

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2021**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn C. 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, 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. Francis and seconded by Mr. Chapman. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to introduce the amended 2020 General Fund Budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Councilmen Lester Francis and Tommy Sandifer of the Street Committee gave an update on the progress of street repairs during the previous month. A significant amount of patchwork has been completed during the past month. The Town and Police Jury are working very well together. We are working with the town engineer on an overlay project, but might not get as much overlayed as we hoped. We will meet with the engineer this Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the fire report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the sales tax collections for February 2020 were \$82,928.63 compared to January 2021 collections of \$87,781.69. The A Greater LaSalle luncheon was held March 31, 2021 and was attended by the Mayor, Councilman Donny Richardson and Clerk Cory Floyd. The presentation on the upcoming broadband initiative was very informative and when completed will be a great asset to our parish. I would like to thank Cynthia Cockerham with LaSalle Economic Development District for organizing the event. Beverly Young and the Mayor decorated the town for Easter with decorations made by Beverly. Thank you to Sheriff Scott Franklin for donating the materials to make the decorations. Thursday, April 1, the Easter Bunnies visited downtown Jena and the Town Hall staff passed out candy to the children. The Skating Rink will open October 1, 2021 and the Splash Pad will open May 1, 2021.

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 9:24 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards