

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, August 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 Lester Francis opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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

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

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to move the September meeting to September 3, 2024, due to the Labor Day Holiday. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt the millage rate of 4.620 mills for the 2024 tax year. Motion unanimously approved.

The audit report for the year ended December 31, 2023, was presented by Scott Adams of Silas Simmons LLP. In his report Mr. Adams stated that the town is in sound financial condition and there were no audit findings. Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to introduce Ordinance 212-Prohibiting RV Parks. Motion unanimously approved.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collection for June 2023 was \$120,910.11 compared to 2024 collections of \$133,108.83. Thank you to Larry Campbell with LuLu's Water slide and jumpers for organizing the event in the park. Sales along Hwy 84 will be held September 5-7 (Thursday-Saturday). LifeShare will hold a blood drive at the courthouse the afternoon of August 8th. Thank you to the water department for your teamwork and all of your hard work in properly maintaining the water system and repairing leaks.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards