

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together in regular session on the seventh day of July 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

Prayer and Pledge

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

Public Input:

None

Minutes

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

- ∞ June 2, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting
- ∞ June 16, 2026 - Special 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 – May 31, 2026
- ∞ Cash disbursements - May 31, 2026

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Coleman to table Ordinance No. 05-2026 An ordinance renaming Mulberry St. Extension to Cefalu Lane.
Motion passed with no objection.
2. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Coleman to approve an occupational license for Game Changers Auto LLC, located at 102 S. Second St.
Motion passed with no objection.

A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Core to table the approval of an occupational license for K-N-K Sweetshop until the owner can get approval from the state board of health.

Motion passed with no objection.

3. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution No. 08-2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall

NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

4. Kolwe stated that he had spoken with Michael Hebert of Becker & Hebert Law Firm. A list of documents needed was given to him by Mr. Hebert. Kolwe will give an additional update at the next council meeting.
5. Chief Francois stated that all is well with the police department.
6. Fire Chief Stevens stated that all is well with the fire department.

Mayor Daniels asked the council to allow him to add a discussion concerning the budget to the agenda. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall

NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Daniels stated that the council needs to consider ways to reduce the budget deficit, as it is expected to worsen. Core stated ways to consider reducing expenses are by bringing in new businesses and by eliminating the insurance coverage for the council.

Other items discussed by the council:

- ∞ **Mulberry Street Extension:** The Council discussed the Mulberry Street Extension project. The roadway will be constructed as a two-way street with limited access points.
- ∞ **Clearance Grant:** The Town was not awarded the Clearance Grant this year. Since it is a two-year grant program, the Town remains eligible to apply again and will only need to hold a public hearing as part of the application process.

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

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor