### **AGENDA**



### CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM AUGUST 5, 2025

### The Honorable Joshua Deriso Chairman

The Honorable Vesta Beal Shephard

Ward 1

The Honorable J. Wesley Rainey

Vice Chairman Ward 4

Vacant Ward 2 The Honorable Isaac H. Owens Ward 3

REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – August 5, 2025

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 15, 2025

**RETIREE PRESENTATION:** Mr. Ronnie Fowler – Forty years of Service to the City

### **SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:**

- a. Mr. Douglas Dean: To inform the Commission about the Community of Cordele, 215 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Community Center and its programming and event options for all citizens, especially children.
- b. Mr. Orlando Wolkooski: City form of Government Strong Mayor
- c. Ms. Danita Doleman from Re-Grant Writing and Administration

### SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT:**

- 1. Community Advancement Manager
- 2. Finance Department
- 3. Fire Department

- 4. Human Resource Director
- 5. Municipal Court
- 6. Planning and Community Development Director
- 7. Police /Codes/Animal Control
- 8. Public Works Department
- 9. Social Media Marketing Manager
- 10. UC&T Director
- 11. IT Department

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Car Show Chris Willis/Celebrate Recovery Cordele. Cars, truck and motorcycle show to benefit Celebrate Recovery of Cordele. The event will be held on November 1, 2025, 9:00 AM 2:30 PM; held at 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 11 ½ alley to 13 ½ alley. Need roads blocked: 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 11 ½ alley to 13<sup>th</sup> Ave alley. Reviewed by Chief Heard on July 29, 2025.
- 2. Consider and Approve the Request for items listed from Information Technology (IT) to be declared Surplus and Dispose of the Surplus Items via GovDeals.com.
- 3. Consider and Approve ESG-Inframark Emergency Services Agreement.
- 4. Discussion Retirement Benefits
- 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:
- 6. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:
- 7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)
- 8. ADJOURNMENT:

### CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JULY 15, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held On July 15, 2025, 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner Angela Redding, City Manager J. Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chairman Isaac Owens, Commissioner Tommy Coleman, City Attorney

Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary

Staff present: Maurice Hill – Community Advancement Manager, Mary Darby – Planning and Community Development Director, Sonya Alexander – Finance Director, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Jarmiah Burks Deputy Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Marcia Pridgen – Interim Public Works Director, Rick Smarr – Social Media Marketing Manager, Teddy Hubbard – U, C & T Superintendent, Bobby Stennett – IT.

**Staff Absent:** Nancy Crook – Municipal Court Clerk, 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 silent or vibrate, preferably silent. 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 Vesta Beal Shephard.

Roll Call: A quorum was established

Attendee's Name	Title	Present	Absent
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman	<b>✓</b>	
J. Wesley Rainey	Commission Vice Chairman Ward Four	<b>✓</b>	_
Vesta Beal Shephard	Commissioner Ward One	✓	_
Vacant	Commissioner Ward Two		
Isaac H. Owens	Commissioner Ward Three	<b>√</b>	

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** July 15, 2025: Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Agenda, for July 15, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

The Commission approved the Agenda for July 15, 2025.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** – July 1, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

### SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES: No Requests.

### **SPEAKER ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:**

Mr. Milton Holly: Agenda Item #6 – Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of a Bus for Transportation; Providing for Certain Conditions; Repealing All Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.

Mr. Holly will share his concerns on this matter when it is voted on.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

# 1. Community Advancement Manager/Planning and Community Development Director: Maurice Hill and Mary Darby Reported

### I. SEID Grant Update / Annual Submissions – Move Submission to 2026

- a. On July 1, 2025, the Community Advancement Manager discussed with RVRC, DDA, and updated the City Manager on the SEID grant deadline(s) for the renovation of the Allied Building and the launch of the business incubator.
- i. The proposal presents the 1<sup>st</sup> floor as a business incubator and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as residential housing.
- ii. RVRC provided the documentation for the grant.
- iii. The 20% match for the grant is working on being identified.

### II. CHIP Grant Update

- a. Completed the review and compilation of 21 CHIP grants out of a submitted 40 applications (the remaining applications are pending further documentation from applicants).
- b. On July 2, 2025, a workshop was conducted to inform and assist potential applicants with completion of the required forms.
- c. The deadline for grant submittal is Friday, July 11, 2025, SWGRC picking up the completed applications on Tuesday, July 15 for processing.

### III. Land Bank Meeting

- a. On July 8, 2025, a land bank meeting was held.
- b. Joel Wright with the City Attorney's Office will follow-up with the Tax Commissioner regarding the transfer of property to the land bank.
- c. A land bank conference will be held in October 2025. The Community Advancement Manager will submit information to the City Manager for further involvement.

### IV. Safety & Accident Review Committee Meeting

On July 9, 2025, the committee held its regularly scheduled meeting.

### V. Minister's Alliance Meeting

On July 10, 2025, the Alliance held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Chairman Deriso inquired about the SEID Grant.

Maurice Hill: "When we applied, it was a very short turn around for the SEID Grant. When the initial application was made, the application did make it to the second round, it was approximately 300 applicants, the City of Cordele was one of twenty-four. Then it was about a three week turn around and it was a lot of information that the City needed to provide them in that short period of time, some matches and some other things. We were not prepared at this time to go forward with that application but now that we have all the information that is needed, we are now compiling all that information for 2026 SEID Application.

### **Planning and Community Development Report**

**Historic Preservation Committee** - No July Meeting Scheduled at this time

**Board of Zoning Appeals Committee** - Meeting Scheduled - August 28 at 10 am

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use to convert the commercial property into Transitional Housing for the Ex-Offender Re-entry Housing for the State of Georgia. The property is located at 202 E 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cordele Georgia.

Planning Commission Committee - No July Meeting Scheduled at this time

Revolving Loan Fund Committee - No July Meeting Scheduled at this time

### Report from the Planning and Community Development Director: Mary Darby Reported

The following is a summary of key activities undertaken by the Planning and Community Development Department Director during the week of July 8–14, 2025.

- I. Review of Cordele's 2044 Comprehensive Plan (2024-2029). Below are recommendations to provide an annual review of the Comprehensive Plan and Community Work Program (CWP).
  - a. Update the CWP. Remove, Delete, and add projects to the program.
  - b. Create a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for the city.
  - c. Review and make recommendations to revise the city's 31-character areas.
- II. Discussion surrounding the creation of a business development and training program spearheaded by the Planning and Community Development Department.
  - a. Create a training program focusing on Business Coaching.
  - b. Create a training program focusing on Planning & Zoning processes.
- III. Held discussions with Community Advancement Manager regarding spurring components of Economic Development in the city.
  - a. Conduct conversations with Ms. CM Redding on forming and strengthening public/private partnerships.
  - b. Create a Moving Cordele Forward messaging program which involves marketing/advertising/media branding.

### IV. City Manager's Meeting

A discussion meeting will be scheduled with the City Manager to discuss several initiatives to include such items as:

- A GIS framework for the city
- Potential Grants for the city
- A strategic digital filing plan for the department
- A 30/60/90 days plan of action for the advancement of the Planning and Community Development Department.

### 2. Finance Department - Sonya Alexander Reported

Interviewing for the Customer Service Representative position, hopefully interviews will end this week and have this position filled within the next two weeks.

## 3. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Alligood Reported Goals

1. Provide the best possible service to the citizens and visitors of Cordele through firefighter recruitment and retention, professionalism (actions and appearance), extensive training, quick response, effective emergency mitigation, community risk reduction programs, and community engagement.

### **Accomplishments**

- 1. Will be participating in the Annual Mass Causality Training this month.
- 2. Attended the monthly Safety Committee Meeting.
- 3. We are meeting on our new annual calendar for the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Turn-out gear/helmets/gloves/boots, SCBA Bottles, Training, Equipment Maintenance, Hose Testing, Building Inspections, etc.
- 4. Our Quarterly Command Staff meeting is this week.

### 4. Human Resource Director - David Wade Reported

Continuing to conduct research for succession planning; reviewing age, tenure and retirement eligibility of the employees.

Research findings: Half of City employees (64 employees) have four years or less experience. When the City gets to the five-year mark, the City is losing about three quarters of the employees; there is sixteen employees with five years and above. This is an area that the City needs to focus on; what do we need to do better to retain the employees, to get them over the five-year mark. On average, the service is eleven years, the average age is 44 ½ years old. There are eleven people taking in-service distributions, seven are eligible for the enhancement retirement, the age 55 with thirty years of service of the seven, two are Department Heads; three are Captains, one Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

### Continue to cross-train in the Public Works Department

- a. Cross-training a Utility Locator to assist Meter Management during peak times.
- b. Renewed supplemental insurance policies with no cost increase for the 2025/2026 policy year.
- c. Began re-distributing Go-Sun-Smart Georgia information.

## 5. Municipal Court – Jarmiah Burks Reported Goals

- a. Report accurate information for the Court and Public to aim to efficiently adjudicate cases, process cases quickly and maintain accurate records.
- b. Complete the Court docket for the Judge in a timely manner.
- c. Strive to provide accessible services, maintain integrity, and ensure accountability.

### Accomplishments

a. All dockets and Court Dispositions were turned into the State on time.

# 6. Police /Codes/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported Codes Compliance Division - Goals & Accomplishments

- a. 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. Codes attended a Pre-Application meeting on July 10th for JP Travel Centers and Aldi is continuing its progress toward opening.
- b. The codes division 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 official becoming certified in multiple inspection categories. Code officers attended 4-hour CEU class on June 12th, through Southwest Georgia Inspectors Association.
- c. Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors. Demolition of the old TV station has begun, and they are making good progress on removing the debris.
- d. 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 them. Officers continuously spend time in each ward with citizens and lawn contractors explaining the city limb and debris pick up rules and ordinance to address recent issues.

Commissioner Owens asked who the residents of apartment complex should address first regarding trash pick?

Chief Heard stated, they should first address the apartment complex management, if it continues, then contact the Codes department.

### **Animal Control - Goals & Accomplishments**

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

The Animal Shelter had 57 animals adopted/rescued/owner reclaimed.

Facebook has continued to grow.

**b.** Work towards implementing a volunteer program at the shelter.

We are working on a schedule and paperwork to have volunteers. Several people have inquired and are very interested in helping with the shelter.

c. Make shelter improvements: grates for drains, seal the floors, replace rusted kennel pipes, add a few more kennels outside.

Grates and sealers are in! Will begin repairs soon.

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

All our dog houses have been returned!
Have 3 more donations!

**e.** Host events with the hope of bring awareness to the shelter, animal health and welfare and increasing donations.

Have been helping people decrease the number of unsterilized animals. Microchips are a big hit still! Several people come to get a chip!

\*\*Received another big donation of pet food from Tractor Supply, JAG probation, and several citizens buying and leaving for us to pick up at Tractor Supply.

### Police Department - Goals & Accomplishments

- **a.** We will continue to provide professional law enforcement service through our hiring process, training, and self-accountability.
- b. Develop strategies to attract more experienced officers. Currently there is four applicants in our hiring process, two of which is already certified. Two cadets started the police academy on July 1st and are doing well.
- c. We will continue to connect with the community through community related events, increasing public contacts and through partnering with local groups and businesses. We are planning on participating in an upcoming back-to-school event.
- d. We will continue to make advancements towards obtaining the Excellence in Policing Certification with the larger goal of state certification. The certification clerk position will be opened to internal applicants soon.
- The investigation continues into the disappearance of Nyeisha Pickins.
- We have updated our training room, which will enhance our training and media relations capabilities.
- 7. Public Works Department Marcia Pridgen Reported Goal 6: Prevent ground water infiltration into the City's Sewer System

Phase 1 of ARPA Project – Pipe bursting and grouting are complete. Contractors are finishing man hole rehabilitation and pavement patch work. Phase 2 of ARPA Project – Hopefully, we will have a pre-construction meeting, Thursday between 2 and 4 PM.

### 8. Social Media Marketing Manager - Rick Smarr Reported

Working with the Police Department extensively and disseminating information. Meet with Mary Darby – Planning and Community Development Director.

### 9. UC&T – Teddy Hubbard Reported

### Goals and Accomplishments

- a. Water restrictions are still in place since 2011. You cannot irrigate/water your property with City water from 10 am till 4 pm. This applies to residential and commercial property. If you have an automatic irrigation system, make sure your timer is set properly.
- b. We drained and had the elevated tank on Pateville Rd inspected. They said the tank's interior would need painting in the near future. It is back in service.
- c. We certified our Customer Notice of Service Line Material. This was mailed out to all water customers in October 2024. It had to be certified by July 1, 2025.
- d. Debbie Wright attended a State Board of Examiners meeting June 25, 2025.
- e. The 2024 Water Quality Report is available by email and on the City of Cordele's website. www.cityofcordele.com/water

### 10. IT Department – Bobby Stennett Reported.

Bobby Stennett stated that he has the Server back up.

Continue to upgrade old equipment. Mr. Stennett stated that the City Manager Angela Redding gave him permission to purchase new equipment, so there will be new laptops and desktops. Will get a quote for a new Server.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Consider and Approve the Reappointment of Board Members to the Cordele Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:
  - a. Eli Tinsley: To be reappointed for a five-year term beginning 9/18/2025 through 9/18/2030.
  - b. Randy West: To be reappointed for a five-year term beginning 9/18/2025 through 9/18/2030.
  - c. Mattie Gwyn: To be reappointed as Resident Commissioner, to serve a one-year term beginning 9/18/2025 through 9/18/2026

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the reappointments of Board Members to the Cordele Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. There was a brief discussion on the reappointments. After the discussion this item was tabled. Commissioner Owens moved to table this item until more information is received; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye. The item was tabled by the Commission.

2. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Family Event – Downtown Cordele-Main Street, 105 E. 9th Ave. Organizer's Name – Monica Rentfrow. July 25 – 27, 2025, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Location: Cordele Rail Museum, 302 N. 7th St. Chief Heard approved the Application on July 11, 2025.

Commissioner Shepard moved to approve the Event Permit; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Commission approved the Event Permit – Family Event.

3. Consider and Approve Albany State University Agreement.

Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Albany State University Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Agreement with Albany State University was approved by the Commission.

4. Consider and Approve A Beer Only Consumed On Premises Alcohol License, Francisco Nonge, Mr. Laco Loco Mexican Food, 106 E 16th Ave. Chief Jalon Heard reviewed on June 24, 2025. No exceptions noted.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Alcohol License, seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Beer Only Consumed On Premises Alcohol License was approved by the Commission.

**5.** Consider and Approve Insurance Renewals.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Insurance Renewals; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved the Insurance Renewals.

**6.** Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$1,000.00 for the Purchase of a Bus for Transportation; Providing for Certain Conditions; Repealing All Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$1,000 for the Purchase of a Bus for Transportation; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Mr. Milton Holly is concerned about this Agenda Item:

Mr. Milton Holly – Resident of Cordele, he has been in Cordele for seventy years.

511 Perimeter Rd., Cordele, GA 31015

Mr. Holly concerns are:

Increase funds for preventive measures. Increase funds to combat mosquitoes.

Funds to make the streets safer, install surveillance cameras.

After a brief discussion on the increase of funds. The Commission took a vote.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Resolution was approved by the Commission.

7. Consider and Approve the Professional Services Agreement – Non-Profit Workshop between Joshua Deriso, Chair of the Cordele City Commission but acting in his individual capacity, referred to as "Sponsor" and TanYa Merrick Powell, a professional consultant and facilitator,

referred to as "the Consultant.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved the Professional Services Agreement – Non-Profit Workshop.

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

### Past Meetings/Events

Faith-Based Organization Minister's Meeting

Thursday- July 10, 2025

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Cordele Community Clubhouse

108 East 15th Avenue

Presenter - Dr. Lakeshia Law

Program Director of Crisp County Christian Learning Center

Dr. Law will be sending out information on how donations can be made to this program.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

### Crisp County 5th Annual Back to School Bash

Saturday, August 2, 2025 Opens 11 AM: Ends 2PM Crisp County Recreation Center 1205 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street

### Cordele - Crisp Community Café

Monday, July 21, 2025 6:00 PM Clara Scott Homes Community Center 213 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

### Summer Meals: Available at no cost to children 18 & under

### **Crisp High School**

2402 Cougar Alley Dates: 6/2/25-7/24/25

Monday-Friday
Breakfast: 7:30am =

Breakfast: 7:30am – 8:30 am Lunch: 11:00 am- 1:00 pm

### **Empowered Woman Conference**

July 25-26, 2025

Westin Hotel - Atlanta, GA

### Cordele Rail Museum T-Trak at the Tracks

Saturday, July 26, 2025

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 302 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

### Change A Child's Story/Become a CASA Volunteer

Online Court Appointed Special Advocate Training August 5 – 28, 2025 Tuesday & Thursday nights – Classes begin at 5:30 PM via ZOOM

### **Public Service Commissioner Primary Special Election Runoff**

Election Day – July 15, 2025 Democratic Party Only Voting in Cordele Precinct Only – 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM The Government Center Annex 110 W 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue

### **2025 Goals**

Goal 1 – Joe Wright Drive Improvements

Contract RR Companies – Improvements at RR Crossings

### **Other Updates**

The City entered into a Contract with Live Oak for utility collections: To date – they have collected \$4,868.48.

### **General Information**

Streetlights – Report Street Lights that are out to Crisp Power.

Reminder – City Dumpster Hours

Location hours until a part-time person is hired: Thursday and Friday = 12:00 Noon = 4:00 PM

Chairman Deriso – What is the timeframe for hiring an Assistant City Manager? City Manager Angela Redding stated she is moving forward. She sent the job description to the Human Resource Director, David Wade this morning for the Human Resource Director to review. It will be placed on GMA's website and Indeed.

- 9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: City Attorney Tommy Coleman asked for a motion to go into executive for litigation.
- 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)

Commissioner Owens moved to enter Executive Session at 10:51 AM for Litigation and Personnel; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

The Commission approved to enter Executive Session at 10:51 AM.

11. RECONVENE REGUAR MEETING: Commissioner Owens moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 11:46 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Regular Meeting was reconvened.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Shephard moved to adjourn the Meeting at 11:46 AM; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. The Meeting was adjourned by the Commission at 11:46 AM.

### CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDELE AGENDA REQUEST FORM



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7/10/25

Date

Speaker Signature

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# CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDELE AGENDA REQUEST FORM



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ISAAC OWENS

Commissioner, Ward 3

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD Commissioner, Ward 1

> ANGELA REDDING City Manager

GEORGIA MAIN STREET

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Hill

DATE: August 5, 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.

CHIP Grant Update - SWGRC picked up 22 CHIP Grant Applications for review on June 18<sup>th</sup> and I will be attending a meeting with SWGRC on August 6<sup>th</sup> in Camilla for additional updates.

7<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Plan Meeting – Working with DDA and RVRC to schedule a Community Meeting at the Community Clubhouse in August or September.

USDA 502 and 504 Grant Workshop - Scheduling a Home Repair Workshop for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the Community Clubhouse to assist residents in completing the Grant Applications.

**Innovation Technology Meeting -** Met with a local Grant Writer on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to discuss AR/VR Technology Learning Opportunities and working to identify grants and service providers.

**Economic Development Administration Grants Meeting** - Attended the EDA Grant meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Crisp Regional Hospital to discuss potential infrastructure funding.

Community Leaders and Business Partners Meet and Greet - Attending the meeting at Crisp County High School on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to participate in the program.

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, Finance Director City of Cordele Sales Tax Receipts

DATE: July 31, 2025
RE: City Commission Report

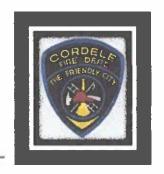


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## **CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

509 North 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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: July 29, 2025

Reference: Commission Report

Reporting Period: June 24, 2025 – July 29, 2025

1. Calls for Service: Total 79

SMOKE SCARE	6
GRASS/RUBBISH FIRE	3
MEDICAL	39
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	5
CAR FIRE	1
STRUCTURE FIRE	3
FALSE ALARM/OTHER	11
FALSE CALL	9
TRASH FIRE	1
POWER LINE DOWN	1

### 2. Department News

- Crisp County active shooter/mass casualty event was held at the old middle school 7/22-7/24. Approx. 170 people and over 11 agencies attended/participated. Great training event...cannot simulate this type of emergency exactly but we did get to work together and form a plan.
- We assisted with the recertification of Crisp County Teachers for stop the bleed and first aid 7/28.
- Training with our new air lift bags. Great tool for extrication and rescue.
- Reminder that heat indexes are high. Stay hydrated and indoors whenever possible.
- Fire Safety Week Oct. 5-11 "Charge into Fire Safety...Lithiumion Batteries in your Home".
- 1. Always use the charger provided with the device and avoid using cheap, generic chargers.
- 2. Ensure the device is fully charged and unplug it promptly.
- 3. Charge batteries at room temperature and avoid extreme temperatures.



VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD Commissioner, Ward I

Vacant ISAAC OWENS
Commissioner, Ward 2 Commissioner, Ward 3

ANGELA REDDING City Manager



**DATE**: July 29, 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 August 05, 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 AUGUST 05, 2025

Accepting applications for Assistant City Manager, Police Officer, Records Technician, Community Development Specialist, Refuse Facility Attendant, Utility Billing Clerk, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Water & Sewer Technician, and Public Works Director.

June 25, 2025	Attended the monthly H.R. Roundtable luncheon hosted by the Cordele/Crisp IDC.
June 25, 2025	Participated in an on-line webinar hosted by Sage Software titled "Discover Smarter Ways to Work with Sage HRMS".
June 27, 2025	Received the semi-annual renewal documents for the First Responder PTSD Program. Period of coverage is July 01, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
July 01, 2025	Open enrollment period for supplemental insurance policies started July 01, 2025 and will run throughout the month.
July 01, 2025	Met with Michael Shurley of Oakbridge Insurance Company regarding liability insurance renewal quotes.
July 08, 2025	Began conducting interviews for the vacant Customer Service Representative position in the Finance department.
July 14, 2025	Received the resignation of a Sergeant in the Police Department.
July 15, 2025	Received the retirement notice of the Water and Sewer Superintendent in Public Works. Retirement is effective July 31, 2025.
July 17, 2025	Began accepting internal and external applications for Water and Sewer Superintendent, and Utility Billing Clerk.
July 17, 2025	Extended conditional offers of employment to an Equipment Operator in Cemetery and Parks, and a Mcchanic in the Fleet department. Anticipated start date is July 22, 2025 for both positions.
July 18, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Customer Service Representative applicant. Anticipated start date is July 29, 2025.
July 18, 2025	Extended a conditional offer of employment to a Sergeant in the Police department. Anticipated start date is July 23, 2025.
July 21, 2025	Conducted interviews for the vacant Maintenance Technician position at Public Works.
July 24, 2025	Assisted the Cordele Kiwanis Club with providing lunch for the Crisp County High School band.

# CITY OF CORDELE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT AUGUST 05, 2025 CON'T

July 25, 2025	Conducted a disciplinary appeal hearing.
July 25, 2025	Began accepting internal and external applications for the vacant Assistant City Manager position.
July 28, 2025	Began compiling information to submit the annual GMEBS retirement plan valuation census. Due date for the census is August 15, 2025.
July 29, 2025	Exchanged several phone calls and e-mails throughout the month with Michael Shurley and Trident insurance representatives regarding new and ongoing claims.

# MANPOWER and VACANCY SUMMARY As of July 29, 2025

DEPT.	APPROVED POSITIONS	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	CONTRACT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	NOTE
Executive	7	6	0	0	1	
Municipal Court	2	2	0	0	0	
Human Resource	s 2	2	0	0	0	
Finance	10	7	0	0	3	
Police Departmen	nt 44	33	0	0	11	
Fire Department	27	27	0	0	0	
Public Works	53	43	0	1	9	
Community Dev.	3	2	0	0	1	
U, C & T	12	11	0	0	1	
TOTALS	160	133	0	1	26	



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ISAAC OWENS Commissioner, Ward 3 ANGELA REDDING City Manager



# \*MONTHLY COURT SUMMARY REPORT\* JULY 2025

### CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

**TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES:** 244... **TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES:** 50... **TOTAL COURT CASES:** 294... **BENCH WARRANTS ORDERED:** 4 LICENSE SUSPENSIONS ORDERED: <u>39....</u> **TOTAL CASH BONDS PAID:** \$9,568.00... TOTAL FINES COLLECTED (LATE PAYMENTS [CITATIONS]): **\$4.599.00...** TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA: \$11,364.80... TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA PRETRIAL SENTENCES: \$3,124.00... **TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM RESTITUTION:** \$.00... TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM WEB PAYMENTS COLLECTED \$<u>11,013.00...</u> TOTAL DEPOSITS GA DEP. CORRECTIONS \$.0... TOTAL DEPOSITS MISCELLANOUS \$.00 **TOTAL COURT ORDERED REFUNDS:** \$770.00... **TOTAL CASES TRANSFERRED TO SUPERIOR COURT:** 0 TOTAL DEFENDANTS INCARCERATED 0. TOTAL DAYS JAIL SENTENCED 0 REPORT COMPLETED ON AUGUST 01, 2025...

REPORT COMPLETED BY: NANCY CROOK, CHIEF CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT 501 North 7th Street \* P. O. Box 569 \* CORDELE, GA 31010 \* PHONE (229) 273-3102 \* FAX (229) 276-2907

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Commissioner, Ward 1

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD

ISAAC OWENS Commissioner, Ward 3 ANGELA REDDING City Manager

TO:

Mrs. Angela Redding, City Manager

FROM:

Mary V. Darby, MCP

DATE:

August 5, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting

**SUBJECT:** Planning and Community Development Bi-Weekly Report

### Report from the Planning and Community Development Director

The following is a summary of key activities undertaken by the Planning and Community Development Department during the weeks of July 14 – August 4, 2025.

- I. Continuing the review of Cordele's Comprehensive Plan (2024-2029). Below are recommendations to provide an annual review of the Comprehensive Plan and Community Work Program (CWP).
  - a. Update the CWP. Remove, Delete, and add projects to the program.
  - b. Create a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for the city.
  - c. Review and make recommendations to revise the city's 31-character areas.

### Added to this section:

- d. Working with stakeholders to ensure the plan has one voice.
- e. A meeting is scheduled with DCA/RVRC/Cordele to review and discuss the Comprehensive Plan, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment Plan, and the FLUM.
- f. Toured all Wards with the Commissioners. Input was provided on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in their communities.
- II. Creating a training program focused on Planning, Zoning, and Land Use for staff.
  - a. Discussions have been held on What zoning is? Why zoning is important? And How zoning complements land use (comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance).
- III. Updating zoning applications to make them more user friendly for on-line services.

  Designing workflow diagrams of city processes to inform and educate stakeholders.



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Commissioner, Ward 3

ANGELA REDDING City Manager



Thus far, only the demolition permit application has been created to illustrate the workflow process. This diagram is still being reviewed internally.

- IV. The city website is being reviewed and recommendations made to update the Planning and Community Development Department.
- V. Reviewed over 70 applications for the Community Development Specialist Position.
  - a. The applications were narrowed down to the top seven. The next step is to narrow the applications down to the top three. Upon completion of this phase, interviews will be scheduled.
- VI. Preparing a staff report for the Board of Zoning Appeals public hearing scheduled on August 28, 2025 for property located at 202 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a proposed exoffender home.
  - a. The proposed property is located within the O'Neal Historic District and within a quarter-mile radius of the Central Business District and a children's facility.
  - Staff report will be completed and submitted for CM Redding review by August 11, 2025.
- VII. Conducted research for the proposal of providing historic signs in the Gillespie-Selden Historic District. Based on site visits, 48 local street signs were identified in the district with a potential of seven pole signs needed to completely brand the area.
  - a. Preparing agenda for meeting scheduled on August 20, 2025. Agenda's will go out to Board Members on August 8, 2025.
- VIII. Continuing to research the development requirements for a GIS framework system for the city. A meeting is schedule with RVRC on Friday, August 1, 2025 to discuss potential data for system.
- IX. Meetings Held or Attended during this reporting period:
  - a. Sent out emails of introductions to BZA, PC, and HPC Board members.
  - Attended a GICH meeting with Dr. Jermaine Durham to update me on the status of the city's program.
  - c. Attended meeting with Dean Thaxton on a proposed Community project.



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- d. Met with City Manager on budget and other city requirements and processes.
- e. Reviewed expense reports with Finance Director, Sonya Alexander.
- f. Attended a one-on-one meeting with Chief Heard regarding our departmental functions; Also, set up an internal iWorQ's training with Codes Supervisor Keith Lodge.
- g. Attended a meeting at the Crisp Regional Hospital with a representative from Merchant McIntryre, a Washington, D.C.-based firm engaged by the hospital to pursue federal grant funding. The purpose of the meeting was to explore how potential EDA (Economic Development Administration) grants might support infrastructure projects that could significantly benefit Cordele and Crisp County.
- h. An official iWorQ's virtual training was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2025. Maurice Hill, Marcha Toussaint and Mary Darby attended the training. Also, a training is being scheduled to discuss iWorQ's Planning and Zoning Module, Workflows, and reports.
- i. Attending a meeting on Friday 1, 2025 at DCA/RVRC with Marsha Toussaint regarding city plans and maps.
- Attend Department Head Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025.



# 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

Date:

July 29, 2025

Reference:

Commission Report



Attached you will 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: June 24, 2025 through July 28, 2025

### I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
Part 1 Crimes	43
Homicide/Murder	0
Rape	0
Robberies (Armed/By Force/Strong Arm)	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0
Aggravated Assault	9
Larceny (Thefts)	33 (8 entering auto, 5 shoplifting with 5 adult arrests, 20 other thefts)
Burglary	1 (1 Business -fireworks stand)
Part II Crimes	156
Incidents Reported	142
Community Contacts	9
Arrests	47
Citations Issued	81
Warnings Issued	28
Total Calls for Service from Dispatch	1,422

### II. Departmental News

Our department has one applicant in the hiring process for patrol officer and one applicant in the hiring process for records technician. We hired one applicant for police officer position and he will be starting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We have two cadets that are on their fourth week of the police academy.

The Police Department now provides FREE Child Safety ID Cards. We will issue these cards every Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. No appointment is needed.

We will be attending the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Bash Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event will be held at the Crisp County Recreation Department from 11am til 2pm. We welcome everyone to come by our table to receive information for their Child Safety ID Cards.

# **CRIME STATISTICS FOR 6 YEARS**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Jan 1- July 28)
HOMICIDE	7	0	4	4	2 3 arrests made	-
RAPE		ris .	Suspect identified; victim refused to prosecute on both cases	0	1 Suspect identified but victim refused to prosecute	3 1 victim refused to cooperate
ROBBERY -Business -other	10 2-1 arrest 8-1 arrest	13 5 7	10 2 8-2 arrest	r- w 4	15 13 – 1 juv arrest w/vehicle 2- 1 juvenile arrest	5 2-1 warrant issued
VEHICLE THEFT	26 18 recovered 6 adult arrests	19 15 recovered I adult arrest	26 recovered 2 adult arrests 2 juvenile arrests	25 20 recovered 2 juvenile arrests 1 warrant issued	43 34 Recovered 4 adult arrests 10 juvenile arrests	11 11 Recovered 1 adult arrest 1 warrant issued
ASSAULT	49 14 adult arrests 5 juvenile arrests	56 12 adult arrests 8 juvenile arrests	72 16 adult arrests 7 juvenile arrests	105 18 adult arrests 5 juvenile arrests	62 11 adult arrests 3 juvenile arrests	38 8 adult arrests
THEFTS -Entering Auto -Shoplifting -Other	452 171- 9 adult/6 juv arrest 103-71 adult/5 juvenile arrests 178	328 88-7 adult/6 juv arrests 104-68 adult/6 juvenile arrests 136	388 114-3 adult arrests 96-61 adult/5 juvenile arrests 178	310 69 -1 juv/l adult arrest 81-45 adult /2 juvenile arrests 160	340 116- 79-53 adult / 17 juvenile arrests 145	155 26 42 – 32 adult / 5 juvenile arrests 87
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BURGLARIES -Business -Residential	53 21 - 2 adult / 1 juvenile arrest 32 - 1 adult arrest	54 14 40 – 2 adult/1 juvenile arrest	67 27-3 adult/1 juvenile arrest 40- 4 adult arrests	59 21-1 adult arrest 37	50 14-1 adult/ I juvenile arrest 36- I adult / 3 juvenile arrests	2 13



# Cordele Police Department

# CHILD ID CARD **PROGRAM**

**FREE** OF **CHARGE** 



CHILD SAFETY ID CARD

Johnny Doe

In case of Emergency

Mom - 229-276-2929

Dad - 229-233-2424

501 N 7th Ave

Cordele, GA 31015

No Appointment Needed Walk In

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9 AM - 5 PM



# Cordele Police Department (Animal Control) Commission Report

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Reporting Period: June 24,2025-July 28, 2025

### I. Calls for Service - Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Reported Numbers
Dog & Cat Intake Total:	166
City Intake	54
Intakes from Crisp County	68
Intakes from Other Entities	44
Number of Calls Received:	69
Number of Adoptions/Rescues:	48 Adoptions/ 44 Rescues
Animals Currently at The Shelter:	26 dogs + 7 newborns
	17 cats
Citations Issued:	5
Warnings Issued:	17
Open Shelter Slots:	2 dog kennels/8 cat kennels

### II. Division News:

- ADOPT! DON'T SHOP! Adoptions and rescues have slowed down.
- Dog food donations are continuing to come in. Probation, Tractor Supply, and the public!
- The new signs for the Shelter and directional signs are up and look good!



# Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report

Reporting Period: June 24, 2025 July 28, 2025

### 1. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents*
Abandoned Vehicle	5
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	10
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	1
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	1
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	61
Other	15

### II. Departmental News

- Code Compliance Officers assisted with two commercial demolition projects on 112 S 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 108 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Code Compliance Officers are continuing training with inspections at Christian Homes Complex construction project and Aldi renovations.
- Code Compliance had four blighted property cases in municipal court for the month of July. Judge Wright allowed each property more time to clean up or to sell the properties.

### **AUGUST 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 16th Avenue.

Job Valuation: \$350,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1230.00

Pinecrest Church Renovation of the sanctuary at 1007 East 10th Avenue

Job Valuation: \$900,000.00 Permit Fee: \$2480.00

Harvey's/Aldi's 1011 East 16th Avenue. Harvey's converting into Aldi.

Job Valuation: \$1,843,981.00 Permit Fee: \$4,368.00

Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$4,593,981.00.00 Total of Permit Fees: \$11,758.00

### PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Christian Homes Community 24 apartment complex on West 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Job Valuation: \$5,598,766.00 Permit Fee: \$11,878.00

Single-Family Home Single-Family home at 1502 Fleming Road.

Job Valuation: \$274,300.00 Permit Fee: \$930.00

Single-Family Home Single-Family Home at 84 Aberdeen Circle

Job Valuation: \$412,000.00 Permit Fee: \$1416.00

Total of Residential Job Valuations: \$6,285.066.00 Permit Fees: \$14,224.00

Combined Total of Commercial/Residential: \$10,879,047.00

### PENDING JOBS:

Jones Petroleum Truck Stop Remodeled Truck Stop at 2302 Highway 300. Pre-Construction meeting

Scheduled for 7-10-25

RaceTrac Gas Station New gas station at Corner of Hwy 300 and Frontage Road

Waiting on plans and permit.

Single Family Home 1508 Fleming Road. Waiting on permit.

Advanced Drainage Systems 1013 West 11th Avenue. Expansion part City/part County

EV Charging Station 2003 East 16th Avenue. Waiting on plans and permit.

Single-Family Home 96 Aberdeen Circle. Waiting on plans and permit

### **Projects Completed in 2025**

 Speedway Truck Stop
 \$1,650,000.00

 Crisp Regional OR Expansion
 \$17,200,000.00

 Crisp Regional MRI Re-model
 \$197,000.00

 Single-Family 1902 Quail Run
 \$580,000.00

### **Demolition Permits completed in 2025**

Address	Commercial/Residential	By Owner/City
408 West 17th Avenue	Residential	Owner
903 West 11th Avenue	Commercial	Owner
401 East 9th Avenue	Residential	Owner
314 West 18 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
712 Broad Street	Residential	Owner
902 West 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
601 West 25th Avenue	Residential	Owner
602 West 25th Avenue	Residential	Owner
602 West 4th Avenue	Residential	Owner
602 West 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
108 North 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Commercial	Owner



JOSHUA DERISO Commission Chair

WARD TWO Vacant

J. WESLEY RAINEY Commission Vice-Chair

ISAAC OWENS Commissioner

VESTA BEAL-SHEPHARD Commissioner

ANGELA REDDING City Manager

### Memo

Date: July 29, 2025

To: Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director

Public Works Commission Report – August 5, 2025 RE:

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

### **Commission Report**

# Public Works Department 8/5/2025

### Cemetery/Parks

- Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 92 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders since our last commission report.

### **Engineering**

- 2025-0114 PRIME TRUCK PARKING LLC. On hold for additional plans to add building/utilities.
- 2023-0130 CHRISTIAN HOMES MULTI-FAMILY SITE. In progress.
- 2025-0119 SOUTH GA BANK PRKING LOT (702 S PECAN ST) Plans approved.
- The Engineering Department has completed 2 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders for the storm water system.

### Gas

- Annual valve maintenance is complete.
- Georgia Public Service Commission is scheduled to be here August 25<sup>th</sup> thru August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to perform inspections. We are scheduled for four inspections: Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP), DIMP Implementation, Operator Qualification and Public Awareness. We are currently preparing for these inspections.
- Public Awareness messaging for Affected Public Customer and Non-customer is being prepared. Inspection preparation has slowed the progress, however, we are hopeful to have this mailing complete within the next two weeks.
- Annual Regulator and Relief Valve inspections are scheduled to start in August.
- Annual Cathodic Protection Survey is expected to begin in August/September.
- Annual Leak Survey is scheduled to begin September/August.
- 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 46 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

### Street

- Since the last commission report the Street Department has worked on ditch maintenance, storm drain maintenance, alley repair, tire removal, driveway repair, etc.
- The street sweeper was delivered to Public Works after a lengthy absence on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. After an extensive inspection by the operator, shop superintendent and street superintendent, the sweeper was returned to service the morning of July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please be patient as the sweeper operator has been instructed to be vigilant and take his time in order to be thorough with his sweeping
- The Street Department has completed 41 customer reported and routine maintenance



JOSHUA DERISO Commission Chair

WARD TWO Vacant J. WESLEY RAINEY Commission Vice-Chair

ISAAC OWENS Commissioner VESTA BEAL-SHEPHARD
Commissioner

ANGELA REDDING City Manager

work orders.

### Water/Sewer

- ARPA Project:
  - o Phase 1 Meeting with Lanier Engineering is schedule for Thursday, July 31st.
  - Phase 2 Pre-construction meeting held at Public Works on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Notice to Proceed issued to Inliner Solutions, LLC. The start date for this project is August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 55 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

### **GovDeals Sales Report for July 2025**

• No sales were made for the month of July.



> ISAAC OWENS Commissioner, Ward 3

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD Commissioner, Ward 1

> ANGELA REDDING City Manager



TO: MRS. ANGELA REDDING - CORDELE CITY MANAGER

FROM: RICKY SMARR DATE: AUGUST 5th, 2025

SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING REPORT

MISSION: TO FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION, BUILDING

ON THE IDENTITY OF THE CITY OF CORDELE

### **JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> – AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Your Social Media Marketing Department strives to distribute 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**

July 1st: I attended and recorded the regular meeting of the Cordele City Commission. The videos were placed on the city's social media platforms.

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16efRm35e4/">https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16efRm35e4/</a>

YouTube: <a href="https://youtu.be/jlFtSQtslDA">https://youtu.be/jlFtSQtslDA</a>

July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Built and published "We're Hiring Wednesday" in cooperation with Human Resources, publicizing job opportunities in the City of Cordele and promoting the City as a "Great Place To Work."

July 2<sup>nd</sup>: In cooperation with CPD, CFD and Animal Control, I built and published a graphic emphasizing Independence Day Safety.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: I was invited to accompany our Police Department to a collaborative conversation with Empowerment Pathways YouthBuild. The conversation begins a partnership to build positive relationships between the Police Department and the youth of our community. To publicize this, I produced and published a 2:27 news style feature and placed it on our social media and YouTube Platforms: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/14FBEkJH1GH/https://youtu.be/IWtbv37YTrM">https://youtu.be/IWtbv37YTrM</a>



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July 3rd: I published content from the Youth Engagement town hall meeting hosted by Chairman Deriso. The well attended meeting focused on immediate needs and the positive impact working together for the betterment of the youth in our community can have.







July 8<sup>th</sup>: I worked closely with CPD in searching for Nyeshia Pickens. I rode with Chief Heard, gathering content (still pictures & video) as we worked together to prepare a statement and appeal for the community's help. This statement was carefully constructed and edited with the utmost respect for Nyeshia's family.

Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Drd4sJLjn/

July 9th: Working closely with CPD and Chief Heard, we recorded, edited and published a second statement on Nyeshia's disappearance and appealed for the community's help which included contact numbers for anonymous tips. The

appeal also included an assurance of CPD's diligence in the investigation and search.

Facebook link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1M5tMhCweZ/">https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1M5tMhCweZ/</a>

July 10<sup>th</sup>: I attended and documented the Faith-Based Minister's Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. Dr. Lakeisha Law of the Crisp County Christian Learning Center was our guest presented.



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July 11<sup>th</sup>: I was out with CPD and Turner County S.O. documenting the investigation into the disappearance of Nyeshia Pickens. I gathered content for CPD to use in their investigation updates of 6 separate drone flights conducted by TCSO of 2 specific areas of interest.







July 14<sup>th</sup>: I accompanied CPD, CFD, CCFR, CCSO and GBI as the search for Nyeshia Pickens continued in Bethel Cemetery. Using content gathered, I produced an investigation update with Chief Heard.

Facebook link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19US7dz5aP/">https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19US7dz5aP/</a>

July 15<sup>th</sup>: I attended, participated in and recorded the Cordele City Commission meeting, placing the recording on our social media platforms.

https://youtu.be/OWc72oMMsUg

July 17<sup>th</sup>: I produced a news package promoting this year's Back 2 School Bash using a recorded interview with the Executive Director of Crisp County Community Council GAFCP, Monica Robinson, pictures and video from last vear's event.

Facebook link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1aM7HhJ4SE/">https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1aM7HhJ4SE/</a>



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July 17<sup>th</sup>: I participated in a website update meeting (30 minutes) with project manager Maricarmen Vargas. In building out and editing some of the pages I have identified some bugs that Granicus has been able to work out or is working out. Mari also helps with various suggestions and ideas for the continued buildout of the site which is ongoing

July 17<sup>th</sup>: I re-produced and released the new "We're Hiring" promotional video in cooperation with Human Resources, adding new positions at the request of the HR director. These positions, along with job descriptions, were also added to the current www.cityofcordele website under the "current job openings" tab.

July 21st: I attended the Cordele-Crisp Community Café at Clara Scott
Community Center with Crisp County Community Council GAFCP at 6 P.M.
Crisp County School System's newly adopted mission statement is
"Creating A Better Crisp County Through Education." Lisa Simpson and Linda
Rollins stressed the importance of committed school attendance in an
interactive and spirited presentation. Doug Dean with Community of Cordele
talked about the new community center, their plans and the community can
join in that program.





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July 22<sup>nd</sup>: I met with CM Redding to discuss plans and initiatives for the social media-marketing department. Together, we outlined goals moving forward that will enhance the city's outreach.

July 24<sup>th</sup>: Joined the Crisp County Family Connection Virtual Collaborative Meeting along with the City Manager and Community Advancement Manager

Met with Maricarmen Vargas, Granicus Project Manager for a half-hour website build update. Currently, she is working with the technical support team to address some bugs we have located within the CMS. Some bugs have been addressed, others have not. We are continuing to build out and approach a launch date. Each day, in addition to other tasks and responsibilities, I work in both sites – building and updating.

July 26<sup>th</sup>: I stopped by and gathered content at the Cordele Rail Museum for T-Trak at the Tracks. Flint River Model Railroad Club does a great job with their operating n-scale model train display.









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July 29<sup>th</sup>: I met with Chief Heard and produced a :43 Back to School Safety PSA. Final production was completed, and the PSA was dropped Tuesday afternoon. https://youtu.be/9iSW-Op-bD0

July 30<sup>th</sup>: I attended, along with the Planning and Community Development Director and the Community Advancement Manager, a Meet & Greet Stakeholders Community Meeting with CCHS Administration focusing on community involvement and conveying the message of the importance of committed school attendance. Along with pictures, I produced a 1:40 news package featuring Mr. Brian Anderson, principal at CCHS

https://youtu.be/m4H7cOnBryk







July 31<sup>st</sup>: In my weekly meeting with Granicus, we are still addressing some issues within the framework of the new site that are not working properly. Our project manager is working with her technical support team to resolve these issues. We are also working to clean out all the test pages, and get outdated forms and documents replaced. The current site, however, is drawing increased activity as we use social media to push people there.

I reproduced and dropped our weekly "We're Hiring" video. Social media and updated website content have led to an abundance of applications for some positions



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I received August promotional content from Tina, gas department superintendent that I started preparing for launch 3 times a week beginning August 4th.

In the news: Media outlets across the state have picked up the city's content on the search for Nyeasha Pickens, Chairman Deriso's "Grow Your Non-Profit" initiative, Bridging the Gap After School Program and Community Café. Bridging the GAP Educational Services offers student enrollment into after school program - SouthGATV

Cordele nonprofit scaling & strategy workshop - SouthGATV

Cordele Police Department searching for missing 19-year-old

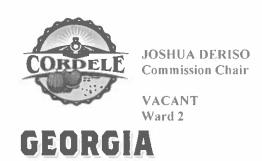
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A complete log of all social media activities performed by this department is available for inspection.

Respectfully submitted

Ricky R. Smarr

**Social Media – Marketing Manager** City of Cordele



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July 29, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

### UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL

### **REPORT FOR MONTH OF July 2025**

Water Treated	55,066,100 gallons	1,835,536 MGD average *
Year to Date	313,762,000 gallons	1,743,122 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	63,650,000 gallons	2,120,000 MGD average *
Year to Date	435,090,000 gallons	2,417,167 MGD average *

Sludge to Landfill 1.95 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Total Sludge 2025 9.47 tons of sludge via Dump Truck

Grit to Landfill 0.00 tons

Rainfall for the month of July was 5" \*
Total Rainfall for 2025 is 26.82" \*

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 collected our annual Whole Effluent Toxicity Test (WET). We collect these samples over the course of a week every June as required by our NPDES Permit. We received the results, and we passed.

We collected all the data needed to renew our Groundwater Use Permit and emailed it to EPD on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They contacted me on July 29<sup>th</sup> and said they never received it. I resent it and asked to be notified when they got it! They did receive it.

American Tank Company is painting the exterior of the Penia Ground Storage Tank. It is looking much better.

Well levels dropped an average of 5 feet in July. We will be monitoring them closely in August.

<sup>\*</sup>These numbers will be updated the first week in August.



# City of Cordele Surplus List

Department: IT

item Description	Department	Year	Make	Model	Serial #	inventory #	Reason
Uninterruptible Power Supply	П	2003	CyberPower	350VA	CPW8Y2003930	IT25-0029	End-of-life (EOL)
Uninterruptible Power Supply	П	2004	CyberPower	350VA	CPW9N2004644	IT25-0030	End-of-life (EOL)
Uninterruptible Power Supply	Ŧ	Unknown	APC	вк350	JB0150007320	IT25-0031	End-of-life (EOL)
Uninterruptible Power Supply	П	Unknown	APC	BE550G	4B1210P24179	IT25-0032	End-of-life (EOL)
Uninterruptible Power Supply	П	2001	CyberPower	CP1000AVRLCD	CPMEZ20011623	IT25-0033	End-of-life (EOL)
Uninterruptible Power Supply	П	Unknown	APC	BR1000	JB0521029598	IT25-0034	End-of-life (EOL)
Uninterruptible Power Supply	7	Unknown	Eaton	PW9130L1500T-XL	GJ144A0321	IT25-0035	End-of-life (EOL)
LCD Monitor	П	2011	Asus	VH198	B6LMIZ033397	IT25-0036	End-of-life (EOL)
LED Display	П	2011	ViewSonic	VA1938wa-LED	SGB114222637	IT25-0037	End-of-life (EOL)
LCD Monitor	ΙŤ	2016	Asus	VS197	G1LMTF113473	1725-0038	End-of-life (EOL)
Flat Panel Monitor	П	2017	Dell	Е2016Н	CN-0Y01GT-74261	IT25-0039	End-of-life (EOL)
Color Display Unit	Ħ	Unknown	Samsung	S24E200BL	04FZHCL608074K	IT25-0040	End-of-life (EOL)
LCD Monitor	11	2009	Acer	X193W	8078933000953911	IT25-0041	End-of-life (EOL)
LCD Touch Monitor	ΙT	Unknown	Elo	E700813	1133015097	IT25-0042	End-of-life (EOL)
LCD Monitor	П	2009	Acer	X193W	D0169120198D8500	IT25-0043	End-of-life (EOL)
Monitor	П	Unknown	Vizta	V22Lmha1	HK22150326000130	IT25-0044	End-of-life (EOL)
Monitor	11	2010	Hyundai	X93W	X93LIDSIA0800904	IT25-0045	End-of-life (EOL)
Monitor	П	2008	KDS	2200W	FACCU86014659U	IT25-0046	End-of-life (EOL)
Monitor	П	2008	Lenovo	L195WA	0M0309983720092	IT25-0047	End-of-life (EOL)
LCD Color Monitor	П	2010	Tatung	L19RCTN	CTB101205750	IT25-0048	End-of-life (EOL)
LCD Monitor	17	2007	Dell	E178FPc	64180-7AM-7WES	IT25-0049	End-of-life (EOL)
Flat Panel Monitor	H	2018	Dell	E1916H	FCC00-844-CUB-A06	1T25-0050	End-of-life (EOL)
Color Display Unit	П	Unknown	Samsung	S19A10N	Zt15H9LBB02541K	IT25-0051	End-of-life (EOL)
Monitor	П	2013	Dell	P2212Hb	74261-354-1DYU	IT25-0052	End-of-life (EOL)
Monitor	=	2013	Dell	P2212Hb	74261-354-19WU	IT25-0053	End-of-life (EOL)



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Printer	П	2020	Canon	F173300	2EH67190	IT25-0001	End-of-life (EOL)
Printer	П	2016	Canon	F171902	WQW12331	IT25-0002	End-of-life (EOL)
Printer	ī	Unknown	Epson	WF-2650/C531A	ULUY567007	IT25-0003	End-of-life (EOL)
Printer	П	Unknown	Epson	WF-3520/C481C	QZGY113391	IT25-0004	End-of-life (EOL)
Printer	IT	Unknown	#B	K80/C6747A	MY2A1D62TM	IT25-0005	End-of-life (EOL)
24 Port Gigabit Switch	П	Unknown	Netgear	JGS524	2232045900308	IT25-0006	End-of-life (EOL)
Network Security Appliance	7	Unknown	Dell	NSA2600	COEAE4EB5AB0	IT25-0007	End-of-life (EOL)
Network Security Appliance	7	Unknown	Dell	NSA2650	2CB8ED12FF40	IT25-0008	End-of-life (EOL)
Ethernet Switch	7	Unknown	HP	JG539A	CN77G1K0WH	IT25-0009	End-of-life (EOL)
Gigabit Smart Switch	Ħ	Unknown	Cisco	CBS220-48T-4X	DNI263202GP	IT25-0010	End-of-life (EOL)
Network Security Appliance	П	Unknown	WatchGuard	NC2AE8	80B004733-3EFC	IT25-0011	End-of-life (EOL)
Network Security Appliance	7	Unknown	WatchGuard	ML3AE8	80DE08869-5F21	IT25-0012	End-of-life (EOL)
Gigabit Ethernet Switch	ī	2000	Cisco Systems	CNM3430BRA	000427FF6480	IT25-0013	End-of-life (EOL)
Gigabit Ethernet Switch	П	2000	Cisco Systems	CNM3430BRA	000427FFCBC0	IT25-0014	End-of-life (EOL)
10/100 Autosensing Hub	П	Unknown	3Com	1661-110-000-3.00	7ZBV102CAA4	IT25-0015	End-of-life (EOL)
Media Converter Chassis	П	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	CHA03B0141	IT25-0016	End-of-life (EOL)
Audio Base Station	17	Unknown	Louroe Electronics	#APR-1	230539	IT25-0017	End-of-life (EOL)
Audio Base Station	17	Unknown	Louroe Electronics	APS	40013	IT25-0018	End-of-life (EOL)
Audio Base Station	ĪΤ	Unknown	Louroe Electronics	APS	40014	IT25-0019	End-of-life (EOL)
Audio Base Station	17	Unknown	Louroe Electronics	APS	40012	IT25-0020	End-of-life (EOL)
Power Supply	П	Unknown	HP	506822-201	1250004456	IT25-0021	End-of-life (EOL)
Fiber Converter	П	Unknown	Trendnet	TFC-110S15	C217511500137	IT25-0022	End-of-life (EOL)
Fiber Converter	П	Unknown	Trendnet	TFC-110S15	CA9I15D300012	IT25-0023	End-of-life (EOL)
Fiber Converter	П	Unknown	Trendnet	TFC-110S15	C212301500154	IT25-0024	End-of-life (EOL)
Fiber Converter	IT	Unknown	Trendnet	TFC-110S15	C212121500455	IT25-0025	End-of-life (EOL)
Fiber Converter	П	Unknown	Trendnet	TFC-110S60i	C213306l00029	IT25-0026	End-of-life (EOL)
Fiber Converter	IΤ	Unknown	Trendnet	TFC-110S15	CA9I15D300014	IT25-0027	End-of-life (EOL)
Fiber Converter	7	Unknown	Trendnet	LKS-FCS22C-20	HXTSM130900028	IT25-0028	End-of-life (EOL)