

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2015**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Bro. Kent Hatfield of Jena Church of God opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Walter Dorroh

Absent: Councilman Steve Sanders

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to delete item # 8 from the agenda. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to open the public hearing to obtain view on the housing and community development needs of the Town and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Motion unanimously passed. Ms. Allison Laborde, a representative of grant consultant Frye Magee, LLC, presented the submission requirements of an application for funding under the LCDBG program. Ms. Laborde addressed the following items:

- A. The amount of funds available for proposed community development activity.
- B. The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.
- C. The plans of the Town for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the parish to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities.
- D. The Town's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana.

Following the presentation, the Council agreed to submit a street improvement project for the upcoming LCDBG application.

No other comments or questions were received from the public.

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to submit a street improvement project for the upcoming LCGBG application. Motion unanimously passed.

Engineer Keith Capdepon reported that street work began Monday for the reconstruction of Peyton, Humphries, North 4th St. Ext., and Second St. from High School Drive to Sycamore Street. This project is expected to be completed very quickly.

Fire Captain Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collection is down 1.5% year to date. The 2014 financial audit will be presented at the July 7th meeting. The community garden will be planted this week. Thank you to Jeff and Donna Free for donating the beautiful water fountain in front of Town Hall. Two new businesses will be opening soon. Climate Control Storage owned by Daylan and Mahaley Andrews and a vintage furniture store owned by Connie and Carl Lloid. Litter is currently being picked up by the town crew and the application for Keep LaSalle Beautiful is working its way through the process.

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