

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2022**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 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. 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.

The audit report for year ended December 31, 2021, was presented by Scott Adams of Silas Simmons LLP. In his report Mr. Adams stated that the town is in sound financial condition and there were no audit findings. Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve submission of an application to the Louisiana Water Sector Program Grant, authorize Mayor Edwards to sign all required grant documentation and abide by the previously adopted 2022/2023 LCDBG Procurement Policy for Water Sector procurement. Motion unanimously approved.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that on Thursday July 21, Councilman Donny Richardson, Councilman Lester Francis and herself attended the Greater LaSalle Legislative Forum held in Olla. The #thrive Arts Youth Theater Summer Camp had a wonderful performance of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Strand Theater Friday, July 15th. The camp was a part of The Strand Village Project #thrive, a community development project of LaSalle Economic Development District funded in part by a Substance and Alcohol Abuse Program Prevention Grant from The Rapides Foundation. The #thrive Art Music Summer Camp is the sixth and final camp offered this summer as part of the Strand Village #thrive. Students will learn about music percussion, voice and other instruments. The Jena Dixie Darlings (7 & 8 year old) All-Star team is at the World Series Tournament in Georgia after being named State Champions. Team members are Audrey Davis, Sophie Williams, Madeline Randall, Callie Hunter, A'shya Ward, Ayla Smith, Farrah Feeheley, Andry Anderson, Jaidyn Jones, Milly Dorton, Hayden Lee and Addy Fuzzell. Coaches are Brittney Feeheley, Laura Fink, Carrie

Anderson and John Randall. The team played their first game Saturday and second yesterday with a WIN for both games. They will play again tonight. On Saturday, August 13, the Strand is rented for a wedding. This will be the first wedding held at the facility. GEO will host a luncheon at the Strand Theater Tuesday, August 23 at 11:30 a.m. Council members are invited to attend. Avery Michaels and Exit 209 band will be at the Strand Theater Saturday, August 27. Also joining the stage will be the Kinship Group, Kings Messengers and James Kelly. Doors will open at 5:30 and the show will begin at 6:30. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold at The Strand box office the day of the show. If you enjoy country and gospel music...you will not want to miss this entertaining event.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards