

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2022**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 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, David Paul Jones, Lester Francis, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

Absent: Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer

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

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

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collection for May 2021 was \$108,525.54 and May 2022 was \$100,257.34 and June 2021 was \$107,284.22 and June 2022 was \$110,570.84. We were recently notified by the Governor that we were approved for the FY 2022 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Public Facilities project in the amount of \$786,962. These funds will reconstruct residential roadways in two target areas.

Target area 1 is Evergreen St. from Beech to Star. for 0.27 miles. Target area 2 is Cowart St from Aimwell Rd to Lurry St. for 0.63 miles, East Jena Dr from Carrollton to Ash for 0.43 miles, Ash St for 0.09 miles, Forest St for 0.14 miles, Hudspeth St for 0.19 miles, Carrollton St for 0.09 miles. This project totals 1.84 miles. Thrive Arts has been held in the Strand Theater with the finale being a presentation of the Wizard of Oz which will be held Friday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m. Joe LaCroix will be retiring July 1st; we thank him for his many years of dedicated service. Thank you to Josh and Tessa Corley for donating the custom podium for the Strand Theater.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards