

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Pastor Jimmy Keene opened the meeting with prayer and led Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to hire Eliot David Smith as a full-time police officer effective April 21, 2016. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the 2015 Compliance Questionnaire. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to introduce Ordinance #205-Declaration of surplus property. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution adopting the 2016 LaSalle Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution in support of applying for a Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) grant. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Edwards Recognized Samuel Spinks for his outstanding achievements at the Skills USA Competition.

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 Town has been granted an extension for the 5% match until September 1, 2016. The splash pad opened today. Thank you to Joe LaCroix for all of your hard work in getting it ready. The six new streetlights are installed and should be working soon. The Fire Committee visited the Belah fire department recently to look at a service truck which is very similar to the one we plan to order. The new truck will be order in July off the state contract. The potatoes at the community garden will be dug Friday, May 20th at 8:00 a.m. We will be going out for bids soon on the Strand Theater Project. We

attended a ribbon cutting on May 2nd for Ryan's Auto Repair and will attend the one for The Willa Boutique later this month. Sales tax collections are just slightly under last year's figures for the same month.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards