

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
July 3, 2023**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, July 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

Present: Council members, Donny Richardson, Lester Francis, David Paul Jones, Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, 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. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the financial reports for May 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve a beer permit for Brandel Poole, Poole's Pit Stop. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adopt a resolution to award the Roadway Improvements-FY 2022 LCDBG No. 2000727470 Project to the low bidder, D&J Construction Company, LLC, and authorize Mayor Edwards to execute all documents related to the project. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the Independence Day holiday to begin July 3, 2023, at 12 noon. Motion unanimously approved.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the utility report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collections for the month of May 2022 were \$100,257.34 compared to 2023 collections of \$108,712.74. Nuisance letters are still being sent out. Some of the property owners have made progress with cleanup. Others are still being worked with to accomplish the required cleanup. The Mayor attended the LMA District E meeting Thursday, June 8th in Pineville. The crew has worked in excruciating heat this past month and their efforts are very much appreciated.

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 9:16 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards