

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2012**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 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. Councilman Tommy Sandifer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr. made a presentation regarding the town allowing golf carts in town streets. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to appoint David Paul Jones as Mayor Pro-tem effective November 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Superintendent to open bids for the Strand Theater Interior Rehabilitation Phase 1. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to move the November Council meeting to Tuesday, November 13, 2012 due to the Presidential election. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that it's budget time. Revenues must increase in the coming year. We are looking at all departments' revenue vs. expenses. Veterans are being honored by Jena High School November 10th at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The employee service award breakfast will be held Thursday, October 4th at 8:00 a.m. at the Brisket House. The Fall Brown Bag Lunch at the Square will be held Friday, October 5th 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Also on Friday the ribbon cutting for Girlfriends Gift Shop will be held at 9:30 a.m. Howdy Neighbor Day and Fall Fest Tractor Show will be held Saturday, October 20th. The ribbon cutting for the Downtown City Park Connector Trail will be held Saturday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. immediately following the 5K run/walk to raise funds for the Strand Theater which starts at 9:00 a.m. The Downtown Merchants' Block Party will be held Thursday, November 15th. The Senior Citizens

Christmas Dinner will be held Saturday, December 1st at 5:30 p.m. The Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Bo McCartney, Sr. is this year's Grand Marshal.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

TOWN CLERK,
Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin