

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2023  
6:00 PM**

A Called Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

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

**Absent:** Tommy Coleman, City Attorney

**Call to Order:** Chairman Joshua Deriso called the Meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Invocation:** There was a moment of silence.

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

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

<b>Attendee's Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Present</b>
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 10, 2023: Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Agenda for October 10, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Millage Rate**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** – The City of Cordele has tentatively adopted a millage rate of 11.060 mils, which is the same millage rate the city has adopted for the past four (4) years.

**CITY COMMISSIONERS:** No comments.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No Comments.

Chairman Deriso addressed a comment made by the City Manager at the Public Hearing, which was held today at 9:00 AM.

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We had to go into the Reserves this year. Your belief is based on some of the gaps we are closing with things that could have been done better over the last few years that will close the gap and hopefully we can either avoid going into the Reserves again or increasing the millage rate?

City Manager Angela Redding stated, she believes that some of the measures that the City is taking now should help close the gap on those items; in addition to watching expenses from each department. But the items I mentioned this morning is where we lost revenue, so I do believe the steps that we are taking now will help close the gap.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.