

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together on the second day of February 2026 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 NO. 01-2026
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 2 ½% ANNUAL RAISE
FOR THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk– Annual Raise to a salary of \$59,450.00

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2026
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR OF AMITE CITY TO BE A
FULL TIME POSITION WORKING 35 HOURS A WEEK

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 Roseline “Rose” Sumrall
Shirley Core
Charles “Mose” Guzzardo

Council members absent:

Maria Coleman
Kenyetta Richardson

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. Council members Maria Coleman and Kenyetta Richardson entered the council meeting.

Public Input:

None

Minutes

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

∞ January 6, 2026 - Regular council meeting

Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

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

∞ Budget to actual – December 31, 2025

∞ Cash disbursements – December 31, 2025

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. Northshore Technical Community College representatives Errick Baldwin and Bridget Laborde informed the council about the new initiative to offer a free course to help locals obtain their high school equivalency diploma. Spencer Robinson with the Tangipahoa Parish Library stated this program is being offered on Saturdays at the Amite Library free to anyone over the age of eighteen.
2. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to remove the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to subdivide property #270903 on Camile Street from 7 twenty-five-foot lots to 3 fifty-eight-foot lots.
Motion passed with no objection.
3. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Coleman to approve Ordinance No. 01-2026 An ordinance Establishing a 2 ½% Annual Raise for the City Clerk. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Richardson
NAYS: Sumrall, Guzzardo ABSTAIN: Core ABSENT: None
Motion failed.

After the council discussed the previous vote, a motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to retract the previous motion and vote. A roll call vote was taken 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 Ordinance No. 01-2026 An Ordinance Establishing a 2 ½% Annual Raise 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.

4. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Coleman to approve Ordinance No. 02-2026 An Ordinance Establishing the Mayor Position to be a Full Time Position working 35 Hours a Week. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Coleman

NAYS: Guzzardo, Richardson ABSTAIN: Core, Sumrall ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

5. A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to approve the following occupational licenses:

- a. Art Gallery, 121 South First Street

- b. B. Watson Blings & Things, 125 East Oak Street

- c. Amite Pawn Shop, 811 South First Street

Motion passed with no objection.

6. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Core to approve a Beer and Liquor License Renewal for Central Avenue Sports Bar & Steak House located at 104 North East Central Avenue. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

7. Jacob Waguespack, Joshua Smith and Ty Anderson with Faulk and Winkler LLC, CPAs presented the audit report for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

8. Mayor Daniels invited everyone to the Black History Program on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 9 am, in the Amite City Courtroom.

Council Member Shirley Core

1. Update on Daniel St. Bridge – Kolwe stated with the exception of a small issue with the Vexus contractor, the repairs have begun on the bridge.

Council Member Charles “Mose” Guzzardo

1. Mulberry Street Extension – Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for February 11, 2026, at 10:30 am. The project should be completed by the end of June 2026.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roseline “Rose” Sumrall

1. Police - Chief Francois reminded everyone of the “Parade of Champions” scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 12 p.m.
2. Fire Department - Chief Stevens stated the fire department is ready for the Oyster Festival.
3. Chamber – Current Chamber President, Luther Tolliver, introduced himself and stated he was looking forward to working with the town to move it in a positive direction.

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

Jewel McCoy <i>City Clerk</i>	Walter Daniels III <i>Mayor</i>
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