

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2021**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.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 and Lester Francis and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

Absent: Council members David Paul Jones and Wayne Chapman

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

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

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to open the bids received for the surplus vehicles and equipment. Motion unanimously passed.

The bids were as follows:

	1999 Ford Pickup	Versa Blade Skid Steer Attachment
JJ Merchant	\$879.79	\$ 579.79
Kenneth Woods	620.00	
Richard O'Neal	275.01	1,575.50

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to accept the high bids from JJ Merchant for the 1999 Ford Pickup and Richard O'Neal for the Versa Blade Skid Steer Attachment with the stipulation that all items be picked up within 30 days. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve submission of an application to the Louisiana Water Sector Program Grant and authorize Mayor Edwards to sign all required grant documentation. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to award the Engineering Services contract for the Louisiana Water Sector Program Grant to Bryant Hammett and Associates. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor LaDawn Edwards presented Natural Gas Public Awareness

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police 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. Thank you to the town crew and fire department for their hard work on the two major water leaks this month. The Premier Opening of the Strand Theater will be held Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. There will be an open house at the Strand on Homecoming Day October 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. Our street repair partnership with the police jury continues to be a success. Due to a chlorine shortage the splash pad was closed this past week. Chlorine was backordered until November. Sales tax collection for July 2020 was \$103,294.10 compared to July 2021 collections of \$100,008.39. The August 2020 collections were \$97,322.73 and August 2021 was \$106,134.8.

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 2:25 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards