

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 2, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 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, David Paul Jones, and Wayne Chapman and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilmen Tommy Sandifer and Lester Francis

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to remove item #14 from the agenda. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce the 2020 Amended Budget for the Utility Fund. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce the 2021 Budgets for the General, Utility & Sales Tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve new garbage collection rates effective January 1, 2021. Motion unanimously passed.

The new rates are as follows:

Description	Current Rate	New Rate
Residential	10.00	15.00
Commercial	11.00	20.00
Commercial Daily	55.00	75.00
Daily	25.00	40.00

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the fire report.

Superintendent David Miller presented to utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced the Annual Sr. Citizen's Christmas Dinner will not be held this year due to COVID. Jena High School Homecoming will be held Friday, November 6, 2020. The schedule is as follows: 10:00 a.m. Tea, 11:00 a.m. Pep Rally/Presentation of Homecoming Court, 12:30 p.m. Parade, 6:30 p.m. Presentation of Homecoming Queen and Court. The Downtown Christmas Block Party will be held Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. The 2020 Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. This year's Grand Marshall is the Jena High School class of 2020. Thank you to the Jena High School Class of 2021 for hosting the Downtown Fall Carnival and Spook Trail. Both events were very successful. FEMA is in the process of updating the Flood Maps for the Town of Jena. Preliminary maps are available for review at town hall. The flood zone is changing, and base flood elevations will be included in the new maps.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards