

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2025**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor LaDawn Edwards called the meeting to order; Councilman Wayne Chapman 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. Sandifer and seconded by Mr. Francis. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the financial reports for February 2025. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the 2024 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to remove item #9 from the agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the installation of a crosswalk at Eastvue Baptist Church on Pepper St. Motion unanimously approved.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the Fire Report.

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the Police Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Edwards announced that sales tax collections for February 2024 were \$122,221.15 compared to 2025 collections of \$130,982.25. March 2024 collections were \$125,884.57 with 2025 being 76,538.77. The Farmer's Market will open Thursday, April 10, 2025. Easter in the Park will be held at the Town Park on Good Friday. JHS BBQ Club will be selling burgers and hot dogs during the event. Kent Hatfield will provide gospel music. Egg hunts will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. The Strand Theater will host United Wrestling Entertainment on Saturday, April 19th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. Bid documents for the demolition of the buildings on the newly acquired town property will be advertised in the Jena Times.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR , LaDawn C. Edwards