

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, October 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 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, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr.

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

Mr. Wayne Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt a resolution for the sale of surplus equipment at the Bonnette Auction, the Motion unanimously approved.

Donny Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize Mayor Edwards to sign the contract with Bonnette Auction Company, LLC.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the Police Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards informed no sales tax report has been issued for September yet.

Mrs. Edwards also announced the following events:

The #thrive after school program is holding a VFZ visual effects and drone flying workshop for grades 6-12 at CLTCC on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-6:00 pm beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> and running through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment is free.

LaSalle ICE Processing center is holding a hiring event on October 4<sup>th</sup> at LaSalle Business and Career Solution from 9am-3pm.

There will be a 2022 Homecoming Alumni Reception held at the Strand Theatre, Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Public Service Commissioner, Mike Francis, member of the Jena High School class of 1964 will be the guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by Butch King and tickets are \$30 per person. Tickets will include heavy appetizers, desserts, and a

soft drink. Ticket sales began September 15<sup>th</sup> and will end October 14<sup>th</sup> and can be purchased at the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office.

Jena High School will celebrate its homecoming on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> Followed by Howdy Neighbor Day on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jena Colonial Trails chairman, Blake Phillips, said the events will start at 9am and admission is \$5 per person. The main entertainment will be Dustin Sonnier, a country music singer/songwriter from the outskirts of Lafayette, Louisiana. She also wanted to give a big thank you to Colonial Trails for paying for half of the new sod at the Amphitheater.

Mayor Edwards proudly announced Nashville recording artist C.J. Solar is booked at the Strand Theatre for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. General admission is \$30, and the doors will open at 7pm. And Avery Michaels is booked to return to the Strand Theatre Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

New Evergreen Baptist Church will host their annual veteran's appreciation lunch Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at noon in the church fellowship hall. The church invites all veterans to enjoy a delicious home cooked meal and fellowship with other veterans and friends. The church is located at 1190 Church Street in Jena.

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.

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ASSISTANT CLERK, Tori Burlew

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MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards