

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Councilman Wayne Chapman opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Boy Scouts.

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

Absent: Councilman Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on Ordinance 204, the proposed Annexation of the McDaniel Property on Basham Road. Motion unanimously passed. There were no comments. Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt Ordinance 204: Annexation of McDaniel property on Basham Road. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to paint the blue bridge in the park black. Motion unanimously passed.

Patrick Newcomb, Jena Airport Manager, presented a report on the long range plan and economic impact of the Jena Airport.

Boy Scout Jeffery Kirkham presented his final report on his community service project at the tennis courts in the town park.

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 we are accepting quotes on the new roof at town hall until Monday, April 16th. We will hold a special meeting to decide which quote to accept. The town crew is still working on the installation of the six new streetlights. Approximately 2,000 people attended Easter in the Park and 9,500 eggs were hung on the Easter Tree. She offered a big thank you to the town employees and volunteers Beverly Young, Jenni Moss, Stephanie

McDowell and Margie Morphis. Linda Hines Parker has donated 38,000 eggs for next year's festival. We are still shopping for a service truck for the Fire Department. Sales tax collections were down by 3.06% this month compared to last year.

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

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards