

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2025**

A Called Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on December 10th at 6:00 PM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

J. Wesley Rainey, Vice Chairman
Isaac Owens, Commissioner

Vesta Beal-Shephard, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager

Absent: Joshua Deriso – Chairman, Tommy Coleman - City Attorney, Janice Mumphery - Recording Secretary/City Clerk

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Rainey called the Called Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Invocation: Prayer was rendered by Rick Smarr.

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

Roll Call: A quorum was established.

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

Note: Commissioner Owens was present via phone.

Approval of Agenda – December 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Agenda for December 10, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chairman Rainey read the reason for the Public Hearing – Millage Rate. Please see below.

Millage Rate

1. **Public Hearing** – The City of Cordele has tentatively adopted a millage rate of 11.060 mills, which is the same rate the city has adopted for the past five (5) years. Without this tentative tax increase of 0.001%, the millage rate would be no more than 11.059 mills.

The proposed tax increase, without a rollback, for a homestead property in the city with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$.064 per year, the proposed tax increase, without a rollback, for non-homestead property in the city with a fair market value of \$300,000 is \$1.33.

COMMENTS: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn at 6:03 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Public Hearing – Millage Rate was adjourned by the Commission.