

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order; Attorney Walter Dorroh 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. Chapman. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the 2018 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. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the 2018 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.

Councilman Bruce Wilson 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 is at the last stage of completion. Sales tax collections for December 2017 were \$75,751.70 compared to 2016 collections of \$78,296.81. The year to date sales tax collected were up slightly with a total 2017 collection of \$957,796.45 compared to collections of \$953,986.75 in 2016.

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 6:12 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards