

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 3, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 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, Bruce Wilson, and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to open the bids on the surplus equipment. Motion unanimously passed.

The bids were as follows:

2003 Ford Explorer VIN 6772

Lynn's Enterprises	\$777.00
John Poland	\$ 50.00

1989 International Dump Truck VIN 6818

Lynn's Enterprises	\$377.00
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1995 International Garbage Truck VIN 9684

Dixie Surplus & Machinery	\$1,768.00
Lynn's Enterprises	\$1,277.00

1992 Kubota L2650 with Woods Finish Mower

Dixie Surplus & Machinery	\$1,268.00
Jesse Powers, Jr.	\$1,500.00
Lynn's Enterprises	\$1,777.00

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to accept the bid of \$777.00 from Lynn's Enterprises for the 2003 Ford Explorer. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to accept the bid of \$377.00 from Lynn's Enterprises for the 1989 International Dump Truck. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to accept the bid of \$1,768.00 from Dixie Surplus & Machinery for the 1995 International Garbage Truck. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to accept the bid of \$1,777.00 from Lynn's Enterprises for the 1992 Kubota L2650 with Woods Finish Mower. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution granting authority to Mayor Edwards to sign all documents related to the purchase of property to be added to the Jena Town Park. Donny Richardson abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Councilmen Chapman, Wilson & Sandifer voted for. Motion passed.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Town Hall renovations are nearing completion. The Third Street project is on schedule to be bid by the State. The balcony seating for the Strand Theater has been ordered. The 3rd Annual Easter in the Park celebration was a total success. Thank you to the local churches, organizations, and groups for making the day run smoothly. Thank you to our employees for hanging the eggs at the park. Also thank you to Josh Corley & Robert Warwick for assisting the Jena PD with the trees that were blown down during the storm. Our departments always work together to get any task successfully completed and I am thankful for their teamwork. Sales tax collections for March 2018 were \$70,967.58 compared to 2017 collections of \$73,674.08. In total Jena collected more sales tax during the first quarter of 2018 than in 2017.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards