

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, October 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, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

Absent: Council member Lester Francis

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

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

Councilman Tommy Sandifer gave the Street Committee update. A preconstruction meeting was held with the projected start date for the street project as October 18, 2021. The town crew is still working very well with the police jury.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the Fire Report

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the town will be applying for a Water Sector Program grant to replace some of the main water lines that we have had trouble with over the past several years. The Premier Opening of the Strand Theater will be held Saturday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. Butch King will provide entertainment, Strand T-Shirts will be available for purchase and a Silent Auction will be held to raise money for the stage curtains. The GEO Group Foundation recently donated \$2,000 to the Stage Curtain Fund. Jena High School Homecoming will be held Friday, October 15th followed by Howdy Neighbor Day Saturday, October 16th. The Grand Opening of the Blue Sparrow Bridal Shop will be Thursday, October 28th at noon. Trunk or Treat will be held in the Jena Town Park, Friday, October 30th, 5-7 p.m. Door to door Trick or Treating will be Saturday, October 30th. Due to the cooler weather, the Skating Rink is available for rent for private parties.

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 9:20 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards