

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Councilman Bruce Wilson opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Boy Scouts Troop 14.

Present: Council members, Tommy Sandifer, Bruce Wilson, Wayne Chapman, David Paul Jones, Donny Richardson 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. Chapman. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to open a public hearing to hear comments on Ordinance #203-Ordinance governing signs and billboards. Motion unanimously passed. Bill Ross commented that bill boards are not aesthetically pleasing. As there were no further comments, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution in support of applying for a Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant to purchase a new tractor for the street department to use to maintain the right-of-way. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce an amendment to Ordinance 172: Cross Connection Control-General Policy Water Department. Motion unanimously passed.

Following a presentation by Eagle Scout candidate Jeffrey Kirkham, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the purchase of the materials needed for the Eagle Scout Service Project at the Tennis Courts. 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 sales tax collections are down by 5% compared to last year. Department of Conservation pipeline safety division completed their inspection of the town gas system. The town received no write-ups in the paperwork or field operations. Thank you to David Miller, Willis Atwell, David Conley, the entire utility crew, and Patricia Hefner who

went above and beyond. Congratulations to Charlie Savell for being awarded firefighter of the year. A gospel singing convention will be held February 5th and 6th at Nolley Memorial Methodist Church.

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 6:35 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards