

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
August 6, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 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 Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, Lester Francis and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilmen David Paul Jones and Wayne Chapman

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

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

The audit report for year ended December 31, 2018, was presented by Wes Gore of Silas Simmons LLP. In his report Mr. Gore stated that the town is in sound financial condition and there were no audit findings. Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Captain Daniel Hulsey presented the fire report.

Mayor Edwards announced that Strand Theater getting very close to being ready to use. We are in the process of hiring a crew to clean the building. The final building inspection is complete and the final Fire Marshal review is pending. The Third Street project is moving forward; the bricks will be painted beginning this week. Sales tax collections for July 2018 were 85,536.70 compared to 2019 collections of \$70,360.14.

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 6:25 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards