

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2025

The Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held on January 7th, 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., Commission Vice-Chairman
J. Wesley Rainey, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager
Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary

Staff present: 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.

Staff absent: Maurice Hill – Community Advancement Manager.

Call to Order: Chairman Joshua Deriso, called the Organizational 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 Owens.

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 7, 2025: Commissioner Reeves approved the Agenda for January 7, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Rainey. The Agenda was Approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 7, 2025: Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Owens. 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.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

1. Community Advancement Manager – City Manager Angela Redding Reported.

- Attending the GICH Conference on January 7-8, 2025, in Dublin, Georgia to get information on upcoming Housing Programs and Resources for our Housing Initiatives.
- Attended a meeting with a Housing Developer to discuss High Efficiency Steel Construction Homes and Construction Workforce Training on December 30, 2024.
- Attended a meeting with Crisp Regional Hospital on December 23, 2024, to further discuss plans to develop a timeline for new home construction on its 18 lots.
- Spoke with the owners of The Orchard to modify the layout of the subdivision to incorporate 20 new Single-Family homes and 66 Townhomes to go alongside the 2 current homes in the subdivision (new layout attached). Also, to plan to build out the first half of the subdivision completely in the first of a two-phase construction process.

Mr. Hill also included in the report; the lay out for the Orchard Subdivision with two (2) existing homes; twenty (20) News Single Family Homes and sixty-six (66) New Town Homes for a total of eighty-eight (88) homes.

Commissioner Reeves stated he has given this Project some thought and he is looking at development everywhere, this City needs to be growing. He also stated whatever decision that needs to be made, the Commission needs to make that decision to go ahead with this Project.

City Manager Angela Redding stated, she does not think the PUD will hold anything back, but it will give the Commission some assurance and let them know what will be built in the Subdivision, where everything will be placed, Town Homes, all the infrastructure, the City should be moving forward with that.

Chair Deriso stated what concerned him was citizens contacted him and stated the City turned down development. But “who” was coming to the Subdivision, was not addressed. Apartments were mentioned and Renters were not wanted there. He stated his main concern was, “you cannot let fear keep you from doing what is best for the majority. He stated that he is in favor of it. He has heard, people from the school, hospital and businesses want to come and speak for it. Chair Deriso stated, he thinks that a Public Hearing should be scheduled to update the Public and to allow others to speak on their need.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that there will two Public Hearings, one at the Planning Commission Meeting and then one when it comes before the Commission. The first one we will make sure the entire Community is notified and the Community Partners regarding the Public Hearing, so everyone can come and provide comments.

Commissioner Rainey stated, most of the concern was attempting to find out the amount of the investment that was going to be made and it was R4 with no restrictions, so the residents in that area felt like it was going to be a flip situation because they were only going to build two (2) houses. Now, a lot of the questions have been answered and it will be a two-stage construction process, which is a much larger investment, which he is much more comfortable with. The

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Developers are answering a lot of the Public questions, they are obviously very interested in going forward with the development.

2. Finance Department – Sonya Alexander Reported.

December Sales Tax Receipts: \$444,462.84

3. Fire Department – Chief Todd Alligood Reported.

Reporting Period: November 25, 2024 – January 2, 2025

Calls for Service:	Total 121
Smoke Scare	4
Grass/Rubbish Fire	11
Medical	53
Motor Vehicle Accident	11
Vehicle Fire	0
Structure Fire	3
False Alarm/Other	27
Gas Leak	7
Cooking Fire	5

Department News

- We received the results from our ISO evaluation and Chief Alligood was very excited to announce that Cordele Fire has been upgraded to a Class 2 Department. There are over 40,000 fire departments nationwide. Only 1,700 have achieved a Class 2 rating. That puts Cordele Fire in the top 4% of all departments nationwide. I want to acknowledge our partners that share in this achievement. The Cordele Water Department was evaluated on water supply and delivery, gallons per minute in industrial areas, and number of hydrants. Crisp County E911 was also graded on call takers, dispatch time, information provided, and support. Cordele Fire was graded on manpower, trucks and equipment, response time, emergency mitigation, training, community risk reduction, and public safety education.

40% of the evaluation is water supply and delivery; Chief Alligood recognized Debbie Wright and the Department for her leadership. 10% of the evaluation is efficiency of the E911; Chief Alligood recognized Sheriff Billy Hancock and Linda Herman for their leadership. 50% was the Fire Department.

ISO, how does that relate to the community? Insurance companies most of them use ISO rating when they are determining whether or not to write a policy, residential or commercial and what fees to charge. The lower ISO Rating directly relates to lower insurance premium for residents and commercial property.

- Again, thank you for all your support. This is truly a group achievement.

**4. Housing and Urban Development Director – Irene Cantrell Reported.
Cordele Planning and Zoning Commission:**

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The Cordele Planning and Zoning Commission has not scheduled a Meeting for January 2025, for any Zoning Amendments, Annexation, etc., for the coming months as of this date.

Cordele Board of Zoning and Appeals:

The Board of Zoning Appeals has not scheduled a Meeting for January 2025 to date to review or consider any Public Hearings, for sign variances, etc.

Cordele Historic Preservation Commission:

The Cordele Historic Preservation Commission has scheduled a Meeting for Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM, within the Cordele City Hall Municipal Courtroom. The Cordele Historic Preservation Commission will review and consider the request of the following property owners:

- Property Owner Donna Faye Tripp to demolish the existing shed and replace it with a 10 x 12 new wooden shed to be located within the same location (715 East 14th Avenue) to be placed on a concrete foundation.
- Applicant Dean Thaxton, LLC the property Owner is Douglas Dean, 601 East 14th Avenue, Cordele, Georgia and his proposed scope of work will involve installing Aluminum fence, back and side yard, 4.5 feet in hand side yard, 4.5 feet in height.

5. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported.

December 02, 2024	Completed and submitted the semi-annual renewal census for the GIRMA Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program.
December 20, 2024	All required documents for participation in the GIRMA First Responder PTSD Program were submitted. Invoice was received and processed for a January 01, 2025 effective date.
December 27, 2024	Completed and submitted the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts Annual Immigration and Reform Act Collection Report.
December 27, 2024	Extended a conditional employment offer to a Mechanic applicant in the Fleet Department. This person has met all conditions for employment and started to work on January 6, 2025.

FYI – The 2025 Open Enrollment Period for health insurance runs the entire month of January. Changes to medical coverage can be made during Open Enrollment without the need for a qualifying event. Representatives will be present January 8, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

6. Municipal Court – Jackie Walker Reported.

Monthly Court Summary Report – December 2024

Traffic Cases	315
Criminal Cases	29
Total Court Cases	344

Bench Warrants Ordered	09
License Suspensions	45
Total of all fines received	\$48,921.95

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Total Defendants Incarcerated 0

Jackie Walker – Municipal Court Clerk, stated that she will be retiring on February 3, 2025 after twenty-five (25) years with the City of Cordele.

7. Police Department/Codes Compliance/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported Police Department – Reporting Period – November 22, 2024 thru December 30, 2024

Part I Crimes	86
Motor Vehicle Thefts	8 (7 recovered, 1 arrest)
Aggravated Assault	6 (1 arrest)
Larceny (Thefts)	64 (40 entering autos, 5 shoplifting w/1 adult and 5 juveniles arrests, 19 other thefts)

Part II Crimes	191
Incidents Reported	212
Community Contacts	13
Citations Issued	247
Warnings Issued	106
Total Service Calls	1,636

Departmental News

There are three (3) applicants currently in the hiring process. One Cadet is scheduled to start the Police Academy on January 6th.

Shop with a Cop was held on December 18th. Our Officers shopped with eighteen (18) third graders at Walmart. Officers also attended several classes' Christmas Parties at Crisp County Primary, Elementary and Middle School. Overall, Shop with a Cop was a big success.

City Manager Angela Redding asked, the seven (7) vehicles that were recovered, was it by PD, Sheriff Department or combination of both?

Chief Heard answered, it is a combination of both. Chief Heard stated he look at the known number recovered, if it was reported at PD, then I am reporting that it was recovered.

Code Compliance Division Numerical Breakdown

Reporting Period – November 22, 2024 thru December 30, 2024

Abandoned Vehicle	4
Inspections	6
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	29
Other	20

Departmental News

- Code Compliance assisted with the set up for Adopt An Angel
 - Code Officers participated in Shop with a Cop with Crisp County Primary Students.
 - The new software is working well for the Codes Compliance Division.
- Speedway will soon open.

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Animal Control Division

Reporting Period: November 23, 2024 thru December 30, 2024

Dog & Cat Intake Total	121
City Intake	62
Intakes from Crisp County	61
Intakes from Other Entities	15
Number of Calls Received	52
Number of Adoptions/Rescues	7-Owner Reclaims 21 -- Adoptions 21 -- Rescues
Animal Currently at The Shelter	17 Dogs/27 Cats
Citations Issued	21
Warnings Issued	15
Open Shelter Slots	6 Cat Kennels/ 4 Dog Kennels

Division News:

- Lots of donations (food) from the Public.
- Animals being adopted/reclaimed is on the rise.
- Once again, the microchips are a big HIT! People are bringing their animals to get chipped that are not already chipped.

8. Public Works Director – Jessie Mercer Reported.

Taking down Christmas decorations is almost finished.

R & D Lawn Service could not clean the Holding Ponds due to the inclement weather.

Jim Jackson – Water Superintendent: Reported on the ARPA Project, he stated that it is in the first stage and it is 50% completed.

9. Social Media Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported.

Website Update: Kian Miller informed me that Quality Assurance is wrapping up and builders have not identified any issues or problems with the website, so it is moving forward. Content Migration will begin at the end of the week. We will get another update on January 20th; Mr. Smarr stated he will update the Commission at the January 21st Meeting. We are on track for our February reveal.

10. UC&T Director – Debbie Wright Reported.

Water Treated	655,000,000 gallons
Wastewater Treated	1, 224,000,000 gallons

The RFP's was opened for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project on January 6, 2025. There were two (2) bidders.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Elect Vice Chairman: Commissioner Reeves moved to nominate Wesley Rainey for Vice Chair for year 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
Chair Deriso nominated Commissioner Shephard for Vice Chair.
Commissioner Shephard expressed that she serves on many other organizations and she has health issues now, but hopefully, next year she will be a better candidate for the Vice Chair.
Vote was taken for Commissioner Rainey.
Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Rainey voted aye.
Commissioner Owens did not vote; he had left the room at this time.
Commissioner J. Wesley Rainey will serve as Vice Chair for the City of Cordele Commission for Year 2025.
2. Appoint/Set Retainer – Municipal Court Judge Russell Wright
Commissioner Reeves moved to Appoint and Set Retainer for Judge Russell Wright; seconded by Vice Chair Rainey.

Commissioner Shephard asked along with the Appoint, to also Set the Retainer?
Chair Deriso stated that it is the will of the Commission to do both or separate, however the Commission see fit to do.

Chair Deriso stated that one of the things that needs to be cleared up is "Set Retainer"; it is not the way, it is currently going through out payroll, "am I correct City Manager?"

City Manager Angela Redding answered, the Judge pay is through payroll.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated, it is not a Retainer.

Chair Deriso stated this needs to be cleared up, because it cannot be both. When we make a motion for something, this is what we should be doing. Any discussion on how this will be addressed and what will we do moving forward. Chair Deriso stated, his thing is, to do what the Charter says and in standard practice. How do we move forward?

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated, to use the term Compensation, instead of Retainer, he suspects Agenda Items #2-5 do not have a Retainer.

Chair Deriso stated his only other concern is, is the Commission in line concerning payroll?

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated, the Judge can be compensated through payroll. He thinks this has been done for a number of years and there is no prohibition about doing that.

Chair Deriso stated he does have a problem with the word "employee" because when you go to the Court there is a problem with who the Judge can communicate with or who he cannot communicate with. The City Manager is not over the City Judge.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated, "no sir".

If the City Judge is an employee, he will be under the City Manager, that is not the case. The City Judge is under the City Commission. If this Governing Body has concerns, not about changing or ruling or doing favors, but concerns about operations, the Commission are empowered by the City Charter to be able to go directly to the City Judge.

If we have issues or concerns, the Governing Body does not have to go through our City Manager to get to our City Judge.

Chair Deriso asked the Commission if they wanted to keep the City Judge's earnings through payroll or through contract? This decision need to be today.

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Vice Chair Rainey suggested that the Commission set the City Judge Compensation through payroll at \$1,142.27 per month and have I worded Compensation and keep it through payroll.

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

The Commission Appointed Russell Wright as Municipal Court Judge for 2025, with the Compensation \$1,142.27 through payroll.

*****Oath of Office for Municipal Court Judge**

Municipal Court Judge Russell Wright received the Oath of Office by Chair Joshua Deriso.

3. Appoint/Set Compensation – City Solicitor Blake Brantley

Commissioner Reeves moved to Appoint and Set Compensation for Blake Brantley as the City of Cordele Solicitor for year 2025; seconded by Vice Chair Rainey.

Commissioner Owens asked if the Commission is able to explore for other City Solicitors or Public Defenders? Will this be that time to put this on the table?

Commissioner Reeves stated there was some conversation regarding this and when we talk what we have done for so long. For twelve (12) years I came here with the intentions, the first Meeting in January to elect the Vice Chairman, Set a Retainer and Appoint a Judge. About two or three years ago, the Commission added a Solicitor and Public Defender, and they went on with the Appoint of the City Attorney. Commissioner Reeves stated that he does feel, since it is the public's money, I feel if we are going to explore for another Solicitor or Public Defender, it should be done in October or November to see if anyone else is interested in the position. That way we are fair to people who want to serve. Honestly, I believe when we get to this point, we have missed our interview time. Commissioner Reeves stated that he would like to see this moving forward, if we plan on making any changes, open it up to the Public sometime in October or November and that will give the Commission time to interview and make a selection because their contracts are for one year.

Commissioner Owens stated he thinks that has been some discussion and concerns about people who has had dealings with them that has come up and I do agree with what you are saying, this might be at the wrong time to maybe do it at this point. But I think we also have to look at the overall concern at the people who will be dealing with them and that will be the public. If the public has voiced their concern about their uncertainty of the group, then we might need to look at this time to do a ninety (90) day, to give us time to do that.

After a brief discussion regarding the matter about Appointment of Solicitor and Public Defender, the Commission decided to go into Executive Session.

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

Commissioner Reeves moved to go into Executive Session at 10:06 AM, for Personnel matters; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approved to go into Executive Session at 10:06 AM for Personnel matters.

5. RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING: Commissioner Reeves moved to reconvene

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the Regular Meeting at 11:21 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the Commission approved to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Reeves moved to Appoint Solicitor and Set Compensation for Solicitor; seconded by Vice Chair Rainey.

City Manager Angela Redding asked, "are we changing the wording of Retainer to Compensation?"

Chair Deriso answered, "yes."

City Clerk Genivieve Mumphery asked if they would remain together (Appoint/Set Compensation) or separate?

Chair Deriso answered to remain the same, with one motion.

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

Blake Brantley was Appointed City Solicitor for the City of Cordele Municipal Court and Compensation will remain the same by the Commission.

6. Appoint/Set Compensation – Public Defender Dustin Land

Commissioner Reeves moved to Appoint and Set Compensation for Dustin Land as the City of Cordele Public Defender; seconded by Vice Chair Rainey.

Chair Deriso stated that Public Defender does not have his confidence.

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

Dustin Land was Appointed as Public Defender for the City of Cordele Municipal Court and to receive the same Compensation with a 3/1 vote by the Commission.

7. Appoint/Set Compensation – City Attorney Tommy Coleman

Commissioner Reeves moved to Appoint Tommy Coleman as City Attorney and for him to receive the same Compensation; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Reeves. Tommy Coleman was Appointed as City of Cordele Attorney and will receive the same Compensation by the Commission.

8. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: MLK Day of Service, January 20, 2025, 9:30 AM, at Crisp County Auditorium, East 24th Avenue. Sponsoring Organization - Cordele-Crisp NAACP, Rev. Isaac Owens, NAACP President. Different Groups/Organizations will assemble to give items to the Community.

Vice Chair Rainey moved to approve the Event Permit for MLK Day of Service; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

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

Commissioner Owens abstained from voting.

The Commission approved the MLK Day of Service Event Permit.

9. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Faith Event, January 25, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

Sponsoring Organization, St. Theresa Catholic Church, 807 S. 3rd St., Organizer is Tammy Teel. On the sidewalks at E 16th Avenue in front of Harvey's and Tesla Charging Station. They will have people holding posters promoting right to life.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the Event Permit for a Faith Event; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

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

The Commission approved the Faith Event Permit.

10. Consider and Approve a Resolution of the City Commission of Cordele, Georgia, Supporting Southern Fiber Worx in the Development of a Fiber to the home network throughout Cordele and Crisp County.

Background Information

Southern Fiber Worx is applying for a grant from the Georgia Broadband Program and is requesting a Resolution and Letter of Support from the City Commission to submit with the Application.

Commissioner Reeves moved to Approve a Resolution Supporting Southern Fiber Worx; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

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

The Commission Approved a Resolution Supporting Southern Fiber Worx.

11. Consider and Approve the First 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 First Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

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

The Commission Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance.

12. Consider and Approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Fixing and Publishing Qualification Fees for Offices subject to Election in the Year 2025; Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Shephard moved to Approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance; seconded by Vice Chair Rainey.

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

The Second Reading of an Ordinance Fixing and Publishing Qualification Fees for Offices subject to Election in the Year 2025 was approved by the Commission with a 3/1 vote.

13. Consider and Approve Ward Discretionary Funds Usage Guidelines.

Commissioner Reeves moved to Approve Ward Discretionary Funds Usage Guidelines; Seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Reeves

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voted aye.

The Ward Discretionary Funds Usage Guidelines were approved by the Commission.

14. Discussion – 2024 and 2025 LMIG Project List.

City Manager Angela Redding stated that the Supplemental Funding for 2024; these were the additional funds that were approved and these particular Projects, a match is not required, the estimate cost is \$412,024.59.

After a brief discussion regarding the streets being paved; the City Manager Angela Redding asked for approval of the LMIG Project.

Commissioner Reeves moved to approve the 2024 and 2025 LMIG Project List; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

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

The Commission approved the 2024 and 2025 LMIG Project.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Angela Redding Reported.

Upcoming Events

Faith Based Organization Minister's Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Cordele Community Clubhouse

108 East 15th Avenue

Cordele Crisp 75th Annual Dinner

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Lake Blackshear

Reception: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

New Officers and Board Members will be installed.

The Crisp County Community Council – Daddy/Daughter Dance

Friday, February 7, 2025

First United Methodist Activities Center

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Free Christmas Tree Drop-off

December 26th – January 31st

Williams Field

No artificial trees

Things that are going on in the City

Flags at Half-Staff at City Hall

Governor Kemp and President Biden ordered flags to be at half-staff honoring Former President Jimmy Carter, until sunset on January 28, 2025

Additional Lighting has been added at City Hall and the Community Clubhouse.

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ISO Rating – Fire Department received an ISO 2 Rating

Bid Opening – Lead Service Line Replacement Project bids were due January 6th. Tw bids were received.

Georgia Chamber of Commerce Eggs and Issues Breakfast
January 14, 2025
Fox Theater
6:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Community Clubhouse Meeting
January 13, 2025
City Hall – Courtroom
10:00 AM

Land Bank Meeting
January 14, 2025
Crisp County Power Boardroom
1:00 PM

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
January 15, 2025
Courtroom
6:00 PM

Deadline for Occupation & Property Taxes

Occupation Tax (Business License) Renewal

Occupation license (business license) expire at the end of the year and become delinquent if not paid by April 1st. A penalty is imposed for occupation licenses not renewed prior to April 1st. The penalty is ten (10) Percent of the regulatory and administrative fee and occupational tax determined to be due. The delinquency will accrue interest at the rate of one (1) percent for each month or partial month of such delinquency.

There is no grace period after April 1st. Businesses operating without an occupation license will receive a summons to appear in Municipal Court for nonpayment.

Property Taxes

The deadline for property taxes is March 6, 2025.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 20, 2025, for MLK Holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

City Manager Angela Redding asked for the Commission feedback on CDBG. The CDBG Application will be due in April, 2025. She knows there has been some conversation on a Project. City Manager Angela Redding asked the Commission to share with her now, by

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phone or by email, projects that you all would like to see the City apply for. City Manager Angela Redding stated that she remembers one that came up last year was drainage improvements. City Manager Angela Redding asked the Commission to give her a list of projects that they want to see done.

Chairman Deriso asked for a list of projects in the past ten (10) years for the Commission and Public.

- 16. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No Report.
- 17. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 12:01 PM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Meeting was adjourned by the Commissioners.