

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together on the third day of September 2024 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. 13-2024

An ordinance applying 2024 redistricting plan (Ordinance No. 06-2024) to existing municipal limits

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:

Kenyetta Richardson
Charles "Mose" Guzzardo
Rose Sumrall

Council members absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Damon Ellzey
Jonathan Foster

Others in attendance:

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

Prayer/Pledge

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

Public Input:

Matthew Belser – Candidate for Division L District Court Judge

Minutes

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

- August 6, 2024 - Regular Council meeting
- August 12, 2024 – Special Council meeting
- August 20, 2024 - Planning and Zoning meeting

Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

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

- Budget to actual – August 31, 2024
- Cash disbursements – August 31, 2024

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. The Tangipahoa Parish Fair Royalty introduced themselves and took pictures with the mayor and council members.
2. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to approve Ordinance No. 12-2024, amendment to Ordinance No. 04-2008 Employee Policy Manual Section 4-C Insurance. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Richardson, Guzzardo, Sumrall
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Foster, Ellzey
Motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to approve Ordinance No. 13-2024 - An ordinance applying 2024 redistricting plan (Ordinance NO. 06-2024) to existing municipal limits. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Richardson, Guzzardo, Sumrall
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Foster, Ellzey
Motion passed.
4. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to introduce Ordinance No. 14-2024 - an Ordinance Abandoning Portion of Road – Mimosa Street. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Richardson, Guzzardo, Sumrall
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Foster, Ellzey
Motion passed. Public hearing and voting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

5. A motion was made by Sumrall to introduce Ordinance No. 15-2024, an ordinance establishing a 2 1/2% annual raise for the Chief of Police. Public hearing and voting will be October 1, 2024.
6. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to accept the recommendation to condemn the house at 805 N. W. Central Avenue.
Motion passed with no objection.
7. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Guzzardo to set trick or treat time for Thursday, October 31, 2024, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Motion passed with no objection.
8. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to accept the recommendation to add Renee Phares to the cemetery committee.
Motion passed with no objection.

Council Member Rose Sumrall

1. Chief Francois stated all was well with the police department.
2. Chief Stevens stated all was well with the fire department.

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

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor