

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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 Bobby Wilson, First Baptist Church Deacon, opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk of Court Steve Andrews administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Bruce Wilson.

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

Absent: Donny Richardson

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to add to the agenda as item #7 "Recommendation by Chief Scott McLendon, Termination of Jennifer Perot effective November 30, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to accept the recommendation by Chief McLendon that Jennifer Perot be terminated effective November 30, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt a resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the amendment to the 2015 General Fund Budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt the 2015 General, Utility and Sales Tax Fund budgets. Motion passed with Jones, Sandifer and Wilson voting for and Chapman against.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to Introduce Ordinance #203-An Ordinance governing signs and billboards. Motion unanimously passed.

Assistant Fire Chief Dave Springer presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Assistant Superintendent Willis Atwell presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collections are down by only 1.4% compared to last year. The Senior Citizen's Dinner will be held Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Parade. The TEP plans have been finalized, however the next review lasts 8 weeks. We will not meet the December 31, 2015 deadline and will have to pay the additional 15% match. Mike Cooper, Architect will be here Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> to look at the roof on the Town Hall.

Mayor Edwards also thanked Mr. Steve Sanders for serving as Councilman through most of this year until an election could be held. Mr. Bruce Wilson was welcomed to the team and everyone was asked to stay and enjoy cake and punch.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards