

AGENDA



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM JUNE 17, 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 – June 17, 2025

APPROVAL OF BUDGET MEETING MINUTES – May 28, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2025

PRESENTATION: Mrs. Monica Robinson – Executive Director, Crisp County Community Council and GA Family Connection Collaborative

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES: Mrs. Michelle Murray – Michelle's Ordinance No. 2024-03

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT/GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Community Advancement/Community Development
2. Finance Department
3. Fire Department
4. Human Resource Director

7. Public Works Department
8. Social Media Marketing Manager
9. UC&T Director
10. IT Department

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and Approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Use of the Community Clubhouse by the Chairman and Members of the Cordele City Commission; Providing for Payment of a Deposit; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.
2. First Reading of an Ordinance Declaring a Portion of the Municipal Street System as Unnecessary; Repealing all Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Such Other Purposes.
3. Consider and Approve the Tango Tango Agreement for the Fire Department.
4. Consider and Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Cordele Fire Department and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the Purchase of Four (4) Automated External Defibrillators.
5. Consider and Approve the Agreement between the City of Cordele and Inliner Solutions, LLC for Phase II of the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
6. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**
7. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDELE
AGENDA REQUEST FORM

NAME: Michelle Murray
ADDRESS: 908 E 16th Ave
CITY: Cordele STATE: GA ZIP: 31015
PHONE: 386 854 5701 E-MAIL: _____

STATEMENT OF TOPIC REQUESTED TO BE ADDRESSED: _____
Ordinance No. 2024-03

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.

6/10/25
Date

Michelle Murray
Speaker Signature

Received by: Gonimero Mytey - 6.13.2025
City of Cordele Representative



ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING SECURITY FOR ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Cordele regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages in the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of alcoholic beverages protects the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has become aware of several establishments providing on premise consumption of alcohol who have allowed disturbances on premises and on the curtilage of the establishment; and

WHEREAS, after study and deliberation, the City Commission has determined that establishments providing on premise consumption of alcohol should provide greater security for the efficient and safe operation of the establishment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Cordele City Commission that the City Code should be amended as follows:

Section 1. A new section 3-140 entitled "Security Required For Establishments Providing On Premise Consumption Of Alcohol" is adopted as follows:

"Any establishment planning a license for on premise consumption that derives fifty percent or more from its gross income from the sale of alcoholic beverages shall provide security between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and closing. Security personnel shall be POST certified law enforcement officers. The establishment shall provide a minimum of one officer for every two hundred patrons. The establishment shall provide an additional officer for every two hundred or any portion of a hundred patrons thereafter notwithstanding that the security personnel shall be compensated by the establishment, officers shall file a written report of any violation on the licensed premises either by a patron, an employee of the establishment, or the licensee and the officer shall take action necessary to enforce any local, state or federal law or ordinance."

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this 6th day of March, 2024.

CITY OF CORDELE

By: _____

Chairman, Joshua Deriso



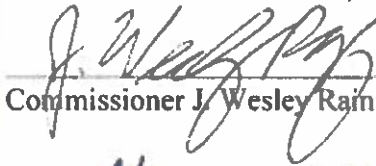
Commission Vice Chair Royce Reeves, Sr., Ward Two



Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard, Ward One



Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three



Commissioner J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four

Attest: 

City Clerk, Genivieve (Janice) Mumphery





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family connection

Crisp County Community Council, Inc
FY26 Annual Plan
July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Year 2 of FY25-27 Planning and Implementation Cycle

Governance Type: Private nonprofit body (even if not serving as your own fiscal agent)

Governance Subtype: Not applicable

Collaborative Functional Type: Partner Engagement

Plan Focus: This collaborative will prioritize the strengthening of children and families within our community by fostering collaboration among partners and local organizations. Our approach will center on the effective sharing of data and information, enhancing communication, and building capacity to better link families with essential community resources. We will actively work with the school system to improve school readiness, attendance and third-grade reading proficiency, which are critical indicators of future academic success. Recognizing the importance of mental health, we will work to increase accessibility to mental health services for families, addressing a vital component of overall well-being. To ensure that our programs and services are equitable and effectively meet the needs of our community, we will utilize disaggregated data and apply a race, equity, and inclusion lens. This will guide our efforts to focus on serving families with the greatest need, ensuring that all families have equitable access to the resources and support they require. Through these strategic initiatives, we aim to create a more connected, informed, and supportive community that empowers children and families to achieve their fullest potential.

Strategy Name: Wellness, academic success, and early childhood literacy

Phase of Strategy Implementation: Partial Implementation

Desired Outcome: Improved wellness, academic success and early childhood literacy

Strategy Statement: Crisp County Family Connection Collaborative will work with collaborative partners to provide early childhood health and education (EC-HEED) opportunities and activities for children grades K-12 and their parents that promote improved wellness, and academic success and early childhood literacy.

Child and Family Indicators:

Indicator	Result Area	Data Source	Notes
3rd grade students achieving Proficient Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment [CS8b]	Children Succeeding in School	KIDS COUNT Website	
Children absent more than 15 days from school [CS1]	Children Succeeding in School	KIDS COUNT Website	
Children with a substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect (per 1,000) [SF3]	Stable, Self-Sufficient and Productive Families	KIDS COUNT Website	
Children living in poverty [SC3]	Thriving Communities	KIDS COUNT Website	
Families, with children, with annual incomes less than 150% of the federal poverty threshold [SC5]	Thriving Communities	KIDS COUNT Website	

Activities:

Type	Name	Description	Population of Focus	Code
Systems Change	Attendance Protocol	Collaborate with our local Crisp County School System to re-write the attendance protocol in an effort to improve the absenteeism rate.	DFCS, school system and judicial system partners	[SA20]
Collaborative Development	Mental Health Strategy Team	Fostering collaboration and networking among mental health service providers for the purpose of effective collaborative functioning in strategy implementation and support in order to improve the access to mental health services in rural areas for children and families.	Mental health service providers	[CA11]

Collaborative Development	Health and Wellness Coalition	Fostering collaboration and networking among healthcare service providers for the purpose of effective collaborative functioning in strategy implementation and support, in order to improve physical health outcomes for children and families.	Healthcare service providers	[CA11]
Collaborative Development	Homelessness Coalition	Fostering collaboration and networking among community leaders for the purpose of effective collaborative functioning in strategy implementation and support, in order to provide services and supports for those who are homeless and to reduce homelessness in Crisp County.	Collaborative partners	[CA11]
Family Engagement	Family Engagement Team	Create a Family Engagement Team in order to engage and involve Crisp County families in the work of the collaborative as well as gather input concerning the needs of families and children for increased school success.	Families	[FEE8]
Results Accountability	Annual Data Review	Conduct annual data review event that involves distribution of reports that pertain to results accountability to include Community Emerging Trends Profile, Birth to 21 Snapshot, County Data Profile, and Collaborative Vitality Survey Findings. Work with results and accountability team to develop a Qualitative Survey.	Collaborative partners	[RA2]
Sustainability	General Fundraising	Develop other fundraising activities to raise funds for strategies designed for improved school success and child well-being.	Community at large	[ST14]
Sustainability	Father Daughter Dance	Conduct the Crisp County Father Daughter Dance to foster a positive relationship between fathers and daughter and to raise funds to support the initiatives.	Community at large	[ST14]
Sustainability	Crisp Care Awards	Conduct the organization's annual meeting, the Crisp County Care Awards, to raise awareness and support for collaborative initiatives and to raise funds to support the initiatives.	Collaborative partners and community at large	[ST6]

Programs & Services:

Type	Name	Description	Population of Focus	Number to be Served	Lead Implementing Partner	Collaborative Responsibility	Code	Resource Status	Resources End
Child Development	Little Libraries	Provide access to books in a collaborative approach to promote Little Libraries programming.	Children	100+	Cordele Carnegie Library	Book collection	[CD7]	Fully Resourced	3 Years+
Child Development	Baby Bookworms	Engage families of children 0 to 3 to increase 3rd grade level reading scores by providing access to books and language nutrition.	Children 0-3	75+	UGA Extension Office	Coordinate, promote, and raise funds	[CD7]	Fully Resourced	3 Years+
Child Development	Food, Fun and Reading	Provide children 0-3 with language nutrition, health education, access to books, and arts education.	Youth Pre-K	15+	UGA Extension Service, Family and Consumer Science	Coordination, promotion, and providing volunteers	[CD7]	Fully Resourced	3 Years+
Youth Development	Teen Development	In partnership with the Crisp County School system, develop, plan and conduct teen development opportunities to include initiatives related to workforce development, teen pregnancy prevention, mental health awareness, and life skills instruction.	Youth - 6th-12th grades	400+	Crisp County Schools	Coordination and volunteers	[YD11]	Fully Resourced	1-2 Years
Youth Development	Adopt an Athlete	In partnership with Crisp Recreation Department, provide financial assistance and resources for children to participate in sports activities and programs through an	Youth - 8th-12th grades	300+	Crisp County Recreation Department	Administrative oversight and volunteers for fundraising activities.	[YD8]	Fully Resourced	3 Years+

		annual fundraising sports activity.						
Family/Adult Development	Darkness to Light	Provides education to adults on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.	Adults & Parents	25+	The Gateway Center	Coordination through Community Cafes' & promotion.	[FD1]	Partially Resourced 3 Years+
Family/Adult Development	Trauma Informed Training	A strengths-based training that aims to understand and respond to the impact of trauma on children and families.	Adults & Parents	25+	The Gateway Center	Coordination through Community Cafes' & promotion.	[FD1]	Partially Resourced 3 Years+
Family/Adult Development	Family Storytellers	Engages parents and adults to provide them with the skills and techniques to foster a home environment that encourages child parent interaction and literacy development.	Adults & Parents	10+	UGA	Promote and	[FD3]	Fully Resourced 3 Years+
Academic Development	Back to School Bash	Provide assistance in coordination and linking partners for New Light's Back to School Bash.	Families of students	575+	New Light International Outreach	Coordinate, promote, and raise funds	[AD11]	Fully Resourced 3 Years+
Physical Health Development	Pop-up Health Fair	Coordinate pop-up health fair for increased access to healthcare services for children and families.	Families and children	100+	Crisp County Community Council	Planning and implementation	[PH8]	Fully Resourced 1-2 Years
Economic Development	Homeless Coalition	Based on referrals from resource partners, provide resources for housing assistance.	Families of Students	15+	Crisp County Community Council	Planning and implementation.	[ED4]	Expansion Resources Needed <1 Year
Community-Wide	Little Libraries	Provide access to books in a collaborative approach to promote Little Libraries programming.	Crisp County Community	100+	Cordele Carnegie Library	Book collection	[CM8]	Fully Resourced 3 Years+

To Document and Monitor Progress:

Activity Name	What is being measured?	What is the data source?	Who will be responsible?	How often will the data be collected?	How will you communicate these results?
Collaborative Development	Number of families, children, teens, and students engaged in collaborative programs and events.	Sign-In sheets	Coordinator	Monthly	Collaborative and strategy team meetings
Crisp Care Awards & Father Daughter Dance, Sustainability	Total donations and sponsorships	Google sheets, financial reports	Coordinator	Monthly	Board of trustees, finance committee, strategy team, and collaborative meetings
Collaborative Development	Number of new collaborative members	Partner matrix, Google contacts	Coordinator	Monthly	Board of trustees, strategy team, and collaborative meetings
Little Libraries	Number of books distributed	Google sheets	Coordinator	Monthly	Collaborative and strategy team meetings
Back 2 School Bash, Father Daughter Dance,	Number of volunteers and partners participating	Sign-In sheets	Coordinator	Monthly	Collaborative and strategy team meetings
Collaborative Development	Collaborative functioning	Self-Assessment	Coordinator	Annually	Self-Assessment Report
Teen Maze, Teen Development	Teen Births, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) [HC5]	KIDS COUNT	Coordinator	Annually	Collaborative data review
Food, Fun, Reading & Family Story Tellers	3rd grade students achieving Proficient Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment [CS8a]	KIDS COUNT	Coordinator	Annually	Collaborative data review
Attendance Protocol	Children absent more than 15 days from school [CS1]	KIDS COUNT	Coordinator	Annually	Collaborative data review
Homeless Coalition, Mental Health Strategy Team	Children with a substantiated incident of abuse and neglect (per 1,000) [SF3]	KIDS COUNT	Coordinator	Annually	Collaborative data review

MINUTES
CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION BUDGET MEETING
May 28, 2025

The City of Cordele Commission held a Budget Meeting on May 28, 2025, at 5:00 PM, Cordele City Hall Police Department Training Room, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chair
Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager

J. Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chair
Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary

Staff present: Sonya Alexander – Finance Director, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Marcia Pridgen – Interim Works Director, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Nancy Crook – Chief Municipal Court Clerk, Maurice Hill – Community Advancement Manager/ Community Development, Rick Smarr – Social Media/Marketing Manager.

Call to Order: Commission Chair Joshua Deriso called the Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

INVOCATION: There was a moment of silent 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		✓
J. Wesley Raney	Commission Vice Chairman, Ward 4		✓
Vesta Beal-Shephard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓
Vacant	Ward 2		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 28, 2025: Commission Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Agenda for May 28, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Agenda for May 28, 2025 was approved by the Commission.

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.

AGENDA ITEMS

- BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:** Commissioner Owens moved to discuss the Budget Items; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.
To discuss the Budget Items were approved by the Commission.

UTILITIES, CONTROL & TREATMENT: Debbie Wright

Concerns: A forty-five-year-old Treatment Plant that was suppose to last for twenty years; it very concerning that the Operating Equipment Budget went from \$400,000 to \$200,000.

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Triple Filter Number Two tore up on yesterday, May 27, 2025. Mrs. Wright stated that a Contractor is here today, May 28, 2025, to look at it. It will take a huge crane to get it up because the barrens are all gone, it is a hard thing to get to. She also stated that new Budget has not started and she is already over Budget by \$223,000.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that the Water/Waste Treatment is not over Budget, there is not much left of your Budget, but you are not over Budget.

City Manager Angela Redding asked, "in a line item or overall?"

Debbie Wright: Operating Equipment Maintenance.

City Manager Angela Redding: You are over Budget because of the pump issue.

Chairman Deriso stated that the largest area that he sees is Supplies (00053). You are under Budget in every other category.

Debbie Wright: Concern about the 531540-Equipment Maintenance.

City Manager Angela Redding: The cost in this line item were unexpected.

Debbie Wright: This line item 531540 is my biggest concern.

Vice Chairman Rainey asked if it will be more feasible to build a Water Treatment Plant where the present one sits or keep the present Water Treatment Plant and build a smaller one on the East side closer to where the growth is (Interstate, possibly going North or South).

Debbie Wright stated that EPD said at one time that they will never permit or discharge into Cedar Creek. So that might eliminate some of that, because Cedar Creek runs that way. EPD said years ago they will never Permit a Treatment Plant on that Creek.

City Manager Angela Redding stated, if we decide to go in that direction, we need to make sure that they are designed well.

There was an in-depth discussion on a new Waste/Water Treatment Plant, Lift Station and the new Data Center.

HUMAN RESOURCES: David Wade

Presenting a Budget that is 6900.00 increase over last year's Budget. Several changes contributed to this increase.

Purchased/Contracted Services: 521310-IT/OFC Equipment Maintenance – We have \$3,000 budgeted in this account. This is for the HRIS System, software support. Last year that cost was \$3,397.00, about \$400 over Budget. Requesting one additional \$500 in that line item.

Reducing line items: Travel (523500), Dues & Fees (523600, Education & Training (523700); Reducing travel by \$300, dues and fees by \$400 and training by \$200. Which actually gives a \$400 reduction in Purchased/Contracted Services.

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Capital Outlays increase of \$7300: Office Chair - \$400, upgrade computer, in addition to getting a laptop for the Department. Requesting \$3,000 for a desktop and laptop computer, Requesting \$3,900 for an ID Badge Maker – this will be for all departments; this includes software, printer and all accessories.

Human Resource - \$6900 increase in the Budget for this year.

JUDICIAL: Nancy Crook

Requesting an increase:

Travel – extra \$500

Uniform Budget – new uniforms

PUBLIC WORKS: Marcia Pridgen

There are no changes in the line items total, except for LMIG. LMIG increased by \$12,037.50.

Water Distribution: Three changes

Regular Salaries increased by \$16,000

Medicare increased by \$500

Add \$500 to advertising – for the ARPA Project

Chairman Deriso: Salaries for Water Distribution – under for overtime, but over in salaries.

City Manager Angela Redding: We are over budget in Salaries in Water Distribution. This is as of May 22, 2025, but we still have expenses through the remainder of this month and June. With salaries, numbers were entered on what we currently have, because (1) we have not discussed COLA; (2) just to get a true picture of where the City is, the same number was dropped in for salaries. We will need to make an adjustment because this is as of May 22, 2025 and it is over by \$15,000 in salaries for Water Distribution.

Chairman Deriso: How has the on-call policy changed anything, as far as what is being paid out? Because there was a system that was not good.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that it changed in terms of the amount that was approved by this Body, in terms of on-call, which lowered the amount to five (5) hours for weekdays and 4 hours for the weekend; before it was eighteen (18) hours a week and now it is nine (9) hours a week. We should see some savings in fuel because of the new policy that was implemented regarding take home vehicles. As we look at the expenditures for next month, we can make an adjustment there as well.

Chairman Deriso: As I look at the Maintenance category, the City is paying a lot in the Maintenance category. This seems to be where a lot of the over budgeting is happening.

City Manager Angela Redding: It is antiquated equipment. In Gas and Water, you will see where we are over. We had to move the utility lines for the new bridge on 41 and then there is another area, Fenn Road, where improvements are being made. Right now, the City is responsible for the cost to relocate the utilities, instead of GDOT.

City Manager Angela Redding: Public Works is requesting an additional person in the Meter Department. Benny Harpe is the main person and he is getting closer to retirement age. Benny Harper is requesting an additional employee in the Meter Department.

Chairman Deriso: How can the City be over in regular salaries and under in overtime?

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Sonya Alexaner – Finance Director: Overtime went down because some of the employees moved to salary. This is the decrease in overtime.

Engineering: One change, Medicare increased by \$80.00.

Chairman Deriso: Asked about the situation with the Contractor regarding the Dump Truck, is this in the Budget?

Marcia Pridgen: No, it is not.

Chairman Deriso: Where is this in Budget?

City Manager Angela Redding: That is being deducted from the Contractor's pay.

Gas Department: Three changes

Regular salary uncreased by \$3,000.

Overtime decreased by \$3,000.

Chemicals decreased by \$500.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: Sonya Alexander

Regular Salaries decreased by \$5,000, but that line item does include a new employee, if the Drive-thru window is opened. It is already included in the salary.

Overtime reduced by \$2,000 for the same reason, salary employees.

Professional Services: Increased to \$7,000, we had to hire an Auditor to help with the audit.

Insurance and Bonding decreased to \$25,000.

Late fees – do not have any money in this line item, so \$300 was put in.

Operating Supplies and Material – Reduced by \$4,000

Office Supplies – Reduced by a \$1,000

Capital Outlays – Put in \$5,000 for computers.

City Manager Angela Redding stated it was reported that an employee was already budgeted for the drive-thru window. But the counter, replace the window, replace the microphone and a cash drawer, and a computer for that area. We do not have the cost, but the cost will be obtained, so this will be presented to the Commission. City Manager Angela Redding also stated that the City needs to look at new Accounting Software. Normally, you all would have a schedule with expenses, revenue, so we can get an idea of where we are, in terms of fund balance, where we need to utilize fund balance. The system that we have is very antiquated, QSI. We have issues with finance and property taxes, all the information is not in the system, in terms of the report for revenues. Sonya Alexander – Finance Director is working with QSI on this issue. We hope to have this issue resolved in maybe the next day or two. The new Accounting Software is programmed in SPLOST.

POLICE: Chief Jalon Heard

Overtime: Over Budget on overtime. The main reason is the ranks are being filled. Naturally, it is overtime for Officers, they work twelve hours shifts.

Accomplishments:

Community Engagement: In 2024, twenty-four (24) events were done. In 2025, the Police Department has continued to do Community Events, but the focus has been shifted to partnering with a lot of other organizations. Chief Heard stated that he thinks this way is more

efficient. In 2025, the Police Department has done twenty-nine (29) Community Events, so far this year.

Training: Each division under the Police Department has received top-notch training, this included Codes and Animal Control. With the Police Department, Virtual Academy Platform is now being used for training.

Codes: Codes have been one of the largest transformations that the Department has had. When Codes went to the IWorq System. The IWorq System is a whole different, unique platform that keeps up with Codes related issues. Codes have been to different types of training; they have received different types of certifications.

Manpower: The Police Department did lose a Front Desk Clerk, a Patrol Corporal and a Patrol Sergeant. However, the Police Department has promoted two Sergeants, a Corporal and we have hired four (4) female Officers.

The Police Department is steady receiving applications for employment.

Budget Summary:

Chief Heard would like for the manpower to be shifted for the Front Desk Clerks because of City Hall closing at 5:00 PM, this will assist with overtime.

CID Clerk position vacant: this position no longer exists; it is a hybrid position. Chief Heard stated for the CID Clerk position to be changed into an Accreditation Clerk Position.

Vehicles – Requesting four (4) Dodge Chargers. The Police Department does not have another CID Vehicle, there is a CID position, but not a vehicle. A request for a CID Vehicle.

Chief Heard is requesting a Training Facility. He is not asking for any extra money.

City Manager Angela Redding asked if the \$66,000 remaining in the proposed Budget, is this for the additional items?

Chief Heard stated that amount is for the computers. He is hoping to spend this before the new Budget. The \$66,000 in the proposed Budget was carried over from the current Budget.

There was a detailed discussion regarding the closing of the Police Department at night because the lobby of City Hall closes at 5:00 PM.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Todd Alligood

Chief Alligood stated that the Fire Department is under budget at this time. He also gave a Review of 2025 Budget.

All Fire Fighters are CPR, AD and Emergency Medical Response Certified.

Currently have six (6) EMTs on staff and four (4) more in class.

Have one (1) Paramedic on Staff and a Registered Nurse.

Deputy Chief Bullington handles all the Fire Department Inspections.

Cordele Fire Department is a Regional Training Facility. The Cordele Fire Department is now a Regional Training facility; we are teaching Certified classes to Cordele Firefighters and also to other Departments as well.

Added an Arson Investigator, this is in partnership with the Police Department.

Have two Fire Inspectors, Deputy Chief Bullington and Lt. Cook

Increased staffing to eight (8) Firefighters, one per shift.

Built a new Live Fire Burn Building on 8th Avenue West.

Able to achieve the ISO Class 2 Rating.

2026 Future Immediate Considerations, these are things that were not put in the Fire Department Budget:

Preconstruction Discussion for Station 3; call volume has doubled, the data center is coming, we have an Automatic Aide Agreement, Pateville Road is building industrial, there are new subdivisions coming.

In the future a discussion of a third Fire Station.

Fire Department Todd Alligood stated the he will do the leg work and he will figure it all out, between him and City Manager Angela Redding. He asked for the okay to start with Fire Station 3. Chief Alligood stated that it might take three (3) years before it is completed. He stated that he would like to do is get some initial plans, get with GMA, get with an Engineer to look at the property that the City already owns that can take that plan and say, "yes", I think we can build it here and then get a general idea of what it will cost and then let us talk about it seriously. Chief Alligood asked to turn him loose to get figures.

Crew size: The Fire Department has increased to four (4) on the Engines and two (2) on the Ladder. The NFPA suggest that there are four (4) on each. So, the Fire Department is about four (4) people short on all three (3) shifts. So, we are about twelve (12) Firefighters short. Chief Alligood stated he did not ask for Personnel, they just got to full staff. Moving forward Fire Fighters have to be increased.

Fire Alligood gave Future ISO considerations.

2026 Budget Proposals:

Increase overtime

Building repair and Maintenance

Travel/Dues/Fees/Education/Training

Energy and Electricity

Equipment and Instruments

Chief Alligood stated that everything he is asking for is a need.

FY 2025 Budget \$2.466 million

FY 2026 Budget \$2.459 million includes everything

There was a discussion of increased EMS calls and building Fire Department #3.

ELECTIONS – City Manager Angela Redding

Requesting \$10,000. There are three seats up for elections this year.

E-911 – City Manager Angela Redding

The Budget is the same. City Manager Angela Redding stated that she has been asked by the Interim County Administrator to meet regarding E911. He would like to present some information regarding increased cost that they are experiencing with E911.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – City Manager Angela Redding.

The Budget remains the same. This is an Agreement that the City has with Chamber of Commerce

for the Hotel/Motel Tax.

CLINIC – City Manager Angela Redding.

The Budget remains the same. \$29,811.00 remaining.

COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE – City Manager Angela Redding

The Budget remains the same.

LIBRARY – City Manager Angela Redding.

Increased Building Maintenance by \$2,000.

MAIN STREET – City Manager Angela Redding

The Budget is the same.

PARKS & MAINTENANCE:

The Budget is the same.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Increase the Budget: have extended offer an offer for the Director's position. A meeting will be scheduled with the Governing Body. In terms of the Community Development Department, the Zoning Ordinance needs to be updated, additional funds were placed in the Budget in Professional Services. Other items were added, in anticipation of some initiatives that the Director may have, in terms of doing more with the Community, advertising was increase, travel for different Conferences. \$3,000 was added for computers.

LEGISLATIVE – City Manager Angela Redding

Salary was increased, because of the increase in pay effective January 1, 2026.

Professional Services is higher because of the abatement of properties, telecommunications with GMA.

Travel, Dues & Fees, Education and Training – increased

River Valley was coded to Dues and Fees; dues and fees will be adjusted

EXECUTIVE – City Manager Angela Redding

Salaries were rolled forward for Budget review purposes.

Contributions, Social Security – there looks alike a need to increase those items.

Technical Services – Increased.

Building Repair and Maintenance has increased. Building and Maintenance is all under Executive.

Insurance and Bonding – the cost will be known in July.

Advertising – Increased.

Operating Supplies will be looked at by the City Manager and Finance Director.

Office Supplies will be looked at in all departments.

Computer quotes have been requested. City Manager Angela Redding stated that she knows that five are needed.

DEBT SERVICE – City Manager Angela Redding

Debt Service have been reduced; some buildings were paid off last year. The items that were

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in the Budget here, SPLOST should have been coded to. It has been coded to the SPLOST, instead of Debt Service. This is the reason Debt Services can be reduced.

Other Items:

The Budget does not include COLA.

The Christmas Bonus, City Manager Angela Redding recommended doing the same as last year.

Policies that are being looked at:
Sick leave sell back Policy.

City Manager Angela Redding requested for an Executive Session for Personnel reasons.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate): Commissioner Owens moved to go into Executive Session at 7:18 PM to discuss Personnel; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
It was approved by the Commission to go into Executive Session.

3. **REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED:**
Commissioner Shephard moved to Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:23 PM; seconded by Commissioner Owens; The Commission approved to reconvene the Meeting at 8:23 PM.

Commissioner Shephard moved to change the Regular Meeting for June 3, 2025 to 8:00 AM from 9:00 AM; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved to change the Regular Meeting time to 8:00 AM for June 3, 2025 Meeting from 9:00 AM.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:30 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held On June 3, 2025, 8:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th 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: Sonya Alexander – Finance Director, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Nancy Crook – Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Marcia Pridgen – Interim Public Works Director, Rick Smarr – Social Media Marketing Manager, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, Bobby Stennett – IT.

Media Present: Joshua Windus – Cordele Dispatch.

Call to Order: Chairman Joshua Deriso, called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:01 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.

Chairman Deriso informed the citizens the rationale for the Meeting beginning at 8:00 AM.

Invocation: There was a moment of silence.

Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Roll Call: A quorum was established

Attendee's Name	Title	Present	Absent
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman	✓	
J. Wesley Rainey	Commission Vice Chairman Ward Four	✓	
Vesta Beal Shephard	Commissioner Ward One	✓	
Vacant	Commissioner Ward Two		
Isaac H. Owens	Commissioner Ward Three	✓	

City Manager Angela Redding requested for the Agenda to be amended to add the Ordinance for the Community Clubhouse and to remove the Presentation for the Executive Director, Monica Robinson, Crisp County Community Council and GA Family Connection Collaborative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: June 3, 2025: Commissioner Shephard moved to amend the Agenda, for June 3, 2025; to add the Community Clubhouse Ordinance and to remove the Presentation for the

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Executive Director, Monica Robinson, Crisp County Community Council and GA Family Connection Collaborative; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

The Commission approved for the Agenda of June 3, 2025 to be Amended.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – May 20, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES – May 6, 2025: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2025; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

The Work Session Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES: No Requests.

SPEAKER ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM: No Requests.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Proclamation: Municipal Court Clerk Week – June 9 – 13, 2025.
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Proclamation for Municipal Court Clerk Week; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Proclamation was approved by the Commission.
Commissioner Owens presented the Proclamation to Nancy Crook – Chief Clerk Municipal Court and Jarmiah Burks – Deputy Municipal Court Clerk.
2. Event Permit: Watermelon 5K/1 Mile Fun Run – Organizer – Candace Boutwell, Destiny Fitness, 1107 S. Greer St., Cordele, GA. Date of Event: June 21, 2025; Start time – 8:00 AM. See attachment for route. Chief Heard reviewed this permit on May 28, 2025.
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.
The Watermelon 5K/1 Mile Fun Run was approved by the Commission.
3. Watermelon Festival Parade Permit: Organizer – Monica Simmons, Cordele Crisp Chamber – 502 S. 2nd St.; Cordele Lions Club, 2101 Hwy 41 S. Date of Parade: June 28, 2025; Line up starts at 7:30 AM; Parade Starts at 8:00 AM. The route of the Parade – Begins at East 15th Ave. and 6th Street – proceeds East on 15th Ave. ending at Pecan Street. Chief Heard reviewed this Permit on May 24, 2024.
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Watermelon Festival Parade Permit; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.
The Commission approved the Watermelon Festival Parade Permit.
4. Consider and Approve the First and Second Reading of the General Election Ordinance. The City Commission of the City of Cordele hereby ordains that pursuant to the Charter of the City of Cordele, as amended, and the Georgia Elections Code, as amended through the Regular 2025 Session of the Georgia General Assembly, the General Election for the City Commission Ward

2, City Commission Ward 3, and the At-Large position on the City Commission as provided by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1, et seq., to fill terms expiring on December 31, 2025, shall be under the following terms and conditions.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman requested a Second Reading on this Ordinance.

Vice Chair Rainey moved to approve the First Reading of the General Election Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman asked for this to be the Second Reading of the General Election Ordinance also.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved the First and Second Reading of the General Election Ordinance.

5. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$500.00 for BGES Youth Camp; Repealing All Resolutions In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes.
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$500.00 for BGES Youth Camp; seconded by Commissioner Owens.
Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.
The Commission approved a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$500.00 for BGES Youth Camp.
6. Consider and Approve the Recommendation to Award Phase 2 of the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Inliner Solutions, LLC.
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Recommendation to Award Phase 2 of the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation to Inliner Solutions, LLC; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.
Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.
The Commission approved the Recommendation to Award Phase 2 of the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Inliner Solutions, LLC.
7. Consider and Approve LMIG 2025 Supplemental Projects.
Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the LMIG 2025 Supplemental Projects; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.
The Commission approved the LMIG 2025 Supplemental Projects.
8. Consider and Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Use of the Community Clubhouse by the Chairman and Members of the Cordele City Commission; providing for payments of a deposit; repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.
Commissioner Owens moved to approve an Ordinance Providing for the Use of the Community Clubhouse by the Chairman and Members of the Cordele City Commission; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.
The Commission approved the First Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Use of the Community Clubhouse by the Chairman and Members of the Cordele City Commission.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate) No Executive Session.

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- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Shephard moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:18 AM; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Commission adjourned the Meeting at 8:18 AM.



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



TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Hill

DATE: June 3, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager Report
Community Development Director Report**

Community Advancement Manager Report

Good morning,

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

- Attended the GALBA Programs Committee Meeting on May 19th to discuss recruiting other cities and counties to start Land Banks.
- Talked with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission on May 20th and they had approximately 50 calls for the CHIP Program Grant. They are compiling the data and will send out applications to qualified residents and I will work with them to complete the applications and return them to SWGRC.
- Met with the landowner of the 35 + acre property next to the Farmers Market on May 20th to discuss utilizing the property as a 4H Camp. Scheduling the next meeting with both groups and DNR to discuss the details of the non-motorized trails and camp layout.
- Attended the Accident and Incident Report Meeting on May 21, to discuss the various Department injuries, accidents, etc.
- Attended the CRC/SEID Grant Webinar on May 22nd to get information on the Pre-Application process for grant funding Economic Development projects. Submitted the Pre-Application on May 27th with a July response and September Grant Awards date.
- Talked with ACE (Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs) on May 23rd to schedule Quarterly Work Sessions for Business Owners in Cordele needing capital for their businesses.



GEORGIA
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

VACANT
Ward 2

WESLEY RAINEY
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner, Ward 3

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD
Commissioner, Ward 1

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Community Development Director Report

Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Re-Scheduled for June at 6 pm

The property owned by Thomas Marshall / Curlene Thomas at 708 E. 14th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to add an addition, enclosing the existing open front porch with a screened-in design.

This property is owned by Andrieka Oliver located at 507 E 12th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to replace the windows, replacing the wood on the exterior and painting the outside of the home.

Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - Meeting Scheduled for June 26 at 10 am

The property owner is requesting a variance in lot frontage, lot width and lot size requirements from the current 50 ft (measured at street) and 75 ft (at front of the building line) to 50 ft (measured at the street) and 50 ft (at front of the building line) in order to build new homes on the following described tract of land located at E 20th Avenue, City of Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia, currently zoned (R-7.5S) Single Family/Medium Density.

The current zoning will not allow homes to be built on most of the lots because the (75 ft building line width measurement) is larger than the (50 ft street measurement).

The property is owned by Doubled Up Outdoor Properties, LLC, 125 Blanchard Street, Valdosta, Georgia (Owner-Agent).

Planning Commission Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at this time

Revolving Loan Fund Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at the time

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

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD
Commissioner, Ward 1

VACANT
Ward 2

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner, Ward 3

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager



TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Hill

DATE: June 17, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager Report
Community Development Director Report**

Community Advancement Manager Report

Good morning,

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

- Submitted a SCRC/SEID Grant Pre-Application for funding on 6/5 and received a Notification that out of 90 applications, the Cordele submission made it to the second round and the completed applications are due on 6/18.
- Attended the DNR Rails to Trails Workshop on 6/3 to become eligible to submit a grant for Non-Motorized Walking Trail from Downtown Cordele to the Farmers Market.
- I received the CHIP Grant Notification and approximately 50 residents called to apply for the grant. SWGRC will send the applications directly to homeowners and we are planning several application sessions to assist homeowners in completing applications.
- Since CHIP does not apply to Mobile and Modular Homes, I reached out to USDA for their 502 and 504 Home Repair Program Information and Applications. We will conduct additional Application Workshops for residents that don't qualify for the CHIP Grant.
- Met with Tokasee Farms and 4H on 6/4 to discuss details on creating a Year-Round 4H Center on the property next to the Farmers market on Hwy 41.
- Attending the Community Action Council Grand Opening in Montezuma on 6/6 and met several service organizations to bring Unity Weatherization, The Fatherhood and The Georgia Diaper Distribution Programs, Innovative Senior Solutions and AE Touch Technology.



GEORGIA
MAIN STREET

JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

VACANT
Ward 2

WESLEY RAINEY
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner, Ward 3

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD
Commissioner, Ward 1

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Community Development Director Report

Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Scheduled for June 18th - 6 pm

The property owned by Thomas Marshall / Curlene Thomas at 708 E. 14th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to add an addition, enclosing the existing open front porch with a screened-in design.

This property is owned by Andrieka Oliver located at 507 E 12th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to replace the windows, replacing the wood on the exterior and painting the outside of the home.

This property is owned by Genivieve (Janice) Mumphery located at 809 W 15th Ave Cordele, GA, has applied to remove the screen from the front porch, redo the front steps, repair both the front and back porches, paint the exterior of the home, restore the walkway to its original design.

Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - Meeting Scheduled for June 26th - 10 am

I received an updated Single-Family Plat from The Orchard and working to schedule them in June for the request for a variance to the lot frontage, lot width and lot size requirements before the Board of zoning Appeals.

Planning Commission Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at this time

Revolving Loan Fund Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at the time

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: May 30, 2025
RE: City Commission Report



City of Cordelle
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
2/27/2023	\$213,693.35	January	2/24/2023	\$228,904.97	December	2/28/2023	\$26,894.52	January	\$469,492.84
3/30/2023	\$204,834.30	February	3/28/2023	\$207,086.70	January	3/31/2023	\$28,042.50	February	\$439,963.50
4/28/2023	\$247,792.98	March	4/24/2023	\$198,730.99	February	4/28/2023	\$31,510.17	March	\$478,034.14
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		December	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



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

DATE: 6/10/2025
RE: City Commission Report

May-25
Financial Summary

UTILITIES	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Billed	\$ 729,103.93	\$ 371,730.69	\$ 682,797.01	\$ 529,745.30	\$ 414,207.10	\$ 717,029.35	\$ 722,149.64	\$ 756,587.36	\$ 566,449.03	\$ 527,029.03
Collected	\$ 566,259.27	\$ 532,067.84	\$ 567,210.47	\$ 489,728.57	\$ 611,010.63	\$ 660,209.40	\$ 704,378.74	\$ 667,062.78	\$ 570,763.81	\$ 576,436.18
Added	20	32	35	33	34	32	31	34	42	27
Transferred or Reconnected	86	67	75	69	68	51	65	71	58	76

BUSINESS LICENSE	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
License Fees Collected	\$ 14,350.17	\$ 1,111.14	\$ 5,397.08	\$ 15,379.72	\$ 72,743.15	\$ 86,940.49	\$ 116,982.61	\$ 226,938.91	\$ 72,397.61	\$ 23,776.31
Late Penalties Collected	\$ 176.82	\$ 27.19	\$ 74.21	\$ -	\$ 56.09	\$ 470.13	\$ 329.94	\$ 185.01	\$ 3,835.45	\$ 2,630.19
Total Collected	\$ 14,526.99	\$ 1,138.33	\$ 5,471.29	\$ 15,379.72	\$ 72,799.24	\$ 87,410.62	\$ 117,312.55	\$ 227,123.92	\$ 76,233.06	\$ 26,406.50
Renewals	6	1	3	11	116	201	251	232	126	33
New Licenses	8	6	12	9	4	18	36	15	12	16

PROPERTY TAX	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Penalties & Interest Collected	\$ 22,020.13	\$ 10,741.65	\$ 2,023.24	\$ 3,993.34	\$ 11,473.55	\$ 15,235.29	\$ 20,891.08	\$ 9,496.33	\$ 2,785.67	\$ 2,018.44
Prior Year Taxes Collected	\$ 84,443.85	\$ 30,884.23	\$ 15,816.85	\$ 13,964.32	\$ 10,401.97	\$ 29,965.48	\$ 27,248.36	\$ 18,921.25	\$ 2,964.88	\$ 2,730.91
2024 Taxes Collected	\$ 26,271.83	\$ 11,369.60	\$ 6,532.17	\$ 2,553.68	\$ 9,242.56	\$ 870,764.17	\$ 1,074,112.61	\$ 840,911.61	\$ 46,800.95	\$ 24,383.15
Total Collected	\$ 132,735.81	\$ 52,995.48	\$ 24,372.26	\$ 20,511.34	\$ 31,118.08	\$ 915,964.94	\$ 1,122,252.05	\$ 869,329.19	\$ 52,551.50	\$ 29,132.50

CASH	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Total Wages	\$ 520,126.15	\$ 523,961.77	\$ 538,076.25	\$ 878,549.75	\$ 586,999.07	\$ 598,685.96	\$ 574,631.44	\$ 575,077.95	\$ 567,633.68	\$ 841,577.78
Accounts Payable Transactions	211	253	222	350	185	219	254	196	219	301
Total Invoiced Disbursements	\$ 1,609,119.74	\$ 885,999.24	\$ 1,488,003.91	\$ 965,872.46	\$ 1,187,729.70	\$ 1,024,520.35	\$ 971,001.45	\$ 2,005,798.05	\$ 873,067.44	\$ 1,816,553.64

- 1 - 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 7th 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"*



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: May 27, 2025

Reference: **Commission Report**

Reporting Period: April 29, 2025 – May 27, 2025

1. Calls for Service: Total 71

VEHICLE FIRE	3
GRASS/RUBBISH FIRE	7
MEDICAL	25
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	8
PUBLIC SERVICE	2
STRUCTURE COLLAPSE	2
FALSE ALARM/OTHER	11
GAS SPILL	4
OTHER	9

2. Department News

- Budget Hearing for 2026 on 5/28.
- Central Georgia Fire Chief's Meeting at Community Clubhouse 6/5.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT



509 North 7th Street Cordele GA, 31015 Office 229-276-2970

Fire Chief Todd Alligood

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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: June 10, 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. Completed our annual GCIC audit.
2. Hosted the summer Central Georgia Fire Chief's Assoc. meeting here in Cordele at the Community Clubhouse. C-Shift prepared and served the meal. Bennett Fire Safety Products sponsored the meal. The meeting was well attended by approx. 35 Fire Chiefs and representatives from State Agencies.
3. Completed a fire drill with Crisp Regional Hospital.
4. We were awarded a \$12,000 Grant through Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security. This Grant will be used to purchase (4) LifePak 1000 AEDs.

Special thanks to Maurice Hill for organizing the meeting where we received the Grant information and Representative Noel Williams for submitting our Grant request to the Appropriations Committee at the State Legislature.

Thank you for your continued support!



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

DATE: May 27, 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 June 03, 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
JUNE 03, 2025

Accepting applications for Police Officer, Community Development Specialist, Refuse Facility Attendant, Customer Service Representative and Public Works Director.

April 30, 2025	Suspended the contract of a temporary employee in the Finance department effective May 01, 2025.
May 01, 2025	Participated in an on-line presentation with Michael Spears of NeoGov regarding their Insight program.
May 02, 2025	Began accepting in-house applications for Fleet Superintendent, Assistant Water & Sewer Superintendent, and Cemetery & Parks Equipment Operator.
May 06, 2025	Provided retirement census data, pension valuation reports, and personnel file sample selections for the annual audit.
May 07, 2025	Began completing applications and gathering information for the upcoming renewal of the Natural Gas, Cyber, Fleet, Equipment, Property and General Liability insurance policies.
May 08, 2025	Participated in an interview for Planning and Community Development Director.
May 12, 2025	Hired a Police Officer in the Police department.
May 14, 2025	Completed and submitted the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program semi-annual roster.
May 15, 2025	Conducted random Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) drug screens in the Gas department. All results were negative.
May 15, 2025	Melinda Spillers attended the Website Development Committee Super-User training.
May 21, 2025	Participated in the Safety and Accident Review Committee meeting.
May 27, 2025	Hired a seasonal Mechanic in the Fleet department that was previously working as a Work-Based Learning student.
May 27, 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 May 27, 2025

DEPT.	APPROVED POSITIONS	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	CONTRACT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	NOTE
Executive	9	8	0	0	1	
Human Resources	2	2	0	0	0	
Finance	10	6	1	0	3	
Police Department	44	34	0	0	10	
Fire Department	27	27	0	0	0	
Public Works	53	43	0	1	9	
Community Dev.	3	1	0	0	2	
U, C & T	12	11	0	0	1	
TOTALS	160	132	1	1	26	



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DATE: June 10, 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 June 17, 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**

JUNE 17, 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. **Performance appraisals have been received and entered into the HRIS program.**
 - b. **Began reviewing age, tenure and retirement eligibility of all employees for succession planning.**
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:
 - Encourage and provide leadership development by setting clear paths for advancement within the organization.
 - Cross-Department Training.
 - a. **Promoted an in-house application to Fleet Superintendent.**
 - b. **Cross-training an Equipment Operator in the Street department to assist Meter Management during peak times.**
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. **Career opportunities are being posted at South Georgia Technical College, Albany State University, Georgia Southwestern State University and Fort Valley State University.**



Cordele Police Department

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Jalon Heard, Chief of Police

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon Heard
Chief of Police

Date: May 27, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

Attached you 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: April 29, 2025 through May 26, 2025

I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
Part I Crimes	38
Homicide/Murder	0
Rape	0
Robberies (<u>Armed/By Force/Strong Arm</u>)	2
Motor Vehicle Thefts	1 (1 recovered)
Aggravated Assault	2
Larceny (Thefts)	29 (3 entering auto, 8 shoplifting with 6 adult arrests, 18 other thefts)
Burglary	4 (4 residential)
Part II Crimes	154
Incidents Reported	124
Community Contacts	8
Citations Issued	210
Warnings Issued	72
Total Calls for Service from Dispatch	1,374

II. Departmental News

We have two applicants in the hiring process. Our cadet successfully graduated the police academy on May 23rd. Congratulations to Officer Sheena Carlile.



Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report

Reporting Period: April 29, 2025 – May 26, 2025

I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents*
Abandoned Vehicle	5
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	6
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	0
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	5
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	40
Other	5

II. Departmental News

- Code Compliance Officers participated in three new preconstruction meetings at Public Works.
- Officer Lodge attended the Builder Officials Association of Georgia continuing education seminar classes.
- The plan reviews were completed and construction to begin on the new Aldi's grocery store renovation.

JUNE 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
Retail Space	Darrin Felton. 515 West 16 th Avenue. Job Valuation: \$350,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1230.00
Pinecrest Church	Renovation of the sanctuary at 1007 East 10 th Avenue Job Valuation: \$900,000.00 Permit Fee: \$2480.00
Harvey's/Aldi's	1011 East 16 th Avenue. Harvey's converting into Aldi. Job Valuation: \$1,843,981.00 Permit Fee: \$4,368.00

Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$4,593,981.00.00 Total of Permit Fees: \$11,758.00

PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Christian Homes Community	24 apartment complex on West 25 th Avenue. Job Valuation: \$5,598,766.00 Permit Fee: \$11,878.00
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Total of Residential Job Valuations: \$5,598,766.00 Permit Fees: \$11,878.00

Combined Total of Commercial/Residential: \$10,192,747.00

PENDING JOBS:

-Jones Petroleum Truck Stop	New Truck Stop at 2302 Highway 300. Plans received. On hold.
Single Family Home	1502 Fleming Road. Waiting on payment for permit.
RaceTrac Gas Station	New gas station at Corner of Hwy 300 and Frontage Road Waiting on plans and permit.
Single Family Home	1508 Fleming Road. Waiting on permit.
Advanced Drainage Systems	1013 West 11 th Avenue. Expansion part City/part County
Single-Family Home	84 Aberdeen Circle. Waiting on permit payment.

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

<u>Address</u>	<u>Commercial/Residential</u>	<u>By Owner/City</u>
408 West 17 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
903 West 11 th Avenue	Commercial	Owner
401 East 9 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
314 West 18 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
712 Broad Street	Residential	Owner
902 West 15 th Avenue	Residential	Owner
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Cordele Police Department (Animal Control) Commission Report

Reporting Period: April 29, 2025-May 26, 2025



I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Reported Numbers
Dog & Cat Intake Total:	145
<i>City Intake</i>	80
<i>Intakes from Crisp County</i>	25
<i>Intakes from Other Entities</i>	40
Number of Calls Received:	59
Number of Adoptions/Rescues:	Adoptions-45 Rescues-3 Owner Reclaims-4
Animals Currently at The Shelter:	Dogs-31 Cats-32 Numbers due to nursing moms&babies
Citations Issued:	8
Warnings Issued:	20
Open Shelter Slots:	2 dogs/7 cats

II. Division News:

*Donations are still coming in strong and are greatly appreciated!



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Jalon Heard Chief of Police

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon Heard
Chief of Police

Date: June 10, 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 is one applicant in the hiring process. One certified applicant is expected to start on the 23rd as a sergeant. Two cadets are scheduled to start police academy in July.**
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 planning on participating in an upcoming event which is a Juneteenth Celebration.**
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.**



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City Commission Meeting
June 10, 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 have completed plan reviews and are now conducting inspections for the new Christian Homes Complex on 25th Ave West and the new Aldi Store renovation on East 16th Avenue.**
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. **The code officers are scheduled to attend for a 4-hour CEU class through Southwest Georgia Inspectors Association on June 12th.**
3. Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. **Code officers completed renovation and occupancy inspections for a new personal care home on 12th Ave East.**
4. Increasing our social media presence and utilizing other innovative ways to relay information and announce code issues and problems. The aim is to educate and keep the public informed about code related issues that concern them. **Officers are spending time in each ward with citizens and lawn contractors explaining the city limb and debris pick up rules and ordinance to address recent issues.**

MID JUNE 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: June 10, 2025

Reference: City Commission Report, Animal Control Goals and Accomplishments

Goals & Accomplishments

1. Get more animals rescued/adopted by being more active in the community and on social media.
 - a. The Animal Shelter had 65 animals adopted/rescued/ and reclaimed for April.
 - b. The Facebook page has continued growing.
2. Work towards implementing a volunteer program at the shelter.
 - a. We are working on a schedule and paperwork to have volunteers. Several people have inquired and are very interested in helping the shelter.
3. Make shelter improvements: grates for drains, seal the floors, replace rusted kennel pipes, add a few more kennels outside.
 - a. Grates are coming soon!
 - b. Kennel repairs will also begin soon!
4. Actively promote better animal welfare. (Spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter(housing), kennel ordinance control).
 - a. All of our dog houses have been returned!
 - b. Have 3 more donated!
5. Host events with the hope of bring awareness to the shelter, animal health and welfare and increasing donations.
 - a. Have been helping people decrease the number of unsterilized animals.
 - b. Microchips are a big hit still! Several people come to get a chip!

****Received another big donation of pet food from Tractor Supply, JAG probation, and several citizens buying and leaving for us to pick up at Tractor Supply.**



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CITY OF CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT 40-50
MONTHLY COURT SUMMARY REPORT
MAY 2025

CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

<u>TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES:</u>	<u>313...</u>
<u>TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES:</u>	<u>25...</u>
<u>TOTAL COURT CASES:</u>	<u>338...</u>
<u>BENCH WARRANTS ORDERED:</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>LICENSE SUSPENSIONS ORDERED:</u>	<u>28....</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH BONDS PAID:</u>	<u>\$16,750.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL FINES COLLECTED (LATE PAYMENTS (CITATIONS)):</u>	<u>\$13,380.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA:</u>	<u>\$13,705.96...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA PRETRIAL SENTENCES:</u>	<u>\$7,557.75...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM RESTITUTION:</u>	<u>\$.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM WEB PAYMENTS COLLECTED</u>	<u>\$23,562.00...</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>\$764.00...</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>JUNE 2, 2025...</u>

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



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TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Nancy Crook, Chief Clerk Cordele Municipal Court

DATE: June 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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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Memo

Date: May 27, 2025
To: Angela Redding, City Manager
From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director
Re: Public Works Commission Report – June 3, 2025

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

Commission Report

Public Works Department

6/3/2025

Cemetery/Parks

- Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 36 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders since our last commission report.

Engineering

- PRIME TRUCK PARKING LLC. In progress.
- 2023-0130 CHRISTIAN HOMES MULTI-FAMILY SITE. In progress.
- The Engineering Department has completed 1 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders for the storm water system.

Gas

- Annual valve maintenance is in progress.
- Public Awareness messaging for Affected Public – Customer and Non-customer is being prepared. It is scheduled to be mailed out in June/July.
- The crew continues to perform routine job tasks such as responding to customer complaints, suspected leak response, new service installation, requested removal of gas services, and general operations and maintenance tasks
- The Gas Department has completed 30 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Street

- The Street Department has spent a large portion of their time doing pipe replacement and ditch work at 10th Avenue and 13th Street. The customer requested a new driveway, and the pipes that were already there had been installed at the wrong elevation so the ditch wouldn't drain.
- The Street Department has completed 32 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Water/Sewer

- ARPA Project:
 - Phase 1 - Project is 75% complete. Pipe bursting and grouting are in progress.
 - Phase 2 – We received 5 bids. Waiting on the bid recommendation from the engineering consultant.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 52 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

May 2025 GovDeals Sales Report

Item Description	Date Approved by Commission	Sold Amount
(2) Lathem Time Clocks & Ribbon	12/17/2024	\$10.00



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Memo

Date: June 10, 2025

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director

Re: Public Works Goals & Accomplishments – June 17, 2025

We have one update at this time.

Goals & Accomplishments

Public Works Department

6/17/25

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 14th. 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 30th. – 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 is 75% complete. Pipe bursting and grouting are in progress. Pipe bursting replaces existing pipe that is severely damaged, while grouting seals leaks in structurally sound pipes. – No update at this time.
 2. Phase 2 of ARPA Project – City Commission approved the recommendation to award Phase 2 of the ARPA project to Inliner Solutions, LLC at the last commission. The contract has been submitted to the City Manager to be reviewed by the City Attorney.
- Goal 7:** **Shorten the time of water outages during maintenance.**
1. We have installed a valve on 16th Avenue and 12th Street. This makes a total of 2 valves installed this year, which will shorten the length of outages and reduce the number of customers that have to be cut off during outages. – No update at this time.
- Goal 8:** **Clean up the City's alleys.**
1. This project is in process. – No update at this time.



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City Manager



TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER
FROM: RICKY SMARR
DATE: JUNE 3rd, 2025
SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING REPORT

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

MAY 6th – MAY 31st, 2025

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

May 1st: I was invited by the South-Central Baptist Network (formerly Houston Baptist Association) to participate in the 2025 National Day of Prayer on the lawn of the Crisp County Courthouse at noon. I took my lunch hour to participate.

May 5th: I attended the city's Department Head meeting in preparation for the Cordele City Commission meeting on May 6th.

May 5th: I met with Granicus project manager Kian Miller to prepare for the Admin training session (training session #2 of 3) and to discuss the progress of the new site.

May 6th: I attended and recorded both the regular meeting of this honorable body and the work session that followed. The regular meeting was placed on our social media and YouTube platforms. The work session is in my file for reference.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/zthrHigM2LU>



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May 8th: I attended the Minister's meeting hosted monthly by the City of Cordele. Our guest speaker was Linda Mitchell, Executive Director of Daybreak Care Center which serves Dooly, Crisp and Wilcox Counties. I was encouraged by the attendance at the May meeting, which included some new attendees who have been added to our ever-growing email contact list.

May 13th: I completed the cyber security KnowBe4 training course and quiz that followed.

May 14th: With the permission of the City Manager, I attended the Mental Health Awareness Walk at the Dowdy Center at the request of the Crisp County Community Council who reached out for video and photo support. A good crowd of participants walked from the Dowdy Center to the Middle Flint Health and Wellness Center. CEO Angela Holt spoke to the crowd about the importance of Mental Health to a person's overall wellness.

As part of the City's participation, I published pictures of the event and produced a 2:30 news package with voices from Monica Robinson, Executive Director of CCCC, and Angela Holt.

YouTube NEWS PACKAGE link: https://youtu.be/SZ17_ZppznM

YouTube ANGELA HOLT complete presentation: <https://youtu.be/DgrKI6FEgCU>





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May 15th: I attended the Granicus super-user training for administrators on the new website at 2 PM. This was a 2-hour training session which took us deeper into the mechanics of website construction and editing from the back end of the CMS. We have on more “Beyond the Basics” training which will allow for all questions concerning editing, publishing or administrative responsibilities to be addressed.

May 16th: At the request of organizer Dr. Alicia Ritchey, Marcha Toussaint, Community Development Administrative Assistant and I attended the indigoLife Business Symposium at A.S.U – Cordele Campus. A 3:30 news package was produced to showcase the symposium to the public which included voices from Dr. Ritchey, sponsors Tommie Beth Willis from ACE Capital, Coaching and Connections, Sheriff Billy Hancock, and Ward 3 Commissioner, Hon. Isaac Owens.

The organizers, participants and attendees were appreciative of our attendance and professionalism in the work and promotion we provided.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/AzBfcrtwWcM>

May 16th: The city’s Cordele Connection newsletter was approved by the City Manager and released to “all city”

May 19th: I attended the city’s Department Head meeting in preparation for this honorable body’s regular meeting on May 20th.

May 20th: I attended and recorded the Cordele City Commission meeting and placed it on your social media and YouTube platforms.

Thank you for allowing me some extra time to present a synopsis of your new website.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/LZp9OH8KNQk>



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May 28th: I recorded the budget hearing and have it in file.

May 29th: I participated in a ZOOM call with Maricarmen Vargas, our new Granicus project manager. May 30th is Kian's last day with Granicus. The topics include a review of our previous training sessions, a review of work that has been accomplished on the site to date, preparation for our final training session, Beyond the Basics, which will encompass everything we've been over and address any questions or concerns and finally begin to think about a transition launch date. I hope everyone is excited about the new site and ready to reveal it to our citizens.

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

Respectfully submitted

Ricky R. Smart

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



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TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER

FROM: RICKY SMARR

DATE: JUNE 17TH, 2025

SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT

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

GOAL #1: CITY OF CORDELE WEBSITE

Your website committee completed our training on June 5th, 2025, with “Beyond the Basics”. This training session focused on questions, (any and all) that your superusers, editors and publishers had. Attendance was good and there were some good questions asked and answered. Our trainer, Bill Howe, is available for us to consult on any matters that may arise as needed. We also were able to meet our new project manager, Maricarmen Vargas. She has already been a big help in making some things happen inside the website. So far, I’ve heard nothing but good things about Maricarmen’s assistance and believe she will be a great asset to us as we move forward in the process.

While we continue to work on updates to migrated pages, and build new content – with Bobby’s assistance, I was able to gain access to the current City of Cordele website. Frankly, updates have been neglected for some time. Now that we have access and control, I have been working to update the current site as well as continue to build the new site. I believe while we build, it is important that our citizens have a website they can go to for updated content. Please know, this in no way takes our focus off the new site as we are well aware that the old website and domain will go away once the new website is launched.

GOAL #2: CGI DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP

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



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GOAL #3: INCREASE COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTION & NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

As we work to keep the community informed through our social media platforms, we continue to be encouraged by the responses we receive. We strive to feed our platforms with positive content.

Currently, there are 2,558 followers on the city's Facebook social media page, and these numbers continue to increase.

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

Positive posts, timely information, the incorporation of video, personal interaction, hashtags, and posting at optimal times, have all contributed to the growth of our social media presence.

The city's YOUTUBE platform is being noticed as we add more and more content. Subscriber numbers are growing constantly.

GOAL #4: CORDELE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

Your CORDELE CONNECTION Newsletter has been a great tool in bringing our internal city structure together. The comments we receive through text and email are encouraging.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

6/3/25: I attended and recorded the Cordele City Commission regular meeting and the work session overview of the city's retirement plan. The regular meeting was published on your social media platforms; the work session is in my file for reference if needed.

Commission Meeting: <https://youtu.be/svCKN7OykFM>

6/5/25: I participated along with your website committee in our final official "Beyond the Basics" training session with Granicus.



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Respectfully submitted
June 17th, 2025

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





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May 27 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL

REPORT FOR MONTH OF May 2025

Water Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	206,190,000 gallons	1,717,917 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	311,940,000 gallons	2,600,000 MGD average *

Sludge to Landfill	5.04 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Total Sludge 2025	5.04 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Grit to Landfill	0.00 tons

Rainfall for the month of May was " *

Total Rainfall for 2025 is 16.45 " *

*These will be updated by the Commission Meeting.

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.

Our 500 KW Generator was delivered April 28. Other components such as the transfer switch are still being worked on and installed. Hopefully we will have a start-up in the next week.

Teddy Hubbard and John Wright went Tyndall Air Force Base to look at a UV System. This system is WEDECO by Xylem. This is an awesome system and we would like to have one installed like this one.

Debbie Wright and Teddy Hubbard attended the Pre-Construction Meeting about the new Aldi's.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PORTION OF THE MUNICIPAL STREET SYSTEM AS UNNECESSARY; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is within the authority of the City Commission of the City of Cordele to close streets and alleyways within the municipal street system of the City of Cordele; and

WHEREAS, after careful study and deliberation, the City Commission of the City of Cordele has determined that a portion of the municipal street system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided notice to the property owners located on the subject unopened alley that the City may declare the unopened alley to be abandoned;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Cordele, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. That section of the municipal street system within the City of Cordele being alley known as W 15 ½ Alley beginning at the intersection of 12th Street and ending at the end of the parking lot of Gillespie Gardens owned and operated by Vecino Group marked on said map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby abandoned. This alley has ceased to be used to the extent that no substantial purpose is served by leaving it open.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF CORDELE

By: _____
Chairman, Joshua Deriso

Vacant, Ward Two

Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard, Ward One

Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three

Commissioner J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four

Attest: _____
City Clerk, Genivieve (Janice) Mumphrey

EXHIBIT A

