

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2016**

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

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order, Attorney Walter Dorroh opened the meeting with prayer, and Girl Scout Troop 522 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilman Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to open a public hearing to hear comments on the 2017 budget for the General, Utility, and Sales tax funds. Motion unanimously passed. No comments were made. Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt the 2017 budgets for the General, Utility and Sales tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution approving the appointment of Mayor LaDawn Edwards as Director and Town Clerk Cory Floyd as Alternate Director to represent the Town of Jena, on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Edwards recognized Girl Scout Troop 522 for their outstanding work in building the Little Free Pantry by giving each girl a Town of Jena metal.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Assistant Superintendent Willis Atwell presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Town Hall roof project will begin around January 1st. The Third Street plans are still at DOTD. The Christmas Parade "A Magical Christmas" will be held this Friday beginning at 6:00 pm. Sales tax collections were down slightly this year compared to the same month last year.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards