

AGENDA



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM FEBRUARY 4, 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 4, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2025

OVERVIEW OF HB 581

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **HB 581 (2024):** The Local Opt-out Floating Homestead Exemption and Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST)

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

PRESENTATION: Blackshear Regional Library – Anne M. Isbell, Director

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT:

1. Community Advancement/HUA
2. Finance Department
3. Fire Department
4. Human Resource Director
5. Municipal Court
6. Police /Codes/Animal
7. Public Works Director
8. Social Media Marketing Manager
9. UC&T Director

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swearing-In to serve on the City of Cordele Boards.
 - a. Community Clubhouse Coordination Board: Jessie J. Felton, Jr.
 - b. Cordele Carnegie Library: Jerome Deal
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/Adress Prem Pareshbhai Patel, 404 Doraville Court, Warner Robins, GA. Approved by Police Chief Jalon Heard on January 17, 2025.
3. Consider and Approve 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.

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

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.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)

9. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on January 21st, 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

Royce F. Reeves, Sr., Commissioner
J. Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chair
Angela Redding, City Manager – via telephone
Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary

Staff present: Maurice Hill – Community Advancement Manager, Sonya Alexander – Senior Accountant, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, Irene Cantrell – HUA Director, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Jackie Walker – Chief 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	✓	
Royce Reeves, Sr.	Commission Vice Chairman Ward Two	✓	
Vesta Beal Shephard	Commissioner Ward One	✓	
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward Three	✓	
J. Wesley Rainey	Commissioner Ward Four	✓	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – January 21, 2025: City Manager Angela asked for an Amendment to the Agenda to Consider Ms. Taucer's Appeal Request.

Commissioner Reeves moved to the Amend the Agenda for January 21, 2025 to Consider Ms. Taucer's request for an Appeal; seconded by Commissioner Rainey. The Amended Agenda was Approved by the Commission.

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APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 7, 2025: Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2025; seconded by Vice Chair Rainey. The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

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

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

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION:

- a. Michael Lavant: Not Present

CONSIDER APPEAL – CORDELE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- a. Debra Taucer: Not Present

DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Community Advancement/HUA – Maurice Hill Reported.

GOAL #1: Attend the DCA Community Planning Institute Conference

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Attended the conference January 6th to 8th in Dublin and got information on a \$20,000 Historic Preservation Grant for building stabilization.
- Met with the DDA Director and reviewed the grant requirements, we identified a building downtown and call contractors for repair estimates.
- We spoke with RVRC about a Historic Preservation Plan Update (required for the grant), and cost to write the grant and submit it by February 1, 2025, deadline.

GOAL #2: Attend the Georgia Land Bank Authority Web Conference Call

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Attended the call on January 9th, and discussed making property donations to the Land Bank, Owner Occupied properties with a 3 to 5 years requirement to occupy the home.
- Signed up to be on the Governance and Intergovernmental Committees for GALBA and to be a member of the National Land Bank Authority for resources and training.

GOAL #3: Meet with the State Office of Rural Health Executive Director

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Attended a meeting to understand their services and set up a stakeholder meeting for February 21st with other community organizations to collaborate on grants and projects.

GOAL #4: Call with the Ga. Department of Economic Development/Atlanta

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Discussed the Georgia Sports Innovation League possibly operating a program in Cordele

GOAL# 5: Meet with the Dean of Albany State Cordele

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Discussed the upcoming Video Conference call with the Ga Film Academy and space for the Georgia Sports Innovation League programs and activities at the Cordele Campus.

GOAL #6: Attend the upcoming UGA PROPEL Program Meeting

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in discussions on the progress of the process.

Chairman Deriso asked how would someone acquire land through the Land Bank?

Mr. Hill replied, that the person would make an appeal to the Land Bank once the property is identified. It would be a very transparent process, so anyone is able to acquire the land.

Mr. Hill also stated, one thing he learned in the Land Bank Webinar, property coming through the Land Bank should be identified as owner-occupied property to eliminate speculator from going in purchasing the property, getting the property for free, doing a lot of renovations and escalating the price, where it becomes unaffordable for the people that the Land Bank is trying to reach.

Chairman Deriso asked about the Georgia Sports Innovation League, specifically, what is that?

Mr. Hill replied stated that he will have more information going forward, there is a web site. A former sports football figure, they are looking to do somethings throughout the State of Georgia.

Chairman Deriso stated that he has a concern working with a sports team and utilizing Albany State to facilitate because in the City of Cordele, there are successful Community Leagues that are under funded and do well, but they are supported less in Cordele. He stated that he would to see Cordele fund them before someone else is brought in from the outside to help.

Mr. Hill stated that he is very inclusive. At the end of the day, if I receive the names of the Community Leagues, he will make sure that they are part of the Meeting. His goal is to get them to bring their money to build out the facility at Albany State. He stated that he is not looking at the City or County giving resources to them, he is looking at how many resources he can get from the Georgia Sports Innovation League to bring to Cordele.

HOUSING URBAN ADVANCEMENT (HUA) REPORT

Historic Preservation Meeting 1/15/25

Consider Applications for Certificate of Preservation for the following Properties located within the Gillespie-Selden Historic District and the O'Neal Historic District.

APPROVED - Property Owner Donna Faye Tripp is requesting to demolish an existing shed and replace it with a 10 x 12 new wooden shed placed on a concrete foundation and located within the same location at 715 East 14th Avenue.

APPROVED - Applicant Dean Thaxton, LLC and the property owner is Douglas Dean, 601 East 14th Avenue. The proposed scope of work will consist of installing an Aluminum fence, back and side yard, 4.5 feet in height.

DENIED - Applicant Debra Taucer, 719 E 13th Avenue is requesting to add onto an existing fence on the east and west side and across the front with two six (6) foot metal gates. **SHE IS APPEALING TO THE CITY COMMISSION – YET TO BE SCHEDULED**

2. Finance Department – Sonya Alexander Reported.

Ms. Alexander stated that there is an increase in Business License being collected. Property taxes have been mailed out and there is a significant increase in revenue, that will be reflected in next month's report.

3. Fire Department – Chief Todd Alligood Reported.

Goals

- Provide best possible service to the citizens and visitors of Cordele through firefighter recruitment and retention, professionalism (actions and appearance), extensive training, quick response and effective emergency mitigation, community risk reduction programs, and community engagement.
- Maintain morale and confidence in leadership. Continue to practice servant leadership.
- Actively recruit, hire, and promote outstanding individuals that make our team better.
- Fill all available positions.
- Complete our Live Fire Burn Facility.
- Add to the GPSTC Certified classes that we can teach locally.
- Move toward an RFP, identify funding, and begin construction of Station 3.
- Add to the number of NREMTs we have on our department.
- Schedule and complete all our annual certification testing for vehicles, equipment, and personnel.
- Complete budget for 2025.
- Make our new website user friendly with an employment application link, updated information, and on-line forms for the public.

Accomplishments

- Achieved an upgraded ISO Class 2 rating.
- Received \$25,000 Firework Tax Grant and used to purchase G-1 MSA Air packs.
- All firefighters were First Responder Certified (Emergency Medical Training).
- I attended and graduated from the Leadership Crisp program.
- We made some improvements to Station 2.
- Developed and filled the Training Officer position (Lt. Jared Averill).
- Spoke to several community agencies during the year.
- Developed a Functional Fitness test that is administered during the hiring process for new recruits.
- Updated our station radios and walkie-talkies during the County encryption process for improved communication.
- Took part in the annual Mass Casualty Training with our City and County partners.
- We updated and began using the 2019 Automatic Aid Agreement with CCFR for structure fires in the city limits.
- Updated and changed our alert tones so that it does not affect priority tones used by CPD and CCSO.
- Contracted with ImageTrend for our incident reporting and Vector Solutions for expanded training options.

- Hosted a Heavy Wrecker Extrication class that was open to first responders statewide.
- Completed and passed all annual certification testing for trucks, equipment, and personnel.
- Worked with our community partners for a better Cordele/Crisp.

Chairman Deriso asked where will Station 3 be located?

Chief Alligood stated that there is a location on Hwy. 90 between Blackshear Animal Hospital and a Church. There is two (2) acres of land that the City owns. There is a Well on the upper left-hand corner. Chief Alligood stated what he would like for an Engineer to look at it and say yes or no, that there is enough land to do it. He stated that this is an ideal location, because from there, the Fire Department can go and catch Hwy. 75 North Bound, can catch the backside of the Industrial area, Pateville Road, we can get the far end of 16th Avenue. It is a really good location.

4. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported.

Goals for 2025

Develop a workforce profile that identifies strengths, weaknesses, and potential areas for improvement: Conduct a thorough analysis of the current workforce, including:

- Demographics: Age, tenure, diversity and retirement eligibility.
- Skills Inventory: Identify gaps in key skills needed for public service roles, such as technology, project management and customer service.
- Position Analysis: Review job roles and responsibilities to ensure they meet current and future service demands.

Align HR goals with the City's objectives to improve public service delivery: Set measurable goals that support both short-term and long-term priorities such as:

- Reducing employee turnover by enhancing retention strategies.
- Improve public satisfaction by ensuring positions in critical departments are filled promptly.
- Encourage and provide leadership development by setting clear paths for advancement within the organization.

Create a qualified candidate pool for all roles: Attract top talent by focusing on:

- Employer Building: 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.
- Outreach: Ensure job postings reach a wide audience.

Build a resilient, adaptable workforce capable of handling evolving public needs

Invest in continuous learning to keep employees engaged and skilled.

- Leadership Development: Offer programs, both internally and externally, to cultivate future municipal leaders.
- Skill-Based Training: focus on specific competencies like conflict resolution, customer service and technical skills.
- Cross-Department Training: Encourage knowledge sharing between departments to improve collaboration.

Minimize legal risks and ensure a safe and fair workplace: Ensure compliance with internal policies, state, and federal laws regarding areas such as:

- At-Will employment
- Due Process
- Civil Rights
- Discrimination
- FMLA
- FLSA
- USERRA
- Public sector-specific laws

Increase HR department efficiency through technology adoption: Use modern HR tools to streamline processes and enhance services:

- Human Resources Information Systems: Automate benefits and employee records management.
- Applicant Tracking Systems: Improve the recruitment process by managing applications efficiently.
- Learning Management Systems: Deliver and track employment training programs online.

5. Municipal Court – Jackie Walker Reported.

Goals

- Report accurate and complete information for the Court and Public.
- Complete Court Docket for the Judge in a timely manner.

Accomplishments

- All dockets and court dispositions were turned into the State on time.

6. Police Department/Codes Compliance/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported
Police Department Goals and Accomplishments

- 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 five (5) applicants in the hiring process for Police Officers. One cadet is currently on her third week of the Police Academy.**
- Develop strategies to attract new candidates and to retain our current employees. **We had three (3) Corporals that applied for the open sergeant positions. Written assessments were completed last week and oral assessments will be Wednesday (15th) for sergeant positions. Corporal assessments will be scheduled in the near future to fill current open vacancies.**
- We will continue to connect with the community through collaborating with local churches, groups and businesses. **Our Event Committee will be having an upcoming meeting to discuss events for this New Year. Martin Luther King Community Event will be held Monday, January 20th at the Gillespie Auditorium. Chief Heard will be the Guest Speaker. Child Safety ID Cards will be provided to the children attending. We will be partnering with Greater New Birth Ministries in April with**

an event for children Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. We will also partner with SAM Shortline with the Easter Express in April and National Train Day in May. Crisp County Primary School has invited us to attend “Community Helper Day” in April. We are also planning an Autism Stroll in April with Cordele Main Street.

- We will continue to make advancements towards obtaining the Georgia Risk Reduction Certification.

Chief Heard gave an update on the Crime Statistics for the Past five (5) years.

Code Compliance Division – Goals and Accomplishments

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 completed final inspections for a new construction residential home on Old Hatley Road. They also issued a stop work order for a non-permitted privacy fence on East 13th Ave. in the O’Neal Historical District.

The code divisions 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’s official becoming certified in multiple inspection categories. **Code Compliance Officers are registered to attend the GACE Training in March.**

Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. **Code Compliance was successful to obtain homeowner action for a new renovation and a demolition permit for two blighted homes in the 400 block of 9th Avenue East.**

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 the. **Code Compliance recommends the commission to enact a Fence Ordinance with height restrictions for front yards.**

Animal Control Division – Goal and Accomplishments

Get more animals rescued/adopted by being more active in the community and on social media.

Work towards implementing a volunteer program at the shelter.

Make shelter improvements: grates for drains, seal the floors, replace rusted kennels pipes, add a few kennels outside. **We installed heat lamps in the isolation kennels due to the cold weather.**

Actively promote better animal welfare. (Spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter (housing), kennel ordinance control).

Host events with the hope of bringing awareness to the shelter, animal health and increasing donations. **Kiley Odom with Crisp County 4H did a “12 days of Christmas” project for our animal shelter. She donated dog food, dog treats, bowls and \$200.**

Chief Heard thanked Tractor Supply and JAG Probation for the dog food donations.

7. Public Works Director – Jessie Mercer Reported.

R & D Lawn Care Service has finished cleaning one (1) Holding Pond.
The Sidearm Mower has been delivered and we have started cleaning the ditches.

8. Social Media Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported.

GOAL #1: City of Cordele Website

A goal from the beginning was to navigate the rebuilding of the City of Cordele website. Throughout 2024 the committee met with Granicus Project Manager Kian Miller and his team to decide on layout, accessibility (for website keyholders), and content. Through our collaboration, the goal of design was accomplished. As of this meeting, we are moving closer to completing Quality Assurance & content migration. A reveal date should be scheduled soon. From reveal we move to training and the goal of launch.

GOAL #2: CGI Digital Partnership

Another goal from the beginning was to coordinate with CGI Digital to produce 4 video chapters that will be placed on our new website designed to promote the City of Cordele. Business partnerships, video production, editing, and approval goals were accomplished in 2024. We look forward to placing this content on the city’s new website when it is launched. The link and code for the widget that will be placed on the home page has been received.

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. We are knocking on the door of 2000 followers on the city’s Facebook social media page, which has increased by approximately 1400 in the past year.

Positive posts, timely information, the incorporation of video, personal interaction, hashtags, and posting at optimal times, have all contributed to the growth of our social media presence. A goal for this year will be to continue to feed our social media pages with the kind of information that has brought us this far. Another goal will be to enhance the city’s presence on the Instagram platform. YouTube continues to perform well with the addition of video content.

9. UC&T Director – Debbie Wright Reported.

- We received two (2) RFPs for the LSLR Phase. We had a committee of 4 and graded each RFP.
- We are working on the 2024 Water Quality Report required by EPD.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. To Consider the Request for an Appeal on property at 719 E. 13th Ave, Ms. Taucer. The Cordele Historic Preservation Commission denied the citizen to put up a fence in the O'Neal Historic District. There was a stop work ordered by Codes Division.
After a brief discussion on this issue, by consensus the Commission stated Ms. Taucer needs to go before the Historic Preservation with new plans to install a fence.
Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Owens voted aye.
The Commissioner agreed for Ms. Taucer to go before the Historic Preservation Commission.
2. Consider and Approve New Board Appointments:
 - a. Community Clubhouse Coordination Board: Jessie J. Felton, Jr.
 - b. Cordele Carnegie Library: Jerome DealCommissioner Reeves moved to approve the New Board Appointments; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.
The Commission approved the New Board Appointments.
3. Consider and Approve the Request to add the Main Street Manager as a Check Signer on the City of Cordele Downtown Development Authority Bank Account.
Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Main Street Manager as a Checker Signer on the City of Cordele Downtown Development Authority Account; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Owens voted aye.
The Commission approved the request to add the Main Street Manager as a Check Signer.
4. Consider and Approve Bank Signatories: Removing – Commissioner Royce F. Reeves, Sr. from the City of Cordele Bank Accounts; Adding Commission Vice Chair J. Wesley Rainey to the City of Cordele Bank Accounts.
Commissioner Rainey moved to approve the removal and adding of Bank Signatories; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.
The removal and adding of Bank Signatories were approved by the Commission.
5. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Girl Scout of Historic GA Cookie Booth.
Location: Wal Mart Store #1006, 1215 E 16th Ave. Dates: February 14 – 17 & 22, 23, 2025; March 1 -22 and 8 – 9, 2025. Time: Saturdays – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sundays – 12:30 – 5:00 PM. Organizer's Name – Ila Jo Lucas, 618 E. 24th Ave., Cordele, GA. Girl Scouts selling cookies between the two front doors. Written permission is on file from Wal Mart.
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Commissioner Owens.
Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Commission approved the Event Permit.

6. 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.
Commissioner Reeves moved to 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; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Chairman Deriso asked is there a law requiring that the City has to dispose of property through GovDeals.com?

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that it has to be bidden out or put on GovDeals.com. It can be done through solicitation or through GovDeals.com.

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

The Commission approved the Request for Items Listed from Public Works Department to be Declared Surplus and to Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com

7. Consider and Approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cordele, Georgia to Provide for a Term of Office for the Municipal Court Judge; To Provide an Effective Date; To Repeal all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Chairman Deriso asked if this is to comply with the law? The Judge was appointed last year and again this year. Did this law come into effect last year?

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated “yes”, it was considered back in September of last year and it was decided to start the term on January 1, 2025, so it would be along with the other appointments.

Chairman Deriso asked, if he had been appointed for two (2) years now.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman, yes, a two-year term.

Chairman Deriso stated that he thinks that the Commission needs to move with speed on answering to some of the citizens issues and complaints that we look for a Public Defender and City Solicitor. The Public should know that the Appointment is not permanent; the City Attorney has shared that they are at will. He thinks a good number of this Board is dedicated to making our Court better through doing our jobs and that is, this Body looking into and selecting unbiased and impartial people to work the City Courts. The Commission should spend the first quarter of this year, talking with and finding people who can be unbiased.

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

The Commission approved the Second Reading of an Ordinance.

8. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:** City Manager Angela Redding Reported via Telephone.
City Hall Weather Closures
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – All Day

Public Hearings – To opt out the Homestead Exemption

Will be advertised in the January 22nd and 29th publication of the Cordele Dispatch.

Public Hearings are scheduled for: January 29th at 9:00 AM, February 4th at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Mr. Danny Ross resigned his position as Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Commission selected Mr. Joe Ward as Chairperson and Alyssa Wilkerson as Vice Chairperson.

Groundbreaking

ADS Groundbreaking is on January 28th at 3:30 PM

Ms. Irene Cantrell will be retiring on January 31, 2025 and Maurice Hill has assumed her duties until a person is hired for the position. We thank Mrs. Cantrell for her many years of service to the City.

9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)

11. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Shephard moved to adjourn the Meeting at 10:27 AM; seconded by Commissioner Owens. The Commission approved to adjourn the Meeting.



JOSHUA DERISO
Commission Chair

ROYCE F. REEVES, SR.
Commission Vice-Chair

VESTA BEAL-SHEPHARD
Commissioner

WESLEY RAINEY
Commissioner

ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner

ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Hill

DATE: February 4, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

SUBJECT: 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.

- 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.

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, Senior Accountant

DATE: January 31, 2025
RE: City Commission Report

City of Cordele
Sales Tax Receipts



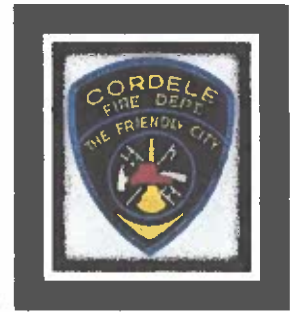
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			Monthly
Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Total
1/30/2023	\$237,469.63	December	1/30/2023	\$222,089.70	November	1/31/2023	\$33,427.28	December	\$492,986.61
2/27/2023	\$213,693.35	January	2/24/2023	\$228,904.97	December	2/28/2023	\$26,894.52	January	\$469,492.84
3/30/2023	\$204,834.30	February	3/28/2023	\$207,086.70	January	3/31/2023	\$28,042.50	February	\$439,963.50
4/28/2023	\$247,792.98	March	4/24/2023	\$198,730.99	February	4/28/2023	\$31,510.17	March	\$478,034.14
5/30/2023	\$218,788.37	April	5/22/2023	\$240,741.01	March	5/31/2023	\$28,935.47	April	\$488,464.85
6/29/2023	\$225,004.69	May	6/20/2023	\$211,944.08	April	6/30/2023	\$29,283.20	May	\$466,231.97
7/28/2023	\$247,284.48	June	7/31/2023	\$218,103.45	May	8/1/2023	\$30,471.24	June	\$495,859.17
8/30/2023	\$247,433.94	July	8/28/2023	\$240,433.14	June	8/31/2023	\$32,988.99	July	\$520,856.07
9/28/2023	\$204,631.16	August	9/16/2023	\$243,707.02	July	9/29/2023	\$34,002.30	August	\$482,340.48
10/30/2023	\$244,359.40	September	10/27/2023	\$198,640.37	August	10/31/2023	\$29,716.36	September	\$472,716.13
11/29/2023	\$227,086.31	October	11/20/2023	\$237,146.15	September	11/30/2023	\$31,686.43	October	\$495,918.89
12/28/2023	\$238,845.35	November	12/18/2023	\$220,394.40	October	1/4/2024	\$29,656.19	November	\$488,895.94
1/30/2024	\$238,707.49	December	1/22/2024	\$231,817.48	November	1/31/2024	\$33,271.42	December	\$503,796.39
2/28/2024	\$213,408.03	January	2/23/2024	\$231,681.86	December	2/29/2024	\$27,552.78	January	\$472,642.67
3/27/2024	\$234,937.72	February	SPLOST 2018-2023 Ended December 2023			3/28/2024	\$31,655.81	February	\$266,593.53
4/29/2024	\$232,723.34	March	4/29/2024	\$98,250.92	February	4/30/2024	\$30,706.67	March	\$361,680.93
5/30/2024	\$220,651.01	April	5/21/2024	\$154,349.08	March	5/31/2024	\$29,908.29	April	\$404,908.38
6/27/2024	\$226,427.34	May	7/1/2024	\$146,348.15	April	6/28/2024	\$30,675.82	May	\$403,451.31
7/30/2024	\$255,423.79	June	7/29/2024	\$149,899.91	May	7/31/2024	\$30,591.52	June	\$435,915.22
8/29/2024	\$247,676.79	July	8/27/2024	\$169,379.79	June	8/30/2024	\$31,553.77	July	\$448,610.35
9/27/2024	\$211,223.28	August	9/23/2024	\$164,273.44	July	9/30/2024	\$31,289.72	August	\$406,786.44
10/30/2024	\$227,094.71	September	10/21/2024	\$140,093.19	August	10/31/2024	\$29,702.64	September	\$396,890.54
11/26/2024	\$251,966.06	October	11/21/2024	\$150,566.72	September	11/27/2024	\$30,927.25	October	\$433,462.03
12/30/2024	\$246,347.33	November	12/30/2024	\$167,121.68	October	12/31/2024	\$30,993.83	November	\$444,462.84
1/30/2025	\$257,928.43	December	1/27/2025	\$163,393.95	November	1/31/2025	\$35,116.13	December	\$456,438.51

CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT

509 North 7th Street Cordele GA, 31015

Fire Chief Todd Alligood

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



To: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman

Royce Reeves, Commission Ward 2

Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner Ward 1

Isaac Owens, Commissioner Ward 3

Wesley Rainey, Vice Chairman Ward 4

Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Todd Alligood, Fire Chief

Date: January 28, 2025

Reference: **Commission Report**

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

1. 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

2. 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Career Development Ladder



- **Eligibility to Apply for Sergeant** (Minimum of 5 years after probation)
NPQ Firefighter 1 & 2
Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
Certified First Responder
Structural Fire Control
Interior Search and Rescue
Pressurized Container
NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, 800
Fireground Hydraulics (Turned loose on both Engine and Ladder Apparatus)
Basic Extrication
CPR/AED
- **Eligibility to Apply for Lieutenant** (Minimum of 7 years with 1yr. at rank of Sgt.)
NPQ Instructor 1
NPQ Fire Officer 1
Preparation for Initial Company Operations
Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations
NIMS 300
- **Eligibility to Apply for Captain** (Minimum of 9 years with 1 yr. at rank of Lt.)
NIMS 400
Leadership in Supervision 1, 2, & 3
NPQ Fire Officer 2

Requirements will be effective 6/01/2025

Applicants may have no at-fault accidents or disciplinary actions within 12 months of promotional eligibility. Promotional requirements will be reviewed annually to accommodate curriculum restructuring and/or renaming by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and any other organization providing training.

Todd Alligood, Fire Chief



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager



MEMO

DATE: January 28, 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 04, 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 REPORT
FEBRUARY 04, 2025**

Accepting applications for Police Officer, Police Sergeant, Firefighter, Finance Director, Water & Sewer Technician, Accounting Clerk, Maintenance Technician, Community Development Specialist, Community Development Director and Public Works Director.

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.
January 03, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Firefighter candidate. The applicant later declined the job offer.
January 07, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Firefighter candidate. The applicant met all the conditions and began work on January 16, 2025.
January 08, 2025.	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Firefighter candidate. The applicant met all the conditions and has an anticipated start date of February 05, 2025.
January 08, 2025	Promoted an Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent in the Cemetery and Parks Department.
January 09, 2025	Began accepting in-house applications for the upcoming Chief Court Clerk vacancy in Municipal Court.
January 13, 2025	Interviews were conducted for the vacant Water and Sewer Technician position in the Water & Sewer department.
January 14, 2025	Received the retirement notice of the Administrative Assistant in Community Development. Began accepting in-house applications for that position along with Corporal in the Police Department.
January 16, 2025	Participated in interviews for the vacant Accounting Clerk position in the Finance department. Interviews were also conducted on January 17 and 24, 2025.
January 28, 2025	Conducted interviews to hire a temporary employee in the Community Development department. .
January 28, 2025	Exchanged several phone calls and e-mails throughout the month with Michael Shurley and Trident insurance representatives regarding new and ongoing claims.

CITY OF CORDELE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT
FEBRUARY 04, 2025 – CON'T

MANPOWER and VACANCY SUMMARY
As of January 28, 2025

DEPT.	APPROVED POSITIONS	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	CONTRACT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	NOTE
Executive	8	8	0	0	0	
Human Resources	2	2	0	0	0	
Finance	10	7	0	0	3	
Police Department	44	33	0	0	11	
Fire Department	27	26	0	0	1	
Public Works	53	45	0	1	7	
Community Dev.	3	1	0	0	2	
U, C & T	12	11	0	0	1	
TOTALS	159	133	0	1	25	



Cordele Police Department

501 North 7th Street Cordele, GA 31015 Telephone 229-276-2921 Fax 229-273-6773

Jalon Heard, Chief of Police

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Chief Jalon Heard
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JH", is written over the name "Chief Jalon Heard".

Date: January 28, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

Attached you find the department's information to be submitted for the Commissioners' review.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.



Cordele Police Department (Police) Commission Report

Reporting Period: December 31, 2024 thru January 28, 2025

I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
Part I Crimes	19
Homicide/Murder	0
Rape	1
Robberies (<u>Armed</u> /By Force/Strong Arm)	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	1 (1 recovered)
Aggravated Assault	1
Larceny (Thefts)	15(4 entering autos, 3 shoplifting with 2 adult 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 from Dispatch	1,244

II. Departmental News

We currently have 3 applicants in the hiring process. We have one cadet in the fourth week of the academy.

The Cordele Police Department participated in MLK Community Day on February 20th. Chief Jalon Heard was guest speaker. We provided Safety ID Cards to the children attending.



Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report

Reporting Period: December 31, 2024 – January 27, 2025

I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents*
Abandoned Vehicle	3
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	2
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	1
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	2
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	35
Other	11

II. Departmental News

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



Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report

Reporting Period: Codes Statistics For 2024

I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents*
Abandoned Vehicle	95
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	5
Inspections	132
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	7
Tampering With Utility Property	6
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	54
Violations	28
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	366
Other	206

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

Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$20,700,000.00 Total of Permit Fees: \$45,110.00

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: \$21,280,000.00

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.

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



Cordele Police Department (Animal Control) Commission Report

Reporting Period: December 31, 2024- January 27, 2025



I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Reported Numbers
Dog & Cat Intake Total:	116
<i>City Intake</i>	87
<i>Intakes from Crisp County</i>	17
<i>Intakes from Other Entities</i>	12
Number of Calls Received:	47
Number of Adoptions/Rescues:	72
Animals Currently at The Shelter:	17 dogs/12 cats
Citations Issued:	5
Warnings Issued:	7
Open Shelter Slots:	8 dog/6 cat

II. Division News:

- Helped 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 😊



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City Manager

GEORGIA
MAIN STREET

Memo

Date: January 28, 2025
To: Angela Redding, City Manager
From: Jessie Mercer, Interim Public Works Director
Re: Public Works Commission Report – February 4, 2025

Please see the attached commission report for the Public Works Department.

Commission Report

Public Works Department

2/4/2025

Cemetery/Parks

- The Cemetery/Parks Department has completed cutting back the following alleys:
 - From East Oak ½ alley to Holly ½ alley
- Routine grass maintenance in the ditch is ongoing. With the new side arm mower, we can mow areas that are difficult to reach with the tractors.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 32 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders since our last commission report.

Engineering

- 2023-0117 SPEEDWAY @ 8TH AVE & GREER. In progress.
- 2023-0134 CRISP HOSPITAL EXPANSION. In progress.
- The Engineering Department has completed 1 customer reported and routine maintenance work order for the storm water system.

Gas

- Documentation is being compiled for the completion of the 7100 and the EIA 176 annual reports.
- Public Awareness effectiveness evaluation is ongoing.
- The crew continues to perform routine job tasks such as responding to customer complaints, suspected leak response, new service installation, requested removal of gas services, and general operations and maintenance tasks
- The Gas Department has completed 30 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Street

- Street Dept. has completed several routine work orders.
- The Street Department has completed 5 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

Water/Sewer

- Since the last commission report, the Water Department has repaired three broken water mains.
- Ongoing Projects:
 - Assist contractors with the installation of water and sewer services for Speedway on Greer Street. This project is 100% complete.
 - Assist Insituform with sewer camera inspections for ARPA project.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 27 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

GovDeals Sales Report for January 2025

- No sales were made for the month of January.



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ANGELA REDDING
City Manager

TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING – CORDELE CITY MANAGER

FROM: RICKY SMARR

DATE: FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025

SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING REPORT

**MISSION: TO FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION,
BUILDING ON THE IDENTITY OF THE CITY OF CORDELE**

JANUARY 1ST – JANUARY 31ST, 2025

Your Social Media Marketing Department disseminates positive, timely, and informational content to the citizens of the City of Cordele and throughout its governmental structure. Through continuous interaction, our reach continues to grow. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

EVENTS & ACTIVITY

January 7th: Attended and recorded the 2025 organizational meeting of the Cordele City Commission and placed it on our social media and YouTube platforms

January 9th: Completed work on the January Cordele Connection Newsletter “2024 – The Year In Pictures”. CM Redding approved the publication, and it was distributed to all city.



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January 9th: Attended the Faith-Based Community Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. We were encouraged to see attendance increase for this meeting. Monica Robinson and Charlotte Dobbs from the Homeless Coalition spoke to us about the needs in our community



January 10th: Upon completion of the CGI video project for the City of Cordele, we received the link code for the chapters that will live on the new website homepage. This is how the widget will appear on our website. The link is below.

<https://www.elocallink.tv/mlink/mlink2/code.php?id=w4yA2Q2>

January 13th – January 20th

Attended several meetings concerning Winter Storm Enzo 2025 at the Crisp County Emergency Management Center along with Cordele Fire Department, Cordele Police Department, City of Cordele Public Works & UC & T. We were able to assist with information distribution as community partners.



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January 20th

Attended the MLK Day of Service 2025 at Historic Gillespie Seldon.

We produced a 5 ½ minute video showcasing the different partnerships represented for the day of service. The video picked up 1300 views and continues to perform well. A link to the production is below:

<https://youtu.be/oHhT3efrYY0>

January 21st

I attended and recorded the Cordele City Commission meeting and placed it on our social media and YouTube platforms. Between all the city platforms, the January Commission meetings have drawn 2000 views.

January 21st & January 22nd

As Winter Storm ENZO 2025 made its presence known in the City of Cordele with a total of 9" of snow, I continued to follow local emergency services, posting vital information for our citizens. I also invited participation on our social media for people to "show us your snow pictures." The response was overwhelming, with 85 total responses and over 100 pictures. One piece of video gathered over 1800 views. We were careful to react to each post. This outreach resulted in several new followers of the City of Cordele's social media.





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January 28th

I finished a video that will run at the City of Cordele table for the CCHS Job Fair on January 31st.

<https://youtu.be/CcMhMilj4Hw>

Attended & recorded the groundbreaking for ADS. Video and pictures were placed on our social media platforms.



<https://youtu.be/zB4L10du0bQ>

January 29th

Attended & recorded the HB581 first public hearing. The public hearing is on our social media and YouTube platforms.

https://youtu.be/XbS_89do4ZU

January 30th

Attended the 75th annual meeting of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce. I posted pictures of the award winners and special recognition honorees.



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January 31st

Attended CCHS Job Fair

WEBSITE UPDATE

Included here are the notes I received from Kian Miller on January 20th.

- **Development and QA are complete.**
- **Content migration will start this week and should be completed in 2-3 weeks.**
- **Once completed, we can look to schedule your website reveal and CMS training.**
- **Next update – 2/10.**

Respectfully submitted

Ricky R. Smart

Social Media – Marketing Manager

City of Cordele



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City Manager



January 28, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL

REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

Water Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	gallons	MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	gallons	MGD average *

Sludge to Landfill	00.00 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Total Sludge 2025	tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Grit to Landfill	0.00 tons

Rainfall for the month of January was " *

Total Rainfall for 2025 is " *

*These numbers will be updated by the Commission Meeting.

Water restrictions put in place in 2010 are still in effect and have not changed. This allows for daily outdoor watering between the hours of 4pm and 10am.

We weathered the snow storm very well. We had one pipe to burst and it caused some problems with the Digester. Almost all employees got to work on Wednesday and Thursday.