

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
March 7, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 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 Eagle Scout Caleb Hudnall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Caleb Hudnall presented his Eagle Scout Project Completion Report. Mr. Hudnall painted and replaced ropes and pulleys on the flag holes at the Jena Town Park. He also replaced benches and illuminated the flags. The project went very well.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Mayor LaDawn Edwards presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Town Hall roof is finished. The Third Street plans were returned to DOTD on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the final review. The Strand Theater is still moving along smoothly. The central air has been installed and restrooms roughed in. The building has also been treated for termites. The Take the Trail ribbon cutting was a huge success. Thank you to The Rapides Foundation for making the trail lighting project possible. The skating rink renovation is almost complete. The back counter is the only thing left to finish. Thank you to Recreation Director Patricia Hefner, Sheriff Scott Franklin, members of the town crew and the many many volunteers who helped with this project. Members of the town crew are installing the playground equipment at the walking loop and the boy's ball field. The outdoor fitness equipment arrived today and will be installed along the walking loop. Easter in the Park will be held Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We have purchased 100 jumbo eggs to decorate the tree this year. Sales tax collections were for February 2016 were \$67,657.35 and \$71,389.25 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. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards