

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2025

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together in regular session on the first day of April 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of City Hall, 212 E. Oak St., Amite, LA 70422.

Mayor Walter Daniels III called the council meeting to order and asked City Clerk Jewel McCoy for a roll call.

The following council members were present:

Mayo Pro-tem Rose Sumrall
Maria Coleman
Shirley Core
Charles "Mose" Guzzardo
Kenyetta Richardson

Council member absent:

None

Others in attendance:

City Manager Mark Kolwe, City Attorney Chuck Reid, Assistant City Attorney Brad Stevens, Assistant Police Chief Travis Graham, Fire Chief J. D. Stevens.

Prayer and Pledge

Richardson offered the opening prayer followed by Daniels leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

Eltoria Hogan – Owner B. J. Promotions Event Center, offered to answer questions pertaining to opening an event center at 306 S. first Street. He needs to get approval from the state fire marshal's office before he can open for business.

Minutes

A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to approve the following minutes:

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Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

Kolwe explained the financials for March 31, 2025, will be presented at the next council meeting.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. A motion was made by Richardson to introduce Ordinance No. 02-2025 Public Utilities Superintendent 2 ½% increase. The public hearing and voting will be held at the council meeting on May 6, 2025.
2. A motion was made by Richardson to introduce Ordinance No. 03-2025 amend ordinance granting City Council authority to issue Occupational Licenses. The public hearing and voting will be held at the council meeting on May 6, 2025.
3. A motion was made by Richardson to introduce Ordinance 04-2025 amend ordinance granting City Council authority to issue and renew liquor and beer permits. The public hearing and voting will be held at the council meeting on May 6, 2025.
4. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Coleman to approve the condemnation of the house at 516 S. Third Street.
Motion passed with no objection.
5. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Coleman to table the condemnation of the house at 409 Cherry St. until a letter can be sent to the owner stating that he could not bury debris on the property, nor will the town pick up debris if he tears it down.

Motion passed with no objection.

6. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Core to approve the Amite Arts Council purchase of a metal lighted Christmas sculpture for Coach Cartha Park not exceeding the cost of \$7,000.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
7. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Core to remove the approval of new business occupational licenses from the agenda.
Motion passed with no objection.
8. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Core to remove the approval of renewing liquor and beer permits from the agenda.
Motion passed with no objection.

Council Member Charles “Mose” Guzzardo

1. A motion was made by Guzzardo to add to the agenda the introduction of Ordinance No. 05-2025. A roll call vote was as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Guzzardo to introduce Ordinance No. 05-2025 An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 21-2022 adopted on January 6, 2023, authorizing the issuance of Taxable Utilities Revenue Bond (DEQ) of the Town of Amite City, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The public hearing will be held at the council meeting on May 6, 2025.

Council Member Rose Sumrall

1. Police: Graham stated everything was good.
2. Fire: Stevens stated all is well.
3. Parade: Each council member was asked to submit a list of changes they would like to see made to the parade ordinance.

A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Core to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor