

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2025

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together on the eleventh day of March 2025 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

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

Ordinance #01-2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK \$58,000.00, effective March 20, 2025

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 Rose Sumrall
Maria Coleman
Shirley Core
Charles "Mose" Guzzardo
Kenyetta Richardson

Council members absent:

None

Others in attendance:

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

Prayer/Pledge

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

Public Input:

Trea Coxen presented the Mayor and Council with a gift bag from the Oyster Festival Committee.

Jessica Ledet spoke as a candidate for 21st District Juvenile Court Judge.

Minutes

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

- February 4, 2025 - Regular Council meeting
- February 20, 2025 – 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 – February 28, 2025
- Cash disbursements – February 28, 2025

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Coleman to approve Ordinance No. 01-2025 An Ordinance Establishing the Salary for the City Clerk. 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 Guzzardo, seconded by Core to approve the Cemetery Committee members to serve from April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2029:

*Council member Mose Guzzardo

*Horace Martin

*Oreaver Williams

*Renee Phares

** Mary Lou Lee - Consultant

Motion passed with no objection.

3. A motion was made by Core, seconded by Richardson to approve condemnation of the house at 805 N. W. Central Avenue.

Motion passed with no objection.

4. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Richardson to approve condemnation of the house at 517 W. Pine Street.

Motion passed with no objection.

5. Annexation – City Attorney Reid stated that he is working on the annexation of businesses north and south of the city limits first because the process takes less time than annexing residential areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rose Sumrall

1. Police - Chief Francois stated the police department is ready for the Oyster Festival. He also gave an update on the new police station project.
2. Fire Department - Chief Stevens stated the fire department is ready for the Oyster Festival.
3. Parades – Each council member was given a copy of the current parade ordinance and was asked to review it, then give suggestions of how we can make parade events better for the town.

Council Member Shirley Core

1. Update on Daniel St. Bridge – It is being worked on.
2. Update Fire Hydrant maintenance – The fire department lets the town know when there is a problem with a fire hydrant. The town is currently working on adding switches to several fire hydrants to prevent neighborhoods from being without water due to inability to turn off a fire hydrant.

Council Member Mose Guzzardo

1. Streetlights – Encouraged each council member to ride through their neighborhoods at night and report streetlight outages to Carol Brooke.
2. Resurfacing streets – Wants to find ways to resurface some streets in the town that are in bad condition.

Council Member Kenyetta Richardson

1. Love the Boot Cleanup week – Louisiana cleanup week is April 5 – 13, 2025. Encouraged each council member to get people involved in cleaning the town during this state-wide event.

Glynnis Vernon stated that she was proud of the city council working together to get things done for the town.

Kolwe introduced to everyone the town's new employee Candace Bickham.

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

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor