

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 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 Rev. Thomas Sands, Trout Creek Baptist Church 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

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

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to hire Jennifer Perot as a full-time police officer effective September 18, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to increase the Community Room rental fee to \$80 effective January 1, 2016. The deposit will continue to be \$40. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Captain Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Assistant Police Chief Jim Attaway presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that September was a very busy month and thanked all the town employees for going above and beyond in their job duties. Sales tax collections are down only .4% from last year at this time. This Saturday the Jena Band of Choctaw will hold Pow Wow in the Pines. October 15th at 9 a.m. Danielle Willis will hold a ribbon cutting for Daniel's Designs, LLC. The six new street lights will be installed by the end of October. The Veteran's Day Parade will be held November 11th at 10 a.m. with the program in the Jena Town Park beginning at 11 a.m. The new patrol car is scheduled to arrive in mid-October and the truck for the fire department will be here in early November. We would also like to thank Steve Sanders for filling in our vacant Council position this year. The Jena Housing Authority will hold their annual dinner at the Town Hall Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor and all Councilmen are invited to attend.

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 6:25 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards