

AGENDA



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM DECEMBER 16, 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**

REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – December 16, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2025

APPROVAL OF CALLED MEETING MINUTES – December 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM

APPROVAL OF CALLED MEETING MINUTES – December 10, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING – MILLAGE RATE

1. Public Hearing – The City of Cordele has tentatively adopted a millage rate of 11.060 mills, which is the same millage rate the city has adopted for the past five (5) years. Without this tentative tax increase of 0.001%, the millage rate would be no more than 11.059 mills.

The proposed tax increase, without a rollback, for a homestead property in the city with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$0.64 per year, the proposed tax increase, without a rollback, for non-homestead property in the city with a fair market value of \$300,000 is \$1.33.

SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES: 5 minutes

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM: 3 minutes

DEPARTMENT HEADS 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: Faith Event, January 24, 2026, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, 16th Ave. East sidewalk in front of Aldi's and the Charging Station. Organizer – Tammy Teel – St. Theresa Church, Address – 807 S. 3rd St. They will have people holding posters promoting right to life.
2. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Girl Scout Troop 40274 Cookie Booth. Location: Wal Mart Store #1006, 1215 E 16th Ave. Dates: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026; March 7, 2025. Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Organizer's Name – Jo Lucas, 618 E. 24th Ave., Cordele, GA. Girl Scouts selling cookies between the two front doors. Written permission is on file from the owner of Wal Mart.
3. Consider and Approve the Millage Rate 11.060.
4. Consider and Approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cordele, Georgia to Allow for Loft Dwellings in CBD District; Establishing Rules And; Regulations Regarding Such Dwelling; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes.
5. Consider and Approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cordele, Georgia to Establish Yard Regulations For Residential Properties in the City; To Provide Fencing Development Standards; To Provide For Permit Fees For Fencing; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes.
6. Consider and Approve the First Reading of An Ordinance Providing for the Adoption of a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes.

Approval By
Hachi Sushi

1817 LaPorte Dr

Beer & Wine/On Premises Liquor By The Drink

Michelle's	908 E 16 th Ave.	Beer Only/On Premises
Railhouse Tavern	105 S. 8 th St.	Liquor By The Drink
Flint River Food Mart	904 E 16 th Ave.	Beer & Wine/On Premises
Odom Pool Room	412 W 16 th Ave.	Beer Only/ On Premises
Marathon	1808 E 16 th Ave.	Liquor By The Drink
Harry's Liquor	1807 Central Ave.	Beer Only/On Premises
AJ's	305 S. 7 th St.	Package Store
Green Pantry	502 E 16 th Ave.	Beer & Wine/Off Premises
Cracker Barrel	1905 Central Ave.	Beer Only/Off Premises
Divy Food Mart	503 W 24 th Ave.	Beer & Wine/On Premises
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8. Consider and Approve A Resolution Adopting a Requirement that no Ordinance or Ordinance Amendment Shall Receive Final Passage Unless a Publicly Noticed Hearing is Held Between Its First and Second Readings, Establishing Transparency and Citizen Participation as Mandatory Components of Legislative Action.
9. Consider and Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Giving Executive and Administrative Authority to the Mayor.
10. Repeal the Vote to Relocate the Confederate Monument.
11. Consider and Approve A Resolution Ordering the Initiation and Implementation of Consolidation Between the Crisp County Sheriff's Office and the City of Cordele Police Department, Directing that all Legal, Administrative, Operational, and Personnel Actions necessary for Consolidation Pursuant to Applicable State Law.
12. Consider and Approve the First Reading of An Ordinance Initiation and Implementation of Consolidation Between the Crisp County Sheriff's Office and the City of Cordele Police Department, Directing That All Legal, Administrative, Operational, and Personnel Actions Necessary for Consolidation Begin Immediately Pursuant to Applicable State Law.
13. Consider and Approve A Resolution Initiating Statutory Consolidation of the City of Cordele and Crisp County Governmental Structures, Directing Commencement of Procedural and Legal Steps Toward Implementation and Referendum Authorization Under Georgia Law.
14. Consider and Approve the First Reading of An Ordinance Initiating Statutory Consolidation of the City of Cordele and Crisp County Governmental Structures, Directing Commencement of Procedural and Legal Steps Toward Implementation and Referendum Authorization Under Georgia Law.
15. Consider and Approve A Resolution Repealing the Mandatory Requirement for a Public Hearing Between First and Second Readings of Ordinances and Ordinance Amendments.

16. Consider and Approve the First Reading of An Ordinance Repealing or Amending Ordinance No. 2023-08 Governing the Reintroduction of Defeated or Unadopted Agenda Items, Including Restrictions Requiring a Four-Member Affirmative Vote or Reintroduction by a Member Voting in Opposition.

17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

18. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

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

20. ADJOURNMENT: