

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2015**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Councilman Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Donny Richardson, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Walter Dorroh

Absent: Councilman Joe Phillips

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed on a motion by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the following appointments for 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Appointments:

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP
Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, Catahoula-LaSalle Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank and Sabine State Bank
Official Journal	The Jena Times

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the Committee Assignments for 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Committees:

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman	Joe Phillips
Recreation	Joe Phillips	David Paul Jones
Insurance	David Paul Jones	Tommy Sandifer
Police	Joe Phillips	Donny Richardson
Fire	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Environment	Wayne Chapman	David Paul Jones
Personnel	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Finance	Tommy Sandifer	Donny Richardson

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to appoint Councilman Donny Richardson as Mayor Pro-Tem for the 10 month period of January 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Superintendent to open sealed bids for the LCDBG street project Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to authorize Mayor LaDawn Edwards, Councilmen Donny Richardson, David Paul Jones, Tommy Sandifer, Wayne Chapman, Clerk Cory Floyd and Assistant Clerk Sherry Wilder to sign checks. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to move next month's meeting to February 10, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that she is excited to get the year 2015 underway and looking forward to working with the Town Council and Staff. Jena saw a 4% increase in sales tax collection for the year 2014.

Lee Worsham announced that his annual Truck Show will be held May 6, 2015, at the LaSalle Parish Fair grounds. He also recommended that the Town Council develop a plan to combat the litter problem in Jena.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards