

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to hire Daniel Smith as a full-time patrolman effective September 25, 2017. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Wilson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment. Motion unanimously passed.

Superintendent, David Miller gave a Natural Gas Public Awareness Presentation.

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 that the JHS Alumni Association Banquet is Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. JHS Homecoming festivities will be held Friday, October 6th at the high school. Howdy Neighbor Day will be the following day at the Jena Town Park. Tales on the Trail will be held Saturday, November 4th from 9-12. The portable restroom trailer has been ordered and should be delivered by late November. This restroom was purchased with a grant through LEDD and The Rapides Foundation. The Strand Theater is beautiful. The project should be finished very soon. Third Street Plaza project is being prepared for bid by DOTD and is on the schedule for letting early in fiscal year 2018/2019. Sales tax collections for September 2017 were \$80,762.17 compared to 2016 collections of \$79,629.01. Mayor Edwards extended a big thank you to the following people for helping with the wonderful fall decorations that have been placed throughout downtown: Angie & Richard Terral, Beverly Young, Eugene Edwards, Karen Creel, Jack & Gayla Warren, Maxie Parker and Mike Poole. The outdoor fitness equipment which was purchased through a grant from LEDD and The Rapides Foundation has been installed and ready for use by the public.

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 6:23 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards