

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 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, 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. Jones. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to open a public hearing to hear comments on the 2020 Budget for the General, Utility and Sales Tax Funds. Motion unanimously passed. There were no written or oral comments. Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the 2020 Budgets for the General, Utility and Sales Tax Funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve a sewer fee increase effective January 1, 2020. Motion unanimously passed.

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 walking bridge from Third Street to Jena Elementary School has been installed. The GEO Community Relations luncheon will be held Thursday, December 5th at 11:30 a.m. at the Jena Town Hall. The 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 December 13th at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "A Patriotic Christmas." The Grand Marshal will be the original members of the Honor Guard. Sales tax collections for November 2018 were 85,903.12 compared to 2019 collections of \$91,945.01.

Jack Breithaupt explained the parking options for Third Street to the Council and reported that the Stage lift for the Strand Theater is ordered.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards