

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 7, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Oak Grove Baptist Church Pastor Gary Wagoner opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Bruce Wilson, Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, Donny Richardson and Attorney Steve Kendrick

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to open a public hearing to hear comments on Proposed Ordinance 205-Declaration of surplus immovable property. Motion unanimously passed. A written comment opposing the adoption of the ordinance was received by Andy Girlinghouse. Attorney Joe Wilson was present to represent his client Everett Mayo, Jr. in opposition of the ordinance due to the inconvenience to the adjacent property owners. Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to withdraw Ordinance 205-Declaration of surplus immovable property. Motion unanimously passed. Ordinance 205-Declaration of surplus immovable property will not be adopted.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt a resolution setting the 2016 millage at 5.32 mills. 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 she, Councilman Bruce Wilson and his wife Sally will attend the LMA District E meeting in Pineville Wednesday, June 8, 2016. The potatoes at the Community Garden were dug Friday, May 20th and given out to the people who came by the garden. Many senior citizens picked up grocery bags full of potatoes. The 3rd Annual Truck Show will be held June 18th at the LaSalle Community Center grounds. The town was awarded a mini grant from The Rapides Foundation to add playground equipment to two areas at the park. We will attend a meeting June 21st to receive more information about this grant. The Strand Theater bid opening will also be held on June 21st at 2:00 p.m. The prebid conference was held today with 6 general contractors attending. The Community Choir will

hold their 5th Annual Patriotic Concert on Friday June 24, 2016. A representative from the Louisiana Board of Ethics will be at Town Hall Monday, July 11th at 1:30 p.m. to teach the state mandated annual ethics class. All Town of Jena employees must attend. The sales tax collections for the month of May 2016 are down by 1.43% compared to last year at this time.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards