

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2012**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, 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. Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr. 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.

Kurt Girlinghouse with GeauxTech computers announced that high speed internet will be available very soon. This service is made possible through a partnership with Sky rider Communications who placed antenna on two of the Town of Jena water towers.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adopt a resolution in support of submitting a FY 2012-2013 Local Government Assistance Program application in request of a new police car, concrete wet saw and commercial lawn mower. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution in support of the recently funded Transportation Enhancement Project. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor McMillin presented the draft Town Park Master plan prepared by Jeffrey Carbo and Associates.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to move the September regular Council meeting to the 2nd Tuesday (September 11, 2012). 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 reported that the parish was awarded a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield for the Live Lively LaSalle project. Jena's portion of the grant will fund a walking trail and spray park. The Hwy 84 4 lane project Environmental Assessment interim report was received from Fenstermaker. Of the participants who responded to the questionnaire 44% wanted the route from the Jena Vision plan and 28% wanted the downtown couplet from the Jena Vision plan plus a couplet at Midway. There are currently four alternative routes. The final two routes will be announced in January 2013. The LMA convention which was held in Lake Charles was great. The Mayor will make a presentation August 28th at the Smart Growth conference in Baton Rouge. The Vision Trail connecting

downtown to town park should be finished in about 5 weeks and a grand opening will be held.

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 6:55 p.m.

TOWN CLERK,
Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin