

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

A Called Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> 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.