

# AGENDA



## CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS/REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM APRIL 1, 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*

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### PUBLIC HEARINGS 9:00 AM

#### OPEN PUBLIC HEARINGS – CALLED TO ORDER

1. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Family Food Mart (Valero)
2. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Cordele Food Mart
3. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Party Shoppe
4. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – OM Jai LLC (Joe's)
5. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Sonny's Package Store

#### CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### REGULAR MEETING

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

#### ROLL CALL

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA – April 1, 2025

#### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – March 18, 2025

**PRESENTATION:** Monica Rentfrow, Downtown Director – Quarterly Report

**SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:**

- a. Davontae Hunt: The Cordele City Commission and its affiliation with R & D Lawn Care Services, LLC – the Economic Development Revolving Loan Application process with 403 Bar & Lounge, LLC for \$200,000.

**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 Department
8. Social Media Marketing Manager
9. UC&T Director
10. IT Department

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider and Approve New Board Appointments:
  - a. Jean Oliver Burks - Cordele Community Clubhouse Committee
  - b. Dr. Kameron Causey - DDA Board
  - c. Lin Barnes – DDA Board
2. Proclamation – Week of the Young Child - April 5-11, 2025. Crisp County Headstart
3. Resolution - Georgia Cities Week – April 21 – 26, 2025.
4. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for a Workshop Series to Support Nonprofits in the City of Cordele; Repealing all Resolutions In Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.
5. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure for Certain Equipment for the Cordele Police Department; Repealing all Resolutions In Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.
6. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Public Dollars for Abandoned Grave Sites and for the Purchase of Flags for Veteran’s Graves; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.
7. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Tickets for Children to Attend the Day Out With Thomas; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.

8. Consider and Approve a Resolution Removing the City Attorney and the Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development from the Revolving Loan Committee; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.
9. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Grand Opening of Gillespie Garden. April 8, 2025, 11:00 AM, at 12th Street South between West 16th Ave. and West 15th Avenue. Sponsoring Organization – Vecino Group, 352 University Ave., Suit W-114, Atlanta, GA. Organizer’s Name – Wesley Brown. Block off: 12th Street between West 16th Avenue and West 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
10. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Cross Walk, April 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Sponsoring Organization: Hand of Hope, Inc. Procession: Leave heading North on 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Ave to 2401 East 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Police escort is required.

**11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**12. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman	J. Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chairman
Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner	Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager	Tommy Coleman, City Attorney
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, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, Brett Lavender – Interdev Representative.

**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 silent or vibrate, preferably silent. 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 Shephard.

**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	✓	
Vacant	Commissioner Ward Two		
Isaac H. Owens	Commissioner Ward Three	✓	Late - Entered at 9:03 AM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** March 18, 2025: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Agenda for March 18, 2025; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. The Commission approved to the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CDBG PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: February 25, 2025:** Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the CDBG Public Hearing Minutes; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. The Commission approved the CDBG Public Hearing Minutes.

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**APPROVAL OF CALLED MEETING MINUTES:** February 27, 2025: Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Called Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approved the Called Meeting Minutes.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** – February 18, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

**INTRODUCTION:** Jarrod McCarthy – New CEO for Southwest Georgia United. Mr. McCarthy introduced himself to the City of Cordele Commission as the new CEO for Southwest Georgia United. He also gave detailed information on the different programs that are offered at Southwest Georgia United.

**SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:** Five (5) minutes

- a. Mr. Davontae Hunt, Resident of Ward Two: Concerns of the voting constituency of the City of Cordele.

Mr. Hunt stated that he wanted to come back at the direction of Commissioner Shephard with the petition. Mr. Hunt stated that there are 489 signatures online and 60 plus on paper. He stated that a significantly number of signatures came from Ward One. Mr. Hunt stated, he is not here for himself, but he is here representing over six hundred (600) people. Mr. Hunt stated he is expecting to get a motion to change the Meeting time back to 5:30 PM today. He stated he has brought back, verbiage for an Ordinance regarding the removal and suspension of Commissioners. He stated that he typed out one specifically for Cordele and also attached one from another City. Mr. Hunt stated that he will give to the Chairman, the verbiage for an Ordinance regarding the removal and suspension of Commissioner and the petition signatures.

Mr. Hunt stated he would like a motion to change the time back to 5:30 PM per the citizens request.

Chairman Deriso stated, Mr. Hunt has requested for the citizens that the City Commission Meetings go back to the original time when the majority of the Commission took office. Chairman Deriso stated, he does agree with Mr. Hunt, the citizens are asking for the time to be changed back to the original time.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated the change of Meeting times requires an Ordinance.

Commissioner Owens moved to change the Commission Meeting time to 6:00 PM, effective immediately. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

**SPEAKER ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:** No Requests.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

1. **Community Advancement/Community Development Report: Maurice Hill Reported**
  - a. Attended the PROPEL Meeting on March 6, 2025, to recap committee reports.
  - b. Conducted the CDBG Engineers meeting with Carter and Sloope to discuss the grant proposal, identify affected areas and generate next steps.

- c. Sat on an interview panel to hire a staff member for the Community Development Department.
- d. Attended the Land Bank meeting on March 11, 2025, to discuss housing initiative efforts.
- e. Attended the DCA HOME-ARP Webinar on March 12, 2025, for Supportive Housing to discuss potential grant funding for Non-Congregate Shelters and Wrap-a-Round Services.
- f. Attended the ESG Grant meeting on March 12, 2025, with Crisp Community Council and SWGU to discuss upcoming grant opportunities and develop action steps.
- g. Attended the Faith Based Meeting on March 13, 2025, to discuss Faith Based Initiatives.
- h. Attending the GALBA Conference Call to discuss joining the Intergovernmental Committee to bring attention to Cordele and Crisp County in legislative meetings.

**Community Development Director Report:**

- a. Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.  
The application presented by Ms. Taucer of 719 E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave to modify and install fencing at this location will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Committee for consideration.
- b. Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - No March Scheduled at this time.
- c. Planning Commission Committee - Meeting Scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- d. Revolving Loan Fund Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at this time.  
The Committee must select a new member to have a quorum to conduct meetings.

**2. Finance Department: Sonya Alexander – Finance Director**  
**Financial Summary**

Business License - \$117,312.55

Property Taxes - \$1,122,252.05

**3. Fire Department: Fire Chief Todd Alligood Reported.**

**Goals**

- a. 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**

- a. Hosted multi-company training at our training grounds with CCFR. Live fire, firefighter CPR, firefighter survival, fireground rescue methods.
- b. The Fire Department will be hosting a Railroad Safety Class, next week at Albany State, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- c. Attended pre-construction meeting for a new EV charging station coming behind the Fairfield Inn.

- d. Attended Safe Driving Summit at CC High School presented by Lutzie 43.
- e. Attended Public Safety Roundtable at the EOC.
- f. Attended the Safety Committee meeting 3/12.
- g. Will be at the Crisp Pre-K transportation Day later this month.
- h. Hose testing this month.
- i. CPR/AED Recertification Training this month.

**4. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported**

**1. 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. **Continued updating job descriptions to ensure roles and titles are accurately detailed. i.e. Senor Accountant description was modified to add payroll duties and oversight.**

**2. 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 of the Payroll Technician to Senior Accountant along with a Police Officer to Corporal. Hired a Water and Sewer Technician, Maintenance Technician and Accounting Clerk from the external applicant pool.**

**3. 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.
- **Partnership:** Build relationships with local school systems, college, technical college and community organizations.
  - a. **Currently working with the Marketing and Social Media Manager to develop flyers and rack-cards promoting City of Cordele employment opportunities.**
  - b. **Finalizing details to host a Work-Based Learning Student in the Fleet Department and Finance Department.**

**5. Municipal Court: Nancy Crook Reported**

**Goals**

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

**Accomplishments**

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

**6. Police /Codes/Animal: Police Chief Jalon Heard Reported.**

**Animal Control Goals and Accomplishments**

1. Get more animals rescued/adopted by being more active in the community and on social media.
  - a. The Animal Shelter had 63 animals adopted/rescued/reclaimed for February.
  - b. The volunteer has started and hope to see a big jump in social media.
2. Work towards implementing a volunteer program at the Shelter.
  - a. We are working on a schedule and paperwork to have volunteers. Several people have inquired and are very interested in helping the shelter.
3. Make Shelter improvements: grates for drains, seal the floors, replace rusted kennel pipes, add a few more kennels outside.
  - a. A play yard for the dogs to exercise and for adopters to meet the dogs has been added.
4. 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 (tracking now for everything).
  - b. We are still increasing the number of people contacting us about getting their animals fixed, which is helping slow down the number of animals coming into Shelter.
5. Host events with the hope of bring awareness to the Shelter, animal shelter and welfare and increasing donations.
  - a. We will be participating at Transportation Day at the Pre-K. Also working on possibly having an adoption event at the Shelter on a weekend day where people can come and meet all the dogs/cats. This will help the ones not able to come during the week.

#### **Code Compliance Division – Goals and Accomplishments**

1. 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, workers and travelers with the hopes to attract new businesses, industry and potential residents to the City.  
**Code Compliance experienced an increase in tenant move out trash piles in all Wards and issued violations in response.**
2. 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 hopes of each Code Official becoming certified in multiple inspection categories.  
**The Code Compliance Officers attended the GACE Conference, and we interacted in daily sessions together to share new knowledge and new ideas to implement in our department. Officers Lin and New are preparing to take property Maintenance.**



3. Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, Code Enforcement, Private Funding, Grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors.

**Code Compliance Officers were asked to submit five more blighted properties to the City Attorney for action.**

4. 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 met with the County Planner and Building Inspector to review new business expansions and GIS mapping data.**

Commissioner Owens inquired about trash outside of apartment complexes, who is responsible?

Chief Heard stated the apartment complex owner is responsible for removing the trash and other items. Codes Compliance will deal with the apartment complex owners.

#### **Cordele Police Department – Goals and Accomplishments**

1. We will continue to provide professional law enforcement service through our hiring process, training, and self-accountability. **We currently have one (1) applicants in the hiring process. One cadet is currently in her tenth week of the Police Academy. Mandate has increased to sixteen (16) weeks.**
2. Develop strategies to attract more experienced Officers. **We are continuing to promote on our sign boards and on our Facebook page.**
3. We will continue with the community through community related events, increasing public contacts and through partnership with local 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. Our department has been invited to attend Crisp County Pre-K “Transportation Day” on March 21<sup>st</sup>. We attended Prevent Child Abuse Crisp Meeting last week and discussed several upcoming events for April which is Child Abuse Prevention Month.**
4. We will continue to make advancements towards obtaining the Excellence in Policing Certification with the larger goal of State Certification. **We are continuing with policy reviews to make them align with State Requirements.**

#### **7. Public Works Department – Jessie Mercer Reported**

Holding Ponds: There are seven (7) Holding Ponds. R & D Lawn Service has completed four (4) holding ponds.

#### **8. Social Media Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported**

##### **GOAL #1: CITY OF CORDELE WEBSITE**

A goal from the beginning was to navigate the rebuilding of the City of Cordele website. As you know, the build is complete, the committee has signed off on it, and we are awaiting the

resolve to the issue of access to the training site. Once that issue is resolved, we will be re-scheduling our training sessions. We will keep you updated as we continue to navigate the process.

**9. UC&T Director – Debbie Wright Reported**

1. We have completed and submitted the 2024 Water Audit required by EPD.
2. We completed the 2024 Water Quality Report required by EPD.
3. We tested our well water for the contaminants in PFAS/PFOS and Lithium in 2024. All twenty-nine (29) contaminants that make up PFAS/PFOS and Lithium were not detected (ND).

**10. IT Department – Brett Lavender Reported**

A brief update was given on the process of continued improvement for Information Technology (IT). All the devices were looked at all the sites, installed virus protection, did remote support access and completed an electronic inventory; Bobby Stennett did a physical inventory, so they can be compared down the road. A Network Engineer, James Amos, came down and did a thorough evaluation in detail of all the network configurations, a report was done and the report is being looked at and then an assessment will be done, we will report the recommendations within the next two weeks.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Proclamation – First Responder Wellness Week, March 24-28, 2025.  
Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Proclamation; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Commission approved the Proclamation – First Responder Wellness Week. Commissioner Owens presented a Proclamation on behalf of the City Commission to Police Chief Jalon Heard and Fire Chief Todd Alligood.
2. Consider and Approve a Resolution for the City of Cordele Commission to Authorize the Obligation of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars from the City's Funds for the Purpose of Match and Leverage for a FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Community Facilities Grant Application.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve a Resolution; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.  
The Commission approve a Resolution for the City of Cordele Commission to Authorize the Obligation of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (47,500) from the City's Funds for the Purpose of Match and Leverage for a FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant.  
**\*\*\*NOTE: Commissioner Shephard left the Meeting at 10:30 AM.**
3. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Fiscal Year 2025, Community Development Block Grant Program Funds in a Program in the City of Cordele.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve a Resolution; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Chairman Deriso voted aye.  
The Commission approved a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Georgia Department Block Grant Program Funds in a Program in the City of Cordele.

4. Consider and Approve an Alcohol License Application: Beer Only – Consumed Off Premises. Ambema SI Inc. DBA Dave Food Mart, 416 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Owner Vijaykumar Patel. Reviewed by Police Chief Jalon Heard on March 3, 2025.  
Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve an Alcohol License for Ambema SI Inc. DBA Dave Food Mart; seconded by Commissioner Owens.  
Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Chairman Deriso voted aye.  
The Commission approved an Alcohol License Application for Ambema SI Inc. DBA Dave Food Mart.

**\*\*\*NOTE: Commissioner Shephard returned to the Meeting at 10:40 AM.**

5. 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 Owens 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 Vice Chairman Rainey.  
Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.  
The Commission approved the Request for Items Listed to be declared surplus and dispose of via GovDeals.
6. Consider and Approve Change Order No. 1 for the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

**Background Information:**

The change order work will include pipe bursting instead of CIPP, grouting services instead of removing and replacing, and 10” CIPP sewer lines instead of 12” CIPP lines.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve Change Order No. 1; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Jim Jackson, Water Superintendent gave a detailed description of pipe bursting instead of CIPP.

Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.  
The Commission approved Change Order No. 1 for the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

7. Consider and Approve the Engineering Agreement with Carter and Sloope.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Engineering Agreement with Cater and Sloope seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.  
The Commission approve the Engineering Agreement with Carter and Sloope.

**8. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: Angela Redding Reported.**

**Prior Events**

Ribbon Cutting  
South Georgia Technical College Truck Driving Pad  
March 6, 2025

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Minister's Meeting  
March 13, 2025  
Ms. Mary Beal – Speaker  
Shared information on her FLIP Program

**Upcoming Events**

BGES Annual GALA  
Saturday, March 22, 2025  
8:00 PM  
Thad's Place  
112 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Hope for the City Scholarship Program – Fish Fry Fundraiser  
Saturday, March 22, 2025  
11:00 AM until sold out  
1011 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Albany State University  
Hosts a Community Needs Assessment and Focus Group for Crisp County  
March 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Crisp County Community Center  
1129 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**Additional Upcoming Events**

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
Sponsored By: The Men's Groups from St. Theresa's  
St. Theresa's Catholic Church Social Hall  
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
807 Third Street  
Sunday, March 30, 2025

Crisp County Middle School  
“Stepping” Into the Georgia Milestones  
Assessment Awareness  
March 27, 2025  
5:30 – 6:30 PM  
Crisp County Middle School Cafeteria

Autism Awareness Stroll 2025  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Perry Busbee Walking Track

Gateway Center  
Pickleball for a Purpose  
April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Crisp County Middle School

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 4, 2025

City employees are encouraged to wear blue for Prevent Child Abuse Crisp

Community Council 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back 2 School Bash

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Crisp County Recreation Center

1205 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Ext.

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Upcoming Meetings**

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Main Street Office

8:30 AM

Keep Crisp Beautiful Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Chamber of Commerce

10:00 AM

Historic Preservation Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

City Hall – Courtroom

6:00 PM

Planning Commission

Thursday, March 20, 2025

City Hall – Courtroom

10:00 AM

Community Development Block Grant Application Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

City Hall – Courtroom

5:30 PM

City Manager Angela Redding recognized Women's History Month and the women employees of the City of Cordele.

**City Manager Angela Redding highlighted a few 2024 Goals**

Goal 2 – Revenue Recovery

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

As of today, the City has turned over half a million in collections to Live Oak. City

Manager Angela Redding stated she hope to have an amount collected at the next Meeting.

**2025 Goals**

Goal 1 – Joe Wright Drive Improvements – beginning at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the State Farmers

Market

- Goal 2 – Schedule of Fees – to be presented to the Commission
- Goal 3 – Retirement Benefit Plan – Schedule Pension Committee Meetings, and invite GMA to come and make a presentation.
- Goal 4 – Neighborhood Sustainability – continue to work with the City Attorney regarding blighted property. A list of additional properties has been sent to the City Attorney Office. The first eleven (11) blighted properties that were sent to the City Attorney's Office, are on the Court calendar for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM.

**Reminders and Actions Items**

Drive Thru Window – Drop Box is available

Checks and Money Orders – No Cash

City Manager Angela Redding stated that she is looking at reopening the drive thru.

Hearings will need to be scheduled for five (5) stores that sold alcohol to underage minors. By consensus of the Commission – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 will be the date for the Hearings before the Regular Commission Meeting.

Work Session – A Work Session will need to be scheduled for items that need to be discussed. City Manager Angela Redding will send topics and proposed dates for the Work Session.

RFP – Solicitor & Public Defender: An approval is needed to move forward after the correction is made regarding the Court days.

Commissioner Owens moved for the City Manager to move forward with the RFPs for the Solicitor and Public Defender after the correction is made regarding the Court days; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Vice Chairman Rainey voted nay. Chairman Deriso voted aye.

The Commission approved for City Manager Angela Redding to move forward with RFPs once the correction is made with a 3/1 vote.

InterDev Proposal: An approval is requested.

This proposal is one of the last two tasks in transitioning from the previous provider. This is to establish the City's data protection and disaster recovery.

Commissioner Shephard move to approve the Proposal with InterDev; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye. The Commission approved the Proposal from InterDev.

**Deadline for Occupation & Property Taxes**

**Occupation Tax (Business License) Renewal**

Occupation license (business license) expires at the end of the year and become delinquent if not Paid by April 1st. A penalty is imposed for occupation licenses not renewed prior to April 1st. The penalty is ten (10) percent of the regulatory and administrative fee and occupational tax determined to be due. The delinquency will accrue interest at the rate of one (1) percent for each month or partial month of such delinquency.

There is no grace period after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Businesses operating without an occupation license will receive a summons to appear in Municipal Court for nonpayment.

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes were due March 6, 2025

**9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Tommy Coleman Reported.**

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated as part of Maurice Hill report; there needs to be another Commission on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to replace Commissioner Reeves. The City Manager and City Attorney are not members of this Committee, but they are Advisors. This needs to be restructured. The Committee will need two (2) additional members, citizen type for members. The Commission can appoint a Commissioner today, if you are prepared to select one.

Commissioner Shephard moved to nominate the Chairman for the Revolving Loan Fund Committee; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye, Vice Chairman Rainey voted nay, Chairman Deriso voted aye.

The Commission approved the Chairman to serve on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Chairman Deriso asked the City Attorney about City Officials in an incident and another Law Enforcement Agency is called.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman, this is common practice. When a City Commission or a City employee is involved in an incident, another Law Enforcement Agency is asked to investigate. It is not a law regarding this, but this is the common practice for Law Enforcement Agencies.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman requested an Executive Session for personnel and litigation.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate):**

Commissioner Owens moved for the Commission to enter into Executive Session at 11:27 AM, for Personnel and Litigation; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Chairman Deriso.

The Commission approve to enter into Executive Session.

**11. RECOVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Commissioner Owens moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 12:14 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approved to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 12:15 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approve to adjourn the Meeting at 12:15 PM.



**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

**TO: Angela Redding, City Manager**

**FROM: Maurice Hill**

**DATE: April 1, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting**

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

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### **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.

- Distributed and conducted surveys in the target area for the CDBG Infrastructure Grant throughout a 2-week period.
- Attended the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- Met with a local hotel owner on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss using rooms in their facility to assist with our efforts in applying for the ESG and Non-Congregate Shelter Grants.
- Attended the GALBA virtual meeting on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> where I was nominated and installed as the Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, which works with Legislators on behalf of the 33 Land Bank Authorities in Georgia.
- Rescheduled the Planning Commission Meeting for The Orchard scheduled for Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended a meeting with SWGU on Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss Housing Initiatives and the possible elimination of the CDFI Loan Program.
- Attended a virtual meeting for ESG Grant for DCA Home-ARP funding for Homeless services on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.





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- Attended the Crisp Family Support Meeting on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to discuss programs, funding options and collaboration with other organizations.
- Attended the Macon Bibb Developer Summit on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> to meet Developers and invite them to consider Cordele for development projects.
- Attended the virtual call with the GA Film Academy that was rescheduled from March 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> for a follow up discussion on bringing Film Production Classes to Albany State Campus in Cordele.
- Attended the Community Needs Assessment Meeting on Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Albany State Campus in Cordele.

### **Community Development Director Report**

**Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

The Historic Preservation Committee Approved the Application for Ms. Debra Taucer to install fencing at her property located at 719 E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Cordele, Georgia, and the Certificate for Preservation will be mailed to the applicant.

**Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - No March Scheduled at this time**

**Planning Commission Committee - Meeting Scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 - No Meeting Scheduled at the time**

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

**Maurice Hill**  
**Community Advancement Manager**

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

DATE: March 28, 2025  
RE: City Commission Report



City of Cordelle  
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	\$93,271.42	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
3/28/2025	\$244,113.04	February	3/24/2025	\$146,453.62	January				

# **CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

509 North 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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: March 24, 2025

Reference: **Commission Report**

Reporting Period: February 25, 2025 – March 24, 2025

## **1. Calls for Service: Total 62**

<b>SMOKE SCARE</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>GRASS/RUBBISH FIRE</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>MEDICAL</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>STRUCTURE FIRE</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>FALSE ALARM/OTHER</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>POWERLINE DOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GAS LEAK</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>5</b>

## **2. Department News**

- Attended the Christian Community Homes Pre-Construction Meeting
- GPSTC brought their Maze and Confined Space Training trailer to Station 1 3/25 and taught a class.
- Hosted the Norfolk-Southern Railroad safety class 3/25-3/27.
- Currently recertifying for CPR/AED/First Aid.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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City Manager

**DATE:** March 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 April 01, 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**  
**APRIL 01, 2025**

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

March 03, 2025	Promoted a Payroll Technician to Senior Accountant in the Finance department and a Police Officer to Corporal in the Police department.
March 04, 2025	A formal job offer was made to a Maintenance Technician on February 14, 2025. The candidate initially accepted the offer but later declined on March 04, 2025.
March 05, 2025	Participated in a webinar presented by Compliance Systems, LLC., titled "The Regulation Rundown". Topics including industry trends, testing compliance and document validation were covered.
March 10, 2025	Participated in an interview for Community Development Director.
March 11, 2025	Participated in an interview for Administrative Assistant in Community Development. A conditional job offer was extended March 21, 2025 with an anticipated hire date of April 10, 2025.
March 12, 2025	Attended the Safety and Accident Review Committee meeting. Three cases were brought before the committee for review.
March 12, 2025	A formal job offer was extended to a Police Officer applicant. Anticipated hire date is March 31, 2025.
March 13, 2025	Began accepting in-house applications for the vacant Assistant Superintendent of Cemetery and Parks position
March 17, 2025	Participated in interviews for the vacant Accounts Payable Technician position in the Finance department.
March 19, 2025	Met with Jan Hoard of GMA/Corvel for a status review of worker's compensation claims.
March 19, 2025	Attended an H.R. Roundtable luncheon hosted by Cordele/Crisp IDC. Topics of discussion included workforce housing, teacher apprenticeship programs, and hosting industry tours.
March 20, 2025	Conducted interviews for the vacant Water & Sewer Technician positions in the Water and Sewer department.
March 21, 2025	Participated in an interview for the vacant Public Works Director position.
March 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**  
**APRIL 01, 2025 – CON'T**

**MANPOWER and VACANCY SUMMARY**  
As of March 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	7	0	0	3	
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	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	



# ***Cordele Police Department***

*501 North 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JH", enclosed within a circular scribble.

**Date: March 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: February 25, 2025 thru March 24, 2025

### I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
<b>Part I Crimes</b>	<b>25</b>
<i>Homicide/Murder</i>	0
<i>Rape</i>	1
<i>Robberies (Armed/By Force/Strong Arm)</i>	1
<i>Motor Vehicle Thefts</i>	2 (2 recovered; 1 arrested and 1 warrant issued for arrest)
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	8 (2 arrests)
<i>Larceny (Thefts)</i>	10 (1 entering auto, 3 shoplifting with 2 adult and 5 juvenile arrests, 6 other thefts)
<i>Burglary</i>	3 (3 residential)
<b>Part II Crimes</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Incidents Reported</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Community Contacts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Warnings Issued</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service from Dispatch</b>	<b>1,180</b>

### II. Departmental News

We currently have 1 applicant in the hiring process. A certified applicant will start as police officer on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We have one cadet in week 12 of the academy.

The Cordele Police Department will be partnering with Sam Shortline for the Easter Express Egg Hunt on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in the Pickleball Tournament. This tournament will be held at the Crisp County Middle School.

We are also partnered with Greater New Birth Outreach Ministries with the Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt. This event will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Crisp County Recreation Department.

The Cordele Police Department and Cordele MainStreet are hosting the Autism Stroll at the Crisp Regional Hospital Walking Track on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. We have added an Autism Rubber Duck Hunt this year. 100 Ducks will be hidden throughout our city. If you find a Lucky Duck, you claim your prize at the Autism Stroll. More information on the duck hunt will be posted on Facebook on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Crisp Regional Hospital, El Girasol, Panchos, Tractor Supply, Railhouse Tavern, Cordele Pool Room, VFW, Sam Shortline, Slammin Sami's, for sponsoring.



**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We ask the community to light up our community in blue and place pinwheels on lawn and in front of businesses.**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> is "Wear Blue Day"**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> is "Chalk Your Walk"**

**Please show your support by sharing photos on Prevent Child Abuse Crisp Facebook Page.**

**On March 25<sup>th</sup> Chief Heard and CID Division attended the March Madness Stakeholders Meeting by the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services.**



## **Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report**

Reporting Period: February 25, 2025 – March 24, 2025

### **I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown**

<b>Type of Activity</b>	<b>Number of Incidents*</b>
Abandoned Vehicle	7
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	0
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	0
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	3
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	23
Other	10

### **II. Departmental News**

Code Compliance Division have two officers that started study guides and sample tests for ICC Property Maintenance Certifications. The officers are actively documenting and photographing blighted properties in all ward and categorizing them into three stages of disrepair. All Code Compliance Officers attended the GACE Conference. Two of the officers began Level 1 Code Official Training. Officers met with Main Street to identify Façade deterioration issues in multiple buildings downtown.

## APRIL 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 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Job Valuation: \$350,000.00   Permit Fee: \$1230.00
Crisp Regional OR Expansion	902 North 7 <sup>th</sup> Street. OR Expansion Job Valuation: \$17,200,000.00   Permit Fee: \$35,080.00
Crisp Regional/MRI Room	Remodel MRI Room at 902 N 7 <sup>th</sup> Street. Job Valuation: \$197,000.00   Permit Fee: \$771.00
Pinecrest Church	Renovation of the sanctuary at 1007 East 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Job Valuation: \$900,000.00   Permit Fee: \$2480.00
Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$20,147,000.00   Total of Permit Fees: \$43,241.00	

### 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
Christian Homes Community	24 apartment complex on West 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Job Valuation: \$5,598,766.00   Permit Fee: \$11,878.00
Total of Residential Job Valuations: \$6,178,766.00   Permit Fees: \$13,718.00	

**Combined Total of Commercial/Residential: \$26,325,766.00**



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## Memo

**Date:** March 25, 2025  
**To:** Angela Redding, City Manager  
**From:** Jessie Mercer, Interim Public Works Director  
**Re:** Public Works Commission Report – April 1, 2025

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

# Commission Report

## Public Works Department

4/1/2025

### **Cemetery/Parks**

- Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 57 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 5 customer reported and routine maintenance work order for the storm water system.

### **Gas**

- The 7100 is complete. We were granted an extension to attempt to resolve discrepancies with the EIA 176 annual report.
- Annual CP Test Station Survey is currently in completed.
- Operator Qualification manual review and Emergency Plan review are in progress.
- 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 18 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

### **Street**

- Street Department continues to work towards eliminating potholes and troublesome utility cuts.
- The department has continued to work on the retaining wall on 20th Avenue between 7th Street and 8th Street.
- The Street Dept. has so far hauled 67 loads of inert material to the landfill. This is required by EPD for disposal.
- The Street Department has completed 21 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

**Water/Sewer**

- ARPA Project:
  - Excavation work for point repairs and service replacements is ongoing.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 68 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.



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## March 2025 GovDeals Sales Report

### Surplus Sales Item

2000 Ford Crown Victoria	\$1,479.00
1968 Loadcraft Flatbed Trailer	\$925.00
1997 New Holland 6640 Tractor	\$6,150.00
2002 Ford F-550	\$5,550.00
1997 Ford F-350	\$1,725.00
1996 Ford F-350	\$1,251.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,080.00</b>



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**TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER**

**FROM: RICKY SMARR**

**DATE: APRIL 1ST, 2025**

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING REPORT**

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

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**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**Your Social Media Marketing Department distributes 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**

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

**March 4th: I attended, produced, and published coverage of the Cordele City Commission Meeting, which was posted on the city's social media platforms.**

**Commission Meeting: <https://youtu.be/epTYVgUbfRs>**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the CDL Truck Driving Training Facility at SGTC – Crisp County. The ceremony was carried live to the city's social media platform. An additional edited version with identifying lower thirds was published, along with pictures from the event.**

**Ribbon Cutting: <https://youtu.be/-vKXe1y619k>**

**Facebook LIVE: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1B8ohS7K1C/>**





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**March 13<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Faith-Based Community Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. Mrs. Mary Beal presented to the group on Family Living Improvement Performance (FLIP) Empowering Families, building communities.**



**For each Minister's Meeting, your Social Media Marketing Department compiles a handout of flyers promoting events in our community. Our social media is being noticed and utilized by many organizations as a trusted source of information.**



**April - May  
2025**

**What's  
Happening?**



[ricksnarr@cityofcordele.com](mailto:ricksnarr@cityofcordele.com)



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**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>:** I attended weather briefings at Crisp County EOC with Crisp County Emergency Management in preparation for severe tornadic weather forecasted for Sunday – March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 AM – 8 AM. The meetings were held at 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM and 9:30 AM respectively. A brief report of the main takeaways each briefing was submitted to C.M. Redding. The meetings were conducted by the NWS office in Peachtree City and NWS Tallahassee.

Appropriate warning graphics and safety information were shared courtesy of Matthew Crumley, CBS 44 Meteorologist.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>:** I attended the Department Head meeting at 8:15 AM at the Cordele Community Clubhouse in preparation for the Commission meeting on 3/18/25.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** I attended, produced, and published coverage of the Cordele City Commission Meeting, which was posted on the city's social media platforms.

**Commission Meeting:** YOUTUBE <https://youtu.be/3Hg3Q3y9I-w>  
**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19evRyYSq2/>

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Under David's direction, I completed 4 templates for rack cards promoting employment opportunities for the City of Cordele. I emailed those to David on Friday morning (3/21). These are only templates, as each department, city manager, and human resources may need to update some information in the text. I will be working with these as directed before final distribution.





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**March 21<sup>st</sup>: I attended Crisp County Pre-K School's Transportation Day and visited with several people who expressed their appreciation for the good participation from the City of Cordele. The children had a great time seeing and learning about all the different modes of transportation.**





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◆ MAIN STREET ◆

March 25<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Family Cohort Meeting with the Crisp Community Council via ZOOM at 10 AM. Only informational items were discussed. The next Community Café will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>, location TBA.

The cohort is already focusing on needs for the Back to School Bash on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am providing a link to sign up if you would like to partner and help provide school supplies. The list of needs is extensive.

<https://forms.gle/cWKoxMeKho9BEB4P8>



A goal for next year (2026) is to reinstate a Summer Youth Camp.

The next cohort meeting will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM in person, 1129 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele.



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**March 25<sup>th</sup>: I attended and recorded the Community Development Block Grant Application Public Hearing at 5:30 PM facilitated by River Valley Regional Commission.**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Homeless Coalition at the Dowdy Resource Center at 12 Noon. Trenise Ponder from DCA made a presentation on Coordinated Entry, which allows partners who offer assistance and resources to assist the homeless in a streamlined way that minimizes “double dipping”. The program gives partners the ability to see what assistance was accessed, when, and who extended that assistance. The next Homeless Coalition meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Crisp Community Council Collaborative Meeting at the Dowdy Center at 9:30 AM. 25+ people were in attendance.**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>: Participated in a ZOOM call with Maurice with the Georgia Film Academy at 11 AM**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>: At City Manager Redding’s direction, I provided GaCities with a sample of our workforce development promotional videos. They confirmed receipt.**

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

**Respectfully submitted**

***Ricky R. Smart***

**Social Media – Marketing Manager**

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March 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	104,094,800 gallons	1,761,319 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	122,880,000 gallons	2.083,000 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 March was " \*

Total Rainfall for 2025 is 7.30 " \*

\*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 had a Water System Inspection on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. EPD with the Albany Office conducted this Inspection. We were deemed an Outstanding Performer!!

We have gotten a lot of maintenance tasks performed in the last month.

Debbie Wright and Hal Little performed the annual PT Test in the Water Lab. We are awaiting the graded results.

Debbie Wright attended the Utility Leadership Forum in March. This is one of the best short Forums of the year.