

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2023**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2023, 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, Lester Francis, Wayne Chapman, and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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. Sandifer to adopt a resolution for the sale of surplus equipment at the Bonnette Auction. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to authorize Mayor Edwards to sign the contract with Bonnette Auction Company, LLC. Motion unanimously approved

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve the Mayor Pro Tem schedule for the 2023-2026 term. Motion unanimously approved. The schedule is as follows:

	Begin	End
Donny Richardson	January 1, 2023	October 31, 2023
David Paul Jones	November 1, 2023	August 31, 2024
Tommy Sandifer	September 1, 2024	June 30, 2025
Wayne Chapman	July 1, 2025	April 30, 2026
Lester Francis	May 1, 2026	December 31, 2026

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that the LCDBG Street project will be moving ahead shortly. We estimate that we will be ready to seek bids Mid-late February and award a contract at the April meeting.

The Mayor attended a Martin Luther King Day Breakfast Monday, January 16th and offers a big Thank You to Ron Carr for including her in the event.

Thursday, January 19th LEDD held a visioning session at the Strand Theater. Thank you to Cynthia Cockerham for organizing this meeting.

Thursday, January 26th a ribbon cutting was held at Jena Service Center, introducing the new owners Brad and Jessica Pentecost.

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 9:30 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards