

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2024**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2024, 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, David Paul Jones, Wayne Chapman, Tommy Sandifer, Lester Francis, and Attorney Evans Dorroh.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed on a motion by Mr. Sandifer and seconded by Mr. Francis. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the financial reports for December 2023. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adopt a resolution for the sale of surplus items. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the Police Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Edwards announced that LaSalle Economic Development District is hosting the Families First Academy Saturday, February 10, 2024, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 7 and up are welcome. The Jena Dixie Youth baseball and softball registration deadline is February 9, 2024. Although Jena doesn't have a recreation tax, each year the town includes funds in the budget for some repairs for the baseball and softball facilities. Last year we upgraded the lights, this year fences and gates will be repaired/replaced. Without a recreation tax we will never have the state of the art facilities that we visit in other places. Thank you to all Town departments for your hard work over this winter. We appreciate everyone's willingness to do what is necessary to complete the job no matter the weather.

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 9:12 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards