

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 8, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Councilman Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Cynthia Cockerham, LEDD Executive Director, announced that funding was approved by The Rapides Foundation for the Healthy Places LaSalle initiative. Jena's share of the funding will purchase a portable restroom, outdoor furniture, and shade coverings.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to introduce the 2017 budgets for the General, Utility and Sales tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to authorize Mayor Edwards to sign a contract with low bidder Tudor Inc. for the Renovation of the Strand Theater. Motion passed. Mr. Chapman abstained from voting.

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 Town Hall roof plans have been completed and approved and the contractors will begin work shortly. As of October 18th the Third Street plans were returned to DOTD. We are currently awaiting their return from final review. Trunk or Treat was a huge success. 35 trunks provided candy for over 3500 people in 3 hours. Thank you to the churches, businesses and individuals who made this event possible, and a special Thank you to Jenni Moss and Beverly Young for all of their hard work organizing the event. I attended the Smart Growth Summit in Baton Rouge last week. It was a great conference and I am pleased I was able to attend. The playground equipment funded by The Rapides Foundation has arrived and will be installed soon. The equipment will be placed at the walking loop and near the little boys' baseball field. The bridge will also be painted soon.

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 6:19 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards