

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order; Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Richardson 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 open the bids received for the surplus vehicles and equipment. Motion unanimously passed.

The bids were as follows:

	Bidder Name	2009 Ford F-150	2001 Dodge Pickup	Husqvarna Z246 Mower
1	Tina Gore			\$ 150.00
2	Richard O'Neal	\$ 201.00	\$ 186.50	\$ 200.00
3	Lynn's Enterprise LLC	\$ 692.00	\$ 538.00	\$ 379.00

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to accept the bid of \$692.00 from Lynn's Enterprise LLC for item #1 2009 Ford F-150. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to accept the bid of \$538.00 from Lynn's Enterprise LLC for item #2 2001 Dodge Pickup. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to accept the bid of \$379.00 from Lynn's Enterprise LLC for item #3 Husqvarna Z246 Mower. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to hire Thomas Reily Holloway as a patrolman effective 10/22/19. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution in support of submitting a fiscal year 2019-2020 LGAP application. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution in support of submitting a fiscal year 2019-2020 LGAP application. Motion unanimously passed.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Mayor Edwards announced that early voting has started and will end Saturday, November 9th. The election will be Saturday, November 16th. Truck or Treat was held Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Over 800 children attended and 21 trunks participated. Thank you to the following: Larry Campbell, Jena Head Start, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Prosperity Baptist Church, Scott Franklin and the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office, JJ's Family Restaurant, Southern Wear House, B&H Country Store, Premier Urgent Care, Jena Nutrition, Whitehall Pentecostal Church, Shady Grove Pentecostal Church, Charles Turnage, Homeland Federal Savings Bank, Black Bayou Construction, First Baptist Church, Chloe's Children's Boutique, East Jena Baptist Church, Walmart, Freedom Outfitters, and Gigi's Sweet Treats. Without the help of our community this night would not have been possible. Also, thank you to the office staff for dressing up and greeting the kids as they entered the park. Monday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a program in the park at 11:00 a.m. The family of Ms. Ruth Jackson will celebrate her 100th birthday at First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 16th, 2-6 p.m. The Downtown Block Party will be held Thursday, November 21, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The 14th Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "A Patriotic Christmas" with the original members of the Jena Honor Guard serving as Grand Marshal. Sales tax collections for October 2018 were 84,193.89 compared to 2019 collections of \$83,669.04. We will hold a special council meeting Monday, November 11th at 8:00 a.m. to introduce the 2020 Budgets for the General, Utility and Sales Tax Funds.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards