

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
August 2, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Searcy Baptist Church Pastor Reid Terry opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilman Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to open a public hearing to hear comments on the amendment to Ordinance 88-Regulations for the collection and disposal of garbage, paper, and other refuse. Motion unanimously passed. No comments were made regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt amendment to Ordinance 88-Regulations for the collection and disposal of garbage, paper, and other refuse. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt a resolution in support of elevating the El Camino East-West Corridor/Hwy 84 four lane project to a higher priority. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to enter into executive session to discuss litigation regarding the Strand Theater. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to return to regular session. Motion unanimously passed. Attorney Dorroh announced that no official action was taken during the executive session.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to add an item to the agenda "Reject all bids in connection with Strand Theater as being over budget." Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to reject all bids in connection with the Strand Theater project as being over budget. 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 the plans for the Third Street project were delivered to DOTD July 18<sup>th</sup> for a final review. Laura Riggs with the TEP program has informed us that we will not get our documents back in a timely manner and has assured us that they will work with us on a further time extension. Alan Jones, State Fire Marshall said we will need a set of architectural drawings before we can construct the new roof. The new fire service truck will be ordered soon. A new quote has been received from Hixson Autoplex and meeting will be held soon with the Fire Chief and committee. Sales tax collections were down by \$10,024.76 for the month of July this year compared to last year.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards