

TOWN OF AMITE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of the Town of Amite City, Louisiana came together in regular session on the third day of March 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of City Hall, 212 E. Oak St., Amite, LA 70422.

Declaration

City Clerk Jewel McCoy read the public input statement.

Mayor Walter Daniels III 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

Maria Coleman

Shirley Core

Charles “Mose” Guzzardo

Kenyetta Richardson

Council member absent:

None

Others in attendance:

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

Prayer and Pledge

Richardson offered the opening prayer followed by Daniels leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

Mr. Wallace Wayne Cooper spoke as a candidate for Public Service Commission.

Minutes

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

- ∞ February 2, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting
- ∞ February 18, 2026 – Special Council Meeting
- ∞ February 24, 2026 - Special 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 – January 31, 2026
- ∞ Cash Disbursements – January 31, 2026

Motion passed with no objection.

Mayor Walter Daniels III

1. Amite Oyster Festival Royalty invited everyone to the festival on March 20 - March 22, 2026.
2. Kolwe spoke on the six findings from the 2024-25 audit. Audit findings #1- Documentation of internal controls over federal awards, #2-Internal controls over general procurement standards, #3-Internal controls over compliance with suspension and debarment, #5-Internal controls over utility service adjustments, and #6-Local depositories law have been corrected.
3. No action was taken due to lack of motion to implement a temporary freeze on all non-scheduled salary increases.
4. A motion was made by Core to introduce Ordinance No. 03-2026 – An ordinance to change the Town of Amite City mayor’s position to full-time working a minimum of 35 hours a week and a salary of \$5,000.00 each month. The public hearing and vote will be at the council meeting on April 7, 2026.
5. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Sumrall to approve new occupational licenses for the following businesses:
 - ∞ La Victoria Market LL – 501 S. First Street
 - ∞ Williams One Stop #2 – 411 S. First StreetMotion passed with no objection.

Council Member Charles “Mose” Guzzardo

1. Guzzardo stated the Mulberry St. Extension will be assigned a name as requested by the Cefalu family who donated majority of the land for the road. Attorney Stevens will create this ordinance as soon as possible. Also, Stevens stated he believes the property in that area is zoned residential. He will research the procedure to change the zoning to commercial property.
2. Kolwe and Reid stated at this time, there is no added information from the law office that is working on the annexation.

Council Member Roseline “Rose” Sumrall

1. Police: Graham stated everything was good.
2. Fire: Chief Stevens stated all is well.

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