

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 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, Wayne Chapman, Lester Francis and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones and Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to open a public hearing to hear comments of Ordinance 206-Revoking the dedication of an undeveloped portion of Pine Street. Motion unanimously passed.

No comments were made.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt Ordinance 206-Revoking the dedication of an undeveloped portion of Pine Street. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution setting the millage rate for the 2019 tax year. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to introduce Ordinance 207-vehicle use policy. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to introduce Ordinance 208-Possession of Marijuana. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to introduce Ordinance 209-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Motion unanimously passed.

Steve May, candidate for Senate District 32, spoke regarding his candidacy.

Fire Captain Daniel Hulseley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the basketball court ribbon cutting was a huge success. Thank you to the Jason and Natasha Hatcher and Nancy Leiberman for making this court possible. The chairs for the Strand Theater should ship the week of June 17th. Asphalt should be poured on Third Street starting Wednesday morning. Thank you so much to the local businesses for your patience during this project. The Farmer's Market will begin June 6th. The contractor installing the Belah Fellowship water system is cutting our gas lines daily. Thank you so much to the town crew for all the overtime you have worked to repair the lines. The summer banners have been hung. Thank you to Beverly Young and the town crew for help with that project. Sales tax collections for May 2018 were 78,401.12 compared to 2019 collections of \$80,281.83.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards