

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
October 6, 2025**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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 David Paul Jones, Tommy Sandifer, Donny Richardson, 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. Francis. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Mike Self with Coburns made a presentation on drive by read water meters

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 Howdy Neighbor Day was held October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Jena Town Park and was a huge success. Thank you to Delmer Cockerham, Park Manager, Matthew Mitcham and Nathan Palmer for keeping the grounds clean throughout the event. Jena High School homecoming will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. Trunk or Treat will be held October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m., ages 0-12 years at the Amphitheater in the Jena Park. Door to door trick or treating will be held Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cynthia Cockerham, LEDD Executive Director, invited the Town Council to attend the LEDD meeting Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Southern Heritage Bank Boardroom and the guest speaker will be Brian Davis with Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation. The topic will be Federal and State cultural tax credits. Craig Franklin, Editor The Jena Times, invited everyone to attend the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 11-1. Hamburgers will be served. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for striping the remaining portion of N Third St.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Francis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR , LaDawn C. Edwards