

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2022**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 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, 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. 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. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to open a public hearing to hear comments on Ordinance No. 211 and Amendments to 2021 Utility and Sales Tax Fund Budgets. No comments were made on either subject. Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adopt Ordinance No. 211- to Establish Public Park Hours and Trespassing Procedures. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adopt amendments to the 2021 Utility and Sales Tax Fund budgets. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution for the sale of surplus tin. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the rental agreement and policies for the Strand Theater. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Motion unanimously approved.

Councilmen Lester Francis and Tommy Sandifer gave the Street Committee update. A committee meeting was held March 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Repair work with the LaSalle Parish Police Jury continues. The town continues to use the police jury's side bush hog to clean up rights-of-way.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the Fire Report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the police report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that new signs for the 3A Softball State Champions have been placed at each end of town along Hwy 84. Easter in the Park will be held Good Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our water project was not funded in the first round of the Water Sector Program. We will apply again in round 2. Effective May 3, 2022, Lester Francis will become the Mayor Pro Tem.

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 9:59 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards