

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
September 5, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman David Paul Jones opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, Bruce Wilson, 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. Sandifer and seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to authorize an increase in the tap fees for water, gas & sewer installation. The motion unanimously passed. Fees are as follows:

GAS TAPS:	\$600.00 for 1 inch taps \$700.00 + cost of meter for 2 inch taps
WATER TAPS:	\$400.00 for 3/4 inch meters with 1 inch taps \$500.00 for 1 inch meters with 1 inch taps \$1,600.00 for 2 inch taps
SEWERTAPS:	\$275.00 for 4 inch taps \$375.00 for 6 inch taps

Road Bore for installation of any service

Town or Parish Street	\$250.00
State Highway	\$350.00

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 the Third Street Plaza project is being prepared for bid by DOTD. This process could take up to 3 months. A retirement reception was held for Firefighter Dave Springer. Thank you Dave for 10 years of dedicated service. See you at the pole will be held Wednesday, September 27th. Jena High School homecoming will be held Friday, October 6th with Howdy Neighbor Day the following day at the Jena Town Park. Strand Theater construction is going well. Sales tax collections for August 2017 were \$74,573.59 compared

to 2016 collections of \$83,918.84. The “Christmas in Jena” committee chaired by Misty Cooper has been formed to help decorate downtown Jena this 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 6:20 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards