

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 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, 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. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to open a public hearing to hear comments on the 2017 Amended Budgets for the General, Utility and Sales Tax funds and the 2018 Budgets for the General, Utility & Sales Tax funds. Motion unanimously passed. No comments were made. Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt 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 adopt the 2018 budgets for the General, Utility and Sales Tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve billboard placement at the intersection of Hwy 8 & Hwy 127. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards Mayor Edwards announced that the Strand Theater looks wonderful and the project should be completed by the end of the year. The Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner was held this past Friday, December 1st and was a great success. The annual Christmas parade will be held this Friday, December 8th. This year's theme is "I Believe." The annual Jena Housing Authority Dinner will be held Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Brisket House. Sales tax collections for November 2017 were \$79,139.96 compared to 2016 collections of \$76,182.69.

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 6:20 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards