

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2021**

A Called Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on December 9th, 3:00 p.m., Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7th Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

John Wiggins, Commission Chair
Royce Reeves, Commissioner
Wesley Rainey, Commissioner
Tommy Coleman, City Attorney

Jeanie Bartee, Vice Chair
Vesta Shephard, Commissioner
Steve Fulford, Asst. City Manager
Janice Mumphery, Recording Secretary

CITY MANAGER ABSENT: Roland McCarthy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Isaac Owens.

MEDIA PRESENT: Neil McGahee – Cordele Dispatch.

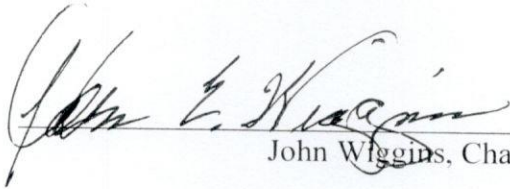
CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair John Wiggins called the meeting to order.

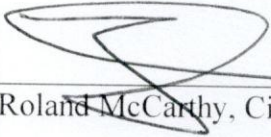
MOMNET OF MEDITATION: There was a moment of meditation.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Funding for Community Park Rehabilitation Project: City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated the reason for the meeting; to consider how this Community Park project will be financed and for Todd Barnes of Raymond James Investment Banking, to put the financing together, if the Commission intent is to proceed. Mr. Coleman stated the Commission had signed a Letter of Intent with Raymond James Investment Banking and the Commission has an Authority present that allows the Commission to finance this project without having a General Obligation Referendum. Todd Barnes of Raymond James Investment Banking, Atlanta, GA, explained to the Commission, the process of getting funding for the park. Mr. Barnes stated that Raymond James work with local governments with financing projects of all types. He stated that Raymond James will help the Commission to get this project financed if it is the will of the Commission. Mr. Barnes stated he knows that the City of Cordele Commission are waiting on cost estimates to do the project; Raymond James Banking is willing to assist with issuing of a Bond to get the project done. Mr. Barnes inquired if the Commission wanted to pursue financing for this project at this time. After a lengthy discussion, in reference to, Bonds, SPLOST payments, Referendum and other options for funding the project; the City of Cordele Commission decided to wait on the cost estimate report before making a decision on how to finance the project. Mr. Coleman stated that he will converse with the City Manager, Roland McCarthy; Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Barnes and himself will get together and make a plan to present to the Commission after the cost estimate report has been received. The Commission agreed to this process. Commissioner Rainey inquired about having a meeting with the County; Commission Chair John Wiggins asked Commissioner Rainey to meet with County to see where they stand with this project and then report back to the Commission.

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Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.


John Wiggins, Chair


Roland McCarthy, City Manager

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