

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
May 6, 2024**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

Present: Council members Donny Richardson, David Paul Jones, Tommy Sandifer, Wayne Chapman, Lester Francis, and Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr.

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. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the financial reports for March 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve a billboard application from Upward Outdoor Media, LLC. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the Fire Report.

Police Clerk Shellie McCartney presented the Police Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Edwards announced that March 2023 Sales tax collection was \$107,283.18 with 2024 collections being \$125,884.57. April 2023 collections were \$162,961.53 with 2024 collections being \$118,032.61. Jena High School graduation will be held Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all graduating seniors. Theater Camp will be held with summer July 8-12 and 5-19 from 2:00 to 5:00 each day in the JHS auditorium. The performance of The Little Mermaid will be held July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Music camp will be held July 5-12, 22-26 and 29-31 from 2:00-5:00 each day at the LEDD office. To register for either of these camps please go to [agreaterlasalle.com](http://agreaterlasalle.com). Thank you to Cynthia Cockerham for organizing these very beneficial camps. Congratulations to Landon Corley and Dave Chapman ????? The Splash pad is scheduled to open May 13<sup>th</sup>.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards