

# AGENDA



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

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### REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

#### ROLL CALL

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA – July 15, 2025

#### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 1, 2025

#### SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

#### SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Community Advancement Manager/Planning and Community Development Director
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. Consider and Approve the Reappointment of Board Members to the Cordele Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:
  - a. Eli Tinsley: To be reappointed for a five-year term beginning 9/18/2025 through 9/18/2030.
  - b. Randy West: To be reappointed for a five-year term beginning 9/18/2025 through 9/18/2030.
  - c. Mattie Gwyn: To be reappointed as Resident Commissioner, to serve a one-year term beginning 9/18/2025 through 9/18/2026
2. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Family Event – Downtown Cordele-Main Street, 105 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Organizer's Name – Monica Rentfrow. July 25 – 27, 2025, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Location: Cordele Rail Museum, 302 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Chief Heard approved the Application on July 11, 2025.
3. Consider and Approve Albany State University Agreement.
4. Consider and Approve A Beer Only Consumed On Premises Alcohol License, Francisco Nonge, Mr. Laco Loco Mexican Food, 106 E 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Chief Jalon Heard reviewed on June 24, 2025. No exceptions noted.
5. Consider and Approve Insurance Renewals.
6. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$1,000.00 for the Purchase of a Bus for Transportation; Providing for Certain Conditions; Repealing All Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.
7. Consider and Approve the Professional Services Agreement – Non Profit Workshop between Joshua Deriso, Chair of the Cordele City Commission but acting in his individual capacity, referred to as “Sponsor” and TanYa Merrick Powell, a professional consultant and facilitator, referred to as “the Consultant
8. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**
9. **CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)
11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held On July 1, 2025, 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

|   |  |
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| 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               |
| Shamica Fairfax, Accounting 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, Bobby Stennett – IT, Brett Lavender – InterDev Representative.

**Staff Absent:** Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** Chairman Joshua Deriso, called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Opening Remarks:** Chairman Deriso also stated that this is a Regular Meeting and comments will not be taken from the audience. Department Heads and City Officials will speak to give Reports during this Meeting. If there is a subject that needs an expert opinion, then the expert on that subject matter will be allowed to speak

Chairman Joshua Deriso asked all attendees of the Meeting to put their phones on silent or vibrate, preferably silent. If anyone needs to take a call, please step outside the door, away from the doors, so your conversation will not be heard.

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

**Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 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:** July 1, 2025: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Agenda, for July 1, 2025; seconded by Vice Chair Rainey.  
Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.  
The Commission approved the Agenda for July 1, 2025.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** – June 17, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.  
The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

**SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES:** No Requests.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:**

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

- Working with DDA on SCRC/SEID Grant Application which is due July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- I attended the DNR Motorized Trail Webinar on June 17<sup>th</sup> to understand the grant.
- Conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> CHIP Grant Workshop on June 24<sup>th</sup> assisting seniors with completing the 20-page application at the Community Clubhouse, next session is on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup> that we couldn't reach by phone or that have not attended the Workshop Sessions at the Community Clubhouse.

**Community Development Report**

Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Held on June 18<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm

The property owned by Thomas Marshall / Curlene Thomas at 708 E. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Mumphery located at 809 W 15<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> - 10 am

Maurice Hill 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

Commissioner Owens asked, what were the specifics of the Thomases project? Mr. Hill stated that they were asking to screen the front porch. But with the Committee's review, this was not in line with Historic Preservation Guidelines. Mr. Hill stated that he was asked to take a look at it again, to provide the City Manager additional Information.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that in the Historic Preservations Guidelines, it states that "no enclosure of a front porch". The Board made the decision based on the guidelines that they currently have. City Manager Angela Redding stated she did mention to the Board that they can update the guidelines, and she would submit them to the Commission for review. City Manager Angela Redding stated that Mr. Thomas can appeal to this Commission. She also stated that she did converse with Mr. Thomas, and he is looking to do something different within the guidelines.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated, if and/or when the Commission gets an appeal, the standard is not that you agree or disagree, but did they abuse their discretion in deciding.

Chairman Deriso asked the City Attorney, if the Board wants to make a change to the board members, how is the change made?

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated, they will have to wait until the Board member's term expires.

**2. Finance Department – Sonya Alexander Reported**

Sales Tax Receipts for June 2025      \$434,502.94

**3. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Alligood Reported**  
**Reporting Period: May 27, 2025 – June 24, 2025**

|                           |              |           |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Calls for Service:</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>60</b> |
| Public Assist             |              | 9         |
| Grass/Rubbish Fire        |              | 3         |
| Medical                   |              | 19        |
| Motor Vehicle Accident    |              | 5         |
| Extrication               |              | 1         |
| Structure Fire            |              | 2         |

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|----------------------|----|
| False Alarm/Other    | 15 |
| Gas Spill            | 2  |
| Hazmat Investigation | 1  |
| Power Line Down      | 3  |

**Department News**

1. Crisp Public Safety Roundtable 6/18. Preparing for our Mass Casualty Event that we train on every summer.
2. Palmetto Fire Tactics group came to town and taught an intense Leadership Class to our department.
3. 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.
4. Chief Alligood announced the Statewide Burn Ban is in effect until the end of September. Residential burning resumes after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Residents are required to obtain a permit from the Fire Department.
5. Fire Safety Week is October 5-11, 2025. Chief Alligood spoke briefly on carbon monoxide poisoning and the importance of having a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

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

Hired a Community Development Director, which will start on July 8, 2025.

Chairman Deriso inquired about the accuracy of the vacancies.

David Wade stated everything is accurate.

Commissioner Shephard stated that she has observed people sharing City of Cordele job opportunities.

**Municipal Court – Nancy Crook Reported**

**Municipal Court – Monthly Court Summary Report – June 2025**

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Traffic Cases     | 356 |
| Criminal Cases    | 30  |
| Total Court Cases | 386 |

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Bench Warrants Ordered:      | 5           |
| License Suspensions Ordered: | 36          |
| Total of Payments Collected  | \$50,058.33 |
| Total Court Ordered Refunds  | \$500.00    |

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Total Defendants Incarcerated | 0 |
| Total Days Jail Sentenced     | 0 |

**5. Police /Codes/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported**  
**Department Heads Report: May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Police Department**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Part I Crimes</b>   | <b>30</b>   |
| Homicide/Murder        | 1   |
| Rape                   | 1   |
| Motor Vehicle Thefts   | 1 (1 recovered)   |
| Aggravated Assaults    | 5   |
| Larceny (Thefts)       | 20 (1 entering auto, 2 shoplifting with 1 Adult arrest, 17 others thefts) |
| <b>Part II Crimes</b>  | <b>102</b>  |
| Incidents Reported     | 94  |
| Community Contacts     | 9   |
| Citations Issued       | 139   |
| Warnings Issued        | 34  |
| Total Call for Service | 1,162   |

**Departmental News**

- The Police Department has three (3) applicants in the hiring process.
- The Police Department has two (2) cadets starting the Academy on July 7, 2025.
- Congratulations to Clinton Latham, he started on June 23, 2025, as a Sergeant for Patrol.
- The Police Department will participate in the upcoming Watermelon Parade on June 28, 2025.
- The Police Department is preparing for the back-to-school bash in August.
- Chief Heard gave thanks to Commissioner Owens for purchasing a customer tent, printer, and laminator for the Police Department.

**Code Compliance Report: Reporting Period ay 27 – June 23, 2025**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Abandoned Vehicle                               | 3  |
| Inspections                                     | 2  |
| Tampering with utilities                        | 1  |
| Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited | 3  |
| Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited                   | 49 |
| Other   | 12 |

**Departmental News**

- Code Compliance Officers attended a six (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 thirty (30) different Contractors attending the ICC Code Class.

Commissioner Shephard requested an update on the Gin on Joe Wright Drive at 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

**6. Public Works Department – Marcia Pridgen Reported  
Cemetery/ Parks**

Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.

Cemetery/ Parks has completed 80 customers 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 customers 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 customers 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 customers 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Water/Sewer Department has completed 65 customers reported and routine maintenance work orders.

**GovDeals Sales Report for June 2025**

No sales were made for the month of June.

**7. Social Media Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported**

Rick Smarr reported that he has cleaned up documents and forms on the City's website and updated forms, put the City's current logo on the website. He also reported on various Meetings and Events he has attended.



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

**UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL- Reported for the Month of June 2025**

Debbie Wright stated that she does not have the number for Water Treated yet.

Wastewater Treated      63 million gallons                      MGD average\*

Rainfall for the month of June was 5”

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 Conversation Plan. The commission will need to approve it and the Chairman sign it. Debbie Wright stated that she would need a copy of the Water Conservation plan once its approved and signed to send off today- July 1, 2025.

**9. IT Department – Bobby Stennett Reported.**

Bobby Stennett reported that the City's new phone system is up and running. Everyone has voicemail and finalization should be done today, July 1, 2025.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider and Approve the 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.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the 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; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Commission Vice Chair Rainey voted aye. The Ordinance was approved by the Commission.
2. Consider and Approve the Water Conservation Plan.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Water Conservation Plan; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye. The Water Conservation Plan was approved by the Commission.
3. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Angela Redding Reported.**  
**Public Notice**  
The City of Cordele Water Department will be replacing a water valve at Pine Hills Country Club-15 Aberdeen Circle on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Water service will be interrupted in the Highland Grange area until the work is completed.

### **Recap on Past Activities**

#### **Johnny Floyd Dedication**

Johnny Floyd Interchange Dedication that took place on June 27, 2025. Mr. Floyd dedicated more than thirty-four years to public service; first in the Georgia House of Representatives and then as a Member of the Georgia Department of Transportation Board. Exit 101 will now be the Honorable Johnny Floyd Interchange.

#### **Watermelon Parade**

The Watermelon Parade took place on June 28, 2025.

#### **Highlights of the 2025 (Georgia Municipal Association) GMA Convention**

- The GMA Convention took place in Savannah, Georgia. Commissioner Isaac Owens was Flag Bearer and Voting Delegate.
- Commissioner Vesta Beal-Shephard was sworn in as President for District 8.
- Justice Verda M. Calvin of the Supreme Court of Georgia held a Children's Reading Event and was the speaker at the Business Meeting and Installation of Officers and Board of Directors.

#### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Faith-Based Organization Minister's Meeting

Thursday- July 10, 2025

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Cordele Community Clubhouse

108 East 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue

#### **Crisp County 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Bash**

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Opens 11 AM: Ends 2PM

Crisp County Recreation Center

1205 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**Summer Meals: Available at no cost to children 18 & under**

**Crisp High School**

2402 Cougar Alley

Dates: 6/2/25- 7/24/25

Monday-Friday

Breakfast: 7:30am – 8:30 am

Lunch: 11:00 am- 1:00 pm

#### **Bridging the Gap**

212 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Dates: 6/2/25 -7/11/25

Lunch: 12:00pm- 1:00 pm

Snack: 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm

#### **Crisp Elementary School**

1001 W 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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Dates: 6/2/25 – 6/18/25

Breakfast: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Lunch: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

### **Empowered Woman Conference**

July 25-26, 2025

Westin Hotel- Atlanta, Georgia

### **Fireworks on the Flint**

Friday- July 4, 2025

Georgia Veterans State Park-**Parking Fee \$5**

9:30 PM

### **Land Bank Meeting**

Tuesday- July 8, 2025

Crisp County Power Commission Boardroom

1:00 PM

### **DDA Meeting**

Tuesday- July 8, 2025

Main Street Office

8:30 AM

### **Faith Based Community Meeting**

Thursday – July 10, 2025

Community Clubhouse

9:30 AM

### **Community Clubhouse Coordination Board Meeting**

Monday- July 14, 2025

City Hall- Courtroom

10:00 AM

### **City Updates**

Ms. Mary Darby is the new Planning and Community Development Director, her starting date is July 8, 2025.

### **Express Disposal Holiday Schedule**

Commercial Accounts and Housing Authority Accounts will be picked up on Saturday.

### **City Dumpster Location Hours**

Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

City Manager Angela Redding announced the City is hiring for a part-time position at the dumpster location.

### **Former TV Station being demolition**

City Manager Angela Redding informed of the demolition of the Former TV Station- Chairman asked was the TV Station unrepairable? Mrs. Redding stated it was in bad shape.

**Independence Day Holiday**

City offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday and City Offices will reopen on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

4. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** City Attorney Tommy Coleman asked for a motion to go into executive for litigation.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)  
Commissioner Owens moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:20 AM for Litigation; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.  
The Commission approved to enter into Executive Session at 10:20 AM.
6. **RECONVENE REGUAR MEETING:** Commissioner Owens moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 10:36 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Regular Meeting was reconvened.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Shephard moved to adjourn the Meeting at 10:37 AM; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. The Meeting was adjourned by the Commission at 10:37 AM.



**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

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Vice-Chair, Ward 4

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Ward 2

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Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager



**TO: Angela Redding, City Manager**

**FROM: Maurice Hill**

**DATE: July 15, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting**

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager Report  
Planning and Community Development Report**

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### **Community Advancement Manager Report**

Good morning,

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

**I. SEID Grant Update / Annual Submissions – Move to Submission to 2026**

- a. On July 1, 2025 the Community Advancement Manager discussed with RVRC, DDA, and updated the City Manager on the SEID grant deadline(s) for the renovation of the Allied Building and the launch of the business incubator.
  - i. The proposal presents the 1<sup>st</sup> floor as a business incubator and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as residential housing.
  - ii. RVRC provided the documentation for the grant.
  - iii. The 20% match for the grant is working on being identified.

**II. CHIP Grant Update**

- a. Completed the review and compilation of 21 CHIP grants out of a submitted 40 applications (the remaining applications are pending further documentation from applicants).
- b. On July 2, 2025 a workshop was conducted to inform and assist potential applicants with completion of the required forms.
- c. The deadline for grant submittal is Friday, July 11, 2025, SWGRC picking up the completed applications on Tuesday, July 15 for processing.



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### **III. Land Bank Meeting**

- a. On July 8, 2025, a land bank meeting was held.
- b. Joel Wright with the City Attorney's Office will follow-up with the Tax Commissioner regarding the transfer of property to the land bank.
- c. A land bank conference will be held in October 2025. The Community Advancement Manager will submit information to the City Manager for further involvement.

### **IV. Safety & Accident Review Committee Meeting**

- a. On July 9, 2025 the committee held its regularly scheduled meeting.

### **V. Minister's Alliance Meeting**

- a. On July 10, 2025 the Alliance held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

## **Planning and Community Development Report**

**Historic Preservation Committee - No July Meeting Scheduled at this time**

**Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - Meeting Scheduled - August 28 at 10 am**

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use to convert the commercial property into Transitional Housing for the Ex-Offender Re-entry Housing for the State of Georgia. The property is located at 202 E 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cordele Georgia.

**Planning Commission Committee - No July Meeting Scheduled at this time**

**Revolving Loan Fund Committee - No July Meeting Scheduled at this time**

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

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



**GEORGIA**  
MAIN STREET

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**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**TO:** Ms. Angela Redding, City Manager

**FROM:** Mary V. Darby, MCP

**DATE:** July 14, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

**SUBJECT:** Joint Report between the Planning and Community Development Director & the Community Advancement Manager

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### **Report from the Planning and Community Development Director**

The following is a summary of key activities undertaken by the Planning and Community Development Department Director during the week of July 8–14, 2025.

- I. Review of Cordele's 2044 Comprehensive Plan (2024-2029). Below are recommendations to provide an annual review of the Comprehensive Plan and Community Work Program (CWP).**
  - a. Update the CWP. Remove, Delete, and add projects to the program.
  - b. Create a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for the city.
  - c. Review and make recommendations to revise the city's 31-character areas.
- II. Discussion surrounding the creation of a business development and training program spearheaded by the Planning and Community Development Department**
  - a. Create a training program to focus on Business Coaching.
  - b. Create a training program to focus on Planning & Zoning processes.
- III. Held discussions with Community Advancement Manager regarding spurring components of Economic Development in the city**
  - a. Conduct conversations with Ms. CM Redding on forming and strengthening public/private partnerships.
  - b. Create a Moving Cordele Forward messaging program which involves marketing/advertising/media branding.



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#### **IV. City Manager Meeting**

A discussion meeting will be scheduled with the City Manager to discuss several initiatives to include such items as:

- A GIS framework for the city
- Potential Grants for the city
- A strategic digital filing plan
- A 30/60/90 days plan of action for the advancement of the Planning and Community Development Department





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

DATE: 7/8/2025  
RE: City Commission Report

June-25  
Financial Summary

| UTILITIES                  | September     | October       | November      | December      | January       | February      | March         | April         | May           | June          |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Billed                     | \$ 371,730.69 | \$ 582,797.01 | \$ 529,745.30 | \$ 414,207.10 | \$ 717,029.35 | \$ 722,149.64 | \$ 756,587.36 | \$ 566,449.03 | \$ 527,029.03 | \$ 361,445.94 |
| Collected                  | \$ 532,067.84 | \$ 567,210.47 | \$ 489,728.57 | \$ 611,010.63 | \$ 660,209.40 | \$ 704,378.74 | \$ 667,062.78 | \$ 570,763.81 | \$ 576,436.18 | \$ 505,237.80 |
| Added                      | 32            | 35            | 33            | 34            | 32            | 31            | 34            | 42            | 27            | 37            |
| Transferred or Reconnected | 67            | 75            | 69            | 68            | 51            | 65            | 71            | 58            | 76            | 63            |

| BUSINESS LICENSE         | September   | October     | November     | December     | January      | February      | March         | April        | May          | June        |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| License Fees Collected   | \$ 1,111.14 | \$ 5,397.08 | \$ 15,379.72 | \$ 72,743.15 | \$ 86,940.49 | \$ 116,982.61 | \$ 226,938.91 | \$ 72,397.61 | \$ 23,776.31 | \$ 1,459.51 |
| Late Penalties Collected | \$ 27.19    | \$ 74.21    | \$ -         | \$ 56.09     | \$ 470.13    | \$ 329.94     | \$ 185.01     | \$ 3,835.45  | \$ 2,630.19  | \$ 75.49    |
| Total Collected          | \$ 1,138.33 | \$ 5,471.29 | \$ 15,379.72 | \$ 72,799.24 | \$ 87,410.62 | \$ 117,312.55 | \$ 227,123.92 | \$ 76,233.06 | \$ 26,406.50 | \$ 1,535.00 |
| Renewals                 | 1           | 3           | 11           | 116          | 201          | 251           | 232           | 126          | 33           | 7           |
| New Licenses             | 6           | 12          | 9            | 4            | 18           | 36            | 15            | 12           | 16           | 7           |

| PROPERTY TAX                   | September    | October      | November     | December     | January       | February        | March         | April        | May          | June         |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Penalties & Interest Collected | \$ 10,741.65 | \$ 2,023.24  | \$ 3,993.34  | \$ 11,473.55 | \$ 15,235.29  | \$ 20,891.08    | \$ 9,496.33   | \$ 2,785.67  | \$ 2,018.44  | \$ 5,707.87  |
| Prior Year Taxes Collected     | \$ 30,884.23 | \$ 15,816.85 | \$ 13,964.32 | \$ 10,401.97 | \$ 29,965.48  | \$ 27,248.36    | \$ 18,921.25  | \$ 2,964.88  | \$ 2,730.91  | \$ 4,233.02  |
| 2024 Taxes Collected           | \$ 11,369.60 | \$ 6,532.17  | \$ 2,553.68  | \$ 9,242.56  | \$ 870,764.17 | \$ 1,074,112.61 | \$ 840,911.61 | \$ 46,800.95 | \$ 24,383.15 | \$ 85,770.01 |
| Total Collected                | \$ 52,995.48 | \$ 24,372.26 | \$ 20,511.34 | \$ 31,118.08 | \$ 915,964.94 | \$ 1,122,252.05 | \$ 869,329.19 | \$ 52,551.50 | \$ 29,132.50 | \$ 95,710.90 |

| CASH                          | September     | October         | November      | December        | January         | February      | March           | April         | May             | June            |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Wages                   | \$ 523,961.77 | \$ 538,076.25   | \$ 878,549.75 | \$ 586,999.07   | \$ 598,685.96   | \$ 574,631.44 | \$ 575,077.95   | \$ 567,633.68 | \$ 841,577.78   | \$ 574,818.60   |
| Accounts Payable Transactions | 253           | 222             | 350           | 185             | 219             | 254           | 196             | 219           | 301             | 224             |
| Total Invoiced Disbursements  | \$ 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 | \$ 873,067.44 | \$ 1,816,553.64 | \$ 1,740,212.82 |

- 1 - Hire Utility Billing Clerk and Customer Service Representative
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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: July 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. Will be participating in the Annual Mass Causality Training this month.
2. Attended the monthly Safety Committee Meeting.
3. We are meeting on our new annual calendar for the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Turn-out gear/helmets/gloves/boots, SCBA Bottles, Training, Equipment Maintenance, Hose Testing, Building Inspections, etc.
4. Our Quarterly Command Staff meeting is this week.

Thank you for your continued support!



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**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**TO: Angela Redding, City Manager**

**FROM: Nancy Crook, Chief Clerk Cordele Municipal Court**

**DATE: July 9, 2025, 2025**

**Reference: Commission Report**

## **GOALS FOR CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT**

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 FOR CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT**

1. All dockets and court dispositions were turned into the state on time.



# *Cordele Police Department*

501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Cordele, GA 31015 Telephone 229-276-2921 Fax 229-273-6773

**Jalon Heard Chief of Police**

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon Heard  
Chief of Police

Date: July 15, 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.
  2. Develop strategies to attract more experienced officers. **Currently there is three applicants in our hiring process, one of which is already certified. Two cadets started the police academy July 1 and are doing well.**
  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 back to school event.**
  4. We will continue to make advancements towards obtaining the Excellence in Policing Certification with the larger goal of state certification. **The certification clerk position will be opened to internal applicants soon.**
- The investigation continues into the disappearance of Nyeisha Pickins
  - We have updated our training room which will enhanced our training and media relations capabilities.



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**Jalon Heard Chief of Police**

TO: City Manager Angela

FROM: Police Chief Jalon Heard

DATE: July 15, 2025

REF: 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. **Codes attended a Pre-Application meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> for JP Travel Centers and Aldi is continuing its progress toward opening.**
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. **Code officers attended 4-hour CEU class on June 12<sup>th</sup>, through Southwest Georgia Inspectors Association.**
3. Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. **Demolition of the old TV station has begun and they are making good progress on removing the debris.**
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 continuously spend time in each ward with citizens and lawn contractors explaining the city limb and debris pick up rules and ordinance to address recent issues.**

## MID JULY 2025 REPORT

### PERMITTED COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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

**Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$4,593,981.00    Total of Permit Fees: \$11,758.00**

### PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Christian Homes Community | 24 apartment complex on West 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.<br>Job Valuation: \$5,598,766.00    Permit Fee: \$11,878.00 |
| Single-Family Home        | Single-Family home at 1502 Fleming Road.<br>Job Valuation: \$274,300.00    Permit Fee: \$930.00                   |
| Single-Family Home        | Single-Family Home at 84 Aberdeen Circle<br>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 | Remodeled Truck Stop at 2302 Highway 300. Pre-Construction meeting<br>Scheduled for 7-10-25 |
| RaceTrac Gas Station       | New gas station at Corner of Hwy 300 and Frontage Road<br>Waiting on plans and permit.      |
| Single Family Home         | 1508 Fleming Road. Waiting on permit.   |
| Advanced Drainage Systems  | 1013 West 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Expansion part City/part County                          |
| EV Charging Station        | 2003 East 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Waiting on plans and permit.                             |

**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**

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



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**Jalon Heard Chief of Police**

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon J. Heard  
Chief of Police

Date: July 15, 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 57 animals adopted/rescued/owner reclaimed.
    - 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 and sealer are in! Will begin repairs 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 had 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.**





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Commissioner

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

## Memo

Date: July 8, 2025

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director

RE: Public Works Goals & Accomplishments – July 15, 2025

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We have one update at this time.

# Goals & Accomplishments

## Public Works Department

7/15/25

We have one update at this time.

**Goal 1: Improve the working order and functionality of the 7 holding ponds.**

1. The contractor completed work on the holding ponds the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>. A checklist of the scope of work was made for the Street Superintendent to do a walkthrough. It has been completed and turned in to the City Manager for review.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. – 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 – Pipe bursting and grouting are complete.
2. Phase 2 of ARPA Project – Notice of award sent to Inlier Solutions, LLC on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Goal 7: Shorten the time of water outages during maintenance.**

1. We have installed a valve on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> 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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City Manager



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

**FROM: RICKY SMARR**

**DATE: JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT**

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

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

Work continues as we move toward the launch of your new website. Conversations are held each week with program manager Maricarmen Vargas and anyone with any questions concerning editing in their respective areas are welcome to attend.

One aspect we have been focusing on is navigating through the new site, page by page – editing where necessary and uploading new documents or forms. As we discussed in our last meeting together, many of the forms and documents that were migrated by Granicus are old, have outdated contact information, include the old City of Cordele logo, or generally look bad because they have been copied over and over. I am working with each department to get new forms and documents where needed.

I also continue to work inside the old website with updates. As previously reported, this in no way takes our focus off the new site but it is important that citizens, prospective applicants, and others have a site to access that is updated and current. Surprisingly, interest in the old website has increased since we have been updating.

### **GOAL #2: CGI DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP**

As you saw in our reveal of your new website at our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Cordele Video Tour is placed prominently (according to contract) on the front page of the new site. Since we have control over the current city site, the Cordele Video Tour now lives on the front page there as well. CGI has been notified (as was directed) that the Cordele tour is now live.



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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 2,705 followers on the city's Facebook social media page, and these numbers continue to increase.

With the launch of your new website, we will utilize social media to push people to the site for easy interaction with city government.

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: CORDELE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER**

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.

### **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**7/1/25:** I attended and recorded the Cordele City Commission regular meeting. The regular meeting was published on your social media platforms.

Commission Meeting: <https://youtu.be/jlFtSQtslDA>

**7/3/25:** I was invited to attend a Youth Engagement Collaborative Meeting with YouthBuild and Cordele Police Department. I produced a news package on the strategic partnership between CPD and YouthBuild and placed it on your social media and YouTube channels. <https://youtu.be/IWtbv37YTrM>





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**7/7/25: I completed KnowB4 training on Generative AI – Intelligent & Dangerous. Worked specifically with PD, Public Works and Finance on updated documents and fillable forms for their respective areas.**

**7/10/25: I attended our monthly Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. Lakeisha Law, Program Director of the Crisp County Christian Learning Center was our guest presenter.**

**Other events attended:**

**6/27/25: The Honorable Johnny Floyd Interchange Dedication**

**Package: <https://youtu.be/A97jMdxwWzs>**

**Complete Program: <https://youtu.be/5nsGritF1xQ>**

**6/28/25: 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Watermelon Festival Parade**

**Complete Program: <https://youtu.be/ExcRLU10VcA>**

**7/14/25: I attended the Department Head Meeting in preparation for Commission Meeting 7/15/25**

**I am spending a lot of time working inside both the new and current websites while endeavoring to keep your social media platforms updated and attend public events on behalf of the City of Cordele.**

**A comprehensive log of all social media activities is available for review.**

**Respectfully submitted**  
**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Ricky R. Smarr**  
**Social Media/Marketing Manager**  
**City of Cordele, Georgia**





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City Manager



July 8, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

RE: GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Water restrictions are still in place since 2011. You cannot irrigate/water your property with City water from 10 am till 4 pm. This applies to residential and commercial property. If you have an automatic irrigation system, make sure your timer is set properly.
2. We drained and had the elevated tank on Pateville Rd inspected. They said the tank's interior would need painting in the near future. It is back in service.
3. We certified our Customer Notice of Service Line Material. This was mailed out to all water customers in October 2024. It had to be certified by July 1, 2025.
4. Debbie Wright attended a State Board of Examiners meeting June 25, 2025.
5. The 2024 Water Quality Report is available by email and on the City of Cordele's website. [www.cityofcordele.com/water](http://www.cityofcordele.com/water)

## EVENT PERMIT

TYPE OF EVENT Family EventNAME AND ADDRESS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Downtown Cordele  
- Cordele Main Street 105 E. 9th Ave

## ORGANIZER'S INFORMATION:

NAME: Monica BrentfrowADDRESS: 105 E 9th AveTELEPHONE: 229-276-2902

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF EVENT: July 25-26-27 TIME OF EVENT: 9am-5pmLOCATION: Cordele Rail Museum  
302 N 7th St. Cordele

Brief description of event to include purpose.

Family Event featuring model  
Railroad clubsSpecial Requests: Must be specific if Street or Alley is being requested to be blocked off NONE

## MUST BE ATTACHED:

A copy of the Director's Drivers License or Valid ID

A copy of written permission from land owner of where the event is going to be held

NOISE ORDINANCE GIVEN TO: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY:

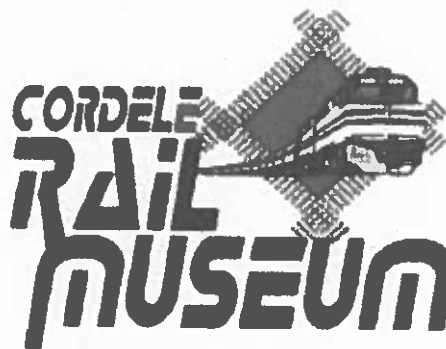
  
CORDELE POLICE DEPARTMENT7-11-2025

The City Manager's decision on approving the above is determined after a review of this information.

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CITY MANAGER

Date



INVITES YOU TO



at the TRACKS

AN OPERATING N SCALE MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY

SATURDAY JULY 26, 2025

10 am to 4 pm

302 N 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Cordele, GA 31015

Information: [gsfsrns@gmail.com](mailto:gsfsrns@gmail.com)

Cordele Rail Park is just across the tracks



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