

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

A Called Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on October 24th at 9:00 AM, Cordele Police Department Training Room, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Royce Reeves, Sr. – Commission Vice Chair
Wesley Rainey, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager

Vesta Beal-Shephard, Commissioner
Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary

Absent: Chairman Joshua Deriso, Tommy Coleman, City Attorney.

Media: Sara Brown, Cordele Dispatch.

Call to Order: Commission Vice Chairman Royce Reeves, Sr. called the Called Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Invocation: There was a silent moment of prayer.

Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commission Vice Chairman Reeves.

Roll Call: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman	✓	
Royce Reeves, Sr.	Commission Vice Chairman Ward 2		✓
Vesta Beal-Shephard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓
Wesley Rainey	Commissioner Ward 4		✓

Approval of Agenda – October 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM: Commission Vice Chairman Reeves moved to approve the Agenda for October 24, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase

The City of Cordele has tentatively adopted a 2023 millage rate of 11.060, which is the same millage rate the city has adopted for the past four years. Without this tentative tax increase of .010%, the millage rate would be no more than 11.049 mills.

The proposed tax increase, without a rollback, for a homestead property in the city with a fair market value of \$100,000-is approximately \$0.42 per year, the proposed tax increase without a rollback, for a non-homestead property in the city with a fair market value of \$300,000 is \$1.33.

Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the tax increase; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
Commissioner Rainey moved to appoint Mr. Ronald Michael, Sr. to the Board of Zoning Appeals; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved with a 3/1 vote. Commission Vice Chair voted aye; Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Commissioner Rainey voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted nay.
2. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn at 9:05 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

APPROVED