

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 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 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. Wilson. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to proclaim March 7th as Career and Technical Education Day. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution authorizing and approving the execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement with Bancorp South Equipment Finance. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt new water deposit rates. The rates are as follows: Residential homeowner \$100, Residential rental unit \$115, Commerical \$150. 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 asked Architect Jack Breithaupt to address the Strand Theater. Mr. Breithaupt announced that the construction phase is substantially completed and that Tudor has done an excellent job. There are still some furniture and equipment items that need to be purchased then the Fire Marshall will give the final approval for the building to be used. The 3rd Annual Easter in the Park will be held Friday, March 30th. Sales tax collections for January 2018 were \$95,692.04 compared to 2017 collections of \$91,288.61.

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 6:35 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards