

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2011**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman David Paul Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, Donny Richardson, David Paul Jones, Carl Newburg and Donnie Kendrick.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed on motion by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Kendrick. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to appropriate \$250,000 for the renovation of the Strand Theater. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the appointments for 2011. See attached list. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to approve the committee assignments for 2011. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to proclaim January 15, 2011, as Larry Evans Day.

Assistant Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Chief of Police Paul Smith was absent due to illness. Court is not held in December, therefore there was no police report.

Superintendent Don Jones presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that we will hire a new Fire Chief in the near future. Synthetic drugs have become a major problem in the area. The State legislature, Sheriff, District Attorney and Louisiana Municipal Association are all working on ways to solve the problem. The Mayor has approached the owners of local convenience stores and asked them not to sell these products. Every owner that was asked agreed not to sell synthetic drugs.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin