

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

Present: Council members Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Donny Richardson, Lester Francis 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. Chapman. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the appointments for 2019. The appointments are as follows:

**Appointments:**

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP
Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, Catahoula-LaSalle Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank and Sabine State Bank
Official Journal	The Jena Times

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the committee assignments for 2019. The committees are as follows:

**Committees:**

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Recreation	Lester Francis	Tommy Sandifer
Insurance	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Police	Lester Francis	Donny Richardson
Fire	David Paul Jones	Lester Francis

Environment	Wayne Chapman	David Paul Jones
Personnel	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Finance	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the Mayor Pro Tem schedule for the 2019-2022 term. The schedule is as follows:

	Begin	End
Donny Richardson	January 8, 2019	November 5, 2019
David Paul Jones	November 5, 2019	September 1, 2020
Tommy Sandifer	September 1, 2020	July 6, 2021
Wayne Chapman	July 6, 2021	May 3, 2022
Lester Francis	May 3, 2022	December 31, 2022

Captain Daniel Hulsey presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner which was held Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center was the best yet. We fed 180 people. Thank you to the volunteers, donors, and those who prepared deserts. The crew will start painting the basketball court this week. The balcony seating has been installed at the Strand and the downstairs chairs will be ordered next. The Third Street project will begin in the next few days. The 2019 Freightliner brush truck will have arrived and is ready to meet the needs of the citizens. The town was awarded a Local Government Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$15,560 to purchase a ½ ton pickup truck for the Mosquito Abatement program. The purchase of the property located at 2240 E. Oak Street is still moving forward pending receipt of an approval letter from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Sales tax collections for December 2018 were \$92,074.00 compared to 2017 collections of \$75,751.70. We are pleased that there was a 4% increase in sales in 2018.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards