

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2012**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman Donnie Kendrick opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor Murphy McMillin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, David Paul Jones, Carl Newburg, Donnie Kendrick, and Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to move agenda item #9 to #6 and since there were no bids received amend the item to "Authorize the Mayor to dispose of the B.C. Smith House". Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to authorize the Mayor to dispose of the B.C. Smith house. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to approve the appointments for 2012. Motion unanimously passed. (See attached list)

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to approve the committee assignments for 2012. Motion unanimously passed. (See attached list)

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the lease/purchase of a new garbage truck and to appoint the Mayor, Superintendent and Town Clerk to open the bids. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for the Strand façade renovation project with Walker Construction. Motion unanimously passed. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adopt a resolution in support of an application for funding through the Community Water Enhancement Fund. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report and asked the Council to approve the appointment of Joe Hopkins as a full-time police officer effective January 1, 2012. Mr.

Jones made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Kendrick. Motion unanimously passed.

Superintendent Don Jones presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin reported sales tax revenue for Jena is up 6% for 2011. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Challenge for a Healthier Louisiana letter of intent will be submitted by LaSalle Economic Development District by January 19, 2012. A special meeting will be held Friday, January 27, 2012, to review bids for the garbage truck. The regular February meeting will be delayed until February 14, 2012. Blue Cross Blue Shield increased the health insurance rates for the March 1, 2012, renewal by 18.5%. We will be looking at other options in the coming weeks and meet with the insurance committee to make recommendations.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

TOWN CLERK,
Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin