

AGENDA



CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS/REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM APRIL 15, 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

REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – April 15, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – April 1, 2025

RETIREE RECOGNITION:

- a. Mr. Jessie Mercer: 60 years

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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 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 7th Street to the intersection of 16th Ave to 2401 East 16th Ave. Police escort is required.
2. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Family Event – National Train Day, May 10, 2025, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 105 East 9th Avenue. Sponsoring Organization: Cordele Main Street; Organizer: Monica Rentfrow, Downtown Director.
3. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Silent Protest, April 17, 2025, 6:00 PM, 500 Block of North 7th Street Sidewalk – City Hall. Organizer: Davontae Hunt.
4. Consider and Approve New Board Appointment:
 - a. Jean Oliver Burks - Cordele Community Clubhouse Committee
5. Consider and Approve New Board Appointments:
 - a. Lin Barnes – DDA Board
 - b. Roger Buxani – DDA Board
6. Consider and Approve an Elected Official to serve on the City/County Board of Health.
7. Proclamation – Week of the Young Child - April 5-11, 2025. Crisp County Headstart
8. Resolution - Georgia Cities Week – April 21 – 26, 2025.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.

13. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$500.00 for the IndigoLife Business Symposium; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.
14. 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.
15. Consider and Approve the Contract with Crisp County Board of Elections.
16. Consider and Approve an Alcohol License: Beer and Wine Consumed Off Premises, Speedway #42394, 510 N Greer St., Simayah Savage – Store Manager. No exceptions noted. Reviewed by Chief Heard March 28, 2025.
17. Consider and Approve a Quote for Demolition at 112 S 7th Street.

Background Information

An order was granted by the Court to abate the former TV Station building located at 112 S 7th Street. Three quotes were received. Davis Mulching & Digging, LLC provided the lowest quote. Two (2) Million dollars in liability insurance is required.

18. Consider and Approve the Proposal from TTL, Inc for 2025 Watershed Monitoring and Annual Report.

Background Information

The scope of work in the proposal includes chemical and bacteriological sampling, and reporting services.

19. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Family Food Mart (Valero) Alcohol License.
(601 E 8th Avenue)
20. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Cordele Food Mart Alcohol License.
(316 E 24th Avenue)
21. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Party Shoppe Alcohol License.
(204 W 24th Avenue)
22. Consider Suspension or Revocation of OM Jai LLC (Joe's) Alcohol License.
(1305 S Joe Wright Drive)
23. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Sonny's Package Store Alcohol License
(412 E 16th Avenue)

24. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

25. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

27. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held On April 1, 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, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Nancy Crook – Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Marcia Pridgen – Interim Public Works Director, Rick Smarr – Social Media Marketing Manager, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, Brett Lavender – Interdev Representative.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:00 AM**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARINGS – CALLED TO ORDER

Commissioner Shephard moved to Open the Public Hearing at 9:01 AM; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Commission approved to open the Public Hearing.

City of Cordele Police Chief Jalon Heard gave a synopsis of what happened: Police Chief Jalon Heard stated, on February 26th, the Police Department and Agents with the Department of Revenue conducted an undercover operation targeting underage alcohol sales to minors. The Police Department has received several complaints from various stores in the City and there was a list put together of twenty-five (25) stores. Complaints were not received from all twenty-five (25), however, we did not want to isolate certain stores, we wanted to do a broad operation, with that operation, five out of the twenty-five actually sold alcohol to the undercover agent. The way it works is the Department of Revenue has a minor which works with them and the Agents goes in the stores with the minor and try to buy alcohol.

1. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Family Food Mart (Valero)
601 E 8th Ave., Cordele, GA – Present: Breanna Knight – Store Owner and Mayam – Store Manager.
Commissioner Owens moved to hear Alcohol Suspension/Revocation on Family Food Mart; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Chief Jalon Heard stated he has some concerns, such as:

- Question of the Owner of the Store.
- Received numerous complaints concerning drug and gang activity, potential illegal gambling and alcohol sales to minors.
- This store is known to be a gathering point for gangs in the area.
- Suspected to be used to receive stolen items from entering autos and other things.
- The shelves are poorly stocked (this is Chief Heard's opinion).
- A persistent smell of marijuana throughout the store, this is a fact.
- This location appears to be the hub for criminal activity.

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- During the planning of this operation, it was also discovered that the Store was operating without a valid Alcohol License, which expired on December 31, 2024. Despite being told not to sell alcohol, they did sell alcohol.
- They failed to submit the appropriate paperwork for their business license, so it was some confusion with the Business License.
- They had been contacted on multiple times on these issues, but they were uncooperative.
- Chief Heard requested for the Commission to not grant the Alcohol License; and also based on the criminal activity and the issues that are going on in and around that area that the Commission consider shutting the Store down.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that the Hearings are about the sale of alcohol to minors on February 27th, this is before the Commission and any of the other things are not for this Hearing. City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that they are only responsible for what they were noticed on.

City Manager Angela Redding stated, according to the Ordinance, the Commission has thirty (30) days to render a decision. It can be addressed at the next City Commission Meeting.

2. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Cordele Food Mart
316 E 24th Ave., Ste. B, Cordele, GA, Present: Dibya G. Joshi – Store Owner

Police Chief Jalon Heard stated that the Cordele Food Mart was a part of this operation and sold alcohol to an undercover minor. Chief Heard stated, he does not have any reservations regarding this Store. They were issued a citation and also have some sanctions from the State.

3. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Party Shoppe
204 W 24th Ave., Cordele, GA, Present:

Police Chief Jalon Heard stated that the Party Shoppe was a part of this operation and sold alcohol to an undercover minor.
No reservations or issues.

4. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – OM Jai LLC (Joe's)

1305 S Joe Wright Dr., Cordele, GA, Present: Anand Patel – Store Owner

Police Chief Jalon Heard stated that the OM Jai LLC (Joe's) was a part of this operation and sold alcohol to an undercover minor. Chief Heard stated he does have some concerns. This Store has received numerous complaints on drug and gang activity, as well as, underage Alcohol Sales. It is also known to be a gathering point for local gangs and a hub for criminal activity. The Police Department has evidence that drugs are being sold from this location. As a matter of fact, on February 27th when the citation was served for this very offense, behind the counter was digital scales and baggies associated with a lot of drug sales. There was also residue from marijuana and cocaine on that scale. Historically, this Store has served as the headquarters for criminals. A few years ago, the Police Department successfully petitioned for the Store's closure due to these ongoing issues. Following the closure a significant decline in calls for service were noticed. However, after the Store was granted their Business License again, the call volume rose. Given the current situation and the Store's past, Chief Heard stated he believes that it poses a significant detriment to the Community. They were given another chance and failed to improve. The Police Department continues to receive complaints

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from the Public regarding criminal activity at this location. Based on the crime statistics and the volume of calls, it is clear that there are serious problems at this location. Therefore, Chief Heard requested that the Commission deny the application for the Alcohol License and also consider revoking their Business License.

5. Alcohol Suspension/Revocation Hearing – Sonny’s Package Store
412 E 16th Ave., Cordele, GA, Present – Dipankumar Patel – Store Owner
Chief Heard stated he has no reservations regarding this Store.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Vice Chair Rainey moved to Close the Public Hearing at 10:15 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Public Hearings were closed by the Commission.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: Chairman Joshua Deriso, called the Regular Meeting to order at 10:15 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 Minister LaQuinton Robinson.

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

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: April 1, 2025: Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Agenda for April 1, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Commission approved the Agenda.

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

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PRESENTATION: Monica Rentfrow, Downtown Director – Quarterly Report
Monica Rentfrow gave an update on Events.

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES: Five (5) minutes

a. Mr. Davontae Hunt, Resident of Ward Two:

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.

*****NOTE: Vice Chairman Rainey left the Meeting at 10:49 AM.**

SPEAKER ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM: No Requests.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

1. Community Advancement/Community Development Report: Maurice Hill Reported

- 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 19th at 6 pm.
- Met with a local hotel owner on Wednesday March 19th 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 20th 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 20th to April 17th.
- Attended a meeting with SWGU on Monday March 24th 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 25th at 9:30 am.
- Attended the Crisp Family Support Meeting on Tuesday March 25th at 10 am to discuss programs, funding options and collaboration with other organizations.
- Attended the Macon Bibb Developer Summit on Wednesday March 26th 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 20th to Thursday March 27th 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 27th at 6 pm at Albany State Campus in Cordele.

Community Development Report

Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Scheduled for March 19th at 6pm

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The Historic Preservation Committee Approved the Application for Ms. Debra Taucer to install fencing at her property located at 719 E 13th 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 17th 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

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

Sales Tax Receipts \$419,679.82

Christine Temples, Payroll Clerk was promoted to Sr. Accountant.

3. Fire Department: Fire Chief Todd Alligood Reported.

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

Calls for Service: Total 62

Smoke Scare	4
Grass/Rubbish Fire	7
Medical	27
Motor Vehicle Accident	3
Electrical	1
Structure Fire	2
False Alarm/Other	11
Powerline Down	1
Gas Leak	1
Other	5

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.

Commissioner Owens asked about smoke detectors for Churches.

Fire Chief Alligood stated they do not put smoke detectors in Churches.

4. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported

March 03, 2025 Promoted a Payroll Technician to Senior Accountant in the Finance Department and a Police Officer to Corporal in the Police Department.

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| 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 13, 2025 | Began accepting in-house application for the vacant Assistant Superintendent of Cemetery and Parks position. |
| 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. |

No other Reports were given nor Agenda Items addressed.

Meeting was ended by the Chairman Joshua Deriso at 11:42 AM. He stated he was leaving and there is not a quorum.



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: April 15, 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.

- Collected additional surveys, flooding photos, Letters of Support, and required documents to complete the CDBG Infrastructure Grant process.
- Attended the Gillespie Seldon Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 8th.
- Talked with a developer from the Macon Developers Summit and we scheduled a meeting for him to come Cordele and look at property on April 9th.
- Met with the UGA SBDC Public Service and Outreach Area Director on April 8th to discuss Business Development classes at the Cordele Albany State Campus in May 2025.
- Talked with the Recreational Trails Coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources regarding their funding opportunities. She is scheduled to visit Cordele on May 8th.
- Attended the Ministers Meeting on April 10th and a representative from SWGU talk about the YouthBuild Program.
- Attended the GALBA Land Bank Monthly Virtual Meeting on April 10th.



GEORGIA
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

VACANT
Ward 2

WESLEY RAINEY
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner, Ward 3

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD
Commissioner, Ward 1

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Community Development Director Report

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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: 4/8/2025
RE: City Commission Report

March-25

Financial Summary

UTILITIES	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Billed	\$ 357,522.11	\$ 558,762.02	\$ 729,103.93	\$ 371,730.69	\$ 682,797.01	\$ 529,745.30	\$ 414,207.10	\$ 717,029.35	\$ 722,149.64	\$ 756,587.36
Collected	\$ 477,762.17	\$ 595,141.57	\$ 566,259.27	\$ 532,067.84	\$ 567,210.47	\$ 489,728.57	\$ 611,010.63	\$ 660,209.40	\$ 704,378.74	\$ 667,062.78
SERVICES										
Added	25	30	20	32	35	33	34	32	31	34
Transferred or Reconnected	37	67	86	67	75	69	68	51	65	71

BUSINESS LICENSE	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
License Fees Collected	\$ 18,040.29	\$ 3,941.73	\$ 14,350.17	\$ 1,111.14	\$ 5,397.08	\$ 15,379.72	\$ 72,743.15	\$ 86,940.49	\$ 116,982.61	\$ 226,938.91
Late Penalties Collected	\$ 2,043.30	\$ 242.78	\$ 176.82	\$ 27.19	\$ 74.21	\$ -	\$ 56.09	\$ 470.13	\$ 329.94	\$ 185.01
Total Collected	\$ 20,083.59	\$ 4,184.51	\$ 14,526.99	\$ 1,138.33	\$ 5,471.29	\$ 15,379.72	\$ 72,799.24	\$ 87,410.62	\$ 117,312.55	\$ 227,123.92
Renewals	34	8	6	1	3	11	116	201	251	232
New Licenses	6	11	8	6	12	9	4	18	36	15

PROPERTY TAX	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Penalties & Interest Collected	\$ 16,385.98	\$ 20,686.16	\$ 22,020.13	\$ 10,741.65	\$ 2,023.24	\$ 3,993.34	\$ 11,473.55	\$ 15,235.29	\$ 20,891.08	\$ 9,496.33
Prior Year Taxes Collected	\$ 78,980.05	\$ 99,628.38	\$ 84,443.85	\$ 30,884.23	\$ 15,816.85	\$ 13,964.32	\$ 10,401.97	\$ 29,965.48	\$ 27,248.36	\$ 18,921.25
2024 Taxes Collected	\$ 32,154.04	\$ 42,348.36	\$ 26,271.83	\$ 11,369.60	\$ 6,532.17	\$ 2,553.68	\$ 9,242.56	\$ 870,764.17	\$ 1,074,112.61	\$ 840,911.61
Total Collected	\$ 127,520.07	\$ 162,662.90	\$ 132,735.81	\$ 52,995.48	\$ 24,372.26	\$ 20,511.34	\$ 31,118.08	\$ 915,964.94	\$ 1,122,252.05	\$ 869,329.19

CASH	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Total Wages	\$ 526,363.50	\$ 527,062.13	\$ 520,126.15	\$ 523,961.77	\$ 538,076.25	\$ 878,549.75	\$ 586,999.07	\$ 598,685.96	\$ 574,631.44	\$ 575,077.95
Accounts Payable Transactions	247	207	211	253	222	350	185	219	254	196
Total Invoiced Disbursements	\$ 964,182.53	\$ 966,124.91	\$ 1,609,119.74	\$ 885,999.24	\$ 1,488,003.91	\$ 965,872.46	\$ 1,187,729.70	\$ 1,024,520.35	\$ 971,001.45	\$ 2,005,798.05

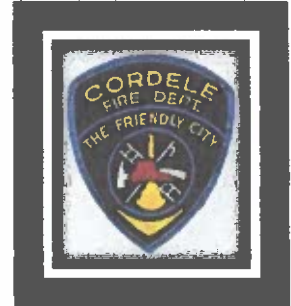
2025 GOALS

- 1 - Hire Utility Billing Clerk
- 2 - Create Shared Outlook Calendar for Schedules, Daily Tasks, Goals and Deadlines
- 3 - Collect for Delinquent Utility Accounts
- 4 - Cross Train Staff
- 5 - Staff Development Training for Staff
- 6 - Update Files on Shared Drive

CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT

509 North 7th Street Cordele GA, 31015 Office 229-276-2970

Fire Chief Todd Alligood



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

Attn: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman

Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner Ward 1

Isaac Owens, Commissioner Ward 3

Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chairman Ward 4

Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Todd Alligood, Fire Chief

Date: April 8, 2025

Subject: Commissioner Meeting Goals and Achievements

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 testing for our MSA Airpacks.
2. Completed hose testing this month.
3. Attended the monthly Safety Committee Meeting 4/9/25.
4. Completed the 2026 budget meeting with City Manager Redding and Finance Director Alexander.
5. Attending the Public Safety Roundtable this week.
6. Looking forward to the Autism Stroll/ Touch-a-Truck event 4/26/25.

Thank you for your continued support!



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

WESLEY RAINEY
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

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Commissioner, Ward 2

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner, Ward 3

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager



DATE: April 08, 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 15, 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
GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025**

APRIL 15, 2025

Overview of Functions:

The Human Resources Department plans, directs and oversees the overall human resource functions of the City. The office manages the lifecycle of employees by administering all benefits, workers' compensation, unemployment, retirement, recruitment, staffing, risk management, employee relations and administration of City Personnel Policy.

Goals for 2025

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. Distributed updated job descriptions to Public Works.**
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 a Heavy Equipment Operator to Assistant Superintendent in Cemetery and Parks; A Utility Billing Clerk to Accounts Payable Clerk; and a Customer Service Clerk to Deputy Court Clerk. Hired two Water and Sewer Technicians and an Administrative Assistant 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.
 - **Partnerships:** Build relationships with the local school system, college, technical college and community organizations.
 - a. **Began hosting a Work-Based Learning student in the Fleet Department.**



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

J. WESLEY RAINEY
Commission Vice-Chair

VESTA BEAL-SHEPARD
Commissioner

WARD TWO
Vacant

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

CITY OF CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT 40-50
MONTHLY COURT SUMMARY REPORT
MARCH 2025

CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES:	208...
TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES:	33...
TOTAL COURT CASES:	241..
BENCH WARRANTS ORDERED:	6
LICENSE SUSPENSIONS ORDERED:	19....
TOTAL CASH BONDS PAID:	\$14,151.00...
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED (LATE PAYMENTS (CITATIONS):	\$12,039.50...
TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA:	\$11,325.00...
TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA PRETRIAL SENTENCES:	\$4,404.00...
TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM RESTITUTION:	\$0.00...
TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM WEB PAYMENTS COLLECTED	\$13,367.00..
TOTAL DEPOSITS GA DEP. CORRECTIONS	\$98.00...
TOTAL DEPOSITS MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00
TOTAL COURT ORDERED REFUNDS:	\$1246.00...
TOTAL CASES TRANSFERRED TO SUPERIOR COURT:	0
TOTAL DEFENDANTS INCARCERATED	0
TOTAL DAYS JAIL SENTENCED	0

REPORT COMPLETED ON **APRIL 01, 2025...**

REPORT COMPLETED BY: NANCY CROOK
CHIEF CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

WESLEY RAINEY
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

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◆ MAIN STREET ◆

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Nancy Crook, Chief Clerk Cordele Municipal Court

DATE: April 9, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

GOALS FOR CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT

1. Report accurate and complete information for the court and public.
2. Complete court docket for the judge in a timely manner.
3. Fill the open position of deputy court clerk.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT

1. All dockets and court dispositions were turned into the state on time.
2. After interviewing multiple applicants, we are excited to announce that Jamiah Burks has been transferred to Deputy Clerk of the Cordele Municipal Court.



Cordele Police Department

501 North 7th 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 dark 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*
Part I Crimes	25
Homicide/Murder	0
Rape	1
Robberies (Armed/By Force/Strong Arm)	1
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2 (2 recovered; 1 arrested and 1 warrant issued for arrest)
Aggravated Assault	8 (2 arrests)
Larceny (Thefts)	10 (1 entering auto, 3 shoplifting with 2 adult and 5 juvenile arrests, 6 other thefts)
Burglary	3 (3 residential)
Part II Crimes	59
Incidents Reported	126
Community Contacts	6
Citations Issued	153
Warnings Issued	55
Total Calls for Service from Dispatch	1,180

II. Departmental News

We currently have 1 applicant in the hiring process. A certified applicant will start as police officer on March 30th. 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 12th.

On April 19th, 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 19th 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 26th 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 11th. 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 4th is "Wear Blue Day"

April 18th is "Chalk Your Walk"

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

On March 25th 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

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents*
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 th Avenue. Job Valuation: \$350,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1230.00
Crisp Regional OR Expansion	902 North 7 th 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 th Street. Job Valuation: \$197,000.00 Permit Fee: \$771.00
Pinecrest Church	Renovation of the sanctuary at 1007 East 10 th 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 th 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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Jalon Heard Chief of Police

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon J. Heard
Chief of Police

Date: April 8, 2025

Reference: City Commission Report, Animal Control Goals and Accomplishments

Goals & Accomplishments

1. Get more animals rescued/adopted by being more active in the community and on social media.
 - a. The Animal Shelter had 40 animals adopted/rescued/ and reclaimed for March.
 - b. The volunteer has started and there has been an increase in the participation on the Facebook page.
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. The play yard is a big hit with the dogs at the shelter.
 - b. Received another kennel for outside and several crates.
4. Actively promote better animal welfare. (Spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter(housing), kennel ordinance control).
 - a. We have not loaned out dog houses this month.
5. Host events with the hope of bring awareness to the shelter, animal health and welfare and increasing donations.
 - a. Working on 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.
 - b. Will be participating in EasterXpress, Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt, Autism Stroll and Autism Duck Hunt this month.



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To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon Heard
Chief of Police

Date: April 8, 2025

Ref: Cordele Police Department's Goals and Accomplishments

Goals & Accomplishments

1. We will continue to provide professional law enforcement service through our hiring process, training, and self-accountability. We currently have 2 applicants in the hiring process. One cadet is currently in her fourteenth week of the police academy.
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 will be hosting the Easter Express Egg Hunt on the 12th with Sam Shortline. Chief Heard will be participating in Pickleball for a Purpose on April 19th. Also on the 19th, we will partner with Greater New Birth Outreach Ministries at the Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt at the Recreation Department. Our department has been invited to attend Crisp County Primary School's "Community Helper Day" on April 24th. On April 26th, we will be hosting the Autism Stroll and will participate in City of Cordele's Touch a Truck Event.
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.

****Received a large donation of pet food from Tractor Supply and JAG probation.**

****All of the cats trapped at Enterprise and all have been adopted except for one that we are working on taming.**

Code Compliance Division Goals and Accomplishments

Goals & 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, future citizens, workers and travelers with the hopes to attract new businesses, industry and potential residents to the city.
Code officers have now started issuing Spring high weeds violations to keep our community looking attractive.
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 have continued training with the England ICC property maintenance module to obtain ICC property maintenance certifications.
3. Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. **Code Compliance Team is working to identify and record three levels of blighted homes in all wards.**
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.
The first week of April 2025, Code officers, as directed, have issued 80 Court Summons to LOCAL BUSINESSES that failed to renew their Occupational Tax Certificate Licenses by 3-31-2025.



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City Manager



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

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
TOTAL	\$17,080.00



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City Manager

Memo

Date: April 8, 2025
To: Angela Redding, City Manager
From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director
Re: Public Works Goals & Accomplishments – April 15, 2025

We have two updates at this time.

Goals & Accomplishments

Public Works Department

4/15/25

We have two updates at this time.

- Goal 1:** **Improve the working order and functionality of the 7 holding ponds.**
1. Contractor has completed work on the holding pond on 20th Avenue & 6th Street. Contractor is ready to coordinate with Public Works for removal of dirt. Per contract, City will furnish dump trucks and drivers for the purpose of hauling off silt and other debris.
- Goal 2:** **Update Gas Distribution Maps**
1. A review of records is in progress. This will help to ensure main installations, abandonments, and relocations are indicated on future mapping updates. – No update at this time.
- Goal 3:** **Complete the Annual Report (AR) Stormwater Management Program.**
1. Submitted Thursday, January 30th. – No update at this time.
- Goal 4:** **Prepare and submit Cordele's next five-year SWMP.**
1. No update at this time.
- Goal 5:** **To make our Street Department a more productive department within the city and improve the overall function and aesthetics of our streets, alleys and rights of way.**
1. No update at this time.
- Goal 6:** **Prevent ground water infiltration into the city's sewer system.**
1. Phase 1 of ARPA Project is 60% complete.
 2. Phase 2 – Approval letter from EPD received on April 1, 2025. Preparing bid documents.
- Goal 7:** **Shorten the time of water outages during maintenance.**
1. We have installed a valve on 16th Avenue and 12th Street. This makes a total of 2 valves installed this year, which will shorten the length of outages and reduce the number of customers that have to be cut off during outages. – No update at this time.
- Goal 8:** **Clean up the City's alleys.**
1. This project is in process. – No update at this time.



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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,
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MARCH 1ST – MARCH 31ST

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 6th: 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 13th: 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.

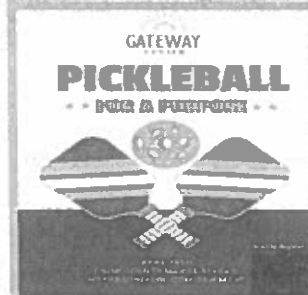


**April - May
2025**

**What's
Happening?**



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March 13th, 14th & 15th: I attended weather briefings at Crisp County EOC with Crisp County Emergency Management in preparation for severe tornadic weather forecasted for Sunday – March 16th 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.

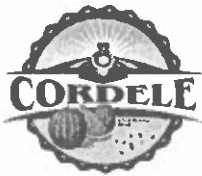
Appropriate warning graphics and safety information were shared courtesy of Matthew Crumley, CBS 44 Meteorologist.

March 17th: 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 18th: 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 20th: 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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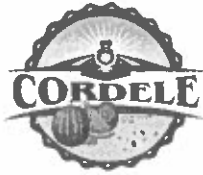
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March 21st: I attended Crisp County Pre-K School's Transportation Day and visited with several people who expressed their appreciation for the good participation from the City of Cordele. The children had a great time seeing and learning about all the different modes of transportation.





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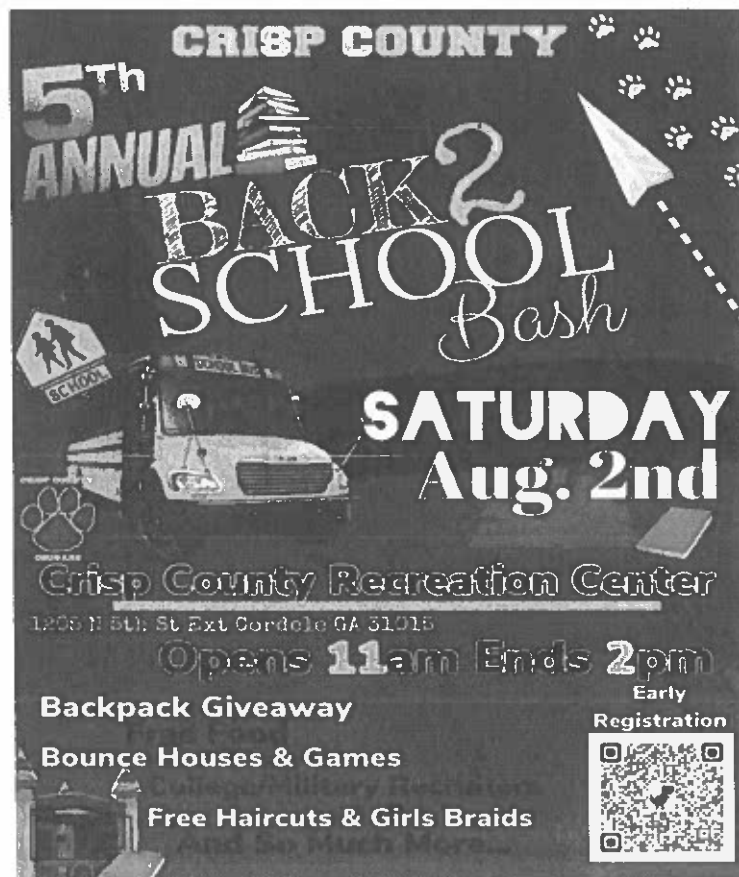
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March 25th: I attended the Family Cohort Meeting with the Crisp Community Council via ZOOM at 10 AM. Only informational items were discussed. The next Community Café will be on May 5th, location TBA.

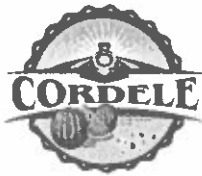
The cohort is already focusing on needs for the Back to School Bash on August 2nd. I am providing a link to sign up if you would like to partner and help provide school supplies. The list of needs is extensive.

<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 22nd at 10 AM in person, 1129 N. 5th Street, Cordele.



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

March 26th: 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 16th at noon.

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

March 27th: Participated in a ZOOM call with Maurice with the Georgia Film Academy at 11 AM

March 27th: 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

City of Cordele



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TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER

FROM: RICKY SMARR

DATE: APRIL 15TH, 2025

SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

**MISSION: TO FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION,
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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 and staging site. Once that issue is resolved, we will be rescheduling our training sessions. We will keep you updated as we continue to navigate the process. Bobby and Brett, along with the Interdev team, are working diligently to resolve the issue.

GOAL #2: CGI DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP

Another goal from the beginning was to coordinate with CGI Digital to produce 4 video chapters that will be placed on our new website designed to promote the City of Cordele. Business partnerships, video production, editing, and approval goals were accomplished in 2024. We look forward to placing this content on the city's new website when it is launched. The link and code for the widget that will be placed on the home page has been received.



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GOAL #3: INCREASE COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTION & NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

As we work to keep the community informed through our social media platforms, we continue to be encouraged by the responses we receive. We strive to feed our platforms with positive content.

Currently, there are 2,367 followers on the city's Facebook social media page, and these numbers continue to increase.

Positive posts, timely information, the incorporation of video, personal interaction, hashtags, and posting at optimal times, have all contributed to the growth of our social media presence.

The city's YOUTUBE platform is being noticed as we add more and more content. Subscriber numbers are growing constantly.

GOAL #4: GROWING CORDELE PODCAST

This year, a goal will be to launch a "Growing Cordele" podcast that will be dropped monthly. and possibly more frequently as it catches on. I propose these podcasts be placed on our website and YouTube platform. We would utilize Facebook to promote and drive people to the website to view the podcast.

The key to success will be to keep it current and invite our city and community partners, as well as others with an interesting story to tell, to be part of this endeavor. I continue to join webinars and talk with counterparts statewide and nationwide to put together a plan that will benefit the needs of our community.



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GOAL #5: CORDELE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER EXPANSION

Your CORDELE CONNECTION Newsletter has been a great tool in bringing our internal city structure together. The comments we receive through text and email are encouraging.

We are working on a template through ISSUU for a community newsletter that will be housed on the city's new website. Again, we can use social media to promote the newsletter and drive people to the website.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

3/31/25: I attended the Department Head Meeting in preparation for Commission meeting 4/1/25

4/1/25: I attended and recorded the Cordele City Commission Alcohol License Revocation/Suspension public hearing followed by the Cordele City Commission meeting. Both were placed on the city's social media platforms.

Public Hearing: <https://youtu.be/aX3xQ2y7KQo>

Commission Meeting: <https://youtu.be/32M7GlxYyY>

4/4/25: Wear Blue for Child Abuse Prevention Month

I was glad to photograph the group employee picture showing our support in blue for Child Abuse Prevention Month. I submitted the picture to GMA for possible inclusion in this month's or a future Georgia Cities Magazine.





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In the April edition of Georgia Cities Magazine, the City of Cordele was mentioned in “#GaCities in the News.”

District 8

CORDELE

Abbey Patterson Becomes First Female to Work a Shift for the Cordele Fire Department

Abbey Patterson made history in Cordele as the first woman to work a shift for the Cordele Fire Department. Fire Chief Todd Alligood said the addition of Patterson puts the department at full staff, with eight firefighters per shift and three administrative staff members. These numbers help the department in its mission to provide the best possible emergency service to the citizens and visitors of the city of Cordele.

4/8/25: Attended and covered the Gillespie Gardens “Celebrating New Beginnings” Ribbon Cutting at 11 AM





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◆ MAIN STREET ◆

4/10/25: I attended the Faith-Based Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse at 9:30 AM. Our speaker was Marisa Wedges, Program Manager with Empowerment Pathways YouthBuild. Marisa shared information on what the YouthBuild program offers, the eligibility guidelines, and how young people aged 16-24 can participate in this program. She will be returning soon with some of the YouthBuild participants.



4/12/25: I attended the Easter Express and easter egg hunts with the police department. Hunts were held at 11:00 AM, 12:45 PM, and 2:30 PM.

4/14/25: I attended the Department Head Meeting at Cordele Community Clubhouse in preparation for the Commission Meeting on 4/15/25.



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Respectfully submitted
April 15, 2025

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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.

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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.

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April 8, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL

REPORT FOR MONTH OF March 2025

Water Treated	51,446,600 gallons	1,659,568 MGD average *
Year to Date	155,541,400 gallons	1,728,238 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	92,160,000 gallons	2,970,000 MGD average *
Year to Date	215,040,000 gallons	2,389,333 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 5.55" *
Total Rainfall for 2025 is 12.85 " *

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The City of Cordele Water System was awarded the Gold Award!

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