

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2024

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together on the first day of October 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. 14-2024

An Ordinance Abandoning Portion of Road - Mimosa Street

Ordinance No. 15-2024

Establishing a 2 1/2% annual raise for Chief of Police

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:

None

Minutes

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

- September 3, 2024 - Regular Council meeting
- September 17, 2024 - Planning and Zoning meeting

Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to table the September 2024 financial statements to the November 2024 council meeting.

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to table the Amite City long range transportation plan to the November 2024 meeting.
Motion passed with no objection.
2. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to table the new insurance rates until Mr. Henry Powell can present new insurance rate options to the council.
Motion passed with no objection.
3. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to approve 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.
4. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to approve Ordinance No. 15-2024 Establishing a 2 1/2% annual raise for Chief of Police. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Richardson, Guzzardo, Sumrall
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Foster, Ellzey
Motion passed.
5. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to change the November council meeting to Tuesday, November 12, 2024, due to city hall being used as a voting precinct on the regular scheduled date of Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
Motion passed with no objection.

6. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall to table the approval of the lowest quote to demolish house at 305 East Chestnut Street.
Motion passed with no objection.

Council Member Rose Sumrall

1. Chief Francois stated all was well and the police department was ready for the Tangipahoa Parish Fair.
2. Chief Stevens gave thanks to all the firemen who work very hard in his department. He stated the fire department recently improved its rating as it went from a Class 3 to a Class 2.

Guzzardo requested an item be added to the agenda concerning an abandoned swimming pool at 207 Duncan Ave. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Richardson, Guzzardo, Sumrall

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Foster, Ellzey

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to have the city's legal counsel send a letter to the owners of the property at 207 Duncan Ave., requesting the pool be cleaned, covered, and secured with a fence or the pool be filled in. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Richardson, Guzzardo, Sumrall

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Foster, Ellzey

Motion passed.

Daniels invited everyone to the Veterans Program which will be held Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9 a.m. at Buddy Bel Veterans Memorial Park.

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

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor