

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 4, 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, 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. Wilson. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to open a public hearing to hear comments on the 2019 Budgets for the General, Utility, and Sales Tax Funds. Motion unanimously passed.

No comments were made regarding the budgets.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt the 2019 Budgets for the General, Utility, and Sales Tax Funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt the following fee schedule for the new brush pickup truck. Customers will be charged \$100 per hour with a \$25 minimum fee for any brush picked up with the new truck. The fee will be added to the customer's monthly water bill. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Edwards to execute documents and agreements required in implementing a grant under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through Restore Louisiana. Motion unanimously passed.

Assistant Chief Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The Jena Housing Authority Dinner will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. at the Brisket House. The Jena

Christmas Parade will be held Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Town Hall will be open with refreshments being served. Sports Court Nancy Leiberman Charities is donating a basketball court to the Jena Park. One tennis court will be converted into a basketball court leaving 3 tennis courts remaining. The basketball court will be installed in January. The balcony seating at the Strand has been installed and the concrete work has been completed. A pre-construction meeting for the Third Street project was held November 8<sup>th</sup>. The project should be moving forward in the very near future. The purchase of the property located at 2240 E. Oak Street is still moving forward pending receipt of an approval letter from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. The Downtown Block Party was a huge success. Our next Town Council meeting will be moved to the second Tuesday, January 8, 2019 due to the New Year's Holiday. The swearing in of the Mayor, Chief of Police, and Councilmen will be held at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting. Sales tax collections for November 2018 were \$85,903.12 compared to 2017 collections of \$79,139.96.

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 6:30 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards