

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, Donny Richardson, Lester Francis and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve a beer permit for J & R Tobacco Store. Motion passed. Mr. Chapman abstained.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to introduce an amendment to the 2018 General Fund budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the basketball court should be installed in the next few weeks with an official opening in March. The chairs for the Strand Theater have been selected and will be ordered in the coming weeks. The Third Street project is underway and going as planned. The 2019 Freightliner brush truck is in service and working out great. Easter in the Park will be held on Good Friday, April 19th. Sales tax collections for January 2018 were 75,751.70 compared to 2019 collections of \$92,074.00.

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 6:25 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards