

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

Absent: Council members Donny Richardson

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.

Mayor Edwards read the letter received from 4G Properties regarding the liquidation of assets and proposed sale of the Midway Fire Station. The Council will take this matter under advisement.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve a beer permit for The Tobacco Store of Jena, LLC. Motion passed. Mr. Chapman abstained.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the 2016 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Captain Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Councilman Bruce Wilson presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Splash Pad will open in May 1st. We will begin spraying for mosquitos this week. LA DOTD is still reviewing the Third Street plans; we have high hopes that this will be the final review. The Strand project is going great and is on schedule. Ethics training was held at the Town Hall April 11th at 1:00. The annual ethics disclosure forms are due May 15th. Easter in the Park was a huge success this year. 10,000 candy filled eggs were hid for the children. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with this event. Cory and I attended the LA Highway Safety Commission meeting April 26th at Troop E headquarters. Keith Capdepon made a presentation on the use of crosswalks in Jena's Third Street Project. The LMA District E meeting will be held in Pineville on Monday, June 5th. The downtown hanging baskets will be planted in the coming weeks. Sales tax collections for April 2017 were \$84,070.09 compared to 2016 collections of \$84,430.36.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards