

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2025

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together on the second day of December 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.

Declaration

City Clerk Jewel McCoy read the public input statement.

Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2025

An Ordinance Establishing a 2 ½% Annual Raise For Amite Chief of Police

Annual Raise to a salary of \$90,791.38 effective January 1, 2026

Ordinance No. 14-2025

To Surplus Property and Authorize Sale

Ordinance No. 15-2025

Authorizing Purchase of Immovable Property

419 East Martin Luther King St., Amite, LA

Ordinance No. 16-2025

Amending Water Supply and Distribution

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 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, Assistant Fire Chief Jason King.

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 Sumrall to approve the following minutes:

- ∞ November 4, 2025 - Regular Council meeting
- ∞ November 6, 2025 – Special Council meeting
- ∞ November 19, 2025 – Special Council meeting

Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

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

- ∞ Budget to actual – October 31, 2025
- ∞ Cash disbursements – October 31, 2025

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. Art Council: Art Council President Charley Vance invited everyone to the Marine Band Jazz Ensemble Concert on December 11, 2025, at 7 pm, at the Amite High School Auditorium.
2. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to approve Ordinance No. 13-2025 establishing a 2 ½% annual raise for the Chief of Police. 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 Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to approve Ordinance No. 14-2025 Surplus Property and Authorize Sale of garbage truck. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.

4. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Core to approve Ordinance No. 15-2025 Authorizing Purchase of Immovable Property – maintenance building located at 419 East Martin Luther Kind Street. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Sumrall
NAYS: Richardson, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
5. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Richardson to approve Ordinance No. 16-2025 Amending Water Supply and Distribution. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: Coleman, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
6. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Core to approve the Citizen Participation Plan – Clearance Demolition Grant Program. 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 Guzzardo to approve Resolution No. 06-2025 – Clearance Demolition Grant Program. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.
8. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to approve Resolution No. 07-2025 Surplus Property. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.

Council Member Mose Guzzardo

1. Mulberry Street Extension – Kolwe stated that Parish Government accepted the bid from Warner Construction. Hopefully, this project will begin no later than June of 2026.
2. Annexation – Kolwe state that he has been calling the office of Becker & Hebert but have not been able to speak to anyone. He will continue to reach out to Mr. Hebert.

Guzzardo stated he would like to add to the agenda the approval of a new business. The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall

NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.

A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to approve the occupational license for J & V Elite Tax Services LLC, 1101 W Oak St., Suite 3.
Motion passed with no objection.

Guzzardo commended the town's water department who had to work on Thanksgiving Day to repair a water line.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rose Sumrall

1. Police - Chief Francois thanked the council for approving his pay raise, and he asked all to contact his office if they see something that needs the police department's attention.
2. Fire Department – Assistant Chief King stated the fire department was good.

Sumrall stated she would like to add garbage collection to the agenda. The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall

NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None

Sumrall has received several calls about items outside of the garbage cans not being picked up. Kolwe said we need to remind people of the correct way of placing items on the side of the street so Waste Pro will pick it up. Also, he said you can call city hall, and we will contact Waste Pro to help rectify the problem.

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

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor