

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
May 2, 2022**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn C. Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Lester Francis 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. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Chapman. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to open the bids for the surplus tin. Motion unanimously approved. After being advertised in the Jena Times April 13, 20 & 27, 2022; the following two bids were received.

David Smith \$50.00

Tim Mitchell \$63.00

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to accept the high bid of \$63.00 from Tim Mitchell. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution setting the millage rate for 2022. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the 2021 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution in support of applying for an LGAP grant. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to remove item #11 from the agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. the Strand Theater will host the Sun-Kissed Sweetheart Pageant. Sales tax collection for March 2021 was \$89,462.22 and March 2022 was \$95,095.03. Easter in the Park was a huge success. The park was full of

beautiful smiling children that enjoyed free games, prizes, jumpers, face painting, gospel music, egg hunts, decorating cupcakes, train rides and much more. A special thank you to: Sew Blessed Farm-Dawn Masters, Prosperity Baptist Church, Junie B Jumpers-Kelsie Jones, First Baptist Church, Whitehall Pentecostal Church, Donna and Jeff Free, Shady Grove United Pentecostal Church, Searcy Baptist Church, LaSalle Head Start-Tracie Barber, Dale Smith, Midway Baptist Church, East Jena Baptist Church, Lulu's Water Slides & Jumpers-Larry Campbell, Kerry's Cake Creations-Kerry Reynolds, Wild Horse Ministries, Fellowship Baptist Church, Terry Keene, David Smith, Troop and Pack 14, Champlin's Furniture-Courtney Champlin, Desiree, Beth, Cory Floyd, Tori Ainsworth, Matthew Mitcham, Tina Gore, Kent Hatfield, Landon Hatfield, Jena Fire Department, Eugene Edwards and Beverly Young. The National Day of Prayer is May 5 from noon until 1 p.m. at the vacant lot at the corner of Hwy 127 and Hwy 84.

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 9:34 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards