

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
August 7, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 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, David Paul Jones, Donny Richardson, Bruce Wilson, and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2017. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution in support of submitting a fiscal year 2018-2019 LGAP application. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution in support of submitting a fiscal year 2018-2019 CWEF application. Motion unanimously passed.

Reverend Abe Washington made a presentation to the council on his plans to potentially build a Veteran's Community in Jena.

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 announced the Third Street project bids will be opened tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. Trick or Treat will be Tuesday, October 30, 2018. The balcony seating for the Strand Theater should be delivered in mid-August. The town crew built the sidewalk in front of the Strand to comply with the Fire Marshal requirements. Thank you to Charles Stevens and David Conley for removing the sheetrock from the drive thru. We received a quote of \$8,500 to remove the old sheetrock, and replace with vinyl. We have decided to leave the drive thru as is. Sales tax collections for July 2018 were \$85,536.70 compared to 2017 collections of \$82,769.78.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards