

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together on the twelfth day of May 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of City Hall, 212 E. Oak St., Amite, LA 70422 for a public hearing and regular session.

Public Hearing

City Clerk Jewel McCoy called the public hearing to order and asked if anyone would like to make a comment on the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 2.5% ANNUAL RAISE
Public Utilities Superintendent– Annual Raise to a salary of \$73,228.57

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026
AN ORDINANCE NAMING ROAD “CEFALU LANE”
Renaming Mulberry St. Extension

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026
TOWN OF AMITE CITY AMENDMENT TO OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL
FUND AND ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

No comments were voiced.

McCoy closed the public hearing and turned the gavel over to Mayor Walter Daniels III for the regular council meeting.

Mayor Daniels called the council meeting to order and asked McCoy for a roll call.

The following council members were present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Roseline “Rose” Sumrall
Shirley Core
Charles “Mose” Guzzardo
Maria Coleman
Kenyetta Richardson

Council members absent:

None

Others in attendance:

City Manager Mark Kolwe, City Attorney Chuck Reid, Assistant City Attorney Brad Stevens, Police Chief Lendrick Francois, Fire Chief J. D. Stevens, Public Works Superintendent Tennis Rick.

Prayer/Pledge

Richardson led the evening prayer followed by Guzzardo leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

None

Minutes

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

- ∞ April 7, 2026 - Regular council meeting
 - ∞ April 30, 2026 – Special council meeting
- Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

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

- ∞ Budget to actual – March 31, 2026
- ∞ Cash disbursements – March 31, 2026

Motion passed with no objection.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to approve the 2026 resolution establishing the millage rate of 4.940 mills. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Coleman to approve Ordinance No. 04-2026 – An ordinance establishing a 2.5% annual raise for the Public Utilities Superintendent – Annual raise to \$73,228.57. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Coleman to table Ordinance No. 05-2026 – An ordinance naming the Mulberry Street Extension Road “Cefalu Lane.”
Motion passed with no objection.
4. A motion was made by Core, seconded by Richardson to approve Ordinance No. 06-2026 Town of Amite City Amendment to Operating Budget – FYE June 30, 2026, with the change of increasing Account 110-5640 Insurance Other from \$4,000 to \$75,000. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
5. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to approve an occupational license for Pearls and Provisions located at 114 W. Mulberry St.
Motion passed with no objection.
6. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Sumrall to approve Resolution No. 05-2026 MWPP Resolution – DEQ. 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 Sumrall, seconded by Core to table the introduction of Ordinance No. 07-2026 The Operating Budget of the Town of Amite City for the FY July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.
Motion passed with no objection.
8. Police – Chief Francois stated all is well.
9. Fire – Chief Stevens stated all good.
10. Chamber – McCoy read a list of events that was happening in the Amite Area during the month of May.

11. Public Works – Rick stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Daniels asked to add an item to the agenda to discuss health insurance paid for the council members of the town. A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall

NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Daniels said that because of the town's financial situation, the council should consider ending town-paid health insurance benefits for council members, since the positions are part-time. The council discussed the situation, but no action was taken.

Roseline “Rose” Sumrall

1. Oyster Royalty – The 2027 Oyster Royalty was introduced.
2. Sidewalks – Several business owners have expressed concerns about the condition of sidewalks near their businesses. The town is currently working on a solution to address these issues.

Coleman stated that she was concerned about the condition of part of Richardson Street and wanted to know when the town is going to repair it.

Core thanked everyone that was a part of National Day of Prayer service that was held at city hall on May 7, 2026.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Sumrall to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Jewel McCoy, *City Clerk*

Walter Daniels III, *Mayor*