

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
August 2, 2021**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

Present: Council members Donny Richardson, David Paul Jones, Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer and Lester Francis 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. Sandifer. Motion unanimously passed.

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

The audit report for year ended December 31, 2020, was presented by Scott Adams of Silas Simmons LLP. In his report Mr. Adams stated that the town is in sound financial condition and there were no audit findings. Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to increase the Roadway Improvements Project budget by \$215,000, accept the low bid from TL Construction on the project including the base bid, Alt 1 & Alt 2, and authorize Mayor Edwards to sign all documents relating to the street project. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution for the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment.

The Street Committee reported that they were pleased to see that the Town had recently used the side bush hog owned by the Police Jury. The Parish has also repaved Hazel loop.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savelle presented the fire report.

Assistant Superintendent Ricky Haggart presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the town workers are still participating in the DOTD Take 10 Initiative, and everyone is encouraged to take 10 minutes from your day to pick up litter in your surrounding area. Donny and Jakki Richardson and Mayor Edwards attended the LEDD meeting in Tullos to learn more about the broadband initiative and legislative update. The Strand Theater Grand Opening is tentatively scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> and an Open House will be held on JHS Homecoming Day. The Street Sweeper was sold to high bidder Chad Smith. Sales tax collection for June 2020 was \$111,021.31 and 2021 was \$107,284.22.

Councilman Tommy Sandifer addressed everyone regarding his trip to the LMA Convention. He reported that this year's convention was one of the best he's ever attended. Many new topics were addressed.

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 9:49 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards