

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2022**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

Present: Council members, Donny Richardson, David Paul Jones, Lester Francis, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Tommy Sandifer

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the financial report. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to introduce the 2023 Budgets for the General, Utility and Sales Tax Funds. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to introduce amended Ordinance 149-Flood Damage Prevention. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adopt a resolution awarding the Bellevue Lift Station Replacement Project to Camo Construction and authorize Mayor Edwards to execute all documents related to the project. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve a Beer Permit for American Choice Smokin T's. Motion unanimously approved.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards stated that sales tax collection for the month of September 2021 was \$103,378.74 compared to 2022 collections of \$108,240.56.

Mayor Edwards accepted the CLTCC Award for Partnership with the Heavy Equipment Program.

The results of the surplus equipment sold by the Bonnette Auction are as follows:

1990 Kodiak C6 Dump Truck	\$2,700.00
1998 Ford Ranger	\$1,350.00
2010 Crown Victoria	\$2,160.00
2004 Ford F150	\$ 585.00

Mrs. Edwards also announced the following events:

The Veteran's Day Parade will be held November 11th at 10:00 a.m. The parade route will end in the Jena Town Park with the program being held at 11:00 a.m.

The GEO Group will hold its quarterly community relations luncheon Thursday, November 17th at 11:30 a.m. at the Strand Theater.

New Evergreen Baptist Church will host their annual veteran's appreciation lunch Saturday, November 19th 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.

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, December 2nd at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Jena Christmas Parade will be held December 9th at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is Hometown Christmas, and the Grand Marshall is the Dixie Darlings Softball Team.

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 9:28 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards