

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Wayne Chapman opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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.

Wes Gore with Silas Simmons, LLP presented the audit report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. In his report Mr. Gore stated that the town is in sound financial condition. There were no audit findings. Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt a resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize Mayor Edwards to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians concerning the Midway Fire Station. Motion unanimously passed.

Chief Cheryl Smith presented the Town a donation from the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians in the amount of \$2,000 to fund the recent renovations to the Jena Dog Pound.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Councilman Bruce Wilson presented the police report.

Mayor Edwards presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Third Street Plaza plans are still with DOTD. Strand Theater construction is on schedule and is projected to be completed by late August. June 7th Mayor Edwards and Cory Floyd attended the LMGA board meeting in Baton Rouge. Sales tax collections for June 2017 were \$86,422.84 compared to 2016 collections of \$77,501.91.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards