

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2026, 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 Donny Richardson, Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Wayne Chapman, Lester Francis, and Attorney Evans Dorroh

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to approve the financial reports for January 2026. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to introduce an amendment to the 2025 Utility Fund budget. Motion unanimously approved.

Firefighter Jeffery Benson presented the Fire report.

Superintendent David Batchelor presented the Utility Report.

Mayor Edwards announced that January 2025 sales tax collections were \$158,475.94 compared to 2026 collections of \$190,967.61. The 12th annual Easter in the Park will be held Good Friday, April 12, 2026, at the Jena Town Park beginning at 11 am. Area churches are encouraged to participate in this excellent outreach opportunity. LuLu's World will provide complementary jumpers for the day. Baseball and Softball season are in full swing. For the safety of the children, motorists are asked to avoid the park if possible and drive with care if you must drive through the park. The upgrade of the Little Girls softball field is nearing completion. New poles and lights have been installed. Thank you to Concordia Electric for donating and installing the new poles. The field has also been enlarged to regulation size. Construction on the Town Square Pavilion will begin very soon.

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

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, LaDawn C. Edwards