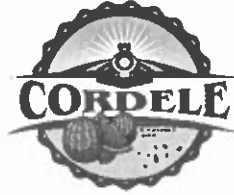


# AGENDA



## CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM AUGUST 19, 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 – August 19, 2025

#### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – August 5, 2025

#### SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

- a. Mr. Orlando Wolkooski: Adjustment to the City form of Government – Strong Mayor

#### SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS/GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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

- 10. UC&T Director
- 11. IT Department

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Two Wheel Sunday – Black Duster Motorcycle Club, 606 S 10<sup>th</sup> St., Cordele, GA. Date of Event: September 14, 2025; Time of Event: 1:00 – 6:00 PM. Requesting to block off S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Police Chief Jalon Heard reviewed and recommended it on July 4, 2025.
2. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$1,500.00 for the Crisp County Community Council; Repealing All Resolutions In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes
3. Consider and Approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and Between Georgia Department of Transportation and City of Cordele.
4. Consider and Approve An Ordinance to Authorize and Direct the City Attorney to Initiate Judicial In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings For Delinquent Ad Valorem Taxes Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78 et seq.; To Provide For The Orderly Enforcement and Collection of Municipal Tax Liens; To Provide for the Transfer of Title to the City or Other Authorized Entity; To Provide For Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and For Other Purposes.
5. First Addendum to the Mobile Communications America, Inc. Terms and Conditions.
6. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**
7. **CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held On August 5, 2025, 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Mary Darby – Planning and Community Development Director, 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 - U, C & T Director, Bobby Stennett – IT.

**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 J. Wesley 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:** August 5, 2025: Vice Chairman Rainey moved to Amend the Agenda dated August 5, 2025, to move the Agenda Items before the Speaker Appearances and to have the Department Heads to do their reports at the next Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye. The Commission approved the Amended Agenda for August 5, 2025.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 15, 2025:** Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2025; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

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The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

**RETIREE PRESENTATION:** Mr. Ronnie Fowler – Forty years of Service to the City. Commissioner Owens presented a plaque to Mr. Fowler on behalf of the City Commission, for his forty-years of service.

1. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Car Show – Chris Willis/Celebrate Recovery Cordele. Cars, truck and motorcycle show to benefit Celebrate Recovery of Cordele. The event will be held on November 1, 2025, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM; held at 8th Street from 11 ½ alley to 13 ½ alley. Need roads blocked: 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 11 ½ alley to 13<sup>th</sup> Ave alley. Reviewed by Chief Heard on July 29, 2025.  
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Event Permit – Car Show; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.  
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.  
The Event Permit – Car Show was approved by the Commission.
2. Consider and Approve the Request for items listed from Information Technology (IT) to be declared Surplus and Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Requested Items for IT to be declared Surplus and Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.  
The Request for IT items to be declared Surplus and Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com was approved by the Commission.
3. Consider and Approve ESG-Inframark Emergency Services Agreement.  
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the ESG-Inframark Emergency Services Agreement; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.  
City Manager Angela Redding stated that this item relates to the Water Distribution Department at Public Works. The Superintendent retired July 31, 2025, there is an emergency situation where staff are needed to come in and provide guidance to the employees and to assist in the division at Public Works.  
This Emergency Service Agreement is related to Public Works.  
Tony Johnson – Vice President of ESG– Inframark Emergency Services. He stated that he has been in the industry for more than twenty-five years. He gave the Commission information about himself, the company and services that they provide. There will be a person on site from this company.  
Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens voted aye.  
The Commission approved the Agreement with ESG-Inframark Emergency Services.
4. Discussion – Retirement Benefits  
City Manager Angela Redding stated that GMA presented information to the employees in May, 2025 regarding the retirement benefits for the City of Cordele and provided the plan features where comparison from other cities can be seen. Commissioner Shephard asked to bring this forward for discussion.  
Commissioner Shephard move to discuss the Retirement Benefits for the Commission; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

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Commissioner Shephard recommended for the Commission to increase their Retirement amount from \$13 per month to \$50.00 per month.

Vice Chairman Rainey recommended for the Commission to increase the amount from \$13 per month to \$35 per month.

After a discussion on this Agenda Item; Commissioner Shephard moved to table this item; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye. Commissioner Owens, Chairman Deriso voted nay. The motion failed.

**SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES:**

- a. Mr. Douglas Dean – Practicing Attorney: He has been an Attorney for about ten years. Mr. Dean is here to inform the Commission about the Community of Cordele, 215 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. He gave the Commission information on the Community Center, its programming and event options for all citizens, especially children.
- b. Mr. Orlando Wolkooski: City form of Government – Strong Mayor – Mr. Wolkooski rescinded his request.
- c. Ms. Danita Doleman from Re-Grant Writing and Administration: Ms. Doleman informed the Commission on the company she is employed with, SEAS Community Partners. SEAS Community Partners, Inc. is a premier management consulting firm based in Georgia with decades of experience delivering transformative solutions across sectors to empower communities and drive sustainable growth.

**\*\*\*NOTE: Vice Chairman Rainey left the Meeting at 10:00 AM.**

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

**5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Angela Redding Reported.

**Past Events**

Cordele – Crisp Community Café

Monday, July 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Clara Scott Homes Community Center

213 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

T-Trak at the Tracks – Model Train Display

Saturday, July 26, 2025

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

302 N. 7<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

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**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Faith-Based Organization Minister's Meeting  
Thursday- August 14, 2025  
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  
Cordele Community Clubhouse  
108 East 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Additional Upcoming Meetings**

Tourism Committee Meeting  
Thursday – August 7, 2025  
Chamber of Commerce  
10:00 AM

Community Clubhouse Coordination Board Meeting  
Monday – August 11, 2025  
City Hall – Courtroom  
10:00 AM

Land Bank Meeting  
Tuesday – August 12, 2025  
Crisp Power Boardroom  
1:00 PM

Main Street Meeting  
Wednesday – August 13, 2025  
Main Street Office  
8:30 AM

Southwest Georgia Railroad Excursion Authority (SAM Shortline)  
Wednesday – August 13, 2025  
Plains, Georgia  
4:30 PM

**City Updates**

Refund from Tennessee Energy for Natural Gas Purchases  
Home Depot Rebate Check

City Dumpster Location Hours  
Thursday and Friday from 12:00 PM (noon) to 4:00 PM

Renovations to the Drive Thru Window has started  
The count top has been removed  
The counter space is being measured  
August 5, 2025, will meet with Cordele Glass to look at the cost to replace the windows.

Numerous Assistant City Manager applications have been received.

**Action Items**

GDOT Bridge Replacement – Frontage Road over Cedar Creek. The Bridge has been identified has a deficient weight restricted bridge. The bridge did not meet the eligibility requirements for the low impact bridge program. The proposal from the Georgia Department of Transportation is that they will provide all the funding for preliminary engineering, construction. What they are asking for is a local match from the City for right-of-way acquisition, if needed. This is a tier two project. The financial commitment will be \$75,000. That funding would be available in our TSPLOST Program. If there are funds left from right-of-way, GDOT will refund the money to the City. GDOT is asking for support from the City, as well as a commitment for the match of \$75,000. The funds will not be due until the Memorandum of Agreement has been signed.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the \$75,000 match; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Chairman Deriso voted aye.  
The Commission approved the \$75,000 match.

Dates for Budget Meeting:

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Monday, August 11, 2025

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

Qualifying for the upcoming Election

The Qualifying Period for the At-Large, Wards Two and Three is August 18 – 22, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The qualifying fee is \$270.00, that is for all positions.

6. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No Report.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:** No Reports were given.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate):** No Executive Session.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 10:45 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDELE  
AGENDA REQUEST FORM

NAME: Orlando Wolkooski  
ADDRESS: 818 Pateville Hight Cir  
CITY: Cordele STATE: GA ZIP: 31015  
PHONE: 229 417 7578 E-MAIL: Orlando3260@gmail.com

STATEMENT OF TOPIC REQUESTED TO BE ADDRESSED:

Adjustment to the form of government.

Any individual wishing to address the Cordele City Commission must complete the information requested above. Speakers will be allotted (5) five minutes in which to complete their presentation abiding by the following rules:

- \$ No person shall be allowed to make obscene, derogatory, or slanderous remarks that disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- \$ No person shall disrupt or interfere in any way with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- \$ Remarks shall end when a speaker's allotted time has expired.
- \$ Speakers may respond to questions from the Chairman and Commission members, should clarification be necessary; provided, however, no person shall be permitted to enter into discussion with the Chairman, a Commission member, or any member of the City of Cordele staff during the conduct of a meeting.

Any person willfully violating these rules may be prohibited from appearing before the Commission for a period of 60 days. The Chairman shall order the removal of anyone who disrupts or interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.

8/13/2025

Date

[Signature]  
Speaker Signature

Received by:

[Signature]  
City of Cordele Representative



3:32pm  
VB





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

**GEORGIA**  
MAIN STREET

**TO: Angela Redding, City Manager**

**FROM: Maurice Hill**

**DATE: August 5, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting**

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager Report**

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Good morning,

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

**CHIP Grant Update** - SWGRC picked up 22 CHIP Grant Applications for review on June 18<sup>th</sup> and I will be attending a meeting with SWGRC on August 6<sup>th</sup> in Camilla for additional updates.

**7<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Plan Meeting** – Working with DDA and RVRC to schedule a Community Meeting at the Community Clubhouse in August or September.

**USDA 502 and 504 Grant Workshop** - Scheduling a Home Repair Workshop for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the Community Clubhouse to assist residents in completing the Grant Applications.

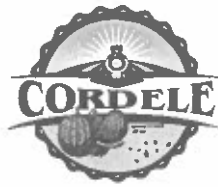
**Innovation Technology Meeting** - Met with a local Grant Writer on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to discuss AR/VR Technology Learning Opportunities and working to identify grants and service providers.

**Economic Development Administration Grants Meeting** - Attended the EDA Grant meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Crisp Regional Hospital to discuss potential infrastructure funding.

**Community Leaders and Business Partners Meet and Greet** - Attending the meeting at Crisp County High School on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to participate in the program.

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

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



**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

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Commissioner, Ward 1

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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: August 19, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting**

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager Report**

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Good morning,

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

**Innovation Technology Meeting** - Met with the CTAE Director on August 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss AR/VR Interactive technology modules that align with CC School curriculum as a Workforce component

**CHIP Grant Update** – Attended a meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> with SWGRC in Camilla for updates on the CHIP Grant processing and procedures.

**Smith Douglas Homes Meeting** – Attended the meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss Workforce Housing options with investments totaling \$17 million in housing and infrastructure in Cordele.

**Land Bank Programs Meeting** - Attended the meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> to finalize the work sessions, speakers, presenters and sponsor information for the October GALBA Annual Summit.

**7<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Plan Meeting** – Attended a workshop on August 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss strategies and the upcoming community meeting at the Community Clubhouse.

**USDA 502 and 504 Grant Workshop** – Talked with a USDA Servicer about conducting (3) additional funding workshops to assist residents that did not qualify for the CHIP Grant.

**The Orchard Subdivision** – The surveyor will be onsite in a few weeks to layout the Plat.

**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: July 31, 2025  
 RE: City Commission Report



City of Cordele  
 Sales Tax Receipts

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			Monthly
Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Total
5/30/2023	\$218,788.37	April	5/22/2023	\$240,741.01	March	5/31/2023	\$28,935.47	April	\$488,464.85
6/29/2023	\$225,004.69	May	6/20/2023	\$211,944.08	April	6/30/2023	\$29,283.20	May	\$466,231.97
7/28/2023	\$247,284.48	June	7/31/2023	\$218,103.45	May	8/1/2023	\$30,471.24	June	\$495,859.17
8/30/2023	\$247,433.94	July	8/28/2023	\$240,433.14	June	8/31/2023	\$32,988.99	July	\$520,856.07
9/28/2023	\$204,631.16	August	9/16/2023	\$243,707.02	July	9/29/2023	\$34,002.30	August	\$482,340.48
10/30/2023	\$244,359.40	September	10/27/2023	\$198,640.37	August	10/31/2023	\$29,716.36	September	\$472,716.13
11/29/2023	\$227,086.31	October	11/20/2023	\$237,146.15	September	11/30/2023	\$31,686.43	October	\$495,918.89
12/28/2023	\$238,845.35	November	12/18/2023	\$220,394.40	October	1/4/2024	\$29,656.19	November	\$488,895.94
1/30/2024	\$238,707.49	December	1/22/2024	\$231,817.48	November	1/31/2024	\$33,271.42	December	\$503,796.39
2/28/2024	\$213,408.03	January	2/23/2024	\$231,681.86	December	2/29/2024	\$27,552.78	January	\$472,642.67
3/27/2024	\$234,937.72	February	SPLOST 2018-2023 Ended December 2023			3/28/2024	\$31,655.81	February	\$266,593.53
4/29/2024	\$232,723.34	March	4/29/2024	\$98,250.92	February	4/30/2024	\$30,706.67	March	\$361,680.93
5/30/2024	\$220,651.01	April	5/21/2024	\$154,349.08	March	5/31/2024	\$29,908.29	April	\$404,908.38
6/27/2024	\$226,427.34	May	7/1/2024	\$146,348.15	April	6/28/2024	\$30,675.82	May	\$403,451.31
7/30/2024	\$255,423.79	June	7/29/2024	\$149,899.91	May	7/31/2024	\$30,591.52	June	\$435,915.22
8/29/2024	\$247,676.79	July	8/27/2024	\$169,379.79	June	8/30/2024	\$31,553.77	July	\$448,610.35
9/27/2024	\$211,223.28	August	9/23/2024	\$164,273.44	July	9/30/2024	\$31,289.72	August	\$406,786.44
10/30/2024	\$227,094.71	September	10/21/2024	\$140,093.19	August	10/31/2024	\$29,702.64	September	\$396,890.54
11/26/2024	\$251,968.06	October	11/21/2024	\$150,566.72	September	11/27/2024	\$30,927.25	October	\$433,462.03
12/30/2024	\$246,347.33	November	12/30/2024	\$167,121.68	October	12/31/2024	\$30,993.83	November	\$444,462.84
1/30/2025	\$257,928.43	December	1/27/2025	\$163,393.95	November	1/31/2025	\$35,116.13	December	\$456,438.51
2/27/2025	\$220,806.44	January	2/25/2025	\$171,073.76	December	2/28/2025	\$28,700.10	January	\$420,580.30
3/28/2025	\$244,113.04	February	3/24/2025	\$146,453.62	January	3/31/2025	\$29,113.16	February	\$419,679.82
4/29/2025	\$241,564.23	March	4/21/2025	\$161,906.45	February	4/30/2025	\$31,405.76	March	\$434,876.44
5/29/2025	\$237,600.76	April	5/20/2025	\$160,196.90	March	5/30/2025	\$31,429.04	April	\$429,226.70
6/30/2025	\$245,598.41	May	6/30/2025	\$157,592.65	April	6/30/2025	\$31,311.88	May	\$434,502.94
7/30/2025	\$262,990.35	June	7/28/2025	\$162,897.01	May	7/31/2025	\$31,863.75	June	\$457,751.11



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

DATE: 8/13/2025  
RE: City Commission Report

July-25  
Financial Summary

UTILITIES	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Billed	\$ 682,797.01	\$ 529,745.30	\$ 414,207.10	\$ 717,029.35	\$ 722,149.64	\$ 756,587.36	\$ 566,449.03	\$ 527,029.03	\$ 361,445.94	\$ 722,620.95
Collected	\$ 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	\$ 578,883.56
Added	35	33	34	32	31	34	42	27	37	31
Transferred or Reconnected	75	69	68	51	65	71	58	76	63	59

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BUSINESS LICENSE	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
License Fees Collected	\$ 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	\$ 2,835.58
Late Penalties Collected	\$ 74.21	\$ -	\$ 56.09	\$ 470.13	\$ 329.94	\$ 185.01	\$ 3,835.45	\$ 2,630.19	\$ 75.49	\$ 24.06
Total Collected	\$ 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	\$ 2,859.64
Renewals	3	11	116	201	251	232	126	33	7	13
New Licenses	12	9	4	18	36	15	12	16	7	13

PROPERTY TAX	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Penalties & Interest Collected	\$ 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	\$ 3,160.57
Prior Year Taxes Collected	\$ 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	\$ 2,271.55
2024 Taxes Collected	\$ 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	\$ 22,551.40
Total Collected	\$ 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	\$ 27,983.52

CASH	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Total Wages	\$ 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	\$ 572,094.85
Accounts Payable Transactions	222	350	185	219	254	196	219	301	224	130
Total Invoiced Disbursements	\$ 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	\$ 494,136.77

- 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

Fire Chief Todd Alligood

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

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To: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman

Commission Ward 2

Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner Ward 1

Isaac Owens, Commissioner Ward 3

Wesley Rainey, Vice Chairman Ward 4

Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Todd Alligood, Fire Chief

Date: July 29, 2025

Reference: **Commission Report**

Reporting Period: June 24, 2025 – July 29, 2025

## **1. Calls for Service: Total 79**

<b>SMOKE SCARE</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>GRASS/RUBBISH FIRE</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>MEDICAL</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>CAR FIRE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>STRUCTURE FIRE</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>FALSE ALARM/OTHER</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>FALSE CALL</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>TRASH FIRE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>POWER LINE DOWN</b>	<b>1</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

## 2. Department News

- Crisp County active shooter/mass casualty event was held at the old middle school 7/22-7/24. Approx. 170 people and over 11 agencies attended/participated. Great training event...cannot simulate this type of emergency exactly but we did get to work together and form a plan.
  - We assisted with the recertification of Crisp County Teachers for stop the bleed and first aid 7/28.
  - Training with our new air lift bags. Great tool for extrication and rescue.
  - Reminder that heat indexes are high. Stay hydrated and indoors whenever possible.
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- Fire Safety Week Oct. 5-11 “Charge into Fire Safety...Lithium-ion Batteries in your Home”.
1. Always use the charger provided with the device and avoid using cheap, generic chargers.
  2. Ensure the device is fully charged and unplug it promptly.
  3. Charge batteries at room temperature and avoid extreme temperatures.

# **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: August 12, 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. Had a safety meeting with the Cordele Gas Department in the Public Works conference room.
2. Attended the monthly Safety Committee Meeting.
3. Ladder 1 attended the quarterly Traffic Incident Management (T.I.M.) meeting at the EOC.
4. I will be in Auburn Alabama next week 8/25-8/27 assisting the Auburn Fire Department with Battalion Chief promotional testing. Will be Chiefs from Perry Ga, Cobb Co Ga, Dothan Ala, and Daphne Ala.

Thank you for your continued support!



**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

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**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**DATE:** July 29, 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 August 05, 2025 City Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.



**CITY OF CORDELE**  
**PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
**AUGUST 05, 2025**

Accepting applications for Assistant City Manager, Police Officer, Records Technician, Community Development Specialist, Refuse Facility Attendant, Utility Billing Clerk, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Water & Sewer Technician, and Public Works Director.

June 25, 2025	Attended the monthly H.R. Roundtable luncheon hosted by the Cordele/Crisp IDC.
June 25, 2025	Participated in an on-line webinar hosted by Sage Software titled "Discover Smarter Ways to Work with Sage HRMS".
June 27, 2025	Received the semi-annual renewal documents for the First Responder PTSD Program. Period of coverage is July 01, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
July 01, 2025	Open enrollment period for supplemental insurance policies started July 01, 2025 and will run throughout the month.
July 01, 2025	Met with Michael Shurley of Oakbridge Insurance Company regarding liability insurance renewal quotes.
July 08, 2025	Began conducting interviews for the vacant Customer Service Representative position in the Finance department.
July 14, 2025	Received the resignation of a Sergeant in the Police Department.
July 15, 2025	Received the retirement notice of the Water and Sewer Superintendent in Public Works. Retirement is effective July 31, 2025.
July 17, 2025	Began accepting internal and external applications for Water and Sewer Superintendent, and Utility Billing Clerk.
July 17, 2025	Extended conditional offers of employment to an Equipment Operator in Cemetery and Parks, and a Mechanic in the Fleet department. Anticipated start date is July 22, 2025 for both positions.
July 18, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Customer Service Representative applicant. Anticipated start date is July 29, 2025.
July 18, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Sergeant in the Police department. Anticipated start date is July 23, 2025.
July 21, 2025	Conducted interviews for the vacant Maintenance Technician position at Public Works.
July 24, 2025	Assisted the Cordele Kiwanis Club with providing lunch for the Crisp County High School band.

**CITY OF CORDELE**  
**PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
**AUGUST 05, 2025**  
**CON'T**

July 25, 2025	Conducted a disciplinary appeal hearing.
July 25, 2025	Began accepting internal and external applications for the vacant Assistant City Manager position.
July 28, 2025	Began compiling information to submit the annual GMEBS retirement plan valuation census. Due date for the census is August 15, 2025.
July 29, 2025	Exchanged several phone calls and e-mails throughout the month with Michael Shurley and Trident insurance representatives regarding new and ongoing claims.

**MANPOWER and VACANCY SUMMARY**  
As of July 29, 2025

DEPT.	APPROVED POSITIONS	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	CONTRACT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	NOTE
Executive	7	6	0	0	1	
Municipal Court	2	2	0	0	0	
Human Resources	2	2	0	0	0	
Finance	10	7	0	0	3	
Police Department	44	33	0	0	11	
Fire Department	27	27	0	0	0	
Public Works	53	43	0	1	9	
Community Dev.	3	2	0	0	1	
U, C & T	12	11	0	0	1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	



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City Manager

**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

**DATE:** August 12, 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 August 19, 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**

**AUGUST 19, 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. **A skills inventory is being developed to identify gaps in key skills needed for public service roles.**
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:
  - Reducing employee turnover by enhancing retention strategies.
    - a. **A Lunch-and-Learn titled "Understanding Your Retirement Benefits" is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> for all interested employees.**
    - b. **Continued re-distributing Go-Sun-Smart Georgia information.**
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.
  - **Outreach**: Ensure job postings reach a wide audience.
    - a. **Continuing updates to the City's website with job openings along with "We're Hiring Wednesdays" video updates.**
4. **Increase HR Department efficiency through technology adoption** – Use modern HR tools to streamline processes and enhance services:
  - **Human Resources Information Systems**:
    - a. **Updates of the Sage HR platform were recently installed on both computers in the HR Department.**



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**CITY OF CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT 40-50**  
**\*MONTHLY COURT SUMMARY REPORT\***  
**JULY 2025**

**CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

<u>TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES:</u>	<u>244...</u>
<u>TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES:</u>	<u>50...</u>
<u>TOTAL COURT CASES:</u>	<u>294...</u>
<u>BENCH WARRANTS ORDERED:</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>LICENSE SUSPENSIONS ORDERED:</u>	<u>39....</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH BONDS PAID:</u>	<u>\$9,568.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL FINES COLLECTED (LATE PAYMENTS [CITATIONS]):</u>	<u>\$4,599.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA:</u>	<u>\$11,364.80...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA PRETRIAL SENTENCES:</u>	<u>\$3,124.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM RESTITUTION:</u>	<u>\$ .00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM WEB PAYMENTS COLLECTED</u>	<u>\$11,013.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS GA DEP. CORRECTIONS</u>	<u>\$ .0...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
<u>TOTAL COURT ORDERED REFUNDS:</u>	<u>\$770.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL CASES TRANSFERRED TO SUPERIOR COURT:</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL DEFENDANTS INCARCERATED</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>TOTAL DAYS JAIL SENTENCED</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>REPORT COMPLETED ON</u>	<u>AUGUST 01, 2025...</u>

REPORT COMPLETED BY: NANCY CROOK, CHIEF CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT  
501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street \* P. O. Box 569 \* CORDELE, GA 31010 \* PHONE (229) 273-3102 \* FAX (229) 276-2907



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Commissioner

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**TO: Angela Redding, City Manager**

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

**DATE: August 13, 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.



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**GEORGIA**  
MAIN STREET

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

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

**DATE:** August 5, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

**SUBJECT:** Planning and Community Development Bi-Weekly Report

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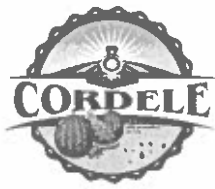
### **Report from the Planning and Community Development Director**

The following is a summary of key activities undertaken by the Planning and Community Development Department during the weeks of July 14 – August 4, 2025.

- I. **Continuing the review of Cordele's 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.

**Added to this section:**

  - d. Working with stakeholders to ensure the plan has one voice.
  - e. A meeting is scheduled with DCA/RVRC/Cordele to review and discuss the Comprehensive Plan, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Plan, and the FLUM.
  - f. Toured all Wards with the Commissioners. Input was provided on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in their communities.
- II. **Creating a training program focused on Planning, Zoning, and Land Use for staff.**
  - a. Discussions have been held on What zoning is? Why zoning is important? And How zoning complements land use (comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance).
- III. **Updating zoning applications to make them more user friendly for on-line services. Designing workflow diagrams of city processes to inform and educate stakeholders.**



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City Manager



Thus far, only the demolition permit application has been created to illustrate the workflow process. This diagram is still being reviewed internally.

- IV. **The city website is being reviewed and recommendations made to update the Planning and Community Development Department.**
- V. **Reviewed over 70 applications for the Community Development Specialist Position.**
  - a. The applications were narrowed down to the top seven. The next step is to narrow the applications down to the top three. Upon completion of this phase, interviews will be scheduled.
- VI. **Preparing a staff report for the Board of Zoning Appeals public hearing scheduled on August 28, 2025 for property located at 202 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a proposed ex-offender home.**
  - a. The proposed property is located within the O'Neal Historic District and within a quarter-mile radius of the Central Business District and a children's facility.
  - b. Staff report will be completed and submitted for CM Redding review by August 11, 2025.
- VII. **Conducted research for the proposal of providing historic signs in the Gillespie-Selden Historic District. Based on site visits, 48 local street signs were identified in the district with a potential of seven pole signs needed to completely brand the area.**
  - a. Preparing agenda for meeting scheduled on August 20, 2025. Agenda's will go out to Board Members on August 8, 2025.
- VIII. **Continuing to research the development requirements for a GIS framework system for the city. A meeting is schedule with RVRC on Friday, August 1, 2025 to discuss potential data for system.**
- IX. **Meetings Held or Attended during this reporting period:**
  - a. Sent out emails of introductions to BZA, PC, and HPC Board members.
  - b. Attended a GICH meeting with Dr. Jermaine Durham to update me on the status of the city's program.
  - c. Attended meeting with Dean Thaxton on a proposed Community project.





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**GEORGIA**  
MAIN STREET

- d. Met with City Manager on budget and other city requirements and processes.
- e. Reviewed expense reports with Finance Director, Sonya Alexander.
- f. Attended a one-on-one meeting with Chief Heard regarding our departmental functions; Also, set up an internal iWorQ's training with Codes Supervisor Keith Lodge.
- g. Attended a meeting at the Crisp Regional Hospital with a representative from Merchant McIntyre, a Washington, D.C.-based firm engaged by the hospital to pursue federal grant funding. The purpose of the meeting was to explore how potential **EDA (Economic Development Administration) grants** might support infrastructure projects that could significantly benefit Cordele and Crisp County.
- h. An official iWorQ's virtual training was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2025. Maurice Hill, Marcha Toussaint and Mary Darby attended the training. Also, a training is being scheduled to discuss iWorQ's Planning and Zoning Module, Workflows, and reports.
- i. Attending a meeting on Friday 1, 2025 at DCA/RVRC with Marsha Toussaint regarding city plans and maps.
- j. Attend Department Head Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025.



**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

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

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

**DATE:** August 19, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

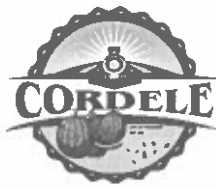
**SUBJECT:** Planning and Community Development Bi-Weekly Report

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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 during the weeks of August 5 – August 15, 2025.

- I. Reviewing Cordele's Comprehensive Plan (2024-2029), Zoning Map, and Future Land Use Map.**
  - a. Updating the CWP with all operating departments as projects, programs, activities are removed, updated, or deleted.
  - b. Working with the River Valley Regional Commission to create an up-to-date zoning map and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for the city.
  - c. Reviewing the city's 31-character areas to be consistent with the FLUM.
- II. Working on GIS system for Community Development.**
- III. Reviewing and commenting on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan.**
  - a. Held a working session with Mainstreet, RVRC, Chamber of Commerce, and the city Community Advancement Manager to plan for a public meeting for stakeholders to review and comment on the plan. The public meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025, at the Community Clubhouse from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- IV. Attended an update, review and training session with Brenda Wade, Grants Administration Manager with SWGRC on the CHIP program. Ms. Wade provided an update on the number of grants submitted and the next steps.**



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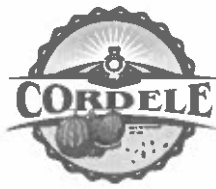
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- V. **Attended a presentation by Mike Beatty's representative of Smith Douglas homes to consider entering into a partnership with the city for a grant up to \$2.5 Million. The purpose of the grant is to construct rural workforce development homes in a R.75S Zoning District classification.**
- a. The next step for the city is to locate 10 to 15 acres of land to construct new one-story (ranch style, with or without garages) single-family residential units with varying bedrooms and bath sizes.
- VI. **Continuing to create a training program focused on Planning, Zoning, and Land Use for staff.**
- a. Discussions have been held on What zoning is? Why zoning is important? And How zoning complements land use (comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance).
- VII. **Updating zoning applications to make them more user friendly for on-line services. Designing workflow diagrams of city processes to inform and educate stakeholders. Thus far, only the demolition permit application has been created to illustrate the workflow process. This process is being finalized.**
- VIII. **Updating the city website. Making recommendations for the Planning and Community Development Department.**
- IX. **Working on scheduling interviews for the Community Development Specialist Position in October 2025**
- a. The top three applicants will be interviewed and considered.
- X. **Preparing a staff report for the Board of Zoning Appeals public hearing scheduled on September 25, 2025, for property located at 202 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a proposed ex-offender home.**
- a. The proposed property is located within the O'Neal Historic District and within a quarter-mile radius of the Central Business District and a children's facility.
- b. Staff report will be completed and submitted for CM Redding review by September 17, 2025.
- XI. **Prepared a proposed historic district sign for the Gillespie-Selden Historic District for review and consideration at the HPC meeting scheduled on August 20, 2025.**



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**XII. Continuing to research the development requirements for a GIS framework system for the city. A meeting is schedule with RVRC on Friday, August 1, 2025 to discuss potential data for system.**

**XIII. Meetings Held or Attended during this reporting period:**

- a. Attended the Giles pie-Selden Historic District Reunion on August 9, 2025.
- b. Attended a GALBA meeting on August 11, 2025.
- c. Attended a Land Bank Authority Meeting on August 12, 2025.
- d. Reviewed and commented on IT Internship Program proposal.
- e. Prepared legal notice and packet for HPC meeting on August 20, 2025.
- f. Attended a PROPEL meeting on August 14, 2025



# *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 29, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JH", is written over the word "Report" in the reference line.

Attached you will 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: June 24, 2025 through July 28, 2025

### I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
Part I Crimes	43
Homicide/Murder	0
Rape	0
Robberies ( <u>Armed</u> /By Force/Strong Arm)	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0
Aggravated Assault	9
Larceny (Thefts)	33 (8 entering auto, 5 shoplifting with 5 adult arrests, 20 other thefts)
Burglary	1 (1 Business -fireworks stand)
Part II Crimes	156
Incidents Reported	142
Community Contacts	9
Arrests	47
Citations Issued	81
Warnings Issued	28
Total Calls for Service from Dispatch	1,422

### II. Departmental News

Our department has one applicant in the hiring process for patrol officer and one applicant in the hiring process for records technician. We hired one applicant for police officer position and he will be starting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We have two cadets that are on their fourth week of the police academy.

The Police Department now provides FREE Child Safety ID Cards. We will issue these cards every Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. No appointment is needed.

We will be attending the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Bash Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event will be held at the Crisp County Recreation Department from 11am til 2pm. We welcome everyone to come by our table to receive information for their Child Safety ID Cards.

## CRIME STATISTICS FOR 6 YEARS

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Jan 1 - July 28)
<b>HOMICIDE</b>	2	0	4	4	2 3 arrests made	1
<b>RAPE</b>	7	3	2 Suspect identified; victim refused to prosecute on both cases	0	1 Suspect identified but victim refused to prosecute	3 1 victim refused to cooperate
<b>ROBBERY</b> -Business -other	10 2-1 arrest 8-1 arrest	13 5 7	10 2 8-2 arrest	7 3 4	15 13 - 1 juv arrest w/vehicle 2-1 juvenile arrest	5 2-1 warrant issued 3
<b>VEHICLE THEFT</b>	26 18 recovered 6 adult arrests	19 15 recovered 1 adult arrest	25 20 recovered 2 adult arrests 2 juvenile arrests	25 20 recovered 2 juvenile arrests 1 warrant issued	43 34 Recovered 4 adult arrests 10 juvenile arrests	11 11 Recovered 1 adult arrest 1 warrant issued
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b>	49 14 adult arrests 5 juvenile arrests	56 12 adult arrests 8 juvenile arrests	72 16 adult arrests 7 juvenile arrests	105 18 adult arrests 5 juvenile arrests	62 11 adult arrests 3 juvenile arrests	38 8 adult arrests
<b>THEFTS</b> -Entering Auto -Shoplifting -Other	452 171- 9 adult/6 juv arrest 103-71 adult/5 juvenile arrests 178	328 88-7 adult/6 juv arrests 104-68 adult/6 juvenile arrests 136	388 114-3 adult arrests 96-61 adult/5 juvenile arrests 178	310 69-1 juv/1 adult arrest 81-45 adult /2 juvenile arrests 160	340 116- 79-53 adult / 17 juvenile arrests 145	155 26 42 - 32 adult / 5 juvenile arrests 87
<b>ARSON</b>	0	4	10 2 adult arrests	5	4 1 adult arrest	0
<b>BURGLARIES</b> -Business -Residential	53 21 - 2 adult / 1 juvenile arrest 32 - 1 adult arrest	54 14 40 - 2 adult/1 juvenile arrest	67 27-3 adult/1 juvenile arrest 40- 4 adult arrests	59 21-1 adult arrest 37	50 14-1 adult/ 1 juvenile arrest 36- 1 adult / 3 juvenile arrests	13 2 11



***Cordele Police Department***

# CHILD ID CARD PROGRAM

**FREE  
OF  
CHARGE**



No Appointment Needed  
Walk In

**WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
9 AM – 5 PM**





## Cordele Police Department (Animal Control) Commission Report

Reporting Period: June 24, 2025-July 28, 2025



### I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Reported Numbers
Dog & Cat Intake Total:	166
<i>City Intake</i>	54
<i>Intakes from Crisp County</i>	68
<i>Intakes from Other Entities</i>	44
Number of Calls Received:	69
Number of Adoptions/Rescues:	48 Adoptions/ 44 Rescues
Animals Currently at The Shelter:	26 dogs + 7 newborns 17 cats
Citations Issued:	5
Warnings Issued:	17
Open Shelter Slots:	2 dog kennels/8 cat kennels

### II. Division News:

- ADOPT! DON'T SHOP! Adoptions and rescues have slowed down.
- Dog food donations are continuing to come in. Probation, Tractor Supply, and the public!
- The new signs for the Shelter and directional signs are up and look good!



## **Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report**

Reporting Period: June 24, 2025 July 28, 2025

### **I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown**

<b>Type of Activity</b>	<b>Number of Incidents*</b>
Abandoned Vehicle	5
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	10
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	1
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	1
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	61
Other	15

### **II. Departmental News**

- Code Compliance Officers assisted with two commercial demolition projects on 112 S 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 108 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Code Compliance Officers are continuing training with inspections at Christian Homes Complex construction project and Aldi renovations.
- Code Compliance had four blighted property cases in municipal court for the month of July. Judge Wright allowed each property more time to clean up or to sell the properties.

## AUGUST 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
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### PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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**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**

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314 West 18 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
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*Jalon Heard Chief of Police*

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon Heard  
Chief of Police

Date: August 13, 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. **Currently there are four applicants in the hiring process. One certified applicant was hired this past month as a sergeant. One cadet started working this past week. We also hired one record technician that started last week.**

**We have speed limit signs on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Also the Speed Detection Sign is in use.**

2. Develop strategies to attract more experienced officers. **We are continuing to promote on our sign boards and on our Facebook page.**
3. We will continue to connect with the community through community related events, increasing public contacts and through partnering with local groups and businesses. **We are working on some events for National Faith and Blue Weekend which is the first of October.**
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. We have recently promoted Tramiska Jones as our accreditation clerk.**

City Commission Meeting  
August 19, 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.  
**Code officers collaborated with public works to install cameras in some repeat dump site areas. The goal is to impose fines on repeat offenders.**
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 Officer New and Mercer scheduled to attend training class in Tifton on 8-28-25.**
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 approved three more demolition permits at 510 E 9<sup>th</sup>, 508 E 5<sup>th</sup>, 712 S 8<sup>th</sup>.**
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. **Code officers continue to meet with multiple lawn services to educate the public on limb removal policies.**

## **MID AUGUST 2025 REPORT**

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**Jalon Heard Chief of Police**

**To: Angela Redding, City Manager**

**From: Chief Jalon J. Heard  
Chief of Police**

**Date: August 12, 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. Adoptions and rescues are slow but hoping they will increase once summer slows down.
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. New signs are up at the shelter and 15<sup>th</sup> St @ 7<sup>th</sup> Ave
4. Actively promote better animal welfare. (Spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter(housing), kennel ordinance control).
  - a. Educating people about proper shelter and living conditions.
  - b.
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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## Memo

Date: July 29, 2025

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director

RE: Public Works Commission Report – August 5, 2025

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

# Commission Report

## Public Works Department

8/5/2025

### Cemetery/Parks

- Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 92 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders since our last commission report.

### Engineering

- 2025-0114 PRIME TRUCK PARKING LLC. On hold for additional plans to add building/utilities.
- 2023-0130 CHRISTIAN HOMES MULTI-FAMILY SITE. In progress.
- 2025-0119 SOUTH GA BANK PRKING LOT (702 S PECAN ST) Plans approved.
- The Engineering Department has completed 2 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders for the storm water system.

### Gas

- Annual valve maintenance is complete.
- Georgia Public Service Commission is scheduled to be here August 25<sup>th</sup> thru August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to perform inspections. We are scheduled for four inspections: Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP), DIMP Implementation, Operator Qualification and Public Awareness. We are currently preparing for these inspections.
- Public Awareness messaging for Affected Public – Customer and Non-customer is being prepared. Inspection preparation has slowed the progress, however, we are hopeful to have this mailing complete within the next two weeks.
- Annual Regulator and Relief Valve inspections are scheduled to start in August.
- Annual Cathodic Protection Survey is expected to begin in August/September.
- Annual Leak Survey is scheduled to begin September/August.
- 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 46 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

### Street

- Since the last commission report the Street Department has worked on ditch maintenance, storm drain maintenance, alley repair, tire removal, driveway repair, etc.
- The street sweeper was delivered to Public Works after a lengthy absence on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. After an extensive inspection by the operator, shop superintendent and street superintendent, the sweeper was returned to service the morning of July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please be patient as the sweeper operator has been instructed to be vigilant and take his time in order to be thorough with his sweeping
- The Street Department has completed 41 customer reported and routine maintenance



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work orders.

#### **Water/Sewer**

- ARPA Project:
  - Phase 1 – Meeting with Lanier Engineering is schedule for Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Phase 2 – Pre-construction meeting held at Public Works on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Notice to Proceed issued to Inliner Solutions, LLC. The start date for this project is August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 55 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

#### **GovDeals Sales Report for July 2025**

- No sales were made for the month of July.



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To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director

RE: Public Works Goals & Accomplishments – August 19, 2025

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We have one update at this time.

# **Goals & Accomplishments**

## **Public Works Department**

### **8/19/25**

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.**

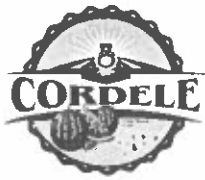
1. Phase 1 of ARPA Project – Pipe bursting and grouting are complete.
2. Phase 2 of ARPA Project – Project began Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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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**TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER**  
**FROM: RICKY SMARR**  
**DATE: AUGUST 5th, 2025**  
**SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING REPORT**

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

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**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> – AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Your Social Media Marketing Department strives to distribute positive, timely, and informational content to the citizens of the City of Cordele and throughout its governmental structure. Through continuous interaction, our reach continues to grow. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.**

#### **EVENTS & ACTIVITY**

**July 1st: I attended and recorded the regular meeting of the Cordele City Commission. The videos were placed on the city's social media platforms.**

**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16efRm35e4/>**

**YouTube: <https://youtu.be/jlFtSQtslDA>**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Built and published "We're Hiring Wednesday" in cooperation with Human Resources, publicizing job opportunities in the City of Cordele and promoting the City as a "Great Place To Work."**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>: In cooperation with CPD, CFD and Animal Control, I built and published a graphic emphasizing Independence Day Safety.**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>: I was invited to accompany our Police Department to a collaborative conversation with Empowerment Pathways YouthBuild. The conversation begins a partnership to build positive relationships between the Police Department and the youth of our community. To publicize this, I produced and published a 2:27 news style feature and placed it on our social media and YouTube Platforms: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/14FBekJH1GH/>  
<https://youtu.be/lWtbv37YTrM>**



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**July 3rd: I published content from the Youth Engagement town hall meeting hosted by Chairman Deriso. The well attended meeting focused on immediate needs and the positive impact working together for the betterment of the youth in our community can have.**



**July 8<sup>th</sup>: I worked closely with CPD in searching for Nyeshia Pickens. I rode with Chief Heard, gathering content (still pictures & video) as we worked together to prepare a statement and appeal for the community's help. This statement was carefully constructed and edited with the utmost respect for Nyeshia's family.**

**Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Drd4sJLjn/>**

**July 9<sup>th</sup>: Working closely with CPD and Chief Heard, we recorded, edited and published a second statement on Nyeshia's disappearance and appealed for the community's help which included contact numbers for anonymous tips. The appeal also included an assurance of CPD's diligence in the investigation and search.**

**Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1M5tMhCweZ/>**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>: I attended and documented the Faith-Based Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. Dr. Lakeisha Law of the Crisp County Christian Learning Center was our guest presented.**





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**July 11<sup>th</sup>: I was out with CPD and Turner County S.O. documenting the investigation into the disappearance of Nyeshia Pickens. I gathered content for CPD to use in their investigation updates of 6 separate drone flights conducted by TCSO of 2 specific areas of interest.**



**July 14<sup>th</sup>: I accompanied CPD, CFD, CCFR, CCSO and GBI as the search for Nyeshia Pickens continued in Bethel Cemetery. Using content gathered, I produced an investigation update with Chief Heard.**

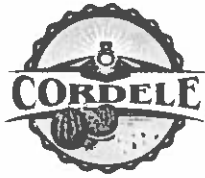
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**July 15<sup>th</sup>: I attended, participated in and recorded the Cordele City Commission meeting, placing the recording on our social media platforms.**

**<https://youtu.be/OWc72oMMsUg>**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>: I produced a news package promoting this year's Back 2 School Bash using a recorded interview with the Executive Director of Crisp County Community Council GAFCP, Monica Robinson, pictures and video from last year's event.**

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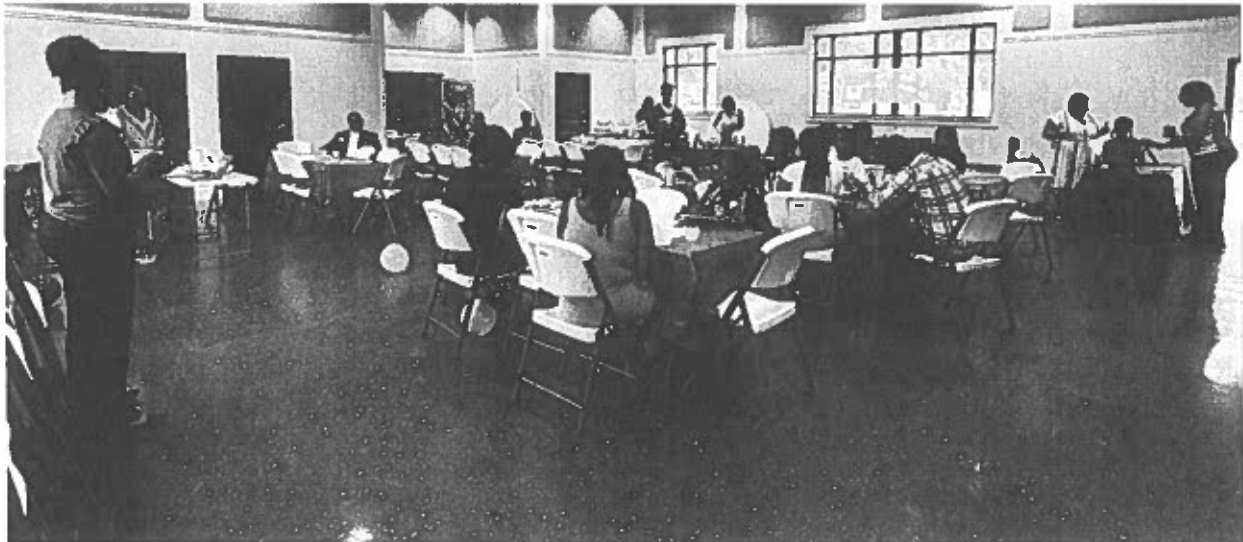
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**July 17<sup>th</sup>: I participated in a website update meeting (30 minutes) with project manager Maricarmen Vargas. In building out and editing some of the pages I have identified some bugs that Granicus has been able to work out or is working out. Mari also helps with various suggestions and ideas for the continued buildout of the site which is ongoing**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>: I re-produced and released the new "We're Hiring" promotional video in cooperation with Human Resources, adding new positions at the request of the HR director. These positions, along with job descriptions, were also added to the current [www.cityofcordele](http://www.cityofcordele) website under the "current job openings" tab.**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>: I attended the Cordele-Crisp Community Café at Clara Scott Community Center with Crisp County Community Council GAFCP at 6 P.M. Crisp County School System's newly adopted mission statement is "Creating A Better Crisp County Through Education." Lisa Simpson and Linda Rollins stressed the importance of committed school attendance in an interactive and spirited presentation. Doug Dean with Community of Cordele talked about the new community center, their plans and the community can join in that program.**





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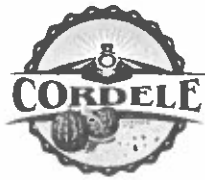
**July 22<sup>nd</sup>: I met with CM Redding to discuss plans and initiatives for the social media-marketing department. Together, we outlined goals moving forward that will enhance the city's outreach.**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>: Joined the Crisp County Family Connection Virtual Collaborative Meeting along with the City Manager and Community Advancement Manager**

**Met with Maricarmen Vargas, Granicus Project Manager for a half-hour website build update. Currently, she is working with the technical support team to address some bugs we have located within the CMS. Some bugs have been addressed, others have not. We are continuing to build out and approach a launch date. Each day, in addition to other tasks and responsibilities, I work in both sites – building and updating.**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>: I stopped by and gathered content at the Cordele Rail Museum for T-Trak at the Tracks. Flint River Model Railroad Club does a great job with their operating n-scale model train display.**





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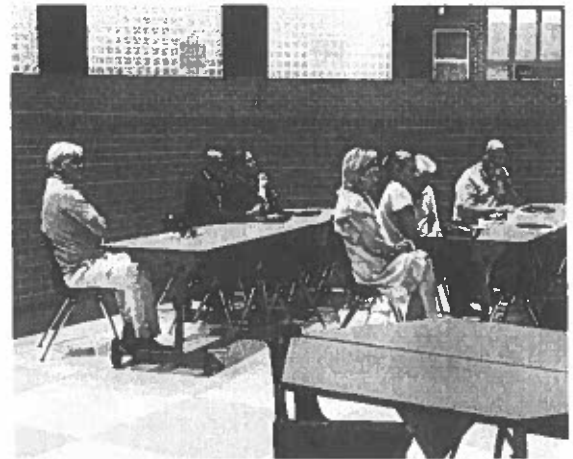
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**July 29<sup>th</sup>: I met with Chief Heard and produced a :43 Back to School Safety PSA. Final production was completed, and the PSA was dropped Tuesday afternoon.**  
**<https://youtu.be/9iSW-Op-bD0>**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>: I attended, along with the Planning and Community Development Director and the Community Advancement Manager, a Meet & Greet Stakeholders Community Meeting with CCHS Administration focusing on community involvement and conveying the message of the importance of committed school attendance. Along with pictures, I produced a 1:40 news package featuring Mr. Brian Anderson, principal at CCHS**  
**<https://youtu.be/m4H7cOnBryk>**



**July 31<sup>st</sup>: In my weekly meeting with Granicus, we are still addressing some issues within the framework of the new site that are not working properly. Our project manager is working with her technical support team to resolve these issues. We are also working to clean out all the test pages, and get outdated forms and documents replaced. The current site, however, is drawing increased activity as we use social media to push people there.**

**I reproduced and dropped our weekly "We're Hiring" video. Social media and updated website content have led to an abundance of applications for some positions**



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**I received August promotional content from Tina, gas department superintendent that I started preparing for launch 3 times a week beginning August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**In the news: Media outlets across the state have picked up the city's content on the search for Nyeasha Pickens, Chairman Deriso's "Grow Your Non-Profit" initiative, Bridging the Gap After School Program and Community Café.**

Bridging the GAP Educational Services offers student enrollment into after school program - SouthGATV

Cordele nonprofit scaling & strategy workshop - SouthGATV

Cordele Police Department searching for missing 19-year-old

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

**Respectfully submitted**

*Ricky R. Smarr*

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



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

**FROM: RICKY SMARR**

**DATE: AUGUST 19<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**

**It is exciting to begin this report with great news. Launch of the new CITY OF CORDELE website is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. This has been a long and sometimes challenging process. Your website team has done an outstanding job building out their respective departments and work does continue in some areas, but we are at a point now where we feel confident that we have a product that is going to be well received by the community. While we near completion of this project, we are mindful that any successful website is continually updated and improved with fresh content. This will be a goal that will have to be addressed on a daily basis.**

### **GOAL 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF A SOCIAL MEDIA PLAN**

#### **Goals:**

- **Increase visibility of city departments and their services**
- **Promote transparency and community engagement**
- **Highlight ward-specific projects and public meetings**

#### **Create a Monthly Content of Themes**

- **September: Public Works, Public Safety, Municipal Courts**
- **October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Parks and Neighborhoods**
- **November: Economic Development – “We’re Open For Business”**
- **December: Holiday Cheer & Year in Review – Christmas Parade and Holiday greetings from City Manager, Commissioners, Department Heads.**



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### **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS**

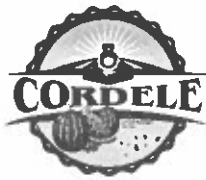
- **Storm Preparedness (Tornado Season, Hurricane Season)**
  - **Public Safety (Fire Prevention – Crime Prevention)**
- **Fire Safety Week (October 5 – 11) Everyone has some type of lithium batter device in the home. We will be offering safety tips leading up to and through this week.**
- **Feature City Services through social media initiatives that direct people to the new website**
- **Assist with promotion of youth campaigns and partnerships between the City of Cordele and various youth organizations.**

### **GOAL #3: MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

- **Increase civic awareness of major programs and services**
  - **Promote community attendance at events and meetings**
- **Build trust through transparency and consistent communication.**

### **INITIATIVES**

- **City Manager Specific and Ward Specific Campaigns that highlight profiles and ward specific projects.**
  - **2 minute video series highlighting various departments**  
**For example: Public Works projects**  
**Recreational Opportunities**  
**City Employee – “Why I Love My Job” series**



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#### **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.**

**Expand the Cordele Connection Newsletter to a monthly email version or inclusion on the website. This newsletter would be for public viewing that would include a**

- **Featured Project**
- **Department of the month**
- **Event Calendar**
- **Opportunities for Public Participation**

#### **EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**August 11<sup>th</sup>: There was great participation for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual City Hall Selfie Day.**



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**August 14<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Faith-Based Minister's Meeting at Cordele Community Clubhouse. Presenters were Pastors Kenneth & Connie Bivins & Pastor Larry Rollins. "Collaboration on the Purpose or Why of the Minister's Meeting" was the subject of their presentation.**

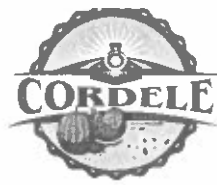
**August 14<sup>th</sup>: I attended and recorded the budget meeting held by the City Commission.**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Crisp County Community Council Community Café at Sunset Homes. Prior to this meeting, I provided CM Redding with content.**

**Respectfully submitted**  
**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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July 29, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL

REPORT FOR MONTH OF July 2025

Water Treated	55,066,100 gallons	1,835,536 MGD average *
Year to Date	313,762,000 gallons	1,743,122 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	63,650,000 gallons	2,120,000 MGD average *
Year to Date	435,090,000 gallons	2,417,167 MGD average *

Sludge to Landfill	1.95 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Total Sludge 2025	9.47 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Grit to Landfill	0.00 tons

Rainfall for the month of July was 5" \*

Total Rainfall for 2025 is 26.82" \*

\*These numbers will be updated the first week in August.

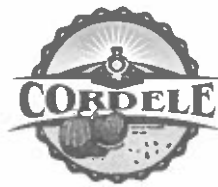
Water restrictions put in place in 2010 are still in effect and have not changed. This allows for daily outdoor watering between the hours of 4pm and 10am.

We collected our annual Whole Effluent Toxicity Test (WET). We collect these samples over the course of a week every June as required by our NPDES Permit. We received the results, and we passed.

We collected all the data needed to renew our Groundwater Use Permit and emailed it to EPD on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They contacted me on July 29<sup>th</sup> and said they never received it. I resent it and asked to be notified when they got it! They did receive it.

American Tank Company is painting the exterior of the Penia Ground Storage Tank. It is looking much better.

Well levels dropped an average of 5 feet in July. We will be monitoring them closely in August.



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August 12, 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. 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)
3. Lightening struck the flowmeter at Rockhouse Rd Well (Newtown). We had an old one that we were able to have recalibrated and is working now. We will have a new one installed this week.
4. The exterior painting of the Penia Ground Storage Tank is complete and looks very good.
5. We had the annual service check of the Generator at the Primary School Lift Station done. They found that the fuel pump was no good and we had it replaced. In further checking the fuel tank was found to be seriously damaged by old diesel. It can't be cleaned and must be replaced at a cost of \$22,000.
6. Our SCADA/Telemetry system is obsolete and must be replaced. The current system was installed in 2010 and can't be upgraded. We are looking at vendors to receive quotes.
7. We had the bearings and seals replaced on Trickling Filter #2. Trickling Filter #1 is due for the same.
8. Final Clarifier #6 is out of service for repairs. We received 8-10" of rainfall the first week of August and we remained in permit for flow.
9. Well levels dropped an average of 8' from July to August.