

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2023**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

Present: Council members Donny Richardson, David Paul Jones, Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman Lester Francis

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. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the financial reports for August 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that planning for 2024 Sales Along Hwy 84 event is in full swing. LEDD held its annual Legislative Update meeting September 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Olla First Baptist Church. Senator Womack, and Representatives Riser and Firment were all in attendance to report on the recent legislative session. Water Sector Grant engineering and planning meetings have begun. Plans must be submitted within six months. JHS Homecoming is scheduled for Friday October 6th followed by Howdy Neighbor Day Saturday October 7th. The Breast Cancer Awareness Parade will take place Saturday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m. followed by Trunk or Treat from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Door to door trick or treat will be October 31st.

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 9:18 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards