

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2021**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn C. Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members, Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Lester Francis, and Wayne Chapman and Attorney Evans 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. Jones to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve appointments for 2021. Motion unanimously passed. The appointments are as follows:

Appointments:

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP
Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, CLB The Community Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank and Sabine State Bank
Official Journal	The Jena Times

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the committee assignments for 2021. Motion unanimously passed. The committee assignments are as follows:

Committees:

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Recreation	Lester Francis	Tommy Sandifer
Insurance	David Paul Jones	Lester Francis

Police	Lester Francis	Donny Richardson
Fire	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Environment	Wayne Chapman	David Paul Jones
Personnel	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Finance	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution in support of applying for a LGAP grant to purchase a crew truck for the Utility department. Motion unanimously passed.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Mayor Edwards announced that 10 employees from the utility crew were recently certified or recertified in gas. Wednesday, December 30, 2020, Girl Scouts troop #1275 built, painted and installed a book box at the Jena Town Park. The theme for the box is “Reading is out of this world.” Thank you to Councilman Tommy Sandifer for all the help while the Mayor was out recovering from surgery.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards