

AGENDA



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Honorable Joshua Deriso
Chairman

The Honorable Vesta Beal Shephard
Ward 1

The Honorable Isaac H. Owens
Ward 3

The Honorable Royce Reeves, Sr.
Ward 2

The Honorable Wesley Rainey
Vice Chairman, Ward 4

REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 18, 2025

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: January 29, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 4, 2025

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: February 4, 2025 – 6:00 PM

RETIREE RECOGNITION: Michael Lavant

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

5. Municipal Court
6. Police /Codes/Animal
7. Public Works Department
8. Social Media Marketing Manager
9. UC&T Director

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swearing-In to serve on the City of Cordele Boards.
 - a. Cordele Carnegie Library: Jerome Deal
2. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Family Easter Event, April 12, 2025, 105 East 9th Ave., 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Sponsoring Organizations: Downtown Cordele, SAM Shortline, Gallery 41 and Cordele Police Department. Organizer's Name: Monica Rentfrow.
3. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Autism Stroll, Crisp Regional Hospital Walking Track, April 26, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Sponsoring Organization – Downtown Cordele, Monica Rentfrow – Director
4. Consider and Approve a New Alcohol License: Beer & Wine Consumed Off Premises - Family Dollar – Store #30889, 302 E 24th Ave., Cordele, GA 31015. Store Manager – Sheteria Mason. Reviewed by Police Chief Jalon Heard on February 14, 2025.
5. Consider and Approve Contract for Animal Control Services with the City of Arabi.
6. Consider and Approve the Request for Items Listed from the Police Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com.
7. Consider and Approve the Request for Items Listed from the Public Works Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com.
8. Discuss Financial Review
9. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
10. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES
CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 29, 2025**

The City of Cordele Commission held a Public Hearing on January 29, 2025, at 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Wesley Rainey, Vice Chairman	Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner
Isaac Owens, Commissioner	Angela Redding, City Manager
Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary	

Absent: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chair, Royce Reeves, Sr., Commission Vice Chair; Tommy Coleman, City Attorney.

Call to Order: Vice Chairman J. Wesley Rainey called the Public Hearing to order at 9:06 AM.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Owens.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman	✓	
J. Wesley Rainey	Commission Vice Chairman Ward 4		✓
Vesta Beal-Shephard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Royce F. Reeves, Sr.	Commissioner Ward 2	✓	
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – January 29, 2025: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Agenda for January 29, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Owens; the Agenda was approved by the Commission.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Rainey moved to open the Public Hearing; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Commission approved to Open the Public Hearing.

OVERVIEW OF HB581

City Manager Angela Redding gave an overview of HB581:

In November the voters had the option to vote, yes or no, for one of the questions that was on the ballot and it was regarding HB581. Basically, it mentioned a floating homestead exemption. A lot of voters read the question, but did not look at the House Bill and a lot of the voters did look at the House Bill. What we would like to provide is an overview, so everyone will understand this House Bill, because there is more information to this Bill than what was listed on the ballot.

House Bill 581 provides for several significant changes impacting local government revenue (which is the Budget that is passed by this City Commission, in terms of revenues generated to fund operations). Counties and Cities must understand these changes and be prepared to make critical decisions that will have lasting impacts.

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House Bill 581 has three (3) components:

- The bill provides for some procedural changes to property tax assessments and appeals.
- The bill provides for a new statewide homestead exemption that applies to local government unless the local government affirmatively opts out.
- The bill creates a new local option sales tax available to be used for property tax relief.

If a jurisdiction elects not to opt out of HB581 homestead exemption, they will not have an opportunity to opt out in the future and will have the homestead exemption forever. There may be a method to remove such jurisdiction in the future, but it will require a change of general law or a constitutional amendment by the legislature.

If a local government opts out of HB581 floating homestead exemption and the legislative delegation disagrees with that decision, the local delegation can pass a local Act. Our local delegation is Senator Carden Summers and Representative Noel Williams, they can pass a local Act to impose a floating homestead exemption within the jurisdiction, which would be subject to a 2/3 vote in the General Assembly and approval by voters in a local referendum.

FLOST – Floating Local Option Sales Tax is a new sales tax that can be levied up to one (1) percent and collected county-wide. Funds are split between the county and city based upon an intergovernmental agreement and used for property tax relief. FLOST must be approved by voters in a referendum.

Taxes do not disappear – they only shift: in this instance, the taxes are shifting from homestead properties to (HB581 only affects homestead properties) to all other property types (commercial, agricultural, industrial and residential non-homestead).

If FLOST is passed and the local delegation does not approve the renewal or the voters do not renew it, then the most likely overcome is an increase in the applicable millage rate. Since FLOST is a sales tax being used to offset property tax, if FLOST expires, the local government will have to cut expenses, raise property taxes, or some combination thereof.

With this House Bill if FLOST is approved, it is only for five (5) years, after five (5) years the General Assembly at the Capital in Atlanta, they can decide to renew it, which the voters will have to approve it again or not renew. These are some of the open-ended concerns regarding this bill.

It is only for five (5) years. So, what will happen after five (5) years? Especially, if the voters do not approve the one (1) percent tax.

There are two (2) additional Public Hearings schedule for February 4th, 2025 at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Harold Perry (City of Cordele property owner): Mr. Perry stated his concern is, “if we voted for the House Bill, when it was on ballot in November, and the County accepted; Why won’t the City accept it?” he said he does understand the power point that was presented. But right now, the taxes are going up anyway.

City Manager Angela Redding: The City will not make a final decision until after the third Public Hearing. But some of the concerns again are: it is only for five (5) years, so in year one for the City, based on the information that was received. There will be a small decrease in revenue, but it will gradually increase over the five (5) years. The General Assembly passed this Bill, but they have nothing in place after year five (5). If revenues are decreasing, we would have to increase the millage rate, but also increase property taxes, nothing is in place to address these issues. This is part of the reason why.

The County has had to use Fund Balance to balance the Budget and last year, the City used Fund Balance to balance the Budget, these are the rainy funds for the County and City.

Harold Perry: I did not hear anything about cost cutting. When you balance a Budget, you have to address both, you cannot address, bringing in more income, you can bring in more money, as long as you are spending more money, but some ways you have to look at cutting back.

City Manager Angela Redding: and we have.

Harold Perry: I see some of the things the City is doing that really is a waste of money. When things are being contracted out and should be creating jobs and put money back into the community. If you create jobs people can make money, they will send money in the Community, that generates revenue. I have not heard anything about cost cutting, I have not heard anything about, nothing but raising revenue and this has been going on for the last few years anyway and you still are not getting enough money to reach your goal from what I am hearing. But, every year for the last four (4) years my property taxes have gone up. When will this stop?

City Manager Angela Redding: Your property tax is based on the assessed value of your home. At our Budget Hearings we had to find ways to cut expenses, this is part of the process. Some things have to be contracted out, if you do not have the skill set for it, you have to contract it out and sometimes, we are required to contract them out. When we receive Grant Funding, we have to follow the guidelines for the Grants and if it is to put out a bid for an Engineer or whatever is needed for that particular Grant Project, we are required to do that.

Commissioner Vesta Shephard: One thing the County does the assessments on the property, not the City. We have to go by what they provide for us. We have to base that on what the County says.

Vice Chairman Rainey: I think it is very important for us to talk about advantages and disadvantages of this bill. The advantages of this bill, you have the “if” factors; you have no Intergovernmental Agreement in place at this time, do not know if a one (1) percent would pass on a referendum, a fact that it is a five-year deal, which SPLOST is a six (6) year deal, but it is renewable. It factors in place:

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you already have the Lost, that is an eight (8) percent tax that we are currently paying. The LOST is of the one (1) percent that is been paid. The LOST have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City, the County and Arabi, which is forty-nine (49) percent, City forty-nine (49) percent, County forty-nine (49) percent and two (2) percent to Arabi. On your City tax bill look at how the LOST helped you on your taxes. Vice Chairman Rainey stated that there are benefits to this House Bill. There are thirty-two hundred (3,200) which receives the homestead exemption, these are the 3,200 home that will receive that cap only. Your second homes, agricultural, commercial, rental property does not receive that cap. The Georgia Department of Revenue is going to set an index, it might be two, three or five, we do not know. Those 3,200 homes can still increase. The main advantage to this is industrial, commercial, residential, rental homes, everyone receives that millage rate reduction because it is based upon the revenue that is collected. The last SPLOST negotiation was for 2.7 million dollars, it is the projected amount that one (1) percent would bring in. We do not know exactly to the dollar, how much the one (1) percent would bring in, but that money is what is divided by the LOST Agreement, the 49-49-2. This is probably the best someone can estimate on how much the one (1) percent would bring in. There are a lot of 'if' factors to this bill, but we need to look at the advantages and disadvantages. Vice Chairman Rainey stated to his knowledge, the one (1) percent sale tax has never under performed in this community. The end of five years is the real problem, there is nothing there after the five years.

Commissioner Shephard: Commissioner Shephard stated that the School System would lose tremendously. They are not included in making a decision on this, if the school lose their benefits, the schools will have to suffer. Commissioner Shephard stated that this is her main concern. She also stated after talking to some of the Legislatures in Atlanta, she thinks that they do not understand. If they cannot explain it to me, how can I explain everything to you.

Commissioner Owens: One of the biggest questions that was posed to them during the time of talking to them was: "what would be the affect at the end of those five years?" They have no thought as to what will be the next thing. This is scary in small municipalities like the City of Cordele; we are having to pay more now, but at the end of that, it is not a double, in most cases, it will triple and then we will be dealing with people who we look at now and they will be saying, how come you all allowed us to get into this situation? If the people who proposed would have had a plan, it would be better.

There was a detailed discussion on HB581.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Owens moved to close the Public Hearing at 9:29 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Public Hearing was closed by the Commissioners.

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on February 4th, 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman
Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner
Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Tommy Coleman, City Attorney

J. Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chair
Royce F. Reeves, Sr., Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager
Alisha Williams, Assistant City Clerk

Absent: Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary

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

Call to Order: Chairman Joshua Deriso, called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Opening Remarks: Chairman Deriso also stated that this is a Regular Meeting and comments will not be taken from the audience. Department Heads and City Officials will speak to give Reports during this Meeting. If there is a subject that needs an expert opinion, then the expert on that subject matter will be allowed to speak

Chairman Joshua Deriso asked all attendees of the Meeting to put their phones on silence or vibrate, preferably silence. If anyone needs to take a call, please step outside the door, away from the doors, so your conversation will not be heard.

Invocation: There was a moment of silence.

Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner 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	✓	
Royce F. Reeves, Sr.	Commissioner Ward Two	✓	
Isaac H. Owens	Commissioner Ward Three	✓	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 4, 2025: Commissioner Reeves moved to Approve the Agenda for February 4, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Agenda was Approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2025: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Reeves. The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

OVERVIEW OF HB 581: City Manager Angela Redding gave an Overview of HB581. City Manager Angela Redding read the Amendment Language on the Ballot – HB581; “Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide homestead exemption that serves to limit increases in assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures?”

City Manger Angela Redding stated the language on the ballot passed, but it did provide in the language on the ballot that counties, cities, consolidated governments and local school systems may opt out of HB 581 upon completion of certain procedures. Which is why we are having three (3) Public Hearings regarding HB 581.

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The three components:

- Provides for some procedural changes to property tax assessments and appeals.
- The bill provides for a new statewide exemption that applies to local government unless the local government opts out.
- The bill creates a new local option sales tax available to be used for property tax relief.

It gives us the opportunity to opt out, but it also creates a new local option sales tax, if approved by the voters for an additional one (1) percent to be used for property tax relief.

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. HB581 (2024): The Local Opt-out Floating Homestead Exemption and Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST)

George Singletary: He stated he lives in Ward Three and he is a property owner.

Mr. Singletary stated that he is here to express his opposition to opt-out and to support the passing of the FLOST with County, as it is detailed in HB581.

The City is sitting on a gold mine with several pathways that can bring revenue for economic growth, such as the Interstate, Highway 280, 300, Rail systems and the State Park, just to name a few. Our Representatives in Atlanta has handed us a beneficial token for growth, HB581. Atlanta passed it virtually unanimously, Crisp County – 64%, Cordele – 65%, Jamestown – 66%, Coney – 67%, Lithonia – 67%, all over the state 63%. Mr. Singletary stated that looks like that is a mandate from the voters to the Elected Officials for HB581 will benefit all of the citizens in this City and Community.

By voting to opt out, the homeowners will be deprived of a tax decrease on their property.

Mr. Singletary expressed his concern, in detail, for the City to opt in on HB581.

Chairman Joshua Deriso: Chairman Deriso stated, from a City perspective, a lot of the City Commissioners have sat through the conversation about HB581. There are some benefits, but decisions have to be made based on the future and not just as it is presently presented.

One of the reasons for the Bill is gentrification. Because it is a big thing, where people are being pushed out, for instance, if you are a teacher and you purchased a home for \$70,000 because of gentrification, now your home is worth a quarter of a million dollars, and taxes are more than your mortgage and now you cannot afford it. The author of this Bill, comes from one of the wealthiest places in this state, I believe. So, context matters. I think the City and the School Board are alike, we think this is not the best thing for us to do, because after five years, we do not know what to expect. The City runs just like your house, we have bills to pay and the people pays the bills. Who knows what this economy will look like. If revenue does not come through, the City still has bills to pay. Chairman Deriso stated he thinks there needs to be an orientation on what taxes does, the benefits of taxes. He believes that the City is not ready for this Bill, but Atlanta is. Chairman Deriso stated, he thinks this bill had good intentions, but the rural parts of Georgia are the least considered.

Chairman Deriso expressed in detail, why the City will opt out and he supports the decision.

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There was a discussion between Chairman Deriso and Mr. George Singletary.

George Singletary: "We're not Atlanta."

Chairman Deriso: You used Atlanta to make your point.

George Singletary: "I am still using Atlanta to make my point because you keep throwing Atlanta up."

Chairman Deriso: "No, you said, Atlanta passed it."

George Singletary: "I did not say Atlanta passed it."

Chairman Deriso: "Yes, you did."

George Singletary: "He was referring to the House, the House of Representatives."

Chairman Deriso: "You need to let the people know what you are talking about when you say Atlanta. You mean the Golden Dome?"

George Singletary: "I mean the Golden Dome, I stand corrected. I was referring to Representative Williams."

Vice Chairman Rainey: "I am for staying in the HB581." Vice Chairman Rainey stated he does see a tremendous amount of benefits to property owners. Chairman Rainey stated the examples that Chairman Deriso gave were based on LOST, Intergovernmental Agreement. At the State they put a tremendous amount of pressure on local governments to structure HB581 that benefits each individual County. Because the FLOST has to be passed first, you have to have the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County. So, that Intergovernmental Agreement has not been done. The City might can get a higher or lower percentage, we do not know, what that Intergovernmental Agreement is. It is hard at the Golden Dome to structure a piece of legislation that benefits Atlanta, benefits South Georgia. I believe HB581 has some leeway, so it can structure a little to be able to fit each individual governmental entity, so it can shift a little. If we opt out HB581 and other communities up and down the Interstate opt in, they will see reduced millage rates, then there will be another "x" on Crisp County, on why a person or business should not locate to Crisp County and Cordele because of our higher prices on property taxes. If we opt in, it is a plus.

Vice Chairman Rainey: Vice Chairman Rainey expressed the desire to opt in and he thinks the City will benefit from it.

Commissioner Reeves: Commissioner Reeves stated he has been listening and he heard there will be a cap on homeowners and homestead exemption; the fact of the matter is we do live in a community where about 85% of the people pay rent. Commissioner Reeves stated he heard Vice Chair Rainey say that there is no cap, if it continues to go up and up for commercial and the people that is renting, who will foot the bill? The Landlord or the people who are renting from the Landlord?

Commission Shephard: Commissioner Shephard stated that she attended the Cities United Summit in Atlanta and she took the politician class; she asked them what will happen after the five years, but they could not answer her question. They said it was a gray area. Commissioner Shephard stated if the City opt-in, in five (5) years the citizens taxes could quadruple. Commissioner Shephard stated that she thinks the City should opt-out.

***There was a very in-depth discussion on HB581. Another Public Hearing regarding HB581 will be held at 6:00 PM.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Reeves moved to close the Public Hearing at 10:15 AM and go into our Regular Scheduled Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approved to adjourn the Public Hearing.

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES: Five (5) minutes: No Requests.

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM: Three (3) minutes: No Requests.

PRESENTATION: Blackshear Regional Library – Anne M. Isbell, Director
The Blackshear Regional Library System is a small, four county system. Blackshear Regional Library System serves Crisp, Dooly, Schley and Sumter Counties. The library operates on a Budget that is about 1.3 million dollars a year, of that we get \$125, 569.00 a year from the City.

Cordele Carnegie Library is managed by Adrian Slocomb, she is a native of Cordele. The Library in Cordele is open six (6) days a week; Monday through Wednesday – 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM; Thursday and Friday – 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM; Saturdays – 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM; evening hours will be available soon.

The library receives fifty-two (52) percent of funding from local funding agencies. There are eleven (11) local funding agencies; the library receives about forty-eight (48) percent from the State through Grants from the legislature.

City Manager Angela Redding asked if the library accept books donations?
Ms. Isbell responded, yes, we do accept book donations.

Ms. Isbell gave a detailed report on services offered at the library.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

1. Community Advancement/Community Development – Maurice Hill Reported.

- Distributed flyers about the Homebuyers Workshop on February 1st to multiple businesses and individuals to promote the session.
- Met with the Housing Authority to discuss collaborating with the Land Bank to promote the 25 by '25 Housing Initiative.
- Had a walkthrough of the First Baptist Church's 40,000 square foot facility and discussed developing programming that can operate out of the facility.
- Met a contractor at the Allied Building to give a price on stabilizing the remaining portion of the building, and walkthrough and additional downtown building to discuss renovation options and quotes.
- Attending the PROPEL Conference in Athens on February 5th and 6th to get information on upcoming funding opportunities and share information about committee progress.
- Created binders and digital folders for RLF, BZA, HPC and PZC Commissions to ensure accuracy and effectiveness in scheduling hearings, posting notices, etc.
- Had a ZOOM call with the Center for Community Progress and the Codes Department to get them the assistance needed to streamline processes for maximum effectiveness.
- Met with the new IT Contracting company to discuss Department needs, goals and objectives to formulate a strategy, and investigate IT Workforce Training opportunities.

- Completed and submitted the Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for December 2024.
- Attended the HB 581 Public Hearing on January 29, 2025, in the Commission Chambers.
- Attended the Cordele City Job Fair at Crisp County High School to represent the Department.
- Reschedule a meeting with the Representatives of The Orchard, to alert them to move forward or not.

Community Development Report:

There are no meetings for February for Historic Preservation, Board Zoning Appeals, and Planning Commission; there is a tentative meeting date for the Revolving Loan Fund.

Vice Chairman Rainey asked the most recent diagram that was sent out regarding The Orchard, it is the one that The Orchard Developers are proposing?

Mr. Hill answered, "yes". Mr. Hill stated that proposed plan is to have twenty-two (22) Single Family Homes, and sixty-six (66) Townhomes.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that The Orchard Developers would have to go back before The Planning Commission. The last discussion was for the Developers to ask for rezoning under PUD (Planned Urban Development), because the other zoning request included apartments and that was out. City Manager Angela Redding stated from her understanding the Developers have worked on the PUD and they need to schedule a meeting with The Planning Commission.

Chairman Deriso inquired about the PUD (Planned Urban Development), it gives the Developers what rights?

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that the PUD gives them the right to approve a multiuse Development all at one time. It gives the City the authority to approve what the development will look like before they begin.

2. Finance Department – Sonya Alexander Reported.

Sales Tax Collection for January was \$456,438.51.

3. Fire Department – Chief Todd Alligood Reported.

Reporting Period: January 2, 2025 – January 28, 2025

Calls for Service: Total 76

Smoke Scare	4
Grass/Rubbish Fire	1
Medical	39
Motor Vehicle Accident	5
Vehicle Fire	1
Structure Fire	2
False Alarm/Other	11
Gasoline Spill	1
Electrical Emergency	5

Sprinkler Alarm 7

Department News

- Passed all our ladder testing (Aerial Ladder and ground ladders).
- One new hire (Recco Howard) and another hire scheduled to start tomorrow 2/5.
- Completed Instructor 1 Class. Taught here by Lt. Averill at Albany State University (Cordele Campus). 9 students from CFD and 5 from CCFR. All CFD students passed and are State Certified Fire Instructors.
- Chief Alligood presented the Career Development Ladder for the Fire Department.

4. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported.

January 01, 2025 The annual Open Enrollment Period for medical insurance coverage was held during the entire month of January. A representative from the insurance company was present on January 08, 2025 to answer employee questions and provide assistance.

Firefighter candidates that were offered job opportunities, one has met the conditions and started to work on January 16th; the second is slated for tomorrow, February 5th; there is a third person who has accepted the offer and they should start soon. Then the Fire Department will be full staff.

In house promotions; in addition to the Finance Department, moved an Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent in the Cemetery and Parks; Nancy Crook has been promoted to the Chief Court Clerk Position; in house applications for an Administrative Assistant in Community Development, the role has been filled with a temp employee. Accounting Clerk in the Finance Department, a conditional offer has been offered.

5. Municipal Court – Nancy Crook Reported.

Traffic Cases	276
Criminal Cases	11
Total Court Cases	287
Bench Warrants Ordered	4
Licenses Suspensions Ordered	35
Total of all Payments Received	\$52,977.00
Deposit from Department of Corrections	\$1.07
Total Court Ordered Refunds	\$1,588.00
Total Cases Transferred to Superior Court	0
Total Defendants Incarcerated	0

6. Police Department/Codes Compliance/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported Cordele Police Department – Reporting Period – December 31, 2024 – January 28, 2025

Part I Crimes	19
Rape	1

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Motor Vehicle Thefts	1 (1 recovered)
Aggravated Assault	1
Larceny (Thefts)	15 (4 entering autos, 3 shoplifting w/2 adults arrests, 8 other thefts)

Burglary 1 (1 residential)

Part II Crimes	133
Incidents Reported	117
Community Contacts	9
Citations Issued	223
Warnings Issued	106
Total Calls for Service	1,244

Departmental News

- We currently have four (4) applicants in the hiring process. We have One (1) cadet in the fourth week of the Academy.
- The Cordele Police Department participated in MLK Community Day on February 20th. Chief Jalon Heard was the Guest Speaker. We provided Safety ID Cards to the children attending.

Chief Heard reported three (3) promotions for Sergeant. Assessments for Corporal will be held this week. Out of the last six (6) hires, four (4) were females.

Codes Compliance Division – Reporting Period – December 31, 2024 – January 27, 2025

Abandoned Vehicles	3
Inspections	2
Tampering With Utility Property	1
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	2
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	35
Other	11

Departmental News

Code Compliance addressed overnight loitering at a business location this month. They contacted local business owners and obtained permission letters for enforcement. They also collaborated with CPD Patrol to successfully warn and remove violators. This program will include an ongoing enforcement by CPD and Codes.

Animal Control Division – Reporting Period – December 31, 2024 – January 27, 2025

Dog & Cat Intake Total	116
City Intake	87
Intakes from Crisp County	17
Intakes from Other Entities	12
Number of Calls Received	47
Number of Adoptions/Rescues	72
Animals Currently at The Shelter	17 dogs/12 cats
Citations Issued	5

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Warnings Issued	7
Open Shelter Slots	8 dogs/6 cats

Division News:

Assisted with the MLK Event.

Received dog food donations from JAG (Judicial Alternatives Georgia) Probation Office and Tractor Supply.

Received several blanket donations from multiple local citizens.

Survived Snowmageddon 2025.

7. Public Works Interim Director – Jessie Mercer Reported.

R & D lawn Service is still working on the Holding Ponds.

Cemetery and Parks are cutting the alleys.

8. Social Media Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported.

The website is complete. The reveal meeting will be on Thursday morning at 11:00 AM in the Police Department Training Room. The next step will be training for the superuser, producer and editor.

9. UC&T Director – Debbie Wright Reported.

Water Treated 56 million gallons for January

Wastewater Treated 57 million gallons for January

There was 9" of snow, 3.2 "of Rain for December

10. InterDev – Onsite IT - Brett Lavender

Mr. Lavender stated he has been onsite for two weeks. He will be onsite, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swearing-In to serve on the City of Cordele Boards.

a. Community Clubhouse Coordination Board: Jessie J. Felton, Jr.

Mr. Felton does not want to serve on the board.

b. Cordele Carnegie Library: Jerome Deal

Mr. Deal will come to the February 18th, meeting to be sworn in.

2. Consider and Approve a New Alcohol License: Beer and Wine Consumed Off Premises.

Akdant LLC DBA Mitchell's Bait & Tackle, 902 W 16th Ave., Cordele, GA. Owner/Address Prem Parashbhai Patel, 404 Doraville Court, Warner Robins, GA. Reviewed by Police Chief Jalon Heard on January 17, 2025.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Alcohol License; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Reeves voted aye.

The Commission approved the Alcohol License for Mitchell Bait & Tackle.

3. Consider and Approve River Valley Letter of Agreement for FY25 Community Development Block Grant.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the River Valley Letter of Agreement for FY25 Community Development Block Grant; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that the Letter of Agreement with River Valley is to provide administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant. They normally prepare the application. If the Grant is awarded, they administer the project, in terms of working with the Engineers, making sure that applications are submitted on time and other information that the City will need to submit to DCA.

Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Commission approved the River Valley Letter of Agreement for FY25 Community Development Block Grant.

4. Consider and Approve a Resolution Approving the GEFA Loan and Designating the Authorized Persons to Execute and Attest the Loan Agreement, the Note, and Any Related Documents Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by the Loan Agreement, Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.

Background Summary:

The City Commission approved the GEFA Loan at the November 5, 2024 City Commission Meeting. In addition to accepting the GEFA Loan, the City Commission must approve a Resolution identifying the persons who are authorized to execute and attest the Loan Agreement, the Note, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Agreement.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve a Resolution approving the GEFA Loan and Designating the Authorized Person to Execute and Attest the Loan Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved a Resolution approving the GEFA Loan and Designating the Authorized Persons to Execute and Attest the Loan Agreement.

5. Consider and Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) By and Between Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and the City of Cordele.

6. **Background Summary:**

The City of Cordele would like to apply for a Cybersecurity Grant administered by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. A MOU between the two agencies is required to submit an application for the grant.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between Georgia Emergency and Homeland Security Agency and the City of Cordele; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

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Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Angela Redding Reported.

Upcoming Events:

Crisp County Community Council Presents the Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance

Friday, February 7, 2025

First United Methodist Activities Center, 302 E. 12th Ave.

Historical Awards Committee

A Walk Through, Displaying Notable and Famous Black Americans from Crisp County

February 8, 2025

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cordele BBQ Bash

Middle and South Georgia BBQ Association

Cordele Lions Club Fairgrounds

February 7th and 8th, 2025

Faith Based Organization Minister's Meeting

Thursday, February 13th, 2025

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Cordele Community Clubhouse

108 East 15th Ave.

Upcoming Meetings

Community Clubhouse Meeting

February 10, 2025

Courtroom

10:00 AM

Land Bank Meeting

February 11, 2025

Crisp County Power Boardroom

1:00 PM

Legislative Event – Cordele Crisp County Chamber

February 18, 2025

Georgia Railroad Depot – Blue Room

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

2025 Eggs and Issues

Atlanta, GA

Advanced Drainage Systems Groundbreaking Ceremony

ADS is a 3-billion-dollar company and recently celebrated ten (10) years on being public on the New York Stock Exchange. ADS process about 550 million pounds of recycled plastic every year. The new facility as 117,000 square feet building is a \$30,000,000 invest in this community. ADS has been part of this community for twenty (20) years. ADS currently employs fifteen (15) people. The expanded facility will add fifty (50) new jobs right here in Cordele. Scott Barbour, President and CEO and other key ADS Officials praised Bobby Manders, Plant Manager and the employees at the Cordele facility for their track record of excellence and performance. ADS Cordele employees won the coveted Outstanding Performance Award in 2022 and the President's Award in 2023.

Public Works Training

On January 8, employees of the Public Works Department participated in a 4-hour flagger training course coordinated through Georgia's Local Training Assistance Program. This training aims to ensure the safety of both the workers and drivers around work zones. Tom Bartlett, Senior Compliance Specialist Group, taught the employees how to safely and effectively direct traffic, use hand signals and flagging devices, identify dangers, and respond during emergencies. Upon successful completion, the employees received a certificate that allows them to direct traffic on the State Highway System.

Next Financial Review – February 18, 2025

Budget Timeline – Department Heads will receive Budget Work sheets next month.

Promotions – Sonya Alexander, Finance Director
Nancy Crook, Municipal Court Clerk

HB581 Final Public Hearing – February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Occupation Tax (Business License) Renewal

Occupation license (business license) expire at the end of each year and become delinquent if not paid by April 1st. A penalty is imposed for Occupation Licenses not renewed prior to April 1st. The penalty is ten (10) percent of the regulatory and administrative fee and occupational tax determined to be due. The delinquency will accrue interest at the rate of one (1) percent for each month or partial month of such delinquency.

There is no grace period after April 1st. Businesses operating without an Occupation License will receive a summons to appear in Municipal Court for nonpayment.

Property Taxes

The deadline for property taxes is March 6, 2025.

Recent Retirees

Rita Bass – Administrative Assistant - Community Development – Retired January 17th, 2025
Irene Cantrell and Jackie Walker retired on Friday, January 31st.

Discussion – CDBG Project: The City received proposals for Engineers. A list has been provided for previous CDBG projects. One of the Projects mentioned, in terms of infrastructure was drainage improvements.

Vice Chair Rainey stated he definitely think drainage is an issue, this is a major concern of his. Chair Joshua Deriso stated that housing is a major concern, need housing initiatives and follow it up with funds, community initiatives need to be the focus.

Chair Deriso stated he thinks before there is a determination regarding what project the Commission want to endorse, to have a strategic meeting to discuss the funds.

City Manager Angela Redding stated firms submitted proposals for Engineer services. The tabulations for the Engineering Firms are included in your packet. Based on the tabulation, we would like to recommend Carter & Slope to work in conjunction with River Valley on the application submittal. If this is something that the Commission would like to move forward with, the City Manager asked for a vote, the motion would have to be made in a certain order.

Commissioner Reeves asked Carter & Slope are located.

Carter & Slope are located in Moultrie, Georgia. Carter & Slope has worked on a lot of CDBG Projects, they have worked with a lot of governments, in terms of infrastructure, sewer projects, but definitely a variety of CDGB Projects.

The motion will be, “a motion is made to enter into a Contract with Carter & Slope to provide Engineering Services for CDBG 2025, if funded. Carter & Slope will also assist the City with preparing the 2025 CDBG application. They were chosen because of their experience with local government, their qualifications and their experience with CDBG Projects.”

Chair Deriso wants to know what CDBG Projects they have done.

City Manager Angela Redding stated, she knows scheduling a Meeting with the citizens was something they wanted to do and she can work on getting that schedule. I can send out a list of Projects that they have worked on. If this is how the Commission want to proceed, to have the meeting, look at their projects and then proceed.

Lead Service Line Project:

City Manager Angela Redding stated that the Commission have in their packet, the scoring sheet for this project and those who reviewed the information. There are two companies, both with a certain amount of fees.

City Manager Angela Redding asked Attorney Tommy Coleman, if it was okay to call the names of the two companies.

City Attorney Coleman answered, “yes”.

There were only two (2) proposals submitted; Falcon Design and Lanier Engineering.

City Manager Angela Redding had a concern with Lanier Engineer because they have projects on hold with the City of Cordele.

The recommendation from the Committee is Falcon Design.

Commissioner Reeves moved to go with Falcon Design; seconded by Commissioner Owens. Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye; Vice Chairman Rainey voted nay.
The Commission approved the proposal from Falcon Design for the Lead Service Project with a 3/1 vote.

President's Holiday

The City will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 for President's Day; the office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

Auditors will be coming in March, 2025.

Commissioner's Projects

Chairman Deriso asked, how to initiate the Commissioner's Project (\$5,000)?
City Manager Angela Redding stated, the Commission received the Ward Guidelines, to initiate the project, alert the City Manager what you all want to be done and we can make sure that the project is within the guidelines and it can be started.

Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard's Project: Give Bethel Cemetery a facelift– one of the oldest cemeteries in the City Limit.

City Manager Angela Redding stated she reached out to the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman regarding the open graves.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that there is a code section about abandoned graves. The Commission can by Resolution designate the graves and authorize the City to fix the graves. If you can find the people who own the graves, they will have to be billed. Mr. Coleman stated he will prepare a Resolution for the next City Commission Meeting, to identify where the funds will be applied (which graves).

Commissioner Shephard stated she would like for someone from the Cemetery and Parks Division to meet her at the Bethel Cemetery to assist her with identifying the graves.

City Manager Angela Redding showed a short video prepared by Ricky Smarr – Social Media Marketing Director recapping events for the year 2024.

Chairman Deriso reminded the Commission about Municipal Court and the search for a Solicitor and Public Defender.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated he will arrange a Meeting with the Municipal Court Judge.

8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate): No Executive Session.

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- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Reeves moved to adjourn the Meeting at 12:15 PM; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Commission approved to adjourn the Meeting.

**MINUTES
CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

The City of Cordele Commission held a Public Hearing on February 4, 2025, at 6:00 PM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Chairman	Wesley Rainey, Vice Chairman
Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner	Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager	Royce F. Reeves, Sr., Commissioner
Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary	

Absent: Tommy Coleman, City Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deriso called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION: There was a moment of silence.

PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Owens.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman		✓
J. Wesley Rainey	Commission Vice Chairman Ward 4		✓
Vesta Beal-Shephard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Royce F. Reeves, Sr.	Commissioner Ward 2 (Late)		✓
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 4, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Agenda for February 4, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Agenda was approved by the Commission.

Chairman Deriso stated people will speak, this is open to the public. He will regulate the meeting, as far as people speaking. Try to be mindful that everyone wants to say something. Let us not utilize time, as if others do not have something to say.

Chairman Deriso asked for everyone to silence their phone or put on vibrate. If you need to take a call, please step outside and step away from the doors, so your conversation will not be heard.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. HB581 (2024):** The Local Opt-out Floating Homestead Exemption and Floating Option Sales Tax (FLOST)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joe Wright: Mr. Wright states that he sits on the Board of Education and they are facing the same issue, the County is facing the same issue, as every community up and down I-75 corridor is facing an issue. This issue is not an easy one to come to grips on.

Mr. Wright stated when he looks at the City and County, especially for Crisp County, in his view. He stated that he really feels strongly that the City should stay in. The reason Mr. Wright believes this is because when that one (1) cent FLOST when it passes, the professional estimates put it at 2.7 million dollars for the City and County.

For the City's sake, you are in the hole right now. You all are behind with your Budget, it is about 1.6, 1.8 million dollars, you had to go into the hole, it is my understanding. If I am wrong, please address the issue. But if that is the case, it does not make any sense not to try to pick up that money on a roll back and alleviate that problem. If you are in that position, in the hole. I know you owe the County. My point being that there are monies owed and the City is not in as good as financial shape as it used to be. I think it will behoove you to take advantage of this money coming your way. We are a really small community; it is not about 20,000 to 22,000 people. We are not loaded with population and we are booming in industrial at this moment. Every opportunity that we can, to pick up dollars to better the lives of the citizens in Cordele, that is what we need to do. I am a citizen; I live inside the City. I see you all are saying that there is no Budget deficit.

Mr. Wright asked if the City of Cordele was in the hole financially.

Chairman Deriso stated that the City is not in a hole. If you are in a hole, you operate fiscal year to fiscal year. We are recovering funds, we do not know where we will end of at the end of this fiscal year. To say we are in a hole, is a bit premature. We went into the reserve fund to take care of things, but that does not mean we are in a hole.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that the City did utilize the Fund Balance to balance the Budget, it is the same that the County has been doing for the past few years, they have had to use Fund Balance to balance the Budget.

City Manager Angela Redding asked, what does the City owes the County?

Mr. Wright stated, he does not know, this is a small town.

City Manager Angela Redding stated he should not have made the comment if he does not have documentation to say that we owe the County because I would like to know, what do we owe the County? I know the jail fund goes through the County, we pay land fill bills, we pay excise tax that we are working on with the County.

Mr. Wright stated he stand corrected on saying the City owes the County.

Mr. Wright stated that the City went into the reserves and had to use money. Any prudent government has to have some reserves, you can predict an economic down turn, those are things that you have to be prepared for. Mr. Wright stated this bill is a revenue source coming in. The City should look at this deeply.

City Manager Angela Redding asked the question, if the FLOST passes, because it has to go through the voters. If they reject the additional one (1) percent and you opt in, you opt in forever. What happens then?

Mr. Wright responded great question.

Mr. Wright stated all the one (1) percent sales taxes have passes in the past.

Mr. Wright stated he would ask the Commission to think hard before they opt out the bill.

Mr. George Singletary (property owner): Mr. Singletary expressed his concerns for the City opting out. His concerns are the same as this morning at 9:00 AM Public Hearing.

Mr. Robert Pollock (property owner): Mr. Pollock stated he has lived in Cordele for over twenty-five (25) years and over the years, his assess value on his house has increased \$148,000.00. He has spoken with the local elected officials and he went to the Legislators. The Legislators stated that they would change it, it has happened, and the City is opting out of it. Mr. Pollock asked the City Commission to honor what the voters voted to pass this bill.

Mr. Pollock: Asked why the City was opting out of HB581.

Chairman Deriso: Chairman Deriso stated that the City Commission is here protecting the citizens of Cordele. The Commission has researched the bill and it is not advantageous for the City of Cordele. The City and County are not the same. This will be more advantageous for the County than the City to pass HB581.

*****Commissioner Reeves entered the Meeting at 6:58 PM.**

Vice Chairman Rainey stated he is for HB581. The only thing he has concerns about is what happens after five years.

After a very lengthy discussion on HB581, the Commission voted on A Resolution to Opt Out of the Homestead Exemption.

2. Consider and Approve A Resolution By The City Of Cordele To Opt Out Of The Homestead Exemption Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.

Commission Reeves moved to approve A Resolution By The City of Cordele To Opt Out Of The Homestead Exemption; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Vice Chairman Rainey stated he does not think the Commission should consider and approve this Resolution, approving this Resolution is premature.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Commission Reeves voted aye; Vice Chairman Rainey voted nay.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:18 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Public Hearing was closed by the Commissioners.



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

WESLEY RAINEY
Commissioner

ROYCE F. REEVES, SR.
Commission Vice-Chair

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner

VESTA BEAL-SHEPHARD
Commissioner

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Hill

DATE: February 18, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager and
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 PROPEL Meeting in Athens on February 5th and 6th to discuss our progress and meet with potential funders for local projects.
- Attended the Land Bank meeting on February 11th to discuss a strategy to move housing programs forward through the Land Bank.
- Attended the Accident Report Committee Meeting on February 12th to review incidents and establish protocols to address future incidents.
- Attend the Ministers Meeting at the Community Clubhouse on February 13th to talk about upcoming programs in the community.
- Set up a meeting with the Department of Natural Resources to discuss grants they administer for walking/biking/motorized trails, playground equipment, STEM activities in Water Conservation, etc.
- Meeting with company for roof repair estimates for the Allied Building and the building next to the park on February 19th.
- Set up a Stakeholders Meeting with the Office of State Rural Health in Cordele on February 21st to discuss collaboration on grants opportunities for the City of Cordele.
- Working with The Orchard Subdivision to schedule a Planning Commission Meeting to rezone it as a PUD for the month of March.
- Had a conference call with the owners of Pateville Estates to discuss funding options for street repairs and renovation upgrades, also drove the property to see the scope of repairs.



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

ROYCE F. REEVES, SR.
Commission Vice-Chair

VESTA BEAL-SHEPHARD
Commissioner

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Commissioner

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Community Development Director Report

Historic Preservation Committee - No February Meeting Scheduled
Board of Zoning Appeals Committee- No February Meeting Scheduled
Planning Commission Committee - No February Meeting Scheduled

Revolving Loan Fund Committee Meeting/Public Hearing is Scheduled for February 13, 2025, at 11:30 am in the Cordele City Hall Court Room.

- Set up a Revolving Loan Fund Committee Public Hearing to review the application for Mr. Creech and the 403 Bar & Grill.

I 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: 2/11/2025
RE: City Commission Report

January-25
Financial Summary

UTILITIES	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Billed	\$ 556,732.52	\$ 522,115.11	\$ 357,522.11	\$ 558,762.02	\$ 729,103.93	\$ 371,730.69	\$ 682,797.01	\$ 529,745.30	\$ 414,207.10	\$ 717,029.35
Collected	\$ 627,721.48	\$ 581,349.35	\$ 477,762.17	\$ 595,141.57	\$ 566,259.27	\$ 532,067.84	\$ 567,210.47	\$ 489,728.57	\$ 611,010.63	\$ 660,209.40
Added	29	20	25	30	20	32	35	33	34	32
Transferred or Reconnected	51	66	37	67	86	67	75	69	68	51

BUSINESS LICENSE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
License Fees Collected	\$ 75,105.68	\$ 80,090.97	\$ 18,040.29	\$ 3,941.73	\$ 14,350.17	\$ 1,111.14	\$ 5,397.08	\$ 15,379.72	\$ 72,743.15	\$ 86,940.49
Late Penalties Collected	\$ 5,168.83	\$ 6,444.45	\$ 2,043.30	\$ 242.78	\$ 176.82	\$ 27.19	\$ 74.21	\$ -	\$ 56.09	\$ 470.13
Total Collected	\$ 80,274.51	\$ 86,535.42	\$ 20,083.59	\$ 4,184.51	\$ 14,526.99	\$ 1,138.33	\$ 5,471.29	\$ 15,379.72	\$ 72,799.24	\$ 87,410.62
Renewals	191	98	34	8	6	1	3	11	116	201
New Licenses	18	20	6	11	8	6	12	9	4	18

PROPERTY TAX	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Penalties & Interest Collected	\$ 4,069.71	\$ 4,968.83	\$ 16,385.98	\$ 20,686.16	\$ 22,020.13	\$ 10,741.65	\$ 2,023.24	\$ 3,993.34	\$ 11,473.55	\$ 15,235.29
Prior Year Taxes Collected	\$ 43,086.89	\$ 60,819.06	\$ 78,980.05	\$ 99,628.38	\$ 84,443.85	\$ 30,884.23	\$ 15,816.85	\$ 13,964.32	\$ 10,401.97	\$ 29,965.48
2024 Taxes Collected	\$ 58,758.96	\$ 64,133.06	\$ 37,154.04	\$ 42,348.36	\$ 26,271.83	\$ 11,369.60	\$ 6,532.17	\$ 2,553.68	\$ 9,242.56	\$ 870,764.17
Total Collected	\$ 105,915.56	\$ 129,920.95	\$ 127,520.07	\$ 162,662.90	\$ 132,735.81	\$ 52,995.48	\$ 24,372.26	\$ 20,511.34	\$ 31,118.08	\$ 915,964.94

CASH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Total Wages	\$ 520,976.26	\$ 761,338.48	\$ 526,363.50	\$ 527,062.13	\$ 520,126.15	\$ 523,961.77	\$ 538,076.25	\$ 878,549.75	\$ 586,999.07	\$ 598,685.96
Accounts Payable Transactions	451	220	247	207	211	253	222	350	185	219
Total Invoiced Disbursements	\$ 982,812.85	\$ 1,119,192.79	\$ 964,182.53	\$ 966,124.91	\$ 1,609,119.74	\$ 885,999.24	\$ 1,488,003.91	\$ 965,872.46	\$ 1,187,729.70	\$ 1,024,520.35

2025 GOALS

- 1 - Hire Accounting Clerk
- 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 Office 229-276-2970

Fire Chief Todd Alligood

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



Attn: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman

Royce Reeves, Commissioner Ward 2

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: February 11, 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. Hired three (3) firefighters since the first of the year. We are now at full staff (8) firefighters per shift and (3) administrative positions. One of the new hires is the first female to work a shift with the Cordele Fire Department and she is doing well.
2. We have issued several smoke detectors; Red Cross is working to get us more.
3. Lt. Cook has earned his Fire Inspector Certification. That gives us two with Chief Bullington. Lt. Cook is also working towards his Fire Investigator Certification.
4. Hosting a Decision Making for Initial Company Operations 2/17-2/18 at Albany State Univ. (Cordele Campus). 18 from CFD...24 total registered. Chief Munday from Perry Fire Dept. will assist Lt. Averill with teaching the class.
5. We had our quarterly Command Staff meeting 1/29.
6. Attended the new website reveal and looking forward to the training.
7. Attended the Safety Committee meeting 2/12.

Thank you for your continued support!



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

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Vice-Chair, Ward 2

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Commissioner, Ward 1

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Commissioner, Ward 4

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Commissioner, Ward 3

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager



MEMO

DATE: February 11, 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 February 18, 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**

FEBRUARY 18, 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. **Job descriptions for all positions in Public Works and U,C,&T were updated to include working after-hours as may be required due to on-call or emergencies.**
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.
 - a. **Extended in-house promotions to Finance Director, Chief Court Clerk, Cemetery & Parks Superintendent, and Police Sergeants.**
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.
 - a. **Participated in a Job Fair held at Crisp County High School.**
 - b. **Attending an upcoming hiring event hosted by South Georgia Technical College Americus Campus.**
 - c. **Finalizing details to host a Work-Based Learning student in the Fleet Department at Public Works.**



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Nancy Crook, Chief Clerk Municipal Court

Date: February 13, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

GOALS FOR CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT

- 1. Report accurate and complete information for the court and public.**
- 2. Complete court docket for the judge in a timely manner.**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT

- 1. All dockets and court dispositions were turned into the state on time.**



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Jalon Heard Chief of Police

2025 Goals and Accomplishments

1. We will continue to provide the City of Cordele with professional law enforcement service through our hiring process, training, and self-accountability. **We currently have 4 applicants in the hiring process for police officers. One applicant has an interview scheduled for later this week. The other applicants are in the third stage of the hiring process. They will be attending the preliminary physical agility test next week. Our department has one cadet that is currently on her sixth week of the police academy.**
2. Develop strategies to attract new candidates and to retain our current employees. **We are continuing to promote on our sign boards and on our Facebook page.**
3. We will continue to connect with the community through collaborating with local churches, groups and businesses. **The mission of the Event Committee is to partner with community groups to hold bigger and better events for our community. Our main goal is to focus on the children in our community. More information forthcoming on our next events.**
4. We will continue to make advancements towards obtaining the Georgia Risk Reduction Certification. **We are continuing with policy reviews to make them align with state requirements.**



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To: Angela Redding, City Manager

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

Date: February 11, 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 43 animals Adopted and 34 Rescued in the month of January.
 - b. We are bringing on a volunteer to help promote the Shelter Facebook page and push the available dogs we have. She has a lot of experience and we hope it will revamp the vision that the Animal Control currently has.
2. Work towards implementing a volunteer program at the shelter.
 - a. We are working on a schedule and paperwork to have volunteers.
3. Make shelter improvements: grates for drains, seal the floors, replace rusted kennel pipes, add a few more kennels outside.
 - a. 4 kennels were added outside, along with 2 others that were made before.
 - b. Prices are being gathered about the grates for the drains.
 - c. We would like to add a few more outside, but are figuring out the logistics as far as where they would go.
4. Actively promote better animal welfare. (Spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter(housing), kennel ordinance control).
 - a. We have loaned out several dog houses for citizens until they are able to get them one.
 - b. We have been contacted by several citizens about doing vouchers to get stray cats fixed. The vets office is on board and we are working together on this issue. Cats are the number one animal that comes into the shelter. Spaying/Neutering will reduce the number that comes.

5. Host events with the hope of bring awareness to the shelter, animal health and welfare and increasing donations.
 - a. We are coming up with ideas and possible locations to have events. There have been several asking about how to donate and what to donate other than pet food.



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City Commission Meeting
February 11, 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 Compliance Officers held meetings with two landlords to cover lack of adequate heat complaints, tenant rights, and rental unit property maintenance code requirements.
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 Compliance Division enrolled each officer in the local chapter of BOAG building inspectors to participate in local classes and training.
3. Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. **Code Compliance Officers met with the City Attorney and City Manager to review the progress on existing blighted structures and added five new properties to the attorney action list.**
4. Increasing our social media presence and utilizing other innovative ways to relay information and announce code issues and problems. The aim is to educate and keep the public informed about code related issues that concern them.
Code Compliance Officers met with Main Street Director to address downtown commercial property blight and façade code compliance.

MID FEBRUARY 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
Crisp Regional OR Expansion	902 North 7 th Street. OR Expansion Job Valuation: \$17,200,000.00 Permit Fee: \$35,080.00
Speedway Truckstop	Truck Stop at 510 North Greer Street. Job Valuation: \$1,650,000.00 Permit Fee: \$5120.00
Crisp Regional/MRI Room	Remodel MRI Room at 902 N 7 th Street. Job Valuation: \$197,000.00 Permit Fee: \$771.00

Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$20,897,000.00 Total of Permit Fees: \$45,881.00

PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Single-Family Home	Single-Family Home for Jud Lanneau at 1902 Quail Run Job Valuation: \$580,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1840.00
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Total of Residential Job Valuations: \$580,000.00 Permit Fees: \$1840.00

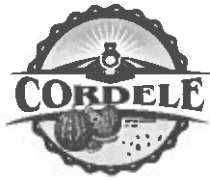
Combined Total of Commercial/Residential: \$21,477,000.00

PENDING JOBS:

Christian Homes Community	24 apartment complex on West 25 th Avenue. Plans approved. Waiting on permit and Pre-construction meeting.
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.
RaceTrack 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.

Projects Completed in 2025**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



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

Memo

Date: February 11, 2025

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Jessie Mercer, Interim Public Works Director

Re: Public Works Goals & Accomplishments – February 18, 2025

We have three updates at this time.

Goals & Accomplishments

Public Works Department

2/18/25

We have three updates at this time.

- Goal 1:** **Improve the working order and functionality of the 7 holding ponds.**
1. Completed 2 of the 3 holdings ponds on 19th Avenue between 13th Street and 14th Street.
- 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.
- 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 50% complete.
- 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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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

TO: ANGELA REDDING, CITY MANAGER

FROM: RICKY SMARR, SOCIAL MEDIA – MARKETING MANAGER

DATE: FEBRUARY 18TH, 2025 - CORDELE CITY COMMISSION MEETING

RE: SOCIAL MEDIA-MARKETING GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MISSION: TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE CITY OF CORDELE

GOAL #1: CITY OF CORDELE WEBSITE

A goal from the beginning was to navigate the rebuilding of the City of Cordele website. On February 6th the website committee met with Kian Miller of Granicus for the website reveal. All in attendance were pleased with what was presented and comments were positive and encouraging. We have received the link for the training schedule. There are 3 levels of training: Basic Training is 3 hours and consists of how to build, edit, and publish. All users on the access sheet are asked to attend in a classroom setting. The second level is ADMIN. This is for super-users who have full access to the site. The third level is BEYOND THE BASICS, which addresses questions, concerns, issues, and further training as needed.

GOAL #2: CGI DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP

All requirements have been completed. Once the website is ready to roll out, the widget will be placed on the front page as contractually required.



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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.

As of this writing your followers on the city's Facebook social media page total 2,123. The City's Instagram and YouTube platforms are beginning to generate some interest.

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

GOAL #4: GROWING CORDELE PODCAST

In continuing to plan for the launch of a "Growing Cordele" podcast, during a meeting with Monica Rentfrow at Downtown Cordele I asked if it would be possible to utilize that space to record. Monica is pleased to share that space. Once production begins, I propose these podcasts be placed on our website and YouTube platform. We would utilize Facebook to promote and drive people to the website to view the podcast.

The key to success will be to keep it current and invite our city and community partners, as well as others with an interesting story to tell, to be part of this endeavor.



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GOAL #5: CORDELE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER EXPANSION

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. Mrs. Redding and I spoke about the addition of a newsletter that would be specifically for citizens. There is a free basic platform called ISSUU that I am investigating and working with.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2/4/25: Cordele City Commission Meeting

<https://fb.watch/xHdGJ8k PU/>

HB584 Public Hearings at 9 AM and 6 PM

<https://fb.watch/xHdC5sFb5E/>

<https://fb.watch/xHdEn N301/>

2/8/25: Cordele BBQ Bash. Published pictures of the event. Recorded early establishing interview with coordinator Lane Stuckey and published. We went LIVE on the city's social media platform with the awards ceremony.

<https://fb.watch/xHdsyd8VOm/>

<https://fb.watch/xHduVA11c/>

2/8/25: Historical Awards Committee Local Black History Walk Through Exhibit. Produced a news package advancer to promote the upcoming event and dropped it on the city's social media platform on 2/5/25.

<https://fb.watch/xHdoMxWomm/>

Posted pictures on 2/8/25 and gathered video and voices for a news package wrap-up published on 2/11/25. Voices acquired were from Commissioner Shephard, C.R. Lemmons, and Willie Mae Dexter

<https://fb.watch/xHdgmTDkM8/>



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2/13/25: Faith-Based Minister's Meeting

Doug Dean – Presenter

**Topic: Community Center Vision at the former Cordele First Baptist Church
property on 13th Avenue East.**

**Finally – I have compiled and will keep current, a log of all social media
activity done by your social media marketing department. The log is available
for viewing at any time.**

Respectfully submitted
February 18th, 2025

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





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Cordele Police Department

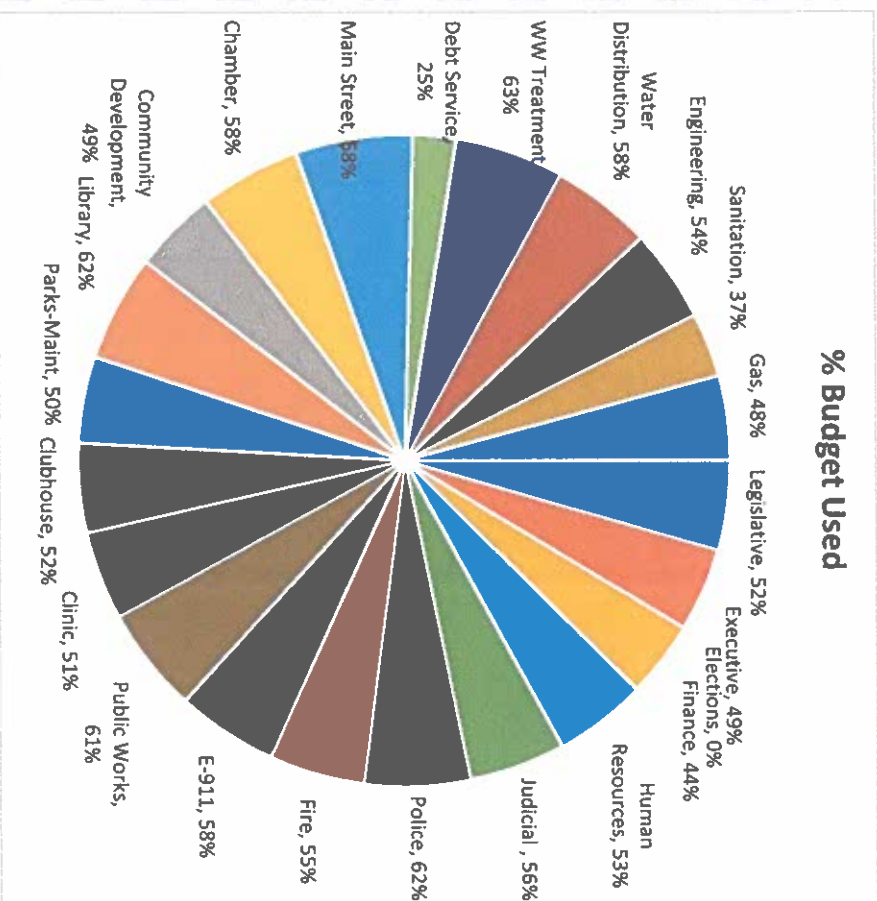
Surplus List

Item #	Item Description	Department	Year	Make	Model	Serial #	Unit/Vin/Inventory #	Reason
1	Computer monitor	Police		LG	19MB35DE	407NDTCOA145		Surplus
2	Computer monitor	Police		Viewsonic	V513298	5GB114222651		Surplus
3	Computer monitor	Police		Dell	E178FPC	CNOTP2196Y1807AM7JPS		Surplus
4	Computer monitor	Police		HP	VSE94AG	3CQ618118D		Surplus
5	Laptop Computer	Police		ASUS	P43E	BANXBC009002428		Surplus
6	DVD Recorder	Police		Magnovox	ZC320MW8	D07839384		Surplus
7	ID Printer	Police		HID	920180	86280482		Surplus
8	Keyboard	Police		ASUS	OK001001600DP	153202426		Surplus
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November 24-January 25 Budget Summary by Department

Department	Budget	Actual	Balance	% of Budget Used
Legislative	622,230.00	322,038.32	300,191.68	52%
Executive	1,165,330.00	566,452.51	598,877.49	49%
Elections	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0%
Finance	828,900.00	367,231.16	461,668.84	44%
Human Resources	244,035.00	130,353.35	113,681.65	53%
Judicial	218,188.00	121,830.13	96,357.87	56%
Police	3,576,178.00	2,202,840.18	1,373,337.82	62%
Fire	2,466,815.00	1,353,296.33	1,113,518.67	55%
E-911	261,980.00	152,821.55	109,158.45	58%
Public Works	4,112,983.28	2,507,301.17	1,605,682.11	61%
Clinic	230,500.00	117,795.68	112,704.32	51%
Clubhouse	40,728.00	20,987.32	19,740.68	52%
Parks-Maint	25,750.00	12,866.94	12,883.06	50%
Library	174,425.00	107,969.93	66,455.07	62%
Community Development	311,175.00	151,174.62	160,000.38	49%
Chamber	15,660.00	9,135.00	6,525.00	58%
Main Street	116,640.00	79,190.58	37,449.42	68%
Debt Service	181,501.00	45,457.00	136,044.00	25%
WW Treatment	1,933,864.00	1,211,759.87	722,104.13	63%
Water Distribution	1,442,648.00	842,645.00	600,003.00	58%
Engineering	212,070.00	113,556.47	98,513.53	54%
Sanitation	810,000.00	302,724.67	507,275.33	37%
Gas	2,312,843.00	1,115,707.83	1,197,135.17	48%
Total GF Department	21,306,943.28	11,855,135.61	9,451,807.67	56%





July 24-January 25 Revenue Summary

Financial Statement					% of Budget Received
Fund	Budget	Actual	Balance		
Taxes	9,000,000.00	4,204,039.81	4,795,960.19		47%
Licenses & Permits	88,000.00	13,312.22	74,687.78		15%
Intergovernmental Rev	1,116,119.00	139,491.46	976,627.54		12%
Charges for Services	1,130,000.00	674,419.86	455,580.14		60%
Fines & Forfeitures	403,000.00	277,921.47	125,078.53		69%
Investment Income	0.00	0.00	0.00		0%
Contributions & Donations	96,200.00	646.01	95,553.99		1%
Miscellaneous Revenue	286,500.00	175,062.46	111,437.54		61%
Other Financing Sources	35,000.00	21,862.00	13,138.00		62%
Use of Fund Balance	1,814,124.00	0.00	1,814,124.00		0%
Water Fund	4,120,000.00	2,683,399.59	1,436,600.41		65%
Gas Fund	2,380,000.00	1,340,006.35	1,039,993.65		56%
Sanitation Fund	838,000.00	539,941.08	298,058.92		64%
Total Balance	21,306,943.00	10,070,102.31	11,236,840.69		47%

