

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
July 7, 2015**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Delmer Cockerham, Victory Baptist Church Deacon, opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Steve Sanders, and Attorney Steve Kendrick

Absent: Councilman Wayne Chapman

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

Wes Gore with Silas Simmons, LLP presented the audit report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. In his report Mr. Gore stated that the town is in sound financial condition. There were no audit findings. Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the addition of \$28,000 to the Police capital expenditure budget and add \$9,375 of LGAP funds to the grant revenue budget for the net expenditure of \$18,625 to purchase a new police unit. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sanders made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the addition of \$23,200 to the Fire capital expenditure budget and add \$9,375 of LGAP funds to the grant revenue budget for the net expenditure of \$13,825 for the purchase of a ½ ton truck for the fire department. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to adopt a resolution authorizing a FY 2016/2017 LCDBG Application. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley 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 1.1% year to date. Street construction will soon be complete on Peyton, Humphries, Fourth St. Ext. and Second Street.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sanders to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards