

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2025

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together in regular session on the seventh day of January 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of City Hall, 212 E. Oak St., Amite, LA 70422.

Mayor Walter Daniels III called the council meeting to order and asked Jewel McCoy for roll call.

The following council members were present:

Maria Coleman
Shirley Core
Charles “Mose” Guzzardo
Kenyetta Richardson
Rose Sumrall

Council member absent:

None

Others in attendance:

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

Public Input:

Katrina Smith – Spoke against approving a variance for four homes to be placed on property at 1803, 1805, 1901 and 1903 N. Duncan Ave.

Minutes

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

- November 12, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting
- December 3, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting
- November 19, 2024 - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- December 17, 2024 - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- November 18, 2024, Cemetery Committee Meeting

Motion passed with no objection.

Financial Statements

After Kolwe explained the purpose of the budget to actual and the cash disbursement reports being given to the council, a motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to approve the following financial statements:

- Budget to actual – November 30, 2024
- Budget to actual – December 31, 2024
- Cash disbursements - November 30, 2024
- Cash disbursements – December 31, 2024

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

- After Mr. Jason Duet with the Department of Transportation and Development gave a brief explanation of the process of compiling the data, a motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Guzzardo to accept the Amite City Long Range Transportation Plan.

Motion passed with no objection.

- After Consolidated Services representatives Jay Simon and Gary Beard explained the major differences in the prices of the bids for phase 2 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, a motion was made by Core, seconded by Guzzardo to take the bid proposals under advisement. Simon and Beard will update the Mayor and Council at the February 4, 2025, council meeting.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall

NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

- After Mr. Alton White requested a six-month extension to clean up the property at 404 West Olive St., a motion was made by Core, seconded by Richardson to grant Mr. White a three-month extension.

Motion passed with no objection.

- A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to table the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to deny a variance allowing a 50-foot frontage instead of an 100-foot frontage for property at 1803, 1805, 1901 and 1903 N. Duncan Ave., until a review of the ordinance and procedures of the Planning and Zoning Commission can be completed.

Motion passed with no objection.

- A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to table the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to approve rezoning of property at 724 W. Olive St. from commercial to residential until a review of the ordinance and procedures of the Planning and Zoning Commission can be completed.

Motion passed with no objection.

- A motion was made by Sumrall, seconded by Richardson to table the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to not change the zoning of property at 214 North Laurel Street from Residential 1 to Commercial 1, until a review of the ordinance and procedures of the Planning and Zoning commission can be completed.

Motion passed with no objection.

- A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Guzzardo, to appoint Jewel McCoy as City Clerk. 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 Guzzardo, to appoint Tennis Rick as Public Works Superintendent. 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 Guzzardo, seconded by Richardson, to appoint Brad Stevens as Assistant City Attorney and Charles Reid as City Attorney and Magistrate. 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 Guzzardo, seconded by Sumrall, to appoint Charles Genco as City Prosecutor. 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 Guzzardo, seconded by Richardson to appoint Rose Sumrall as Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2025. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
YEAS: Coleman, Core, Guzzardo, Richardson, Sumrall
NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None, ABSENT: None
Motion passed.

Council Member Rose Sumrall

- Police: Chief Francios stated they were already preparing for the Oyster Festival in March 2025.
- Fire: Stevens stated all is well.

Council Member Shirley Core

- Bridge out on Daniel St.: Kolwe explained what caused the bridge to wash out and what the city is currently doing to get the bridge repaired.

- Kolwe stated the parish will be re-surfacing part of North Duncan Avenue and part of Martin Luther King Street.

Council Member Charles “Mose” Guzzardo

- Annexation of city limits: Kolwe and Reid stated they are currently working on the annexation but could not give a definite time on when it will be completed.

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

Jewel McCoy
City Clerk

Walter Daniels III
Mayor