

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
October 7, 2024**

The Mayor Pro Tem and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Sandifer called the meeting to order; Councilman Donny Richardson opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, Wayne Chapman, Lester Francis, 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. Chapman to approve the financial reports for August 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adopt a resolution declaring the used Pipe Hunter sewer jetter surplus and authorizing its sale to LaSalle Sewer District #1 for \$13,000. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to grant access and utilities easement to the LaSalle Parish School Board and authorize Mayor Edwards to sign all related documents. Motion unanimously approved.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Sandifer announced that the Mayor and Council continue to work on the RV Park regulations. This has been a 9 ½ week work in progress and recommendations will be completed for the November Council meeting. Sales tax collection for August 2023 was \$144,670.44 compared to 2024 collections of \$131,536.26. September 2023 collections were \$122,282.84 with 2024 collections being \$117,377.88. Howdy Neighbor Day was held this past Saturday in Jena Town Park and was a great success. Thank you to Blake Phillips and the Colonial Trails Committee as well as Town Employees Tina Gore, Delmer Cockerham and Rodney Roark. Sunday, October 13, 2024, 2-4 p.m. a memorial dedication ceremony will be held at the LaSalle Parish Library in honor of Mr. Sammy J. Franklin. Trick or Treat will be held in the Town of Jena October 31 between the hours of 5–8 p.m. Due to the date for Trunk or Treat falling on Wednesday, the event will not be held this year. JHS Homecoming will be Friday, November 8, 2024. Jena's Downtown Block Party will be a two day event this year, Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. The Jena Sr. Citizen's Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Jena First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner

will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Jena Christmas Parade will be held Friday December 13 at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Christmas Past and Present".

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 9:23 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR PRO TEM, Tommy D. Sandifer