vesta Beal-Shephard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓
Wesley Rainey	Commissioner Ward 4		✓

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA** – January 17, 2023: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Amended Agenda for January 17, 2023, to include the Renewal of Fast Stop Alcohol License; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 3, 2023: Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the Minutes for January 3, 2023; seconded by Commission Vice Chair Reeves; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:** Speakers will have five (5) minutes: No Requests.

**SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:** Speaker will have three (3) minutes: Michael Waters – Speaking on Agenda Item #12; EJB Outreach. Mr. Waters elected to speak when the Agenda Item comes up.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY** – New Board Members – Robert Alford, Cordele Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals (3 Year Term) and Sandra Arnett, Downtown Development Authority Board (4 Year Term). Commission Chair Joshua Deriso rendered the City of Cordele Oath to the New Board Members.

**PRESENTATION** – Monica Simmons, Chamber of Commerce: Marlene Kimball, Chair of Tourism, presented an Agreement on the Georgia BASS Federation, Inc. Motion: Commissioner Rainey moved to add this item to the Agenda for approval; seconded by Commission Vice Chair Reeves; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**QUARTERLY REPORT** – Monica Rentfrow, Downtown Director

- December 9, 10, 17, 2023: SAM Shortline Downtown Christmas Trains with over 3,000 riders.
- Old Western Auto Building on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue sold.
- The Vibrant Community Grant is going on the wall at Perlis Park has begun. This Mural is paid for by the GA Council for the Arts.
- Economic Impact for the Railway Park is \$425,000.00 to date.
- We are working on a Crowd Funding Drive to keep the Virtual Rail Web Cams free for YouTube.
- Social Media interaction on the Railfan page is up to 570 members.
- Monica Rentfrow will speak at the Rotary Club on February 1, 2023.
- The Alamo House, construction should start soon.
- Donation made from Shaw McVey, Retired Representative from the House.
- Impact Numbers last year from SAM Shortline: Crisp and Sumter Counties Impact was \$2,000,000.00.

**PRESENTATION** – **Mrs. Sparkle Adams:** Walking In Authority Teen Council – Started around 2007 in the City of Forest Park, GA. Who do the teens talk to? Mrs. Adams teach teens about local government. Walking In Authority Teen Council, the team members are apart of the Secretary of State Student Ambassador Program; they teach peer to peer voter education. The Teen Council main focus is to LEARN; Leadership, Empowerment, Accountability, Responsibility and Networking. Mrs. Sparkles shared a presentation on the Walking In Authority Teen Council.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**1. Finance Department: Rusty Bridgers Reported.**

<b>UTILITIES</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
Billed \$	\$ 584,531.96	\$ 622,609.05
Collected	\$ 488,750.25	\$ 613,860.55
<b>SERVICES</b>		
Added	32	30
Transferred or Reconnected	55	70
<b>BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
License Fees Collected	\$ 11,704.15	\$ 140,645.94
Late Penalties Collected	\$ 86.86	\$ 147.09
	\$ 11,791.01	\$ 140,793.03
Renewals	14	147
New Licenses	5	7
<b>PROPERTY TAX</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
Penalties & Interest Collected	\$ 1,708.70	\$ 1,887.37
2021 & Prior Year Taxes Collected	\$ 12,022.03	\$ 12,356.32
2022 Taxes Collected		\$ 351,572.01
	\$ 13,730.73	\$ 365,815.70
<b>CASH</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
Total Wages	\$ 839,769.65	\$ 489,803.43
Accounts Payable Transactions	201	228
Total Invoiced Disbursements	\$1,756,570.74	798,395.29

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

Completed implementation of electronic timekeeping  
 Completed three-year review of gas service

**GOALS**

Hire Staff Accountant & Customer Service Team Member  
 Complete FY2022 Audit

**Improve Electronic Records**

Replace manual documents with spreadsheets  
 Improve purchasing process with better accountability

**Departmental Reporting**

Monthly expenses with budget v/s actual  
 Identify key metrics for managers

**2. Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Augusta Telfair Reported.**

**Goals**

Cordele Fire Department main goal is to continue protecting life and property of our Citizens and Visitors of the City of Cordele.

To purchase or lease a new ladder truck.

To purchase a battery powered extrication tool for quicker MVA rescue.

**Accomplishments**

The new 6000 psi cascade air cylinder is in service at fire station 1.  
By request of the City Manager an AED Semi – Automatic defibrillator has been installed on the second floor of City Hall at the top of the stairs to the left of the doors leading into the courtroom.

**3. Housing and Urban Development – Irene Cantrell Reported.**

**A. CDBG 2019/2020 EXISTING GOAL:** We would like to complete the ground installation of the sewer pumps and sewer line improvements/activities within the McLeod Subdivision for the forty-eight (48) households.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** As of January 5, 2023, the Project Engineers estimated a completion date of April 2023 and on August 9, 2022, the Project Engineers issued the “Notice to Proceed” to the Contractor, RPI Underground, Inc.

**B. GOAL- CHIP 2018 – HOME REHABILITATION:** To start and complete the home improvements work for at least three (3) of the four (4) homes with the CHIP 2018 Grant Funds and be prepared to start the application process for additional CHIP Funds in the next funding year.

**C. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Our accomplishment is that we have completed the Rehabilitation Home repairs on two of the three homes and are preparing to start on the third home as soon as possible.

**GOAL: EDRLF COMMITTEE:**

To develop a plan to better serve apparent loan recipients that may need some assistance in properly managing their income, debts and assets prior to obtaining an EDRLF loan.

**D. ACCOMPLISHMENT:**

The EDRLF Committee held a meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., to further review and discuss additional information submitted by Dr. Mathew Wayne Whitest, M.D., CEO of Wayne Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**E. GOAL: OFFICIAL CITY MAPS UPDATES:**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Progress is being made in placing current annexations on the City’s Official Map and in placing Zoning Amendments on the City’s Zoning Map.

**F. GOAL - CDBG 2023 AND 2024 APPLICATIONS:**

To be prepared for the CDBG 2023 or 2024 applications for Housing Rehabilitation on the North West Section and the Gillespie Seldon Historic District of the City as the two main target areas or possibly as a City-wide target area.

**4. Codes Report: Jack Wood, Sr. Reported.**

**5. Human Resources: David Wade Reported.**

**2022 Wrap-up**

<b>Total Applications Received:</b>	<b>509</b>
New Hires:	34
Resignations	25
Released	9
Retirements	5
168 Years of Service	



**6. Municipal Court: Jackie Walker Reported**

<b>Total Traffic Cases</b>	110
<b>Total Criminal Cases</b>	19
<b>Total Court Cases</b>	129
<b>Bench Warrants Ordered</b>	4
<b>License Suspensions Ordered</b>	17
<b>Total Collections</b>	\$34,593.20
<b>Total Defendants Incarcerated</b>	0
<b>Total Days Jail Sentenced</b>	0

**Goals for Cordele Municipal Court**

- a) Report accurate and complete information for the Court and Public.
- b) Complete Court Docket for the Judge in a timely manner.
- c) Complete all mandatory training for Court Personnel.

**Accomplishments for Cordele Municipal Court**

- a. Training was completed for GCIC and Municipal Court Clerk recertification by both Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk.
- b. All dockets and Court dispositions were turned into the state on time.

**7. Police Department – Police Chief Jalon Heard Reported.**

**Goals**

- a. Our department has plans to increase the morale and manpower in the department. This is an ongoing goal.
- b. We will continue community policing thru events and public contacts.
- c. We are focusing on increasing the quality of training for our officers. Officer Thomas is a full time Training Instructor. He has implemented a training committee whom are currently working on a schedule for this upcoming year. The first quarter will be focused on the Governor’s On-Line Initiative Classes. This will give officers up to 14 hours of training. This will reduce the cost of having to send officers out of town for training.
- d. Our department will be starting the process of becoming State Certified.

**Accomplishments**

- a. We are in the process of working on the destruction of old evidence. This will make room for evidence in the future. Currently, there are 6 locations where evidence is being stored. Our plan is to consolidate down to three evidence rooms.
- b. Our office staff has been “spring cleaning” the supply rooms, closet areas, and filing cabinets. This week they have painted the training room, conference room and front office area.

**8. Public Works – Steve Fulford Reported.**

Since the December 20th commission meeting, the following goals were added for the Gas Department.

- Redefine critical system valves.
- Compile and submit PHMSA 7100 Rep
- Compile and submit EIA-176 Report

**Goal 6:** To perform the leak survey for natural gas distribution and transmission lines by the end of the year.

1. Project is 100% complete. 123 miles of main and 2,525 service line were surveyed for leaks. We found 3 underground, grade 3 leaks and 1 above ground, grade 3 leaks. Leaks are currently on schedule to be repaired.

**9. UC&T – Debbie Wright Reported.**

**Wastewater Treated** 55,250,000 gallons 1.782 MGD average

**Year to Date** 852,630,000 gallons 2.336 MGD average

Our WWTP Effluent sample for December was Not Detected for Heptaclor and Cyanide.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Second Reading of an Ordinance to Set and Publish Qualification Fees for the 2023 General Election for the Offices of City Commissioner Ward One and City Commissioner Ward Four.

**Background and Summary:** Georgia Code 21-2-131(a)(1) requires that qualification fees for public offices are fixed and published no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Owens; the motion was approved by the Commission.

2. Consider and Approve the Request to Amend the City of Cordele Zoning Map to rezone the property located at 502 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suites A-G, All of Lots 4 and 5, parts of Lots 1 and 3, in Block 134 City of Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia from (OI) Office and Institutional to (HC) Highway Commercial. This property is owned by BINGO, LLC. Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the request to amend the City of Cordele Zoning Map; seconded by Commissioner Owens; the motion was approved by the Commission.
3. Consider and Approve the Request to Amend the City of Cordele Zoning Map to rezone the current Office and Institutional District (OI) on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Fleming Road to Highway Commercial District (HC). Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the request to amend the City of Cordele Zoning Map; seconded by Commission Vice Chair Reeves; the motion was approved by the Commission.
4. Consider and Approve the Request for an Alcohol License Application. Ms. Breanna Knight is applying for Beer & Wine Only – Consumed off Premises License. Business Name is Valero-Family Food Mart, 601 East 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Cordele, GA. Police Chief Jalon approved the application on January 4, 2023. **(No exceptions noted.)** Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Alcohol License for Valero-Family Food Mart; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Alcohol License was approved by the Commission.
5. Consider and Approve the Request for an Alcohol License Application for a New Manager. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #456, 1905 Central Avenue, Cordele GA; General Manager, Valerie Ramsey. Beer and Wine Consumed On Premises. Police Chief Jalon Heard approved the application on January 6, 2023. **(No exceptions noted.)** Commission Vice Chair Reeves

moved to approve the Alcohol License for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #456; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Alcohol License was approved by the Commission.

6. Consider and Approve an Event Permit. Tammy Teal of St. Theresa Catholic Church, 807 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Cordele, GA for a Faith Event to be held on January 28, 2023 from 1 – 3 PM, on the sidewalk of Harvey’s Supermarket, E 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the motion was approved by the Commission.
7. Consider and Approve the Resolution Providing for the Adoption of a Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget. Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget; seconded by Commissioner Owens; the motion was approved by the Commission.
8. Consider Board Appointments - Library Board; Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Library Board Appointments; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.
9. Consider and Approve 2023 LMIG Projects: Commission Vice Chair moved to approve the 2023 LMIG Projects; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.
10. Consider and Approve Agreement with Labor Finders: Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve this Agreement with Labor Finders; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.
11. Discussion – City Logo Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve Logo Design #1; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the design was approved by the Commission.
12. Discussion – EJB Outreach: City Manager Angela Redding stated additional information is needed from Mr. Michael Waters, in reference to EJB Outreach.  
**Background Information:** City Manager Angela Redding stated, EJB is required to submit monthly reports and Mrs. Irene Cantrell will submit to DCA; at the time this Agenda was sent out, we had only received reports up until October, but then City Manager Redding received an email from Mrs. Cantrell stating the reports are up to date. Mrs. Cantrell stated that additional information is needed from Mr. Waters. Mr. Waters stated he will get with Mrs. Cantrell.
13. Consider and Approve the Resolution Providing for at Time for Regularly Scheduled City Commission Meetings; Repealing All Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; And for Other Purposes.  
**Discussion:**  
**Commission Vice Chair Reeves** stated he would like to change the time for the City Commission Meetings to 9:00 AM, on the First and third Tuesdays. This time will allow employees to go home at a responsible time.  
**Commission Chair Deriso** stated while 9 AM has its advantages, he thinks just as 5:30 PM has some disadvantages. Some people have set their schedules, including himself, for 5:30 PM Meetings, to move it to 9 AM, will definitely disturb his schedule. But he does understand for the employees, it will be more convenient for them. Commission Chair Deriso stated he thinks it should be a prior discussion about this time before it was brought before the Commission.

**Commissioner Shephard** asked if the Commission can table this discussion until all the Commissioners are polled, all Commissioners should have their opinion on changing the time, I just want to make sure this is fair to each and everyone.

**Motion:** Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to change the City of Cordele Commission time to 9:00 AM, on the first and third Tuesdays; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the time change was approved by the Commission, effective February 7, 2023.

14. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Angela Redding Reported.

1. A Defibrillator has been installed outside the Courtroom. Each department will be required to have, at least, one to two employees trained on how to use the defibrillator.
2. On January 13, 2023, City Manager Redding stated, she received an email from GDOT stating the City of Cordele has been awarded funding for preliminary engineering for 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Joe Wright Drive) from the Farmers Market to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The City of Cordele was awarded \$300,000.00, 80% to 20% match; Federal \$240,000, Local \$60,000.
3. The Officials for the Judicial Branch: Judge Wright, Solicitor Blake Brantley and the Public Defender Dustin Land were supposed to make a presentation at the February 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting. City Manager Redding stated she will reach out to them, in reference to the new time and alert the Commission.

15. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No Report.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate): No Executive Session Requested.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commission Vice Chair moved to adjourn the Meeting at 6:50 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Rainey.

**Motion Rescinded:** Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to rescind the motion to adjourn to go back into the Regular Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

18. **APPROVAL OF RENEWAL ALCOHOL LICENSE** – Fast Stop, 104 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cordele, GA. Alcohol License is in the name of Tiffany Graham. Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the alcohol license renewal; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

19. **APPROVAL OF THE GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION, INC. AGREEMENT:**

Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

20. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to adjourn the Meeting at 6:51 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.