

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
February 4, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Cooper Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Lester Francis opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to hire Billy Gentry as a Patrolman effective December 2, 2019. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve a Beer Permit for Mac's Supermarket. Mr. Chapman abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve a water rate increase effective April 1, 2020. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the handicap lift has been installed at the Strand Theater. The Fire Marshall inspection will be held later this month. The Third Street striping will be finished as soon as possible weather permitting. The Hwy 84 property has been cleaned up. The removal of the concrete is still pending. Easter in the Park will be held Good Friday, April 10, 2020. Sales tax collections for January 2019 were \$97,939.03 compared to 2020 collections of \$105,479.17.

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 6:28 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards