

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2026

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

Declaration

City Clerk Jewel McCoy read the public input statement.

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

The following council members were present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Roseline "Rose" Sumrall

Maria Coleman

Shirley Core

Charles "Mose" Guzzardo

Kenyetta Richardson

Council member absent:

None

Others in attendance:

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

Prayer and Pledge

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

Public Input:

James "J. C." Ricks announced that he is retiring from the Amite Police Department after 60 years and 2 months where he held various positions including Chief of Police.

Minutes

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

- ∞ May 12, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

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

- ∞ Budget to actual – April 30, 2026
- ∞ Cash disbursements – April 30, 2026

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to accept the Hammond Star proposal of \$4.00 per one hundred square words as the Official Journal for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. 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 Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to table Ordinance No. 05-2026 An ordinance renaming Mulberry St. Extension to Cefalu Lane. Motion passed with no objection.
3. Sumrall made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 07-2026 – Proposed Operating Budget Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Public hearing and vote will be on June 16, 2026.
4. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to approve an occupation license for The Parish Pearl Thrift Store at 115 W. Oak Street. Motion passed with no objection.
5. Police – Chief Francois thanked the council for working with him on the 2026-27 budget for the police department.
6. Fire – Chief Stevens also thanked the council for the 2026-27 fire department budget.
7. Chamber – Absent
8. Public Works - None

Council Member Maria Coleman

1. Richardson St. and Martin Luther King St. – Coleman stated that sections of both streets have developed significant potholes and that prior patch repairs have failed. Kolwe stated that Parish Council Member Louis Joseph is seeking to have the streets included in the parish’s next fiscal-year budget for reconstruction and repair.

Council Member Charles “Mose” Guzzardo

1. Annexation – Kolwe stated the town have called the firm several times and left messages for the firm to call us back. To date, we have not heard back from them. The council ask Attorney Stevens to send a certified letter to the firm requesting an immediate response.

Council Member Kenyetta Richardson

1. Change mobile home ordinance – Richardson stated that residents were experiencing difficulty obtaining the required signatures needed to move a mobile home onto their property under the current ordinance. Attorney Stevens asked Richardson to provide him with the specific changes she would like to see made, and he stated that he would draft an ordinance reflecting those revisions.

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

Jewel McCoy, City Clerk

Walter Daniels III, Mayor