

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2022**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2022, 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, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Lester Francis, 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. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve the appointments for 2022. Motion unanimously passed. The appointments are as follows:

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP
Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, CLB The Community Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank and Sabine State Bank
Official Journal	The Jena Times

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve the committee assignments for 2022. Motion unanimously passed. The committee assignments are as follows:

Committees:

Senior Citizens	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Recreation	Lester Francis	Tommy Sandifer
Insurance	David Paul Jones	Lester Francis
Police	Lester Francis	Donny Richardson
Fire	Wayne Chapman	Tommy Sandifer
Environment	Wayne Chapman	David Paul Jones

Personnel	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Finance	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Street	Lester Francis	Tommy Sandifer

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to authorizing the opening of a bank account for police deposits. Motion unanimously passed.

Councilmen Lester Francis and Tommy Sandifer gave the Street Committee update. Repair work with the LaSalle Parish Police Jury will continue in the new year.

Firefighter Jeffrey Benson presented the Fire Report

Superintendent David Miller presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the 15th Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner held December 3rd was a great success. Thank you very much to the volunteers, donors and desert providers. The Christmas Parade was held Friday, December 10, 2021, and turned out great. The JHS Drama Club held a program called "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Clause" at the Strand Theater December 11th and 12th. Christmas in Country was also held at the Strand in December. Both events were very well attended. The 2021 4th Quarter GEO Community Relations meeting was held at the Strand. A big thank you to GEO for their annual donations to the Strand.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards