

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
December 2, 2024**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Donny Richardson opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, Donny Richardson, 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. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Chapman. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve the financial reports for October 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to open a public hearing to hear comments on the 2025 Budgets for General, Utility and Sales Tax Funds and Ordinance 212-Recreational Vehicle Park Regulations. Motion unanimously approved. No written or oral comments were made. Mr. Richardson made a motion to seconded by Mr. Chapman to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously approved.

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

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

Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Savell presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collections for October 2023 were \$121,763.31 compared to 2024 collections of \$140,388.60. Christmasville light display, hosted by Brandy Eubanks, is located at 3128 Hwy 459. Hours are Sunday-Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is no entry fee but donations are accepted. Avery Michaels will perform at the Strand Theater Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. 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". Congratulations to Coach Roark and the Jena High School Football team for a terrific season. Congratulations to David Tyrone Barron on his well deserved retirement.

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 9:21 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR , LaDawn C. Edwards