

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2016**

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

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Town Attorney Walter Dorroh opened the meeting with prayer. Boy Scout Troop 14 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to move \$50,000 from the Town Square project to the Town Hall Roof project. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce ordinance #205-Revoke the dedication of the cul-de-sac in Parkview subdivision. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to hire Joseph Spence as a full-time police officer effective September 1, 2016. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to finish the walking trail lighting project. 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 tomorrow Steve Meek with DOTD will send his comments to the verification prints for the DOTD TEP project. The blue prints for the town hall roof are in; that project should be underway soon. The service truck for the fire department was ordered August 16th. Cory and I attended the Central Louisiana Industry Sector Partnership Training hosted by Local Workforce Development Area Boards 60 and 61 on August 30th. Thank you to Gay Stringer for inviting us to that training. Sales tax collection was up slightly this August compared to August 2015. Year to date collections are down .5%.

Caleb Hudnall member of Boy Scout Troop 14 gave a presentation on the Eagle Scout lighting project that he would like to do at the Town Park.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to amend the agenda to add the following item "approve Caleb Hudnall's Eagle Scout lighting project". Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve Caleb Hudnall's Eagle Scout lighting project. Motion unanimously passed.

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 6:33p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards