

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
November 7, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

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

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to open the bids on the surplus equipment. Motion unanimously passed.

The bids were as follows:

1991 Ford F-450	Richard O'Neal	\$500.00
	Dixie Auto Sales	\$525.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn's Enterprises	\$877.00
2005 Blue Ox Brush Hauler	Richard O'Neal	\$1,000.00
	Dixie Auto Sales	\$3,126.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn's Enterprises	\$2,777.00
2003 Ford Explorer	Richard O'Neal	\$125.00
	Dixie Auto Sales	\$312.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn's Enterprises	\$377.00
1989 International Dump Truck	Richard O'Neal	\$100.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn's Enterprises	\$377.00
1992 Kubota L2650 Tractor	Marlon Bell	\$4,200.00
	Richard O'Neal	\$465.00
	Dixie Auto Sales	\$1,326.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn's Enterprises	\$1,777.00
2000 New Holland Tractor	Marlon Bell	\$5,000.00
	Richard O'Neal	\$100.00
	Dixie Auto Sales	\$6,126.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn's Enterprises	\$3,377.00

2003 Case 580-M Backhoe	Richard O’Neal	\$9,001.00
	Dixie Auto Sales	\$8,626.00
	Ronald Renfrow	\$3,127.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn’s Enterprises	\$6,877.00
Paladin VS 84” Pickup Sweeper	Richard O’Neal	\$275.00
	Dixie Auto Sales	\$1,326.00
	Ronald Renfrow	\$427.00
	Crystal Durham/Lynn’s Enterprises	\$777.00

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to reject all bids on the 1991 Ford F-450 and the 2005 Blue Ox Brush Hauler. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to accept the high bid of \$377.00 from Crystal Durham/Lynn’s Enterprises for the 2003 Ford Explorer. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to reject all bids for the 1989 International Dump Truck. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to accept the high bid of \$4,200.00 from Marlon Bell for the 1992 Kubota L2650 Tractor. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to accept the high bid of \$6,126.00 from Dixie Auto Sales for the 2000 New Holland Tractor. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to accept the high bid of \$9,001.00 from Richard O’Neal for the 2003 Case 580-M Backhoe. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to reject all bids on the Paladin VS 84” Pickup Sweeper. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to appoint Wayne Chapman as Mayor Pro-Temp for the time period November 8, 2017 through June 8, 2018. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to introduce the 2017 amended budgets for the General, Utility, and Sales Tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to introduce the 2018 budgets for the General, Utility, and Sales Tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Councilman Bruce Wilson presented the police report.

Mayor Edwards Mayor Edwards extended a big thank you to First Baptist Church Happy Hearts for the wonderful lunch served to the town crew and office staff. Trunk or treat was a success. 19 vendors supplied candy to approximately 700 children. Veteran's Day will be celebrated November 11, 2017 beginning with a parade at 10:00 a.m. and a ceremony in the Jena Town Park at 11:00 a.m. The Downtown Block Party will be held November 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Strand Theater is very close to being finished. The Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the First Baptist Church. The Christmas Parade will be held December 8<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "I Believe". The Town Square renovation project is underway. The fence is being moved and picnic tables, benches, umbrellas and trash cans are being put together to be moved to the expanded location. The Jena High School football team had a 10-0 regular season and will start the playoffs this Friday with a home game against Westlake High School. We are all very proud of our team and coaches. Sales tax collections for October 2017 were \$77,240.19 compared to 2016 collections of \$81,085.16.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards