

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 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 opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Bruce Wilson and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman Donny Richardson

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

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to open the bids received on the surplus vehicles and equipment. Motion unanimously passed.

The bids were as follows:

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		Bidder Name	1991 Ford F-450	2005 Blue Ox Brush Hauler
1	Charlie Mullins			\$ 1,500.00
2	Doug Campbell		\$ 1,200.01	\$ 3,500.01
3	Danny Wiggins		\$ 326.00	\$ 1,856.00
4	Dixie Auto Sales & Towing		\$ 638.00	\$ 3,868.00
5	Lynn's Enterprises		\$ 877.07	\$ 2,277.07

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to accept the high bid of \$1,200.01 on the 1991 Ford F-450 from Doug Campbell. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to accept the high bid of \$3,868.00 on the 2005 Blue Ox Brush Hauler from Dixie Auto Sales and Towing. Motion unanimously passed.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Councilman Bruce Wilson presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Third Street Farmer's Market is a complete success and will continue to be held each Thursday 1 – 5 p.m. until first frost. The balcony seating for the Strand Theater should arrive on October 29th. There is also a small concrete project that must be completed in front of the Strand to meet Fire Marshal requirements. The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th. The Third Street project contracts have been signed and we are awaiting the notice to proceed. Trunk or Treat will be held in Town Park on Saturday, October 27, 5 -7 p.m. Trick or Treating in the Town of Jena will be held Tuesday, October 30, 5 -7 p.m. The splash pad is closed for the winter. This season was wonderful with no negative episodes the entire season. The Jena Merchant's Association is sponsoring the 10th Annual Scarecrow display again this year. Jena High School Homecoming will be held Friday, November 2nd and Howdy Neighbor Day will follow Saturday, November 3rd.

Sales tax collections for September 2018 were \$81,155.17 compared to 2017 collections of \$80,762.17.

Town Attorney Walter Dorroh gave an update on the proposed property purchase at 2240 E Oak St. We have completed the Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental reviews and application has been made to DEQ for a review of the findings. We expect to receive approval from DEQ in the near future, at that time purchase is anticipated to move forward.⁴

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards