

**Town of Jena  
Special Meeting  
November 11, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in special session on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.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 Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Donny Richardson, Wayne Chapman and Lester Francis and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

The planned executive session was changed to an open session upon the request of Town of Jena Payroll Clerk Carmen McEntyre who was present with her attorney James Carroll.

After a lengthy discussion and testimony from Town Clerk Cory Floyd, Police Clerk Kara Callender, Part-time Police Clerk Kim Brooks, Assistant Police Chief David Smith, and Payroll Clerk Carmen McEntyre the following action was taken:

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda to take up the resolution of the concerns about Ms. McEntyre. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to suspend Ms. McEntyre for 3 weeks without pay beginning the first day of the next pay period (11/12/2020), there will be a letter placed in her personnel file stating that the situation occurred, she will be reassigned in the same office with the same pay, but she will not be in the position she was in where there might be accidental or purposeful breaches of confidentiality. Motion unanimously passed.

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 11:48 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards