

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order; Cub Scouts Troop 14 opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: David Paul Jones

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

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

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve the appointments for 2020. Motion unanimously passed. Appointments are as follows:

Appointments:

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP
Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, CLB The Community Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank and Sabine State Bank
Official Journal	The Jena Times

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve Committee Assignments for 2020. Motion unanimously passed. Committees are as follows:

Committees:

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Recreation	Lester Francis	Tommy Sandifer
Insurance	David Paul Jones	Lester Francis

Police	Lester Francis	Donny Richardson
Fire	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Environment	Wayne Chapman	David Paul Jones
Personnel	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Finance	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson

Maria Thompson, LPN/Marketer Occupational Medicine Supervisor for LaSalle General Hospital spoke explaining the services offered by the new Occupational Medicine clinic.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Jack Breithaupt updated the Council on the Strand Theater and Third Street parking. The recess for the stage lift has been completed and the lift should be installed next week. Keith Capdepon is working with the contractor to get the stripping completed using the revised layout.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Town Crew has been very busy this month with water and sewer repairs. Sales tax collections for December 2018 were 92,074.00 compared to 2019 collections of \$98,687.90. The total collections for the year of 2019 were \$1,060,496.83 compared to 2018 collections of \$1,001,548.04

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards