

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

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. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce the budgets for the General, Utility, & Sales Tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to authorize Mayor Edwards to sign all documents to lease a knuckle boom truck for the Street Department. Motion unanimously passed.

Daniel Hulsey presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Town Council is invited to attend the November LEDD meeting and hear the guest speaker, Nick Landi, Plant Manager of LaSalle Lumber. The meeting is November 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Dixie Center in Olla. RSVP to Cynthia Cockerham by November 19th if you plan to attend. The Third Street Farmer's Market is open every Thursday from 1 pm to 5 pm. The market has been very successful this Fall, thank you to all of our vendors and customers. The balcony seating at the Strand Theater is 75% completed. The concrete finishers will make improvements on the sidewalks per instructions from the Fire Marshal next week. A pre-construction meeting will be held this Thursday on the Third Street Project. Trunk or Treat in the Jena Town Park was a success. We had approximately 550 children visit the trunks in 2 hours. The Downtown Block Party will be Thursday, November 15, 2018 form 5-9 pm. All citizens are invited to come and shop late locally. The Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will be Friday, December 7th at 6:00 pm at First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The Christmas Parade will be Friday, December 14th. Sales tax collections for October 2018 were \$84,193.89 compared to 2017 collections of \$77,240.19.

Town Attorney Walter Dorroh gave an update on the proposed property purchase at 2240 E Oak St. We are awaiting an Environmental Clearance letter from the State at that time we can move forward with the title work.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards