

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order and Mr. Buddy Willis opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Bruce Wilson, Wayne Chapman, David Paul Jones, and Attorney Walter Dorroh

Absent: Councilmen Donny Richardson and Tommy Sandifer

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. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to open a public hearing to hear comments on the Amendment to Ordinance #172: Cross Connection Control-General Policy. Motion unanimously passed. There were no comments. Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt the Amendment to Ordinance #172: Cross Connection Control-General Policy. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to increase the skating rink rental fee to \$40 for 2 hour party for 30 or less attendees and \$60 for a 2 hour party with more than 30 attendees, effective April 1, 2016. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the following appointments for 2016:

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

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the following committee assignments for 2016:

Committees:

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman	Bruce Wilson
Recreation	Bruce Wilson	David Paul Jones
Insurance	David Paul Jones	Tommy Sandifer
Police	Bruce Wilson	Donny Richardson
Fire	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Environment	Wayne Chapman	David Paul Jones
Personnel	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Finance	Tommy Sandifer	Donny Richardson

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to appoint David Paul Jones as Mayor Pro-tem for a 10 month period. Motion unanimously passed.

Assistant Fire Chief David Springer presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that potatoes will be planted at the Community Garden next week. We will be meeting with an Engineer next week to look at ways to repair the Town Hall roof. The Louisiana State Gospel Singing Convention will be held at Nolley Memorial Methodist Church February 5th and 6th. The Town Park will be closed March 24th and 25th due to preparations for Easter in the Park. The LMA Mid-Winter conference will be held February 24-26 in Baton Rouge and Mayor Edwards will attend.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards