

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 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 Bruce Wilson, Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, 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. Sandifer and seconded by Mr. Richardson. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the 2017 appointments as follows:

Appointments:

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP
Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, Catahoula-LaSalle Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank and Sabine State Bank
Official Journal	The Jena Times

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the 2017 Committee Assignments as follows:

Committees:

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Recreation	Bruce Wilson	Tommy Sandifer
Insurance	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Police	Bruce Wilson	Donny Richardson
Fire	David Paul Jones	Bruce Wilson
Environment	Wayne Chapman	David Paul Jones

Personnel

David Paul Jones

Donny Richardson

Finance

David Paul Jones

Donny Richardson

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to appoint Councilman Tommy Sandifer as Mayor Pro-Temp for the time period January 3, 2017 through November 7, 2017. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce amendments to the 2016 budgets for the General and Utility Funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Captain Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Town Hall roof project will begin around January 16th. The Third Street plans are still at DOTD, we should get comments from them in mid-January. A Strand Theater progress meeting will be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. 2017 will be a very busy year with several projects getting underway including: Town Square renovation, Walking trail lighting, Playground Equipment, Portable Restroom and of course the Strand Theater and Third Street project. Sales tax collections were down 2% this year compared to the same month last year.

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 6:15 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards