

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING
October 21, 2022**

A Called Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on October 21st, 4:30 p.m., Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chair	Royce Reeves, Sr. – Commission Vice Chair
Vesta Beal-Shephard, Commissioner	Wesley Rainey, Commissioner
Isaac Owens, Commissioner	Angela Redding, City Manager
Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary	

City Attorney Absent: Tommy Coleman

Media present: Cordele Dispatch – Chris Lewis.

Call to Order: Commission Chair Joshua Deriso called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation: There was a silent moment of prayer.

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

Roll Call: A quorum was established.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

1. First Reading of an Ordinance Repealing Article XII of Chapter 2 of the City Code of the City of Cordele in its Entirety and Adopting a New Article XII of Chapter Entitled “Ethics”; Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes. Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

2. Consideration and Approval to Authorize the City Manager as an Online Administrator to the City Bank Accounts.
Background: City Manager Angela stated, this would give her access to the bank accounts on line, just to view the balances, see what checks have cleared, this is the only authorization that she would have. Commission Vice Chair Reeves moved to approve the authorization; seconded by Commissioner Owens; the motion was approved by the Commission.

3. Consider Overriding Veto of Reapportionment Ordinance and Adoption of Reapportionment Ordinance.

Background: Commission Chair Deriso stated he veto this because he does not think it reflects what he put on record, reflects the voting majority of the people. There were different drafts of the maps, as you all know, when a census is taken, every ten years, we have to redraw our maps and make sure populations are balanced in each Ward, some places called them Districts. Wards One and Two had less people, so people had to be moved, lines had to be redrawn to make Wards One and Two balance. The Commission voted on a map I did not agree with and Commissioner Owens also voted – nay, on it as well. So, I veto it given the reason I just gave, but the Commission have the authority to come back and override vetoes, so that is why it is on here. Commissioner Shephard moved to override the Chairman’s veto of the Reapportionment Ordinance and that we proceed to adopt the Reapportionment Ordinance that was selected; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the motion was approved with a 3/1 vote; Commission Vice Chair Reeves – aye; Commissioners Rainey and Shephard – aye; Commissioner Owens – nay.

4. Discuss Sidewalks on the North end of 11th Street (Joe Wright Drive).
City Manager Angela Redding stated she submitted a proposal to GDOT Board Member Johnny Floyd, based on the City Commissioners request to have sidewalks from the Farmer’s Market to 16th Avenue. Based on that request that was submitted the total cost at that time for the project is \$3,066,141.04. City Manager Angela Redding stated she spoke with Board Chairman, Johnny Floyd, he has not received any updates from GDOT Commissioner. So, there are a couple of other options if this project is not awarded; (1) funding the project through LMIG, but also, we have the upcoming TSPLOST. Now this project alone is nearly three million plus dollars and the funding we expect to receive from TSPLOST is a little over three million, that’s why City Manager Angela mentioned a combination of LMIG and TSPLOST funds.

5. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

RFP for Janitorial Services – The bids were opened this morning at 10:00 AM. The City had four or five companies request the RFP. Two of the companies submitted bids, so the City Manager is reviewing their bids, because we need to reach out to their references and perform other background information, but we did receive two bids for janitorial service.

City Logo Contest – Logo Contest is underway. Hopefully, on the 31st we will have some designs that we can place before the Commission and in the lobby of City Hall to get input on a new logo for the City of Cordele.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month – On Monday, October 24th, we are calling it, “City of Cordele Goes Pink”. So, please feel free to wear pink on Monday and come and join us for a group photo at 10:00 AM in front of City Hall.

City Hall Water Fountain – The Water Fountain has been drained. The pumps need to be replaced and the repairs are costly. We are exploring ways to do something different with that area.

Williams Field – City Manager Angela Redding met with Wimberly to review the proposed design for Williams Field. Wimberly Treadwell would like to make a presentation at the November 1st Meeting.

Electrical Panel at Standard Field – City Manager Angela Redding stated she received a cost estimate and it is being reviewed, she will provide an update on the cost that it will take to place the lights back in working condition at Standard.

Keep Crisp Beautiful – City Manager Angela Redding stated, she has been working with Public Works and Keep Crisp Beautiful to identify a new area for the dumpsters.

ARPA Funds – The City has received the second round of ARPA Funds. As previously mentioned, the funds were submitted as our match for \$10,000,000 Grant from the State ARPA Funds and those funds were awarded for sewer infrastructure improvements.

RFP for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection Services – On the decision of the City Commission, we are working on the RFP for residential and commercial solid waste collection services. After we had the Work Session and the Commission wanted to move forward with an RFP, City Manager Angela Redding stated, she placed Waste Management on notice that the City will move forward with an RFP.

Community Clubhouse Committee – The Community Clubhouse Committee met on September 21st and the Committee decided to allow a maximum of two bounce houses, however, there is an additional fee, because of the electricity that is used. However, water slides are still not permitted at the Community Clubhouse.

Red Ribbon Week – Next Week is Red Ribbon Week, October 24-28, 2022 and the campaign theme is “Good Vibes Only, Living Drug Free”.

October Ribbon Cuttings:

October 4th – Brown Awesome Cleaning Service; Vice Chair Commission Reeves, Commissioners Shephard and Rainey, and also City Manager Angela Redding attended the ribbon cutting.

October 6th - Hurdling Hatchets Ribbon Cutting, Vice Chair Commission Reeves, Commissioners Rainey and Shephard and City Manager Angela Redding attended the ribbon cutting.

October 14th – The Working Studio, which is located downtown, had their ribbon cutting. Commissioner Shephard attended on behalf of the City.

- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 4:47 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the motion was approved by the Commission.