

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.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, Wayne Chapman, 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. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

Justin Reeves represented the Belah Community in asking the Council to allow extra time for them to find a solution before cutting off natural gas service to the community on September 15, 2020. It was agreed that a committee would be formed including two councilmen and 2 Belah residents. Councilmen Richardson & Francis agreed to serve on the committee. The cut-off date was extended until November 15, 2020. The town will send a notice to all affected customers notifying them of the change.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to open the bids received for the surplus tin from the shop roof. Motion unanimously passed. The bids were as follows:

Steve Thomas \$400.00

Colin & KC Garcia \$220.00

Tina Mayo \$152.00

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to accept the bid of \$400 from Steve Thomas. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce Ordinance 21-To set the meeting date and time for the regular Council meeting. Motion passed.

Fire Fighter Jeffery Benson presented the fire report.

Superintendent David Miller presented to superintendent's report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the Strand Theater has been approved by the Fire Marshal. Everything in the park is open with the exception of the Splash Pad. The Sales tax revenue for June 2019 was \$93,329.31 and June 2020 \$111,021.31.

Blake Phillips with Colonial Trails announced that Howdy Neighbor Day has been cancelled for this year due to uncertainty of the COVID-19 status in the fall.

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 7:13 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn Cooper Edwards