

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
July 2, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

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. Francis to open a public hearing to hear comments on proposed ordinances 207, 208 and 209. Motion unanimously passed. No comments were made on any of the three ordinances. Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

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

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

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

Glen Womack, candidate for Senate District 32, spoke regarding his candidacy.

Kevin Bates, candidate for Representative District 20, spoke regarding his candidacy.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the chairs for the Strand Theater have been delivered and put in place. They look wonderful. The Third Street project is going according to plan and is turning out to be a beautiful project. The Third Street Market will be held each Thursday from 12 to 4. The State of Louisiana mandated Ethics Training will be taught at Town Hall Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. All Town of Jena employees are required to attend. All public employees are invited to attend. The old garbage truck is broken down, the motor need to be replaced. Repairs have been completed at the Wastewater Plant. The Belah

Fellowship water contractor is cutting our gas lines multiple times daily. Thank you to our employees for working all of the overtime required to repair these lines. We received a letter from Municipal Firefighters Retirement System informing us that we owe \$63,392.45 to transfer 3 firefighters from Municipal Employees Retirement System to Municipal Firefighters Retirement System as required by State law. Sales tax collections for June 2018 were 84,165.89 compared to 2019 collections of \$93,329.31.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer 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