

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 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 Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer. Town Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, Carl Newburg, Donnie Kendrick, Donny Richardson and Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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 introduce an ordinance to declare the .89 acre lot near Circle Street as immovable surplus property. Motion unanimously passed.

The bids were opened for the items advertised as surplus equipment and the results were as follows:

| Item  | Bidder Name and Amount |            |              |              |             |               |               |            |
|---|------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
|   | Andrew Dunn            | Jack Smith | J.B. McClure | Alan McClure | Josh Corley | Doug Campbell | Dixie Surplus | D. Company |
| 1) 2003 International Garbage Truck (16 yard bed) |                        | 1,500.00   |              |              |             | 3,351.99      | 8,178.00      | 3,888.00   |
| 2) 1998 Dodge 2500 with Utility Bed               |                        | 600.00     | 580.00       | 875.00       |             | 359.00        |               | 688.00     |
| 3) 1970 Chevrolet Fire Truck with 409 Engine      |                        | 600.00     | 680.00       |              | 200.00      | 659.00        |               |            |
| 4) 1982 Ford F-700 6 yard Dump Truck              |                        | 300.00     | 170.00       |              |             | 459.99        |               |            |
| 5) 2 - 5/6 yard Dump Beds                         |                        | 100.00     | 70.00        |              |             | 158.00        |               |            |
| 6) 7 - Street Lamps—8' to Lamp on 3" post         | 100.00                 | 200.00     |              |              | 200.00      |               |               |            |
| 7) Air operated soil compactor                    |                        |            |              |              |             |               |               |            |
| 8) 250 gallon water tank on trailer               |                        | 250.00     |              |              |             | 52.99         |               |            |
| 9) Ram-Blo Smoke Tester                           |                        |            |              |              |             |               |               |            |
| 10) Johnson Big Wheel Self Propelled Mower        |                        | 25.00      |              |              |             |               |               |            |

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to accept the high bid on all items. Item 6-Streetlamps resulted in a tie which will be broken by drawing names. No bids were received on items 7 & 9. These will be disposed of as junk. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick designating the first week in May as Correctional Employees Week. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report.

Superintendent Don Jones presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin reported that Louisiana DOTD has hired a contractor to complete the Environmental Impact Study for the Hwy 84 4-lane route thru Jena. Economic development is at its best in 6 years. Fourteen building permits have been issued this year and 2 ribbon cuttings this week. Three commercial building projects are underway Family Dollar, Butcher's Choice and Girlfriends. The Strand Theater project is moving forward with the \$98,000 contract to restore the façade. During this project it was discovered that the roof is leaking. The contractor will provide an estimate for the necessary roof repair in the coming weeks. The downtown streetscape improvements continue to move forward with the recent removal of the electricity and telephone lines on Hwy 84 between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. The new lamps should be installed by the end of June. A Brown Bag Lunch Outing will be held Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town Square from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. everyone is encouraged to attend. If this event is successful another one will be held Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Tommy Sandifer commended the Jena Dixie Youth officials and others who had a part in the recent renovation of the concession stand, press box, dug outs and fences at the little boys ball field.

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 6:50 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK,  
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MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin