

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2023

The City of Cordele Commission held a Regular Meeting on October 3, 2023 at 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chair	Royce Reeves, Sr., Commission Vice Chair
Wesley Rainey, Commissioner	Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner
Isaac Owens, Commissioner	Angela Redding, City Manager
Tommy Coleman, City Attorney	Genivieve Mumphery, Recording Secretary

Staff present: Rusty Bridgers – Finance Director, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Steve Fulford – Asst. City Manager/Public Works Director, Teddy Hubbard – UC&T Superintendent of Operations, Irene Cantrell – HUA Director.

Staff absent: Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, Jackie Walker – Municipal Court Clerk.

Media Present: Deepayan Sinha - South GA TV; Sarah Brown – Cordele Dispatch

Call to Order: Commission Chair Joshua Deriso called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: There was a moment of silence.

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	Absent	Present
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman		✓
Royce Reeves, Sr.	Commission Vice Chairman, Ward 2		✓
Vesta Beal-Shephard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓
Wesley Rainey	Commissioner Ward 4		✓

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – October 3, 2023: Commissioner Rainey moved to remove Agenda Item #5 from the Agenda for October 3, 2023; seconded by Commission Vice Chair Reeves.

Discussion: Commissioner Shephard inquired of the reason for the removal. City Manager Angela Redding stated the Business Owner, Tony Graham, does not have an Occupational Tax Certificate (Business License) because he has not complied with Utility Control and Treatment Department regarding putting in a grease trap and backflow preventer.

A vote was taken from the Commission to remove Agenda Item #5 from the Agenda. Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted aye; Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye; Commissioner Rainey voted aye.

The motion was approved by the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Agenda for October 3, 2023 with the exception of Agenda Item #5; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

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Commissioner Rainey voted aye; Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted aye; Commissioner Shephard voted aye.
The motion was approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – September 19, 2023: Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Minutes for September 19, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the minutes were approved by the Commission.

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES: Speakers will have five (5) minutes:

Mr. Milton Holly: Gun violence in the City Limits.

Mr. Holly expressed his concerns regarding the gun violence in the City of Cordele. He stated the City is losing the next generation of youth to violence. Mr. Holly asked several questions; Who is in charge of Public Safety in this Community? What is being done to address this fear? How are the guns getting into the Community?

Commission Vice Chair Reeves replied to the question, “Who is in charge of Public Safety? He stated, he believes Sheriff Billy Hancock is the Public Service Director, the City has a Chief of Police, Sheriff Department works under the Sheriff, The City has a Police Department, the City has Investigators that are working some of the cases.

Commissioner Owens stated, the first line of resource in trying to alleviate this problem will be the help from the public. The guns that the young people have; they go to the homes that know their children have guns. Commissioner Owens also stated, from his understanding, when the Police or Investigators go to these incidents where the gun violence is taking place, a lot of time the people does not feel comfortable telling who they think it is or who it might be and that ties the hands of trying to help or do anything. We did talk about a Gang Task Force, but it is not coming into fruition. But it starts at home and the public has to help law enforcement resolve the problem.

Commissioner Rainey stated the responsibility lies on all of us to correct this problem because about 48% of the City of Cordele Budget goes to the Police Department; over 50% goes to the Sheriff’s Office, so the total revenue collected in the City and County goes to Crime Prevention, which only leaves about 20% for Public Works, which is our maintenance and growth in this Community; less than 10% of our total revenue goes towards Community Relations. So, it would be very nice if we could possible lower Crime Prevention and how much the City is spending in the City and Crisp County. But the truth is our volume of crimes requires for us to have our budgets where they are. Mr. Holly asked, “does the County have the option to step in and take over where they see something need addressing?”

Commissioner Rainey stated, they City is located within the County, “yes.”

Mr. Holly asked, “does the County have access to do that?”

Commissioner Rainey stated, they do, “yes.”

Mr. Holly stated, it is really the County and the City, who is mostly responsible for it, the City or the County?

Commissioner Rainey stated, the residents have a choice, where the crime occurred to have whomever, they want. If it is in the City Limits, they can choose to have the Sheriff to investigate or they can have the City to investigate.

Chairman Joshua Deriso stated, his belief is, we have heard home, police, community, people you live with, but also there is a leadership dynamic that goes along with this, as well. So, whether we want to accept the responsibility or not, the five of us that sits up here is responsible almost everything that goes on in the City. If you understand what research says about crimes, one big indicator, that will

always be predictive of crime is poverty. Poverty is a thing we have to get a hold on, programming is a thing that we can ensure better working with the Police Department, Sheriff Department and the non-profits. That is one of the main reasons I put the Westside Alliance up for a vote, because I understand that most of those non-profits are the frontline workers in the Community that wants to see the Community do better, they already have years of experience working and dealing with people. So, when you empower them and resource them to actual work with the people they want to work with and help them scale, then you do better. We do have some Budget concerns in money, but sometimes you have to realize that one thing is a priority. Cordele will continue, in my view, to stray and move away if we do not take control of poverty. The best we can do, as a City is to look for Grants and write Grants, it is not the Police Department, Sheriff Department or residents' responsibility; this body has to take some accountability for the poverty.

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM: Speaker will have three (3) minutes:
Mr. Michael Waters requested to address his concerns regarding Agenda Item #8, Old Boys and Girls Club when the Agenda Item comes up for discussion.

PRESENTATION: Mrs. Monica Rentfrow – Downtown Development Director
Mrs. Rentfrow gave a Quarterly Report for Downtown Development.

Upcoming Events:

Downtown Spooktacular Trunk 'n' Treat, October 26, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Rail Fan Festival, November 11, 2023
SAM Shortline Downtown Holiday Trains – December 9, 15, 16, 2023

Other Items:

New Banners downtown with the new City Logo on them.
Hosted some of the Region 8 Main Street Managers: GA Downtown Association

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

1. FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rusty Bridgers Reported.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)

9/30/2022	218,847.17	August
10/31/2022	230,872.11	September
11/30/2022	228,292.88	October
12/29/2022	228,919.79	November
1/30/2023	237,469.63	December
2/27/2023	213,693.35	January
3/30/2023	204,834.30	February
4/28/2023	247,792.98	March
5/30/2023	218,788.37	April
6/29/2023	225,004.69	May
7/28/2023	247,284.48	June
8/30/2023	247,433.94	July
9/28/2023	204,631.16	August

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST)

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9/25/2022	235,043.57	July
10/25/2022	212,136.34	August
11/23/2022	223,016.01	September
12/19/2022	221,910.45	October
1/30/2023	222,089.70	November
2/24/2023	228,904.97	December
3/28/2023	207,086.70	January
4/24/2023	198,730.99	February
5/22/2023	240,741.01	March
5/20/2023	211,944.08	April
7/31/2023	218,103.45	May
8/28/2023	240,433.14	June
9/16/2023	243,707.02	July

TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

9/30/2022	29,444.86	August
10/31/2022	30,007.53	September
11/30/2022	28,683.20	October
12/30/2022	29,474.82	November
1/31/2023	33,427.28	December
2/28/2023	26,894.52	January
3/31/2023	28,042.50	February
4/28/2023	31,510.17	March
5/31/2023	28,935.47	April
6/30/2023	29,283.20	May
8/1/2023	30,471.24	June
8/31/2023	32,988.99	July
9/29/2023	34,002.30	August

Total Collected In September 2023 \$482,340.48\$

**2. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Alligood Reported.
 Reporting Period: August 29, 2023 – September 27, 2023**

Calls for Service: Total	61
STRUCTURE FIRE	0
GRASS FIRE/RUBBISH	7
VEHICLE FIRE	3
CANCELED IN ROUTE	4
FIRE ALARM	17
MEDICAL ASSIST	24
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	2
POWER LINE DOWN	4

Department News

- Cordele Fire is now using ImageTrend incident reporting that is provided through the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Updated the computers at Station 1 and Station 2.
- Cordele Fire is contracted through Haas Alert to provide advanced warning to motorists that emergency vehicles are approaching and/or on-scene ahead.
- Breath Air Systems came 9/26 to test the air quality of our compressed air and service the compressor. Should have those results soon.

3. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT – Irene Cantrell Reported.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals has scheduled a Public Hearing and a Meeting for October 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM. A copy of the Agenda is attached for your information. After the Public Hearing and a recommendation by the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Cordele City Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 prior to their regular City Commission Meeting.

CORDELE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Commission has a tentative meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 4:00 PM. A copy of the Agenda is attached for your information.

CHIP 2018 GRANT PROGRAM

The City Manager, Angela Redding, Brenda Wade, Grant Administrator of the CHIP Program, at the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and myself discussed some of the difficulties and possible solutions regarding the CHIP Program.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND LIST OF LOANS

- a. Hobo Café – First Loan
- b. Hobo Café – Second Loan
- c. Ray Ray's Restaurant
- d. The Grant Building
- e. R & D Lawncare

There have not been any new Loan Applications submitted for review.

CDBG 2020 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Lanier Engineering Firm has submitted the tentative final pay request to the City Public Works Department. Pending the final punch list and any possible change order items for the McLeod Subdivision Sewer Improvement Project.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT: David Wade Reported.

Human Resources is accepting applications on the various positions that are vacant:

- Two Plant Operators in Utilities and Control Department
- Equipment Operators in Public Works (Backhoe Operator and Dump Truck Driver)

- Marketing and Social Media Manager (continuing to accept applications)
- Community Advancement Manager (continuing to accept applications)
- Distribution Mechanic in the Water and Sewer Department
- Upcoming vacancy for an Auto Mechanic Position
- Customer Service Clerk in the Finance Department
- Police Patrolman and Police Sergeant in the Police Department

Compensation and Classification Study with Condrey and Associates: The City is at the stage of the process where Condrey has all the information. They are compiling their reports; the City has moved on to the Work Force Need Assessment through Georgia City Solutions. There was a staff meeting on Monday morning, October 2nd and we all came to the consensus that a kick-off meeting will be held on October 23, 2023, at City Hall, 10:00 AM, with representatives from Georgia Municipal Association.

5. MUNICIPAL COURT: No report was given.

6. CODES/POLICE DEPARTMENT– Police Chief Jalon Heard Reported.

Chief Heard stated that it is not solely on the Police for gun violence, the Police Department is only one piece of that puzzle, it is a lot of pieces that fit into the puzzle. Chief Heard also reminded everybody that the Police Department, Sheriff Department, Juvenile Court Systems, Probation, and School System met regarding juvenile crime; some of the leg work has already been established. He stated, he thinks that this can be built on and go from there.

Reporting Period: August 31, 2023 – September 26, 2023

<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Number of Incidents*</u>
Abandoned Vehicle	15
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Curbstoning: Vehicle sales	0
Dilapidated Property	6
Inspections	26
Business License	6
Alcohol License	0
Trash (Dumping & Limb & Debris)	9
Overgrown Grass/Weeds	27
Panhandler/Loitering	0
Parking	2
Utility Complaint	3
Other	19

Departmental News

The Code Enforcement department is in the process of making informational door hangers to address code related issues. We are also developing a flyer to inform the community of code related issues we are seeing.

We are developing a Cordele Code Enforcement Facebook page so code issues, trends and the city ordinances can be communicated to public.

Have an applicant for Code Enforcement Officer in our hiring process and hope to have him start on October 9th.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reporting Period: August 31, 2023 – September 26, 2023

Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
Part 1 Crimes	16
Homicide/Murder	1
Rape	0
Robberies (Armed/By Force/Strong Arm)	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0 (0 recovered)
Aggravated Assault	2 (0 arrests made)
Larceny (Thefts)	10 (1 entering auto, 8 shoplifting with 5 arrests (3 warrants), 1 other theft)
Burglary	3 (1 residential and 2 businesses)
Part II Crimes	57
Incidents Reported*	88
Community Contacts	56
Citations Issued	75
Warnings Issued	66
Total Calls for Service from Dispatch**	990

* = Only identify the number of reported incidents, some of these incidents may be unfounded or determined not to have been committed.

**= Total calls from dispatch will include calls such as escorts, alarms, assistance, traffic control, etc. that does not generate an incident report. This total includes Part 1 and Part 2 Crimes.

Departmental News

The department has two new officers Jalen Johnson and Jason Dukes that graduated from the police academy on September 22, 2023 and started their field training on September 25, 2023.

We also have a cadet that started the police academy on September 25, 2023.

We are currently working on cleaning and repainting the animal shelter.

National Faith and Blue Coat Drive Distribution is Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Northern Heights Church from 9:00-12:00pm. Then Sunday October 8, 2023 at 11:00am is worship service at Cross Culture Church.

The department is also planning festivities for Red Ribbon Week October 20-27.

We will also be participating in the Downtown Spooktacular Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 pm.

7. PUBLIC WORKS – Steve Fulford Reported.
Grapple Truck and Street Sweeper is not working.

8. UT&C – Teddy Hubbard Reported.

Water Treated – Year to Date – August	422,878,100 gallons	1.740 MGD average
Waste water Treated – August	853,240,000 gallons	3.511 MGD average

Rainfall for the month of August was 6.4”
Total Rainfall for 2023 is 43.84 – end of August

Water restrictions put in place in 2010 are still in effect and have not changed. This allows for daily outdoor watering between the hours of 4 PM and 10 AM.

We collected all 30 LEAD & Cooper samples. We also collected Inorganic Compound samples from all the Wells.

We started an annual preventive maintenance program on all 7 lift stations. We are looking at an annual preventative maintenance program for all of our generators.

We must develop and implement an Asset Management Program, a Nutrient Reduction Strategy Plan and have the Lead Service Line Inventory ready by August of 2024. These are all huge undertakings and they are required by EPA/EPD.

Well levels have remained fairly steady. We will be monitoring them closely this fall.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week – October 23 – 27, 2023.**
Commissioner Isaac Owens presented the Proclamation to Monica Simmons – Chamber of Commerce President, Monica Robinson – Executive Director of Crisp County Community Council and Alicia Odom – Administrative Assistant, Police Department.
- 2. Consider Public Hearing Dates for the 2023 Tax Digest.**
City Manager suggested dates for Public Hearings for the 2023 Tax Digest.
Suggested Dates
October 10, 2023 – 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM
October 17, 2023 – before the Regular Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Shephard moved to accept the dates; seconded by Commissioner Owens.
Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted aye; Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye; Commissioner Rainey voted aye.
The motion was approved by the Commission.
- 3. Consider and Approve an Event Permit – Downtown Spooktacular: Family Event on October 26, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00 PM at 105 East 9th Avenue Cordele, Georgia. Organizers are Monica Rentfrow and Gail Reynolds, Cordele Min Street. Street will be closed from 5:00 – 8:00 PM,**

we have our own barricades. Police Chief Jalon Heard approved the Event Permit on September 28, 2023.

Commissioner Shephard voted to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Commission Vice Chair Reeves.

Commissioner Rainey voted aye; Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted aye; Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The motion was approved by the Commission.

4. Consider and Approve an Event Permit – A Car Show: Organizer is Stephanie Paramore of the Cordele Recreation Parlor, 105 West 11th Avenue, Cordele, Georgia. Location of Event - Starting at South 8th Street and 11 ½ Avenue Alley to 13th Avenue West. Date and time of Event, November 4, 2023, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Blocking off South 8th Street from 12th to 13th Avenue. Police Chief Jalon Heard approved the Event Permit on September 28, 2023. Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Commissioner Owens.
Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted aye; Commissioner Rainey voted aye; Commissioner Shephard voted aye.
The motion was approved by the Commission.
5. Consider and Approve an Alcohol License – Beer Only – Consumed On Premises: Clubb Zodiack, 801 South Joe Wright Drive, Cordele, GA. Applicant – Tony Bernard Graham, 206 East 18th Avenue, Cordele, Georgia. Police Chief Jalon Heard approved the Application with some concerns on September 28, 2023. **This item was approved by the Commission to be removed from the Agenda. Please see Approval of Agenda for October 3, 2023.**
6. Consider and Approve the Second Reading of the Revised Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Vendors within the Corporate Limits of the City; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.
Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the Second Reading of the Revised Ordinance; seconded by Commission Vice Chair Reeves.
Commissioner Owens voted aye; Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Commissioner Rainey voted aye; Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye.
The motion was approved by the Commission.
7. Consider and Approve the Award to Griffin Grading and Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$399,935.98 for the 2023 LMIG Paving Project.

2023 LMIG Projects

Midway Road - Beginning at CSX RR and Ending at Hwy. 257

22nd Avenue West – Beginning at 15th Street and Ending at Joe Wright Drive

Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the Contract for the 2023 LMIG Paving Project to Griffin Grading and Concrete, LLC; seconded by Commissioner Rainey.

Commissioner Owens voted aye; Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Commissioner Rainey voted aye; Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye.

The motion was approved by the Commission.

8. Discussion – Old Boys and Girls Club Building - 212 N 2nd Street

Commissioner Shephard moved to discuss the Old Boys and Girls Club Building; seconded by Commission Vice Chair Reeves.

- a) **Michael Waters, Founder and CEO of EJB Family and Youth Outreach Services, 2310 Truman Street, Cordele, GA.** Mr. Waters expressed his concerns regarding the renewal of his contract for the building and it was stated, he is in violation of his contract.
- b) **Presentation – Julia Byron, Bridging the Gap Educational Services, Inc.** Bridging the Gap Educational Services, Inc., is an organization dedicated to serving K-12th grade students in the Crisp County area. Their Mission at Bridging the Gap Educational Services involves Community Development through Outreach, an educational initiative that extends to students in various communities nationwide.
Presentation Attached.

Commissioner Rainey left the Meeting at 10:55 AM.

9. Discussion - Potential Sale of Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium.

Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to discuss the potential sale of the Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Background:

Commission Vice Chair Reeves stated that the City of Cordele discussed demolishing the Boys and Girls Club Building because of the repairs that the building was needing, since then Commission Vice Chair Reeves has been approached by a couple of people that has funding and want to purchase the building. Vice Chair Reeves stated that keeps us from demolishing the building, it keeps the City away from the cost, there will have to be a bid on the building. He stated that he has had people to ask about the potential sell of the building.

Commissioner Shephard asked will the building be moved to another location? Or do they plan on buying the land as well, if this is a package deal, or what are we saying?

Commission Vice Chair Reeves stated the potential buyer wants to buy the land as well.

City Manager Angela Redding stated the information she has is regarding the gymnasium. Last year the City received a report from the Structural Engineer that the building was condemned.

City Manager Redding stated when the Vice Chairman inquired about the building, she told the Vice Chairman that the building has been condemned; the City needs to decide the direction to go in with the building. If the decision is made to sell the building, it will have to sell as is, meaning whoever the buyer is, the buyer is responsible for demolishing the building or making the improvements. But when the City sells property, it has to be advertised in the newspaper and it goes to the highest bidder, so those who are expressing an interest in the building might not be the ones that will end up with the building. It will just be the location where the building is located.

Commissioner Shephard asked if it is going to the person with that is the highest bidder, what if it does not meet our expectations, do we have the right to not accept any and all bids?

City Manager Angela Redding stated this verbiage can always be included, this body has the right to accept or reject all bids.

Commissioner Owens asked, deeming that the building is unfit, there is no work that can be done to it at all, to reinforce what the Engineer said.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that the Structural Engineer recommendation was to condemn the building; this is the reason it has been padlocked since last year.

Chairman Deriso asked did the City get a second opinion.

City Manager Angela Redding stated, no, but we can.

Commissioner Owens stated he thinks the City can still use it by hearing the presentations today. Partnering with someone in the Community, businesses that the City has given contracts to, maybe the Contractors can come back in and do something to the building that the City can use it still or if the building is demolished, going back and partnering with someone, maybe give an in-kind donation for the structure of the building and the City can still use to meet the needs that we have talked about today.

Chairman Deriso stated he think the City should get a second opinion. Once we sell it to the highest bidder, and we have children in the other building, then it is sold to whomever, this puts us in a situation where we do not know who purchase the building what they will do with it, so the City will lose their control, as to what happens in the building and I do not think the City should do that. Chairman Deriso stated he think we should look for funding, public or private to repair this building.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Angela Redding Reported.

City Manager Angela made a Power Point Presentation.

New Banners for the City with the new logo in Perlis Park and in the area near the Rail Platform.

New Sign at Public Works

City Manager Angela Redding attended the ROTC 9/11 Ceremony at the High School.

Pinning Ceremony for Deputy Fire Chief Frank Bullington on September 15, 2023.

Events and Announcements

Main Street Musica Festival 9/9/2023

District 8 Managers Meeting was held in Cordele 9/14/2023

District 8 Georgia Municipal Association 9/13/2023 in Reynolds, Georgia

Public Safety Appreciation Dinner 9/14/2023

West Central Georgia Community Action Council Inaugural Recognition and Fundraising Banquet 9/16/2023

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Octobe 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM

New Businesses

Audiology Services Company USA, LLC – 1001 Greet Street

Capstone Logistics, LLC – 1805 Kelly Road

Electrify America, LLC – 1215 East 16th Avenue

Harris Employees Credit Union – 315 W 12th Avenue

Shear Magic 2.0 LLC – 1028 E 24th Avenue, Suite D

National Faith & Blue Coat Drive, Northern Heights Church, 1102 E 8th Avenue, Cordele, GA 31015. Distributions will be Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Appearance Overcoming with Effective Relationships and Resource Event, Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 AM. The event will be held at the UGA Extension Center at 110 W 13th Avenue.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

President Biden asked for flags to be flown at half staff as a mark of respect for the memory of Senator Dianne Feinstein, the longest serving female Senator in U. S. History. Flags will be flown at half staff until sunset on the day of her interment, which is scheduled for October 5th.

The City is working with Express Disposal regarding the sanitation contract and we hope to bring the contract before you on the October 17th Meeting.

Teddy Hubbard mentioned in the UC&T Report about a Lead Service Line Inventory, the City submitted a Grant to GEFA and was awarded \$60,500, this is for inventory only and now the portal is open to apply for funding for replacement of the lines and the City will submit applications to receive funding for replacement of those lines.

Reminder, there is a seat on the Zoning and Appeals Board.

Public Safety Committee that the Commission put in place. There are individuals that have committed to the Committee. Two or three of the Committee Members would like to know, how often the Committee will meet.

City of Cordele non-emergency number is (229) 276-2921.

City Offices will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023, in observance of Columbus Day.

City Manager Angela requested a Work Session after the October 17th Meeting to discuss gas services and property taxes.

Commissioner Shephard moved to have a Work Session on October 17th after the Regular Scheduled Meeting to discuss gas services and property taxes; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Commission Vice Chair Reeves voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted aye.

The Motion was approved by the Commission.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: City Attorney Tommy Coleman Reported.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated Mr. Richard Kroeger, principal owner of the Peanut Mill on 11th Street and 6th Avenue, appeared in Municipal Court, September 26th. He was fined a \$1,000, which is the maximum fine for Municipal Court. The penalty was suspended until December 12th, if things are not corrected at that time, the fine will be applied at that time.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate): No Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 11:35 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.