

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2021**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn C. Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman David Paul Jones 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. Sandifer and seconded by Mr. Richardson. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to hire Aaron Boyette as a patrolman effective February 1, 2021. Motion unanimously passed.

The Street Committee, Councilmen Tommy Sandifer and Lester Francis, presented their report and recommended the following agenda item.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve Bryant Hammett & Assoc. to begin the engineering process on the following streets in priority order pending funding availability:

1. East Bradford St. from Hwy 127 to Third St., Pine St from Hwy 127 to Fourth St., Second St. from Hwy 84 to E. Bradford St.
2. Beech and Beverly Streets from Pepper St. to Austin Rd., Mary Street and Hazel Loop
3. Carpenter Street from Baker Rd. to the end of the town limits and Basham Rd inside the town limits.

Motion unanimously passed.

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 sales tax collections for December 2020 were \$104,330 compared to December 2019 collections of \$98,687.

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 9:46 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards