

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2012**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 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 Richardson opened the meeting with prayer. Councilman Donnie Kendrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The audit report for year ended December 31, 2011, was presented by Wes Gore of Silas Simmons LLP. In his report Mr. Gore stated that the town is in sound financial condition and again for the sixth year in a row there were no audit findings. Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Cynthia Pilcher, Executive Director of LaSalle Economic Development District made a presentation on the finding from the recent First Impressions Study. The report highlighted the Jena and LaSalle Parish strengths, opportunities, concerns, and needs.

One bid was received for the purchase of the surplus property near Circle Street. Charles and Karen Jackson bid \$1,700. Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to accept the bid and sale the .89 acre lot to Mr. & Mrs. Jackson for \$1,700. Mr. Kendrick abstained from voting on this matter due to a business relationship with Mr. Jackson. The remaining four Councilmen voted in favor of accepting the bid.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report.

Superintendents Don Jones and David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin reported that the Strand Theater façade is restored. A meeting will be held Thursday night to decide what the next steps will be in the restoration of the theater. LaDOTD has recently conducted a red light study at the intersection of Hwy 127 & Southern Ave and on Hwy 84 in front of Mac's Supermarket and Champlin's Furniture. The 2012 ad valorem tax millage will be on next month's agenda. The 2012-2013 LCDBG Street Rehabilitation application was not funded in this cycle. There is still a chance that it will be funded in the 2013 funding cycle. In the

mean time we need to decide how to get the streets repaired. There will be a Hwy 84 expansion meeting for public officials July 12th at 11:00 a.m. and a public meeting that evening from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The LMA convention will be held in Lake Charles August 2nd-4th.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

TOWN CLERK,
Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin