

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
June 15, 2021

The regular scheduled meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on June 15th, 5:30 p.m., Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

John Wiggins, Commission Chair	Jeanie Bartee, Vice Chair
Royce Reeves, Commissioner	Vesta Beal-Shephard, Commissioner
Wesley Rainey, Commissioner	Roland McCarthy, City Manager
Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary	Tommy Coleman, Attorney

Staff present: David Wade, Irene Cantrell.

Others Present: Velesia Grant, Charlie Butts, Ricky Dawson, Angenette Lockett, Kelvin Fulmore, Cynthia Rogers, Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Club, Isaac Owens, Davontae Hunt, Mary Beal, Maurice Kellogg.

Media present: Ricky Smarr – South GA TV; Cordele Dispatch – Neil McGaHee.

Call to Order: Commission Chair John Wiggins called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Prayer was rendered by Rev. Ricky Smarr.

Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes, June 2, 2021: Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes, June 2, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

Approval of Agenda – June 15, 2021: Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Agenda for June 15, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Kelvin Fulmore: Mr. Fulmore has a vehicle repair business at 112 East 12th Avenue, Cordele, Georgia; he is inquired about the City Ordinances, particular with parking spaces in the Downtown area for businesses. He stated that Lewis New, City Codes Official, gave him an Ordinance that stated he has violated parking. He wants the Commission to inform him about the City Ordinances and Codes, in reference to parking spaces for businesses in the Downtown area. Commission Chair John Wiggins stated that the Commission will review the Ordinance and inform him of the findings.

Ms. Cynthia Rogers: Ms. Rogers stated that she is representing the Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Club on 24th Avenue. She is requested to be reimbursed for some equipment that she purchased for an event in the amount of \$676.72, she stated this put the Screaming Eagles in a financial disadvantage. Ms. Rogers stated that she was told “no” to a party the Screaming Eagles Motorcycle had planned and they had already purchased the equipment. After a brief discussion, Commission Chair John Wiggins stated that the Commission will investigate this matter and will let her know of the Commission decision.

Ms. Angenette Lockett: Ms. Lockett stated that she resides at 305 East 2nd Avenue, Cordele, Georgia. She is appearing before the Commission to get some clarity of a section in the Ordinance and Codes Book, Chapter 4; Sec. 4-6, Disturbance by noise. Ms. Lockett stated the fowl, which is next door to her, is disturbing her with the noise. She stated she went to Municipal Court on June 8, 2021 and Judge Wright told her, her complaint was a civil matter and she would have to take it to Civil Court. City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that is correct, Municipal Court did all that they can do; this would have to be abated through Magistrate Court as a nuisance.

ADMINISTRATION – FISCAL:

Commission Approval: Commission approval is requested for Amendment 1 of the Fiscal Year Budget 2021, which will end June 30, 2021. See Attachment. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the request to amend the FY2021 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Bartee; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES – Roland McCarthy reported.

- a. **Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the City of Cordele:** A Resolution providing for the adoption of a budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021; repealing all Resolutions in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. This budget was presented to the Commission on June 2, 2021. The availability of the budget for public inspection and notice of the Public Hearing, held at 4:30 PM today, June 15, 2021, were appropriately advertised. It is recommended that this budget be approved by Resolution as it was presented to the Commission. Commissioner Shephard moved to adopt the Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Commission.
- b. **First Reading of an Ordinance:** To amend the Zoning Code of the City of Cordele to provide for Public Hearing by the City Commissions; Establishing the Criteria for Calling a Hearing; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for other purposes. Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the First Reading was approved with a 3/1 vote; Commissioners Bartee, Shephard and Raney voted aye; Commissioner Reeves voted nay.
- c. **First Reading of an Ordinance:** To Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Cordele to Provide for Manufactured/Mobile Homes to be provided as “Conditional Uses” in Section 620.3 and Section 625.3; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; and for other purposes. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the First Reading was approved unanimously by the Commission.
- d. **First Reading of an Ordinance:** For the City of Cordele, Georgia, To Provide for an Application and Licensing Process for Special Events to be held on City Property; Rental or Use of Properties for Events; Providing for Conduct of Events; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; and for other purposes. Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the First Reading was approved unanimously by the Commission.

- e. **First Reading of an Ordinance:** The City of Cordele, Georgia, regulating the rental or use of Properties for Events, as herein defined; Providing for Regulatory Supervision; providing for Conduct of Events; Regulating the Dispensing and Consumption of Alcohol at Events; Providing License and Regulatory Fees; Repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Bartee; the First Reading was approved unanimously by the Commission.
- f. **First Reading of an Ordinance:** To Amend the City Code of the City of Cordele by Adopting a New Ordinance entitled "Adult Entertainment Establishments;" Repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Bartee; the First Reading was approved with a 3/1 vote; Commissioners Bartee, Shephard and Rainey voted aye; Commissioner Reeves voted nay.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Approval for a Memorial for Edward Beach: Commission approval is requested for a bench to be installed at the back door entrance to City Hall. There will be some landscaping changes around the bench at a minimal cost. The cost of the bench and engraving depends on your choice of bench. A 5-foot Marble Bench with back and armrests is \$3,780.00 and a 4-foot Granite Bench with no armrests is \$2,916.00. Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the installation of a White Marble Bench in the amount of \$3780.00; seconded by Commissioner Reeves. After discussion, Commissioner Reeves moved to make a substitute motion to approve the installation of a Granite Bench in the amount of \$2,916.00; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; Commissioners Reeves, Shephard and Rainey voted aye; Commissioner Bartee vote nay; the motion was approved with a 3/1 vote to install the Granite Bench.

Approval for an Event Permit: Commission approval is requested for an Event Permit for an event sponsored by Black Duster Motorcycle Club, a Meet and Greet. The permit is requested by Sgt. Dedra Davis of the Cordele Police Department. This is a large group of motorcycles coming to meet, greet and network. Event to be held on July 18, 2021, from 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM at 606 South 10th Street Cordele, Georgia. They are requesting to block off 10th Street between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue. The Chief of Police and City Manager have approved this event. Upon the Commission's approval, Sgt. Debra Davis will be notified. After discussion, Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; Commissioners Reeves, Shephard, and Rainey voted aye; Commissioner Bartee voted nay. The Event Permit was approved with a 3/1 vote.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Watermelon days festival:

1. Cordele Farmers Market – Ribbon Cutting was held on June 10, 2021. Commissioner Shephard represented the City and Presented a Proclamation declaring June 10th as Commissioner Gary Black day in the City of Cordele and the County of Crisp.
2. This is your Life – Honoring Susan Leger-Boike is on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00PM at the Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club. The City of Cordele Commission plans to attend.

Police Department Grant: The Police Department has received a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$62,500.00. This grant is to provide the Department with a Virtual Reality Training Simulator.

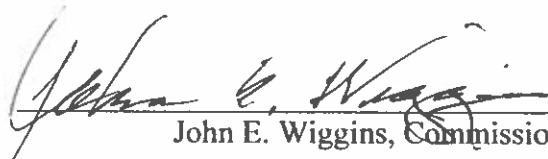
GMA 2021 Annual Convention: Registration for the GMA Convention began on June 8, 2021. Roland McCarthy registered the Chairman and Commissioners who wish to attend. Unfortunately, he was not able to get everything as planned but have put in for changes on the waiting list. At this time, he would like to wait until we see how everything progresses before reporting results.

District 8 Election of Officers: The election for the District 8 Officers for 2021-2022 was held and Commissioner Vesta Shephard has been elected as a District Officer, as the Third Vice President. Congratulations to Commissioner Shephard!


Commission Approval to Close Laporte Drive: Commission approval is requested for Griffin Concrete to close LaPorte Drive on June 17th and June 24th from 12:00 midnight until 8:00 AM. Griffin Concrete need to get their equipment into the gas station to pour cement. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the street closure; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

Executive Session: Commission approval is requested to have an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Reeves moved to have an Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission,

Adjourn: Commissioner Bartee moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.



John E. Wiggins, Commission Chair



Roland McCarthy, City Manager

July 6, 2021 _____
Date



TO: Cordele City Commission

FROM: Roland McCarthy, City Manager
Joy Causey, Finance Director

DATE: June 15, 2021

RE: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment Transmittal Letter #1

The proposed budgets for funds of the City are hereby presented in balanced form and summarized as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>Revenues</u>	<u>Projected</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Surplus</u> <u>(Deficit)</u>
100	General	10,875,021	10,875,021	0
275	Hotel/Motel	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
290	Downtown – Main Street	108,000	108,000	0
328	2018-23 SPLOST	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
335	T-SPLOST	275,000	275,000	0
420	COBA Bond Fund	589,981	589,981	0
505	Water/Sewer	5,595,388	5,595,388	0
515	Gas	2,307,168	2,307,168	0
540	Sanitation	875,000	875,000	0
603	Special Economic Development	4,000	4,000	0
604	Economic Development/Main Street	12,817	12,817	0
605	Home Trust/ CHIP14/CHIP18	306,015	306,015	0
606	Condemnation Fund	3,000	3,000	0
610	Health Benefit Fund	10,000	10,000	0
616	CDBG 19	750,000	750,000	0
785	AB Brannan Clubhouse	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL	24,221,390	24,221,390	0



The purpose of this Budget Amendment is to re-align the City of Cordele Budget General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund to support the actual costs by Department.

A brief outline of the budget amendment is presented as follows:

1. Decrease the following General Fund division budgets as annotated for a total decrease of \$351,000.

11000	\$28,000
13000	\$30,500
15000	\$18,000
32000	\$253,000
61000	\$1500
65000	\$6000
73000	\$8000
80000	\$6000

2. Increase the following General Fund division budgets as annotated for a total increase of \$351,000.

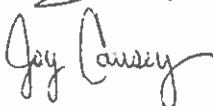
20000	\$27,000
35000	\$120,000
40000	\$200,000
77000	\$4000

3. Increase 44000 (505-Water/Sewer Budget) by \$1,271,000 due to loans and grants received in Fiscal Year 2021.
4. Increase 73010 (Tourism Budget) by \$750,000.
5. Increase 10000 (Health Benefit Fund Budget) by \$10,000.

Respectfully submitted to the Cordele City Commission on June 15, 2021 by:



Roland McCarthy, City Manager



Joy Causey, Finance Director