

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
October 1, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October, 2019, 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilmen Donny Richardson and Lester Francis

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to amend the agenda by deleting item #8. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to hire Brandon Parker as a patrolman effective 9/28/19. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a proclamation declaring October 7-11 as Vaping Awareness Week. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Third Street project is moving forward; the parking by Rick's Pizza is open and numerous conversations have been had about how to correct the size of the spaces. Jack Breithaupt recommended converting the stripe pattern of the spaces to interlocking spaces. The town crew worked behind Rick's Pizza to correct the drainage problem caused by the project. DOTD is working to correct drainage in the front off of Hwy 84. Early voting will be held September 28-October 5, with election day being October 12, 2019. The Splash Pad closed September 30<sup>th</sup>. This summer was very successful and everything ran very smoothly. Jena High School Homecoming will be held Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> with Howdy Neighbor Day following on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The GTO Band will be the headliner this year. Trunk or Treat will be held Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Jena Town Park. Door to door trick or treating will be Thursday, October 31 from 5 p.m.

to 7 p.m. The new flag and flag pole at the corner of the Town Hall was donated by Woodmen Life. Thank you Thomas Crooks for organizing this donation. Sales tax collections for September 2018 were 81,155.17 compared to 2019 collections of \$100,713.45.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards