

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2015**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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. Sanders made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a beer permit for Michael Gurney who is the new owner of Papa Ron's Drive Thru. Mr. Chapman abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize the purchase of 6 street lights at a cost of \$34,000. The lights will be installed on Hwy 84 in the block between 3rd and 4th Streets. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the sale of surplus vehicles. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution establishing the Citizen Participation Plan for the 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to adopt a resolution establishing a Citizen Participation Plan for the 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sanders made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to accept the donation of a .124 acre tract of land adjacent to the Town Square from Mrs. Lynn Sanders and authorize the Mayor to sign the deed. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month. 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 we are awaiting approval for our membership in the Keep Louisiana Beautiful program. She also thanked Sheriff Scott Franklin and Police Chief Scott McLendon for their support and enforcement efforts for this litter control program. The recent rise in oilfield layoffs has led to a 3% drop in the year to date sales tax collections.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards