

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
August 1, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to authorize Mayor Edwards to negotiate and execute a partial release of right of way in favor of HSC Jena, LLC. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to hire Robert Terral as a full time patrolman effective July 1, 2017. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Councilman Bruce Wilson presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Third Street Plaza project is being prepared for bid by DOTD. This process could take up to 3 months. Strand Theater construction is going well. Sales tax collections for July 2017 were \$82,769.78 compared to 2016 collections of \$75,481.34.

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 6:17 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards