

Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2017

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 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, and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Council members Bruce Wilson and David Paul Jones

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to open a public hearing to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town of Jena and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2018/2019 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Motion unanimously passed.

Thomas Magee presented the submission requirements of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2018/2019 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Mr. Magee addressed the following items:

- A. The amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities.
- 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 Town 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 discussion, 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. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution establishing the Procurement Policy for the FY 2018/2019 LCDBG program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution establishing the Citizen Participation Plan for the FY 2018/2019 LCDBG program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of FY 2018/2019 LCDBG application in the potable water category, and entering into agreements associated with administration and engineering services. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a proclamation designating April as Fair Housing Month. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Captain Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Mayor LaDawn Edwards presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that DOTD has the Third Street plans for what is hopefully the final review. The Strand Theater project is moving along smoothly. The monthly meeting will be held April 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Strand. The playground equipment has been installed and is being enjoyed by the children. New fencing was installed in the boy's park and near the creek. Preparations for the 2nd Annual Easter in the Park are in full swing. The event will be held on Good Friday, April 14th at the Town Park.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards