

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2026**

The Mayor Pro Tem and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Chapman called the meeting to order; Councilman Lester Francis opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Donny Richardson, Wayne Chapman, Lester Francis, and Attorney Evans Dorroh

Absent: Council members David Paul Jones and Tommy Sandifer

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

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

Police Chief Scott McLendon presented the Police report.

Superintendent David Batchelor presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Chapman thanked the town employees and emergency personnel for their response during the recent cold weather. He also asked that everyone continue to remember the Mayor and her family during this time of loss.

Councilman Richardson stated that due to a recent meeting held with the Fire Department he would like to consider a pay increase for Fire Department personnel.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire report.

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 9:10 a.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR PRO TEM , Wayne Chapman