

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2024**

The Mayor Pro Tem and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 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 David Paul Jones opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilman Donny Richardson

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. Chapman to approve the financial reports for September 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented Gas Awareness training.

Mr. Chapman made a motion to seconded by Mr. Francis to introduce the 2025 Budgets for General, Utility and Sales Tax Fund. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to introduce Ordinance 212-Recreational Vehicle Park Regulations. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to award the engineering contract for DOT-PHMSA Grant to Bryant Hammett and Associates. Motion unanimously approved.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Sandifer announced that Mayor Edwards is in physical therapy 3 days per week and will be here for the December meeting. A ground breaking ceremony was held at Boy Scout Camp Attakapas Wednesday October 30th. Councilmen Sandifer, Richardson and Chapman attended the event and were very impressed with the facilities. Sunday, October 13, 2024, 2-4 p.m. a memorial dedication ceremony was held at the LaSalle Parish Library in honor of Mr. Sammy J. Franklin. Speakers were Senator Glen Womack, District Attorney Reid Walters and Bro. Rick Feazel. JHS Homecoming will be Friday, November 8, 2024. The Veteran's Day Paraded will be held Monday, November 11, 2024, beginning at the courthouse at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at the park for the 11:00 a.m. ceremony. 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 6th 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. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR PRO TEM, Tommy D. Sandifer