

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2021**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on December 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

John E. Wiggins, Commission Chair	Jeanie Bartee, Vice Chair
Royce Reeves, Commissioner	Vesta Beal-Shephard, Commissioner
Wesley Rainey, Commissioner	Roland McCarthy, City Manager
Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary	Tommy Coleman, Attorney

**Staff present:** David Wade, Irene Cantrell, Debra Perry, Police Chief Matt Hathaway.

**Others present:** Joshua Deriso, Fannie Deriso, Velesia Grant, Isaac Owens.

**Media present:** Ricky Smarr – South GA TV; Cordele Dispatch – Neil McGaHee.

**Call to Order:** Commission Vice Chair Jeanie Bartee called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:** Prayer was rendered by Rev. Stan Bowens, Morningside Baptist Church.

**Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda – December 21, 2021:** Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the Agenda for December 21, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**Approval of Work Session Minutes – December 7, 2021:** Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the Work Session Minutes, December 7, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Bartee; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**Approval of Called Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2021:** Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Called Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Bartee; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**ORDINANCES – COMMISSION APPROVAL:**

**Second Reading of an Ordinance:** Amending the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance for the City of Cordele restricting the issuance of On-Premises Consumption Licenses in the Downtown Development District; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; and for other purposes. Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously the Commission.

**First Reading of an Ordinance:** Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Cordele to provide for location of Manufactured or Mobile Homes on Property where they previously existed; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for other purposes. Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.



**CITY MANAGER UPDATE:** Roland McCarthy reported.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Commission Approval on Addendum Number Three for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste:** Commission Approval is requested to the attached Addendum Number Three for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste. This Addendum will extend the contract until December 31, 2022. Commissioner Rainey moved to approve Addendum Number Three for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste; seconded by Commissioner Bartee; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on the Trash Flyer:** Commission Approval is requested on the attached Flyer to be inserted in every customer's utility bill for the month of January 2022. Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the flyer for properly disposing of garbage; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on surplus city property:** This property was donated to the city by Golden Peanut Company, LLC on March 20, 2003. The property description is: Residential in the North West Area 0.1 acres. The tax value of the property is \$2,015.00. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the property as surplus; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on the location of a Manufactured Home:** Commission Approval is requested for the request from Ms. Jackie Walker to locate a single-wide manufactured home at 1106 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Northside Addition, Block C, Lot 27 Cordele, Georgia. The Board of Zoning Appeals met and approved on November 30, 2021. Commissioner Shephard moved to approve locating a single-wide manufactured home at 1106 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on a LMIG 2022 Projects:** Commission Approval is requested for the attached proposal for LMIG 2022 Projects. Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) 2022 Projects; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on a one-year contract renewal for the City Manager:** Commission Approval is requested for a one-year contract renewal for the current City Manager. Copy of the contract is attached. Commissioner Bartee moved to renew the City Manager's Contract for one-year, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Rainey. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, a vote was taken. Commissioners Bartee and Rainey voted aye; Commissioners Reeves and Shephard voted nay; Commission Chair John E. Wiggins broke the tie with an aye vote. The motion was approved with a 3/2 vote in favor of renewing the City Manager's Contract for one-year, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Minutes amended on January 4, 2022.

Amendment to December 21, 2021 minutes by Commissioner Shephard:  
"Contract for the City Manager was not presented to all the City Commissioners in a proper time to evaluate it, therefore, there was no previous discussion, the minutes should reflect there there was an opposition with the contract."



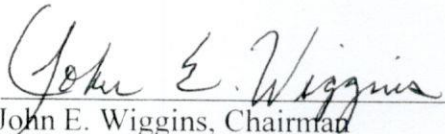
**Commission Approval:** Residents in the area of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street have requested for a 4-way stop sign at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Commission approval is requested. After a short discussion; Commissioner Rainey stated that there should be a Public Hearing to decide to put a 4-Way Stop Sign in an area, open it up to the public before the Commission vote on a 4-Way Stop in an area because there have been some problems before with putting 4-Way Stop Signs in an area; this item was tabled. There were two suggestions made: (1) To schedule a Public Hearing; (2) to have a petition signed by the neighbors in the area to see who is requesting the 4-Way Stop Sign. Commission Chair John Wiggins asked the City Manager Roland McCarthy to schedule a Public Hearing for this matter.


**Commission Approval:** Commission approval is requested for a Beer Only – Consumed Off Premises. This is for Krishna Krupq 902 Food Mart LLC dba RM Food Mart, located at 902 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Cordele, GA, the owner is Gerald Martin. Commission Reeves moved to approve the Beer Only License; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved with a 3/2 vote in favor to approve the license. Commissioners Shephard and Rainey voted aye; Commissioners Bartee and Reeves moved nay; Chair John E, Wiggins broke the tie with an aye vote.

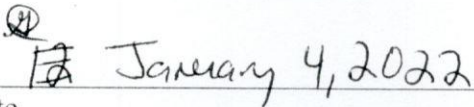
**CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Tommy Coleman reported.

- Mr. Coleman stated the Chair Elect, Joshua Deriso is requesting the Organizational Meeting to be moved, the first Tuesday in January, to another site. Commission approval is requested for this matter. Mr. Coleman stated an Ordinance is required to move the Regular Meetings; this is something the Commission put into effect. Mr. Coleman stated that he nor the City Manager have the authority to establish a meeting time, only the present Commission have that authority. Mr. Coleman stated, “we will have to conduct the business of the City at the 4:30 meeting on that day because this is set by an Ordinance, I can’t see any way we can repeal that because it requires another Ordinance and requires two Readings.” Commissioner Reeves asked, “Can we vote to move our meeting back to 5:30?” Mr. Coleman stated, “I think you could move your meeting back to 5:30, but it will still be a regular meeting, that’s not in the Ordinance, but it still has to be a Regular Meeting at City Hall at 5:30. Commissioner Rainey asked, “So, basically Vesta and I would not be able to attend that Swearing-In or else it becomes a meeting? Because of the volume of Commissioners there. Mr. Coleman stated, “there is some dilemmas about it, I think it is certainly challengeable. Mr. Coleman also stated that Chair Elect, Joshua Deriso has asked Judge Lockette from Albany to swear him and the other Commissioners in and I think Judge Lockette has agreed. Commissioner Reeves moved to move the meeting back to 5:30 p.m., at City Hall on January 4, 2021, Judge Lockette from Albany will swear the Commissioners in and ask everyone who will be in attendance to wear a mask; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission with moving the meeting back to 5:30 p.m. on January 4, 2022 at City Hall.
- Southern Fiber Works owes franchise fees to the City of Cordele and he is getting prepared to give them a notice, he will start this process on December 22, 2021.
- Mr. Coleman requested an Executive Session to discuss an unexpected litigation. By consensus of the Commissioners, an Executive Session will follow the meeting immediately after adjourned.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. and the Commission went into Executive Session.

  
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John E. Wiggins, Chairman

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Roland McCarthy, City Manager

  
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