

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

John E. Wiggins, Commission Chair  
Royce Reeves, Commissioner  
Wesley Rainey, Commissioner  
Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary

Jeanie Bartee, Vice Chair  
Vesta Beal-Shephard, Commissioner  
Roland McCarthy, City Manager  
Tommy Coleman, City Attorney

**Staff present:** David Wade, Irene Cantrell, Debra Perry, Jack Wood, Sr.

**Others present:** Joshua Deriso, Don Cole, Lisa Garcia, Ronald Michael, Sr., John Mann, Tammye Pettyjohn Jones – Office of the Congressman, Charlie Butts, Crandall Postell, Ricky Dawson, Kimberly Askew.

**Media present:** Ricky Smarr – South GA TV; Cordele Dispatch - Not present.

**Call to Order:** Commission Chair John E. 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 Agenda – November 16, 2021:** Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Agenda for November 16, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Shepherd; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Approval of Rescheduled Work Session Minutes – November 3, 2021:** Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the Rescheduled Work Session Minutes, November 3, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION – COMMISSION APPROVAL:**

**FIRST READING:** Of an Ordinance Amending the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance for the City of Cordele restricting the issuance of on-premises consumption licenses in the Downtown Development District; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; and for other purposes. City Attorney Tommy Coleman informed the Commission of amending this Ordinance as requested by Mainstreet and the Downtown Development Authority; this is stating that the selling of alcohol will be restricted to restaurants only in the Downtown Area. Mr. Coleman stated already in the Ordinance, it states 60% food sales. Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the First Reading, but lowering the food sales from the 60% to 40% in the Downtown Development District; seconded by Commissioner Reeves; after a short discussion, vote was taken by show of hands, the results are as follows; Commissioners Reeves, Rainey and Shepherd voted aye, Commissioner Bartee voted nay. The First Reading of an Ordinance lowering the food sales from 60% to 40% in the Downtown Development District was approved with a 3/1 vote.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE:** Roland McCarthy reported.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Commission Approval on an Event Permit:** Commission Approval is requested to consider approval on an Event Permit. The event is being sponsored by Love and Care Outreach Inc. from Rex, Georgia. The event is for a Toy donation drive at Patrick Plaza, 302-D West 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Cordele, Georgia. The event is scheduled for December 4, 2021 from 10AM-2PM. All toys collected will be distribute to the citizens of Cordele. The Chief of Police and City Manager has reviewed this application and are requested your approval. Commissioner Bartee moved to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project:** Commission Approval is requested on the continuation of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project. Approval is requested due to a portion on the work to be completed will be in the County, at no cost to the County. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the continuation of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on Surplus Items:** Commission Approval is requested on the attached list of Surplus Items provided by Louis New. This will allow the departments to dispose of these items via GovDeals.com or to take to Salvage Partners for the current scrap price. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Surplus Items to be sold on GovDeals.com; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on the City Holiday Schedule for 2022:** Commission Approval is requested on the attached Holiday Schedule for the year of 2022. Commissioner Reeves moved approve the City Holiday Schedule; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on the Plan of Work for Downtown Cordele:** Commission Approval is requested for the attached Plan of Work for Downtown Cordele. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Plan of Work for Downtown Cordele; seconded by Commissioner Rainey; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Commission Approval on the Retirement Plan:** Commission Approval is requested for the attached amendment to the City of Cordele Retirement Plan. The amendment will change the retirement NRA at Age 55 with 30 years of service for ALL employees at an additional cost of \$113,778.00. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Retirement Plan for the City of Cordele; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Rehab of Williams Park:** Two meetings were held on November 4, 2021 with the Landscape Architect. These meeting were to discuss what the city would like this Park to become. Both meetings

went very well and we are looking forward to seeing what the Landscape Architect will present back to the City.

**Awards Ceremony on November 9, 2021:** All the Commissioners, Monica, Gail and City Manager Roland McCarthy attended the Ceremony in Perry to receive the Award for designation as a Rural Zone.

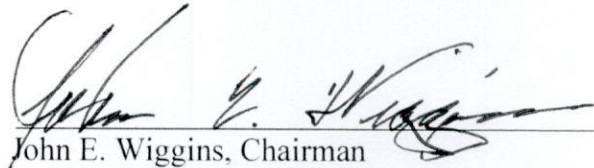
**Meeting on November 10, 2021:** Itron meeting with the Finance Dept and Water Dept about upgrading the cities meter readers and meters.


**Meeting on November 10, 2021:** SAM Shortline meeting in Plains was attended by Commissioner Bartee and City Manager Roland McCarthy.

**CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Tommy Coleman reported.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05:** Of the City Commission of the City of Cordele creating the Williams Park Steering Committee: appointing a Chair to the Committee; providing staff assistance to the Committee; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. Retiring City Commissioner Jeanie Bartee will be Chair of the Steering Committee and Main Street Director Monica Rentfrow will provide staff assistance to the Committee. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Resolution; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Bartee moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

  
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John E. Wiggins, Chairman

  
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Roland McCarthy, City Manager

12/7/21  
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