

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2015**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Bro. Johnny Phillips, local pastor, opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to add an item to the agenda. The item will be number 10 and is a Resolution to Establish a Section 3 Plan, appoint a Section 3 Coordinator and establish certification procedures. This item must be addressed prior to the September 22, 2015 state monitoring visit. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a proclamation declaring "Jena SweeTees Day." Motion unanimously passed. At this time the Mayor read the proclamation and presented each of the team members and coaches with a metal inscribed with the Town of Jena logo in recognition of their great accomplishment.

Mr. Sanders made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution revising the FY 2013 LCDBG Program Management. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to adopt a proclamation declaring "Certified Work Ready Communities Month in the Town of Jena." Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sanders made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to hire Todd Roark as a full-time police officer effective August 17, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to adopt a resolution to establish a Section 3 Plan, appoint a Section 3 Coordinator and establish certification procedures. Motion unanimously passed.

Superintendent David Miller made a Gas Awareness Presentation.

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 the 6 street lights have arrived and will be installed in October along Hwy. 84 in the block between Third and Fourth Streets. The Town received a six month extension on the plan review phase of the Third Street project. Town, DOTD and Bryant Hammett and Assoc. representatives met with Steve Meek, DOTD Project Manager, August 20, 2015 for the plan in hand review. The sales tax collection in Jena is down by only .56% from the previous year. A Hydrocephalus Awareness walk/run/roll will be held at the town park this coming Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Last year over \$9,000 was raised. The Strand Theater committee will meet Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. A free Safety Luncheon sponsored by the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office will be held Thursday, September 10th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sheriff Franklin will have safety presentations, scam alerts, health screenings, Medicare fraud and hospice information. A 9/11 memorial service will be held Friday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the LaSalle Parish Courthouse. The Council on Aging will be hosting "Free Hot Dogs for Seniors" Friday, September 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The grand opening for First & Pine Salon and Spa will be held Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Owners Lee and Cassie Morphis would like to encourage everyone to drop by and look at the beautiful renovation they have completed. The Jena High School Alumni Association Banquet will be held Thursday, September 24th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Friday, September 25th will kick off Jena High School Homecoming festivities. The day's activities include the pep rally, parade, homecoming court, and of course, Jena Giant Football. Howdy Neighbor Day will be held Saturday, September 26th at the Jena Town Park.

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

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards