

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 7, 2021**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

Present: Council members, Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, Lester Francis, and Wayne Chapman and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed on a motion by Mr. Richardson 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.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution for the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2021. 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 culvert was installed on East Randal St. Everyone is very pleased with the teamwork between the Police Jury and Town.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savelle presented the fire report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the sales tax collections for April 2020 were \$116,666.19 compared to April 2021 collections of \$110,188.41. Sales tax collections for May 2020 were \$92,884.46 compared to May 2021 collections of \$108,525.54. Next month's meeting will be moved due to the Independence Day holiday. It will be held Tuesday, July 6th at 9:00 am. The Take 10 litter program is ongoing. Everyone is encouraged to Take 10 minutes from your day to pick up litter in your surrounding area. We have received a good response to our nuisance letters and plan to mail out more in the coming weeks. Donny & Jakki Richardson, Tommy Sandifer and the Mayor attended the District E meeting in Pineville, June 3rd. The lighting and sound system at the Strand was recently tried out by Earl Hailey, Jim Justiss and David Smith. The sound is phenomenal. There are a few final details that must be finished before opening takes place. The ticket window will be finished soon to keep debris out of the

window and the double doors will be fixed to keep debris out. Sheila Mason will attend the July meeting to announce the plans for the much-anticipated grand opening. The Governor has announced we can open at full capacity.

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 9:20 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards