

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
May 5, 2025**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2025, 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. Francis and seconded by Mr. Chapman. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the financial reports for March 2025. 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. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to authorize Mayor Edwards to sign a contract with Bonnette Auction Company, LLC. Motion unanimously approved.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire Report.

Superintendent Ronny Steele presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Edwards announced that Thursday, April 10 the town employees and volunteers picked up trash throughout town. This was part of the “Keep Louisiana Beautiful” Campaign sponsored by Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. Jena’s Third Street Farmers Market opened April 10<sup>th</sup>. Sellers wishing to participate in the market need to register at the Town Hall. Easter in the Park was a huge success this year. The Mayor thanked to the following for setting up a booth: First Baptist Church, Fellowship Baptist Church, Pritchard Baptist Church, Hardtner Medical Center, Jeff & Donna Free, Trinity Baptist Church, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Searcy Baptist Church, Danelle Masters, WalMart, Larry Campbell-LuLu’s Waterslides and Jumpers, Kent Hatfield, Jena High School BBQ Club and Homeland Bank for sponsoring the prizes. Without these businesses, organizations, and individuals we would not be able to have such a wonderful event. I am thankful for everyone’s participation. Congratulations to the Jena Lady Giants for winning State runner up in their division and the LaSalle Lady Tigers for winning the State Championship in their division. The Splash Pad will open Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The hours will be Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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 9:22 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR , LaDawn C. Edwards