

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.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, Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, and Lester Francis and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones and Wayne Chapman

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

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

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Edwards to sign all documents to lease a 2021 garbage truck for the Sanitation Department. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to hire Jay Cody Cain as a Patrolman effective October 1, 2020. Motion unanimously passed.

Fireman Jeffery Benson presented the fire report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented to utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collection for September 2019 was \$100,713.45 and 2020 was \$89,923.49. Trunk or Treat has been cancelled due to attendance being over 250 people. We regret the cancellation but must abide by the COVID guidelines. Door to door trick or treating will be held Saturday, October 31st, 5-8 p.m. If you choose not to participate please leave your light off. We have received a letter from the State informing us that the Belah gas service must be abandoned by November 16, 2020. The Jena Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. This year's Grand Marshal is the 2020 Graduate s of Jena High School.

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 9:18 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards