

AGENDA



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM JULY 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
Ward 3

REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – July 1, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2025

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Second Reading of an Ordinance Declaring a Portion of the Municipal Street System as Unnecessary; Repealing all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Such Other Purposes.**
- 2. Consider and Approve the Water Conservation Plan**
- 3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 4. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT:**

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held On June 17, 2025, 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th 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, Deputy Chief Frank Bullington, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Jarmiah Burks – Deputy Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Marcia Pridgen – Interim Public Works Director, Rick Smarr – Social Media Marketing Manager, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, Bobby Stennett – IT, Brett Lavender – InterDev Representative.

Staff absent: Fire Chief Todd Alligood, Nancy Crook, Municipal Court Clerk.

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: Prayer was rendered by Pastor Nikita Lester.

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

Roll Call: A quorum was established

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: June 17, 2025: Vice Chairman Rainey moved to amend the Agenda, for June 17, 2025; to enter into an Executive Session after Approval of Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

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

The Commission approved for the Agenda to be Amended.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET MEETING MINUTES – May 28, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Budget Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – May 28, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)

Commissioner Owens moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:06 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approved to enter into Executive Session.

RECOVENE REGULAR SESSION: Commissioner Owens moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Regular Meeting was reconvened.

PRESENTATION: Mrs. Monica Robinson – Executive Director, Crisp County Community Council and GA Family Connection Collaborative.

Mrs. Robinson gave an update on Year Two of FY25-27 Planning and Implementation Cycle for Crisp County Community Council, Inc.

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES: Mrs. Michelle Murray – Michelle's, 908 East 16th Avenue, Cordele, GA – Ordinance No. 2024-03

Mrs. Murray expressed her concerns regarding Ordinance No. 2024-03, "Requiring security for establishments providing on premise consumption of alcohol." Mrs. Murray has had an Alcohol License for six years with the City of Cordele. Mrs. Murray stated that she has Security and had has it since the day she opened. Mrs. Murray stated that she cannot afford the off-duty Police Officer, but one of her Security Personnel is Certified, Post Certified DOC.

Mrs. Murray requested to use her Security, not a Certified Law Enforcement Officer.

SPEAKER ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM: No Requests.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT/GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**1. Community Advancement/Community Development: Maurice Hill Reported
Community Advancement Report for June 3, 2025**

- Attended the GALBA Programs Committee Meeting on May 19th to discuss recruiting other cities and counties to start Land Banks.
- Talked with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission on May 20th and they had approximately 50 calls for the CHIP Program Grant. They are compiling the data and will send out applications to qualified residents and I will work with them to complete the applications and return them to SWGRC.
- Met with the landowner of the 35 + acre property next to the Farmers Market on May 20th to discuss utilizing the property as a 4H Camp. Scheduling the next meeting with both groups and DNR to discuss the details of the non-motorized trails and camp layout.
- Attended the Accident and Incident Report Meeting on May 21, to discuss the various Department injuries, accidents, etc.

- Attended the SCRC/SEID Grant Webinar on May 22nd to get information on the Pre-Application process for grant funding Economic Development projects. Submitted the Pre-Application on May 27th with a July response and September Grant Awards date.
- Talked with ACE (Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs) on May 23rd to schedule Quarterly Work Sessions for Business Owners in Cordele needing capital for their businesses.

Community Advancement Goals and Accomplishments for June 17, 2025

- Submitted a SCRC/SEID Grant Pre-Application for funding on 6/5 and received a Notification that out of 90 applications, the Cordele submission made it to the second round and the completed applications are due on 6/18.
- Attended the DNR Rails to Trails Workshop on 6/3 to become eligible to submit a grant for Non-Motorized Walking Trail from Downtown Cordele to the Farmers Market.
- I received the CHIP Grant Notification and approximately 50 residents called to apply for the grant. SWGRC will send the applications directly to homeowners and we are planning several application sessions to assist homeowners in completing applications.
- Since CHIP does not apply to Mobile and Modular Homes, I reached out to USDA for their 502 and 504 Home Repair Program Information and Applications. We will conduct additional Application Workshops for residents that don't qualify for the CHIP Grant.
- Met with Tokasee Farms and 4H on 6/4 to discuss details on creating a Year-Round 4H Center on the property next to the Farmers market on Hwy 41.
- Attending the Community Action Council Grand Opening in Montezuma on 6/6 and met several service organizations to bring Unity Weatherization, The Fatherhood and The Georgia Diaper Distribution Programs, Innovative Senior Solutions and AE Touch Technology.

Community Development Report for June 3, 2025

Historic Preservation Committee

Meeting Re-Scheduled for June at 6 pm

The property owned by Thomas Marshall / Curlene Thomas at 708 E. 14th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to add an addition, enclosing the existing open front porch with a screened-in design.

This property is owned by Andrieka Oliver located at 507 E 12th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to replace the windows, replacing the wood on the exterior and painting the outside of the home.

Board of Zoning Appeals Committee

Meeting Scheduled for June 26 at 10 am

The property owner is requesting a variance in lot frontage, lot width and lot size requirements from the current 50 ft (measured at street) and 75 ft (at front of the building line) to 50 ft (measured at the street) and 50 ft (at front of the building line) in order to build new homes on the following described tract of land located at E 20th Avenue, City of Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia, currently zoned (R-7.5S) Single Family/Medium Density.

The current zoning will not allow homes to be built on most of the lots because the (75 ft building line width measurement) is larger than the (50 ft street measurement).

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The property is owned by Doubled Up Outdoor Properties, LLC, 125 Blanchard Street, Valdosta, Georgia (Owner-Agent).

Planning Commission Committee No Meeting Scheduled at this time

Revolving Loan Fund Committee No Meeting Scheduled at the time

Community Development Goals and Accomplishments 6.17.2025

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Scheduled for June 18th 6 pm

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This property is owned by Genivieve (Janice) Mumphery located at 809 W 15th Ave Cordele, GA, has applied to remove the screen from the front porch, redo the front steps, repair both the front and back porches, paint the exterior of the home, restore the walkway to its original design.

Board of Zoning Appeals Committee Meeting Scheduled for June 26th - 10 am

I received an updated Single-Family Plat from The Orchard and working to schedule them in June for the request for a variance to the lot frontage, lot width and lot size requirements before the Board of zoning Appeals.

Planning Commission Committee No Meeting Scheduled at this time

Revolving Loan Fund Committee No Meeting Scheduled at the time

2. Finance Department – Sonya Alexander Reported

June 3, 2025 Financial Report

Sales Tax Receipts for May 2025 \$429,226.70

June 17, 2025 Financial Report

Payroll Wages Higher \$1,816,553.65 high because of employees being paid three times in May.

3. Fire Department – Deputy Chief Frank Bullington Reported

Reporting Period: April 29, 2025 – May 27, 2025

Calls for Service:	Total	71
Vehicle Fire		3
Grass/Rubbish Fire		7
Medical		25
Motor Vehicle Accident		8
Public Service		2

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Structure Collapse	2
False Alarm/Other	11
Gas Spill	4
Other	9

Department News

- Budget Hearing for 2026 on 5/28.
- Central Georgia Fire Chief's Meeting at Community Clubhouse 6/5.

Fire Department Goals and Accomplishments 6.17.2025

Goals

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

Accomplishments

1. Completed our annual GCIC audit.
2. Hosted the summer Central Georgia Fire Chief's Assoc. meeting here in Cordele at the Community Clubhouse. C-Shift prepared and served the meal. Bennett Fire Safety Products sponsored the meal. The meeting was well attended by approx. 35 Fire Chiefs and representatives from State Agencies.
3. Completed a fire drill with Crisp Regional Hospital.
4. We were awarded a \$12,000 Grant through Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security. This Grant will be used to purchase (4) LifePak 1000 AEDs.

Special thanks to Maurice Hill for organizing the meeting where we received the Grant information and Representative Noel Williams for submitting our Grant request to the Appropriations Committee at the State Legislature.

**4. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported
Report – 6.3.2025**

May 07, 2025 Began completing applications and gathering information for the upcoming renewal of the Natural Gas, Cyber, Fleet, Equipment, Property and General Liability Insurance Policies.

May 08, 2025 Participated in an interview for Planning and Community Development Director.

May 14, 2025 Completed and submitted the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program semi-annual roster and it was submitted to GMA.

May 27, 2025 Hired a seasonal Mechanic in the Fleet Department that was previously working as a Work-Based Learning student.

Goals and Accomplishments 6.17.2025

Goal 1: Completed and received by HR Department; entering all information into the HR Program.

We are starting to gather information for a development of a succession plan.

Reviewing age, tenure and retirement eligibility, to see what position that will need to be filled in the future.

Goal 2: Promoted an in-house application to Fleet Superintendent, Mr. Bryan Miller.

Currently cross-training an Equipment Operator in the Street Department to assist Meter Management in peak times.

Goal 3: Career opportunities are being posted at South Georgia Technical College, Albany State University, Georgia Southwestern State University and Fort Valley State University.

5. Municipal Court – Jarmiah Burks Reported
Municipal Court – Monthly Court Summary Report – May 2025

Traffic Cases	313
Criminal Cases	25
Total Court Cases	338
Bench Warrants Ordered:	7
License Suspensions Ordered:	28
Total of Payments Collected	\$74,955.71
Total Court Ordered Refunds	764.00

Total Defendants Incarcerated	0
Total Days Jail Sentenced	0

Municipal Court Goals and Accomplishments 6.17.2025

Goals

1. Report accurate information for the Court and Public to aim to efficiently adjudicate cases, process cases quickly and maintain accurate records.
2. Complete the Court Docket for the Judge in a timely manner.
3. Strive to provide accessible services, maintain integrity, and ensure accountability.

Accomplishments

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

6. Police /Codes/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported
Department Heads Report: 6.3.2025

Police Department – Reporting Period: April 29, 2025 through May 26, 2025

Part I Crimes	38
Robberies (Armed By Force/Strong Arm)	2
Motor Vehicle Thefts	1 (1 recovered)
Aggravated Assaults	2
Larceny (Thefts)	29 (3 entering auto, 8 shoplifting with 6 adults arrests, 18 others thefts)
Part II Crimes	154
Incidents Reported	124
Community Contacts	8
Citations Issued	210
Warnings Issued	72
Total Call for Service	1,374

Departmental News

We have two applicants in the hiring process. Our cadet successfully graduated the Police Academy on May 23rd. Congratulations to Officer Sheena Carlile.

Police Department Goals and Accomplishments – 6.17.2025

1. We will continue to provide professional law enforcement service through our hiring process, training, and self-accountability. **Currently there is one applicant in the hiring process. One certified applicant is expected to start on the 23rd as a sergeant. Two cadets are scheduled to start police academy in July.**
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 to connect with the community through community related events, increasing public contacts and through partnering with local groups and businesses. **We are planning on participating in an upcoming event which is a Juneteenth Celebration.**
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.**

Code Compliance Report 6.3.2025

Reporting Period: April 29, 2025 – May 26, 2025

Abandoned Vehicle	5
Inspections	6
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	5
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	40
Other	5

Departmental News

- Code Compliance Officers participated in three new pre-construction meetings at Public Works.
- Officer Lodge attended the Builder Officials Association of Georgia continuing education seminar classes.
- The plan review was completed and construction to begin on the new Aldi's grocery store renovation.

Codes Compliance Goals and Accomplishments 6.17.2025

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, future citizens, workers and travelers with the hopes to attract new businesses, industry and potential residents to the city. **Code Officers have completed plan reviews and are now conducting inspections for the new Christian Homes Complex on 25th Ave West and the new Aldi Store renovation on East 16th Avenue.**

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 the hopes of each code official becoming certified in multiple inspection categories. **The code officers are scheduled to attend a 4-hour CEU class through Southwest Georgia Inspectors Association on June 12th.**
3. Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. **Code officers completed renovation and occupancy inspections for a new personal care home on 12th Ave East.**
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. **Officers are spending time in each ward with citizens and lawn contractors explaining the city limb and debris pick up rules and ordinance to address recent issues.**

Animal Control Department Report 6.3.2025

Dog & Cat Intake	145
City Intakes	80
Intakes/Crisp County	25
Intakes/Other Entities	40
Number of Calls Received	59
Number of Adoptions	45
Number of Rescues	3
Other Reclaims	4
Animals Currently at the Shelter	31 Dogs 32 Cats
Numbers due to nursing moms & babies	
Citations Issued	8
Warnings Issued	20
Open Shelter Slots	2 dogs/7 cats

Division News

Donations are still coming in strong and are greatly appreciated.

Animal Control Goals and Accomplishments 6.17.2025

1. Get more animals rescued/adopted by being more active in the community and on social media.
 - a. The Animal Shelter had 65 animals adopted/rescued/ and reclaimed for April.
 - b. The Facebook page has continued growing.
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. Grates are coming soon!
 - b. Kennel repairs will also begin soon!
4. Actively promote better animal welfare. (Spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter(housing), kennel ordinance control).
 - a. All of our dog houses have been returned!
 - b. Have 3 more donated!
5. Host events with the hope of bring awareness to the shelter, animal health and welfare and increasing donations.
 - a. Have been helping people decrease the number of unsterilized animals.
 - b. Microchips are a big hit still! Several people come to get a chip!

****Received another big donation of pet food from Tractor Supply, JAG probation, and several citizens buying and leaving for us to pick up at Tractor Supply.**

7. Public Works Department – Marcia Pridgen Reported

Department Report 6.3.2025

Cemetery/Parks

Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.

Gas

Annual valve maintenance is in progress.

Public Awareness messaging for Affected Public – Customer and Non-customer is being prepared. It is scheduled to be mailed out in June/July.

Street

Pipe replacement on 9th Avenue and Wall Street is completed.

Water/Sewer

ARPA Project: Phase 1 – Project is 75% complete. Pipe bursting and grouting are in progress.

May 2025 GovDeals Sales Report

(2) Lathem Time Clocks & Ribbon

Sold Amount \$10.00

Public Works Goals & Accomplishments 6.17.2025

Phase 2 of the ARPA Project: The City Commission approved the recommendation to award Phase 2 of the ARPA Project to Inliner Solutions, LLC at the last Commission Meeting. The Contract has been submitted to the City Manager to be reviewed by the City Attorney.

8. Social Media Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported

Website: The website is continuing to grow. All training has been completed, basic building and editing, administration, and beyond the basics,

Mr. Smarr stated that something had been identified that the City Manager had asked about in onset of the website, is an employee portal. Mr. Smarr stated that as he was going through the

trainings and working his way through each one, he was able to identify a place, that he felt like the employee portal would work. The previous Project Manager for Granicus had indicated that if we wanted to do this, it would cost the City more money. It would be a separate site; it will be tied into the City's CMS. But being able to locate this particular place, that is password protected, called, website user account. Mr. Smarr stated he questioned the new Project Manager and asked if this will work; it was checked with technical support, came back and stated, "yes that will work"; and then a way was worked out on the portal for us. It is located on the front page of the site, currently under "About Us".

Mr. Smarr also stated, the website is coming together; it is about 50 to 65% complete in building. Everything now is being updated.

The old website is being updated with the IT Manager, Bobby Stennett's help.

9. UC&T Director – Debbie Wright Reported

May – Water Treated 52 million

Wastewater Treated 59 million

Generator was cranked up at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and did a four-hour load bank test, it passed. The transfer switch is in.

10. IT Department – Brett Lavender Reported.

Mr. Lavender stated that they are doing Windows 11 Work Station Upgrades; Windows 10 will end in October. City of Cordele operates ninety-three user stations, laptops and desk tops; 59% of those are capable of being upgraded to Windows 11, 41% is not capable and will need to be replaced with devices that are capable of operating Windows 11.

The new telephone system is being installed.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and Approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Use of the Community Clubhouse by the Chairman and Members of the Cordele City Commission; Providing for Payment of a Deposit; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Use of the Community Clubhouse by the Chairman and Members of the Cordele City Commission; seconded by Commission Owens.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Commission Vice Chair Rainey voted aye. The Ordinance was approved by the Commission.

2. First Reading of an Ordinance Declaring a Portion of the Municipal Street System as Unnecessary; Repealing all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Such Other Purposes.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Declaring a Portion of the Municipal Street System as Unnecessary; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. City Manager Angela Redding stated that this is the alley that is near Gillespie Gardens Apartments. The City is proposing to close the alley at the end of Gillespie Garden's driveway to cut down on the drive through traffic in that area. Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye. The Ordinance was approved by the Commission.

3. Consider and Approve the Tango Tango Agreement for the Fire Department.
Commissioner Shephard moved to Approve the Tango Tango Agreement for the Fire Department; seconded Vice Chairman Rainey.
Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.
The Commission approved the Tango Tango Agreement.
4. Consider and Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Cordele Fire Department and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the Purchase of Four (4) Automated External Defibrillators.
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Cordele Fire Department and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
City Manager Angela Redding stated, this is the Grant Funds that State Representative Williams submitted to the Appropriations Committee for the Fire Department. It was approved and this is the Agreement, which will be between the Fire Department and Homeland GEMA, Homeland Security Agency.
Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens voted aye.
The Commission approved the Memorandum of Agreement between Cordele Fire Department and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the Purchase of Four (4) Automated External Defibrillators.
5. Consider and Approve the Agreement between the City of Cordele and Inliner Solutions, LLC for Phase II of the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Agreement between the City of Cordele and Inliner Solutions, LLC; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.
The Commission approved the Agreement between the City of Cordele and Inliner Solutions, LLC for Phase II of the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Angela Redding Reported.

Recap of Community Events

Juneteenth Parade and Community Event

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Parade 9:00 AM

Community Event 11:00 AM at Gillespie Gardens

Minister's Meeting

Speaker - Jarrod McCarthy – Executive Director/Southwest GA United

Thursday, June 12, 2025

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Community Clubhouse
9:30 AM

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
City Hall – Courtroom
6:00 PM

PROPEL Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2025
JR Dowdy Building – 1129 5th Street North
8:30 AM

Crisp County Community Council Collaborative Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2025
JR Dowdy Building – 1129 5th Street North
9:30 AM

Board of Zoning Appeals
Thursday, June 26, 2025
City Hall – Courtroom
10:00 AM

Watermelon Road Race
Saturday, June 21, 2025
5K at 8:00 AM & 1 Mile Fun Run at 8:15 AM, Destiny Fitness
Sponsor – Destiny Fitness

Dedication Ceremony: I-75 Interchange 101
In Memory of Johnny W. Floyd
Fairfield Inn & Suites (Cordele)
June 27, 2025
10:00 AM

Watermelon Festival Parade
Saturday, June 28, 2025
8:30 AM – Line-up 7:30 AM – Southgate Shopping Center
Route: 15th Avenue from 6th St. to Owens St.

Day Out With Thomas
SAM Shortline Railroad
June 7,8,14,15,21 & 22, 2025
Tickets: DayOutWithThomas.com

Crisp County 5th Annual Back2School Bash
Saturday, August 2, 2025

Crisp County Recreation Center
1205 N. 5th St. Ext., Cordele, GA
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Election Day

June 17, 2025 Public Service Commissioner Primary Special Election
Voting in assigned precincts from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

City Updates

Ladder Truck Assistance in Dooly County – The Ladder Truck assisted with the fire at the Faith Christian School. City Manager Angela Redding thanked the Commission, Fire Department and Fire Employees.

Aldi – Expected Opening date is September – October timeframe.

City Clerk NCJ Audit – City Clerk Genivieve Mumphery stated that the City passed its first audit with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), Non-Criminal Justice (NCJ) on June 10, 2025. Kemi Mueller, NCJ Compliance Specialist from GBI performed the audit, which was for Alcohol/Liquor Licensing.

May 2025 Meetings & Events

PROPEL Update – Albany State University, May 15, 2025

IndigoLife Business Symposium – May 15, 2025

Crisp Regional Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment – May 15, 2025; City Manager Angela Redding participated in this Health Needs Assessment

River Valley Regional Commission Legislative Luncheon, May 22, 2025; City Manager Angela Redding and Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard attended this meeting.

Laws Effective July 1, 2025

Senate Bill 244 – This is a wrongful conviction compensation act for individuals wrongly convicted and incarcerated, they can recoup their legal fees.

Senate Bill 17 – Ricky and Alyssa's Law requires all of the State's Public K-12 Schools to install mobile panic alert systems that connect directly to local and state emergency services and also mandates real time digital mapping to help First Responders local and response faster during an emergency. It is named after Ricky – a teacher killed in last years' shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, GA; Alyssa, one of seventeen students and staff killed in the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting in Parkland, FL. Georgia is the 10th State to implement these measures.

House Bill 208 – Disability veterans can now apply for two additional license plates.

Senate Bill 55 – Dignity and Pay Act -prohibits any employers to pay a person with a disability less than minimum wage.

House Bill 92 – A follow up to House Bill 581 regarding the Homestead exemption.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Amendment: City of Cordele FY2024-2025 Budget Amendment. This Budget Amendment request is to add Grant Funds received for Generators to the Budget in the amount of \$414,306.00.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the FY2024-2025 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$414,306.00; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

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

The Commission approved the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$414,306.00.

RHC Agreement: Requesting approval for agreements with RHC Heating and Cooling for City Hall and the Cordele Carnegie Library.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the agreements with RHC Heating and Cooling for City Hall and the Cordele Carnegie Library; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

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

The Commission approved the agreements with RHC Heating and Cooling for City Hall and the Cordele Carnegie Library.

Juneteenth Holiday: City Offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in observance of Juneteenth. City Offices will reopen on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

7. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

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

Commissioner Owens moved to enter into Executive Session at 12:35 PM for Personnel and Litigation; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

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

The Commission approved to enter into Executive Session.

9. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: Commissioner Owens moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 1:27 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Regular Meeting was reconvened.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 1:28 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Meeting was adjourned by the Commission at 1:28 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



TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Hill

DATE: July 1, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

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

Community Advancement Manager Report

Good morning,

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

- Working with DDA on SCRC/SEID Grant Application which is due July 18th.
- I attended the DNR Motorized Trail Webinar on June 17th to understand the grant.
- Conducted the 2nd CHIP Grant Workshop on June 24th assisting seniors with completing the 20-page application at the Community Clubhouse, next session is on June 30th 11 am.
- Scheduling the USDA 502 and 504 Home Repair Program Application Workshops starting the second week of July for residents that don't qualify for the CHIP Grant.
- Discussing Weatherization Program with the Community Action Council for Cordele.
- Attended the virtual GALBA Programs Committee Meeting on June 23rd at 3 pm.
- Attended the Homeless Coalition Meeting on June 25th at noon at the Dowdy Building.
- I visited the homes of CHIP Applicants on June 27th that we couldn't reach by phone or that have not attended the Workshop Sessions at the Community Clubhouse.



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Community Development Director Report

Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Held on June 18th - 6 pm

The property owned by Thomas Marshall / Curlene Thomas at 708 E. 14th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to add an addition, enclosing the existing open front porch with a screened-in design was **Denied**.

This property is owned by Andrieka Oliver located at 507 E 12th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to replace the windows, replacing the wood on the exterior and painting the outside of the home was **Approved**.

This property is owned by Janice Mumphrey located at 809 W 15th Ave Cordele, GA, has applied to remove the screen from the front porch, redo the front steps, repair both the front and back porches, paint the exterior of the home, restore the walkway to its original design was **Approved**.

Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - Meeting Held on June 26th - 10 am

I received an updated Single-Family Plat from The Orchard and working to schedule them in June for the request for a variance to the lot frontage, lot width and lot size requirements before the Board of zoning Appeals. **The BZA Committee Approved the Variance Request.**

Planning Commission Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at this time

Revolving Loan Fund Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at the time

Thank you for the honor of serving the Community of Cordele!

Maurice Hill
Community Advancement Manager

CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT

509 North 7th Street Cordele GA, 31015

Fire Chief Todd Alligood

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



To: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman
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: June 24, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

REPORTING PERIOD: MAY 27, 2025 – JUNE 24, 2025

1. Calls for Service: Total 60

PUBLIC ASSIST	9
GRASS/RUBBISH FIRE	3
MEDICAL	19
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	5
EXTRICATION	1
STRUCTURE FIRE	2
FALSE ALARM/OTHER	15
GAS SPILL	2
HAZMAT INVESTIGATION	1
POWER LINE DOWN	3

2. Department News

- Crisp Public Safety Roundtable 6/18. Preparing for our Mass Casualty Event that we train on every summer.
- Palmetto Fire Tactics group came to town and taught an intense Leadership Class to our department.
- Closing out our FY2025 budget. The last report I received through June showed that we did come in under budget overall while maximizing the money available to us and making great strides forward. I feel like we are truly growing as a department and I look forward to the new fiscal year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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City Manager

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DATE: June 24, 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 July 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
JULY 01, 2025

Accepting applications for Police Officer, Records Technician, Community Development Specialist, Refuse Facility Attendant, Customer Service Representative, Water & Sewer Technician, Mechanic, Equipment Operator, and Public Works Director.

May 23, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Community Development Director applicant in the Community Development department. Anticipated start date is July 08, 2025.
May 26, 2025	Promoted an Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent in the Fleet department.
May 28, 2025	Completed and submitted the Georgia Department of Labor's Occupational and Wage Statistics program report.
May 28, 2025	Attended the FY 2025/2026 budget review meeting.
May 30, 2025	Completed and submitted the application packet for the upcoming renewals of the Natural Gas, Cyber, Fleet, Inland Marine, Property and General Liability insurance policies.
May 30, 2025	Received the immediate resignation of a Water & Sewer Technician in the Water and Sewer department.
May 31, 2025	Assisted with the Cordele Kiwanis Club's annual Youth Fishing Rodeo.
June 03, 2025	Completed and submitted the Georgia First Responder PTSD program semi-annual roster along with the invoice for the Firefighter Cancer Benefit program.
June 05, 2025	Received the immediate resignation of a Water & Sewer Technician in the Water and Sewer department.
June 05, 2025	Assisted with the Cordele Kiwanis Club's Art and Talent Showcase.
June 06, 2025	Received the renewal quote from Principal Financial Group for Dental, Life, Vision, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability policies. The policies will renew August 01, 2025 with no increase in premiums.
June 06, 2025	Received the resignation of a Records Technician in the Police department. Resignation is effective June 18, 2025.
June 10, 2025	Attended the Georgia Local Government Personnel Association (GLGPA) Spring Conference from June 10 th thru 13 th in Buford Georgia. Classes attended were Managing Risk and Controlling Loss, Employee Recruitment and Selection, and Mental Health and Public Safety.

CITY OF CORDELE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT
JULY 01, 2025
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June 11, 2025	Received the resignation of a Sergeant in the Police department.
June 18, 2025	Met with Nicole Elkins of Premise Health regarding clinic operations and the search for a new provider.
June 20, 2025	Participated in an on-line seminar presented by NFP titled "2025 Employee Benefits 101".
June 23, 2025	Hired a Sergeant in the Police department.
June 24, 2025	Exchanged several phone calls and e-mails throughout the month with Michael Shurley and Trident insurance representatives regarding new and ongoing claims.

MANPOWER and VACANCY SUMMARY
As of June 24, 2025

DEPT.	APPROVED POSITIONS	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	CONTRACT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	NOTE
Executive	7	6	0	0	1	
Municipal Court	2	2	0	0	0	
Human Resources	2	2	0	0	0	
Finance	10	6	0	0	4	
Police Department	44	33	0	0	11	
Fire Department	27	27	0	0	0	
Public Works	53	41	0	1	11	
Community Dev.	3	1	0	0	2	
U, C & T	12	11	0	0	1	
TOTALS	160	129	0	1	30	



Cordele Police Department (Police) Commission Report

Reporting Period: May 27, 2025 through June 23, 2025

I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
Part I Crimes	30
<i>Homicide/Murder</i>	1
<i>Rape</i>	1
<i>Robberies (Armed/By Force/Strong Arm)</i>	0
<i>Motor Vehicle Thefts</i>	1 (1 recovered)
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	5
<i>Larceny (Thefts)</i>	20 (1 entering auto, 2 shoplifting with 1 adult arrest, 17 other thefts)
<i>Burglary</i>	2 (1 residential)
Part II Crimes	102
Incidents Reported	94
Community Contacts	9
Citations Issued	139
Warnings Issued	34
Total Calls for Service from Dispatch	1,162

II. Departmental News

- We have two applicants in the hiring process
- We have two cadets starting the academy on July 7, 2025.
- Congratulations to Clinton Latham, he started on June 23, 2025 as a Sergeant for patrol.
- We will be participating in the upcoming Watermelon Parade on June 28, 2025.
- We are preparing for the back to school bash in August.
- Special thanks to Commissioner Owens for purchasing a custom tent, printer, and laminator for the police department.



Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report

Reporting Period: May 27, 2025 – June 23, 2025

I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents*
Abandoned Vehicle	3
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	2
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	1
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	3
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	49
Other	12

II. Departmental News

- Code Compliance Officers attended a 6 hour International Code Conference CEU inspection class in Leesburg.
- Code Compliance Officers have begun inspections on the Christian Homes Complex under construction.
- Code Compliance Officers interacted with 30 different contractors attending the ICC code class.

JULY 2025 REPORT

PERMITTED COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CRM Company, LLC	Tire Recycling Facility 4706 Pateville Road Job Valuation: \$1,500,000.00 Permit Fee: \$3,680.00
Retail Space	Darrin Felton. 515 West 16 th Avenue. Job Valuation: \$350,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1230.00
Pinecrest Church	Renovation of the sanctuary at 1007 East 10 th Avenue Job Valuation: \$900,000.00 Permit Fee: \$2480.00
Harvey's/Aldi's	1011 East 16 th Avenue. Harvey's converting into Aldi. Job Valuation: \$1,843,981.00 Permit Fee: \$4,368.00

Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$4,593,981.00.00 Total of Permit Fees: \$11,758.00

PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Christian Homes Community	24 apartment complex on West 25 th Avenue. Job Valuation: \$5,598,766.00 Permit Fee: \$11,878.00
Single-Family Home	Single-Family home at 1502 Fleming Road. Job Valuation: \$274,300.00 Permit Fee: \$930.00
Single-Family Home	Single-Family Home at 84 Aberdeen Circle Job Valuation: \$412,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1416.00

Total of Residential Job Valuations: \$6,285,066.00 Permit Fees: \$14,224.00

Combined Total of Commercial/Residential: \$10,879,047.00

PENDING JOBS:

-Jones Petroleum Truck Stop	New Truck Stop at 2302 Highway 300. Plans received. On hold.
RaceTrac Gas Station	New gas station at Corner of Hwy 300 and Frontage Road Waiting on plans and permit.
Single Family Home	1508 Fleming Road. Waiting on permit.
Advanced Drainage Systems	1013 West 11 th Avenue. Expansion part City/part County

Projects Completed in 2025

Speedway Truck Stop	\$1,650,000.00
Crisp Regional OR Expansion	\$17,200,000.00
Crisp Regional MRI Re-model	\$197,000.00
Single-Family 1902 Quail Run	\$580,000.00

Demolition Permits completed in 2025

<u>Address</u>	<u>Commercial/Residential</u>	<u>By Owner/City</u>
408 West 17 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
903 West 11 th Avenue	Commercial	Owner
401 East 9 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
314 West 18 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
712 Broad Street	Residential	Owner
902 West 15 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
601 West 25 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
602 West 25 th Avenue	Residential	Owner



Cordele Police Department (Animal Control) Commission Report

Reporting Period: May 26, 2025-June 23, 2025



I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Reported Numbers
Dog & Cat Intake Total:	221
<i>City Intake</i>	77
<i>Intakes from Crisp County</i>	85
<i>Intakes from Other Entities</i>	59
Number of Calls Received:	67
Number of Adoptions/Rescues:	34 adoptions/10 reescues 2 owner reclaims
Animals Currently at The Shelter:	28 dogs/40 cats
Citations Issued:	0
Warnings Issued:	15
Open Shelter Slots:	3 dog kennels/7 cat kennels

II. Division News:

- We received a lot of dog food donations at the Shelter.
- Houston Co Humane Society donated several small pet crates.
- ADOPT! DON'T SHOP!



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Memo

Date: June 25, 2025

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director

RE: Public Works Commission Report – July 1, 2025

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

Commission Report

Public Works Department

7/1/2025

Cemetery/Parks

- Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 80 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders since our last commission report.

Engineering

- PRIME TRUCK PARKING LLC. In progress.
- 2023-0130 CHRISTIAN HOMES MULTI-FAMILY SITE. In progress.
- The Engineering Department has completed 4 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders for the storm water system.

Gas

- Annual valve maintenance is in progress.
- Public Awareness messaging for Affected Public – Customer and Non-customer is being prepared.
It is scheduled to be mailed out in June/July.
- 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 26 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Street

- Street Department has worked on routine work orders. This includes asphalt repair and ditch maintenance.
- The Street Department has completed 66 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Water/Sewer

- ARPA Project:
 - Phase 1 - Project is 90% complete.
 - Phase 2 - Notice of award sent to Inliner Solutions, LLC on June 20th.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 65 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

GovDeals Sales Report for June 2025

- No sales were made for the month of June.



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager



TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER

FROM: RICKY SMARR

DATE: JULY 1ST, 2025

SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING REPORT

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

JUNE 1ST – JUNE 30TH, 2025

Your Social Media Marketing Department strives to distribute 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

June 3rd: I attended and recorded the regular meeting of the Cordele City Commission. The videos were placed on the city's social media platforms.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Aam5XjTj4/>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/svCKN7OykFM>

June 3rd: I attended the Celebration of Victory service at Bethel CME Church for longtime City Commissioner and former vice-chairmen A.J. Rivers

June 3rd: In coordination with Chief Jalon Heard, I re-shot and updated some video that was included in the previous Cordele Police Department promotional video.

June 5th: I attended and participated in the final group training session for the city's new website, "Beyond the Basics."



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June 6th: I worked with several city departments on Friday morning in their respective website areas. Friday afternoon, I attended, along with the Community Advancement Manager, the Grand Re-Opening of the Unity Community Action Council (formerly West Central Georgia)

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/vuAWTMg3URk>

June 12th: I attended the Faith-Based Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. Jarrod McCarthy, Executive Director of SWGA United was our guest speaker

June 14th: I attended the Cordele-Crisp NAACP Juneteenth Parade and Festival. The parade was carried live on the city's social media platform. Pictures from the festival were produced and placed on social media, receiving positive interaction.

Parade YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/7F0nnSipLEA>

Facebook LIVE link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1AmtMrXASp/>

June 16th: I attended the city's department head meeting with City Manager Redding in preparation for the June 17th City Commission meeting.

June 16th: I attended the CHIP Grant Application Seminar and assisted Community Advancement Manager Maurice Hill & Community Development Administrative Assistant Marcha Toussaint

June 17th: I attended and recorded the Cordele City Commission meeting and placed the video on the city's social media and YouTube platforms.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BZgev7TMT/>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/QMA9cHo-aQU>



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June 18th: I attended the Crisp County 4-H Dog Show as part of the community's 76th Annual Watermelon Festival. This event is a 35-year tradition.



June 18th: I produced a 3-minute news package for the Juneteenth Festival held on June 14th at Historic Gillespie Selden. It included voices from festival organizers Minister Oweta Hegeman, Pastor Cue Robinson, Pastor Caleb Edge, Dravian McGill, Barbara Dennis & Lucille Harris. I scheduled the package to drop at 9 A.M. on June 19th.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/CzY4axojElc>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CD2WMpL6q/>

June 18th: I attended a 30-minute training session with Melinda (HR) and Maricarmen Vargas from Granicus concerning the website's Employee Portal. 30-minute update meetings are held every Thursday at 3 PM eastern. Anyone who would like to attend to ask questions are welcome to do so. Just let me know and I'll send you the link to join in.



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June 26th: I participated in the weekly Granicus update meeting with Maricarmen Vargas. This is a 30 minute session that is available to anyone how has questions about content inclusion in their respective areas.

June 27th: I attended the I-75 Exit 101 Interchange Dedication held at Fairfield Inn & Suites at 10:00 A.M. The dedication ceremony was carried live to your social media platforms and recorded and placed on the city's YouTube platform and website.

June 28th: I attended the 76th Annual Watermelon Festival Parade at 8:30 A.M. The parade was carried live to the city's social media platform, recorded and placed on the city's YouTube platform and website. Following the parade, I gathered content from the festival at the Resort at Lake Blackshear to be used on your social media platforms, for the website and any promotional materials for the city.

Work continues in building and updating content for the new city website and updating content as needed on the current site.

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

Respectfully submitted

Ricky R. Smarr

**Social Media – Marketing Manager
City of Cordele**



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager



June 24, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL

REPORT FOR MONTH OF June 2025

Water Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	258,695,900 gallons	1,713,218 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	371,440,000 gallons	2,460,000 MGD average *

Sludge to Landfill	2.48 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Total Sludge 2025	7.52 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Grit to Landfill	0.00 tons

Rainfall for the month of June was " *

Total Rainfall for 2025 is 21.82" *

*These numbers will be updated the first week in July.

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.

Our 500 KW Generator was delivered April 28. A 4 hour load bank test was performed on June 13th.

We are collecting our annual Whole Effluent Toxicity Test (WET) this week. We collect these samples over the course of a week every June as required by our NPDES Permit. We are awaiting the results.

We are collecting all the data needed to renew our Groundwater Use Permit. One item that is required is a 5 year update to our Water Conservation Plan. The Commission will need to approve it and the Chairman sign it.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 05

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PORTION OF THE MUNICIPAL STREET SYSTEM AS UNNECESSARY; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is within the authority of the City Commission of the City of Cordele to close streets and alleyways within the municipal street system of the City of Cordele; and

WHEREAS, after careful study and deliberation, the City Commission of the City of Cordele has determined that a portion of the municipal street system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided notice to the property owners located on the subject unopened alley that the City may declare the unopened alley to be abandoned;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Cordele, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. That section of the municipal street system within the City of Cordele being alley known as W 15 ½ Alley beginning at the intersection of 12th Street and ending at the end of the parking lot of Gillespie Gardens owned and operated by Vecino Group marked on said map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby abandoned. This alley has ceased to be used to the extent that no substantial purpose is served by leaving it open.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF CORDELE

By: _____
Chairman, Joshua Deriso

Vacant, Ward Two

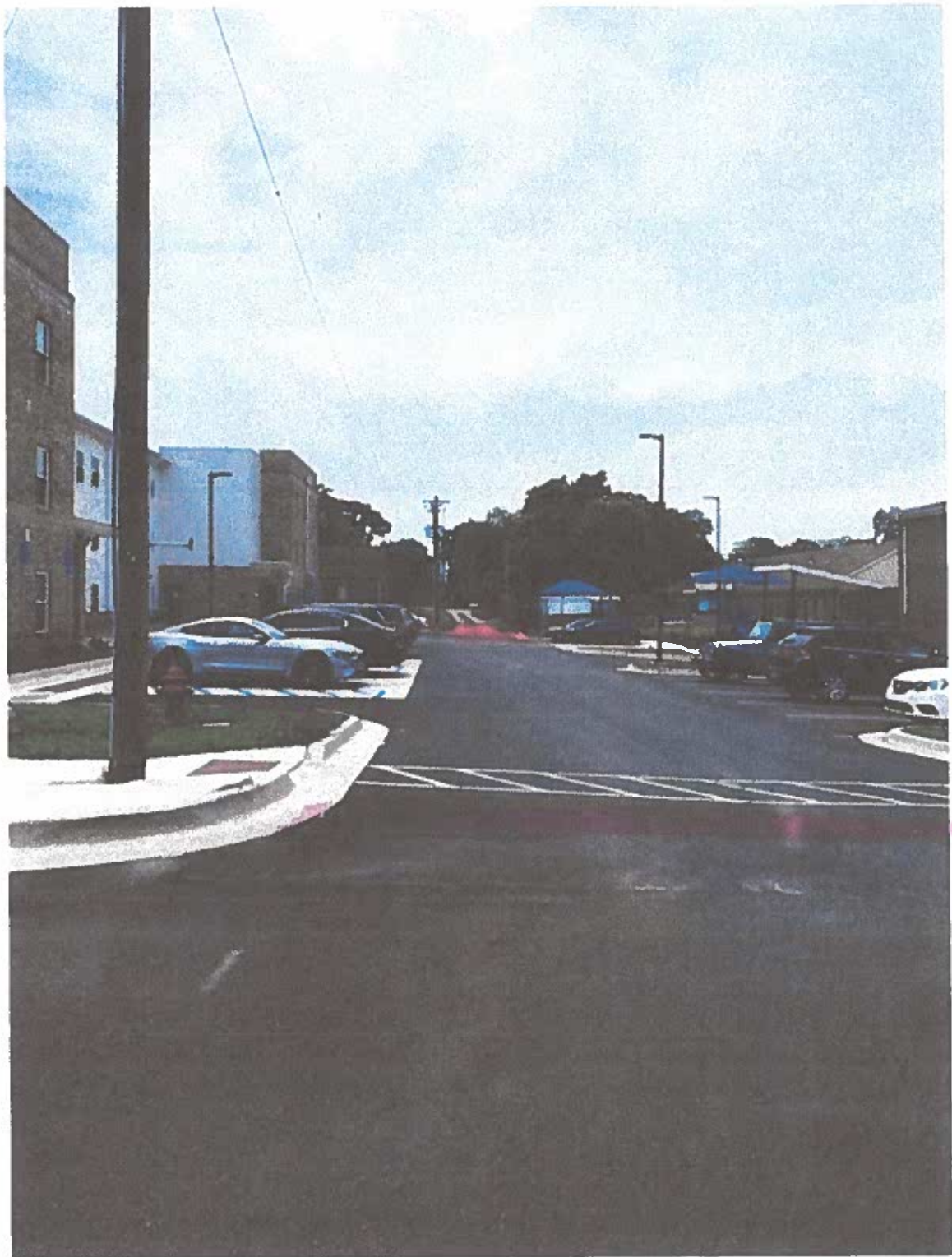
Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard, Ward One

Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three

Commissioner J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four

Attest: _____
City Clerk, Genivieve (Janice) Mumphrey

EXHIBIT A





JOSHUA DERISO
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WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

The existing water system profile is also on the attached table. We file our Water Audit as required by the Water Stewardship Act annually.

Water Conservation Measures

Leak Detection and Elimination – We also used all the local media to advertise for help in locating and eliminating leaks. The Finance Department uses edits of the meter reads to spot high water consumption and notify property owners of possible leaks. Defective and/or dead meters are replaced immediately.

Availability of Accurate Maps – Copies of all water system maps are located at City Hall and Public Works. All new lines are drawn onto the Superintendent's Master Map as they are installed. All water and sewer maps are on a computer-based system.

Meter Maintenance - The Meter Department uses Read One Pro System to test accuracy and calibrate meters and reading devices. We have a 10-year meter change-out program.

Recycling Wastewater – Treated wastewater is used in the chlorination system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and as wash water for cleaning weirs and clarifier tanks.

Upgrading Old Equipment – The old water meters are changed out with automated reading; we now use Electronic Reading Track (ERTS) devices to more accurately track water consumption. We are 100% ERTS. As other old equipment must be replaced, it is replaced with low flow and water saving devices.

Enforcement of Ordinances – All plumbing codes and Ordinances are strictly enforced. We also enforce our Water Conservation and Outdoor Watering Restrictions Ordinances.

Prevention of Unauthorized Use – Anyone who needs water from the city must apply to Public Works and they will install a hydrant backflow preventer meter for temporary use. We also have a hydrant backflow preventer meter installed at City Hall for anyone needing water. Anyone using water without permission is issued a citation and has to appear in City Court.

Selection Criteria – The first step in conservation is to curtail nonessential water usage; the next step is prioritizing by need and necessity (e.g. Hospitals, schools, residential, etc.)

Overview of Conditions – Some of the difficulties with implementing a Water Conservation Plan are problems perceived and/or experienced by some of our customers. While most home owners are glad to comply, some businesses are apprehensive they may be put out of business by having to cut down on usage or potentially be cut off from their regular water usage.

Other Measures – Changing our billing from a Uniform Block to an Increasing Block is one measure that could aid in Conservation. Advertising publicity and education concerning water conservation is a tremendous benefit.

Drought Contingency Plan

We monitor our system daily for gallons of water pumped. We also monitor the static and pumping levels of all our wells monthly but much more frequently in the summer and when drought conditions are present. We monitor the water system pressure every 2 hours, 24 hours a day. If the water pressure falls below 55 psi City personnel are notified immediately. We also follow all EPD guidelines and directives.

We have a 3-phase set of directives in our Drought Contingency Plan which prioritizes water usage. This plan is put into action when the Director of Utilities, with approval of the City Manager and City Commission, finds that certain conditions exist and action is needed to conserve water. A copy of our Drought Contingency Plan is on file with EPD.

The City of Cordele acknowledges that the State of Georgia has developed the Drought Management Rules, Chapter 391-3-30, which identifies a drought declaration process, pre-drought strategies, and drought responses, and the City of Cordele will follow and abide by any and all drought response levels and restrictions imposed by the State. If local conditions and/or actions warrant a different drought response level (more or less restrictive) than the current State mandated drought response level, the City of Cordele must submit a Variance application request for EPD approval to implement measures that differ from the State's current declared drought response level.

Implementation of Water Conservation Measures

We require 1.6 gallon/flush toilets be installed in all new construction and remodeling and also low flow shower heads.

Analysis of Benefits and Costs

The City of Cordele has an ample supply of water at the present time; therefore, we do not need to explore other resources for providing our water supply. There is no alternative to our groundwater for our supply that would be cost effective. The Flint River and Lake Blackshear are 8 miles from Cordele so these would not be cost effective alternatives.

Education Efforts

We have distributed literature promoting water conservation and will continue to do so in the future. We also participate in Drinking Water Week by advertising water conservation facts and trivia. Keep Crisp Beautiful has programs that involve school age children, 4-H groups and Civic Clubs. We distribute and have our Water Quality Report on our Website.

Preparation of Demand Forecast

We collect data from our daily well pumping records and the trend over the last 3 years shows that we are pumping 17% less water; with an additional 20% more water

connections, due to annexations and extensions of City water into the county. It appears that the public is much more aware of water conservation after several years of drought and outdoor water restrictions. We work with the Crisp County Industrial Development Council in looking at new industries that are interested in relocating to Cordele as to their water consumption needs.

The city could apply to EPD for an increase in our permit limits to accommodate major growth in Cordele.

Evaluation of Strategy

We will review and update this Water Conservation Plan every 5 years starting in 2009. This Plan was last updated in July 2025.

Certified and Approved by the City Commission of the City of Cordele, Georgia in regular session July 1, 2025.

APPROVED BY:

Joshua Deriso, Chairman

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Genivieve Mumphrey, City Clerk

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