

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2025

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together on the sixth day of May 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. 02-2025
Public Utilities Superintendent 2½ % increase

Ordinance No. 03-2025
An amendment to the ordinance granting City Council authority to issue Occupational Licenses

ORDINANCE No. 04-2025
An amendment to the ordinance granting City Council authority to issue and renew liquor and beer permits

ORDINANCE No. 05-2025
An amendment to Ordinance No. 21-2022 adopted on January 6, 2023, authorizing the issuance of Taxable Utilities Revenue Bond (DEQ) of the Town of Amite City, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

No comments were made.

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:

Maria Coleman
Shirley Core
Charles "Mose" Guzzardo
Kenyetta Richardson

Council members absent:

Mayor Pro-tem Rose Sumrall

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:

None

Minutes

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

- ∞ April 1, 2025 - Regular Council meeting
- ∞ April 16, 2025 – Special Council meeting

Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

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

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

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Richardson to approve Ordinance No. 02-2025 Public Utilities Superintendent 2 ½% annual increase. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: Sumrall
Motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Richardson to approve Ordinance No. 03-2025 amendment to ordinance granting City Council authority to issue occupational licenses. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: Sumrall
Motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Coleman to approve Ordinance No. 04-2025 amendment to ordinance granting City Council authority to issue and renew liquor and beer permits. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: Sumrall
Motion passed.
4. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Coleman to approve Ordinance No. 05-2025 amendment to Ordinance No. 21-2022 adopted on January 6, 2023, authorizing the issuance of Taxable Utilities Revenue Bond (DEQ) of the Town of Amite City, State of Louisiana. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: Sumrall
Motion passed.
5. McCoy asked the council to table the condemnation of the house at 409 Cherry Street because she could not show where the owner was notified about what was approved at the April 1, 2025, meeting. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Guzzardo to table the condemnation of the house at 409 Cherry St.
Motion passed with no objection.
6. Mr. Alton White stated the address of the house was not 404, but 406 West Olive Street. He also stated that he updated the doors and windows, and placed traps inside the home to catch raccoons. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Coleman to table the

condemnation of the property at 406 West Olive for three months. It will be addressed again at the August 5, 2025, council meeting.
Motion passed with no objection.

7. A motion was made by Guzzardo, seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution No. 04-2025 MWPP Resolution - DEQ.
Motion passed with no objection.
8. A motion was made by Core, seconded by Richardson to appoint Yolanda Brumfield and Karen Merrick to the town Planning and Zoning Board for a five-year term beginning June 1, 2025. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: Sumrall
Motion passed.
9. After Kolwe explained the changes that were made to the 2024-2025 operating budget, Guzzardo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 06-2025 Town of Amite City Amendment to Operating Budget – FYE June 30, 2025. Public hearing and vote will be held May 13, 2025.
10. A motion was made by Guzzardo to introduce Ordinance No. 07-2025 amendment to Planning and Zoning, Section 3.1504 political signs. Public hearing and vote will be held June 3, 2025.
11. A motion was made by Core to introduce Ordinance No. 08-2025 amendment to Notification of Special Meetings. Public hearing and vote will be held June 3, 2025.

Council Member Kenyetta Richardson

1. Police – Chief Francois stated all good.
2. Fire – Chief Stevens state all good.

City Attorney Reid stated he and Kolwe will be going to Lafayette soon to meet with a company concerning the annexation for the town.

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

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor