Town of Jena Regular Meeting April 2, 2013

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 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. Attorney Walter Dorroh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to approve the 2012 Compliance Questionnaire to comply with the Legislative Auditors requirements. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to endorse the appointment of Brandon Joy to the Jena Housing Authority Board. Motion unanimously passed.

A report was given by Kurt Girlinghouse of Geauxtech on some of the options for obtaining a security system to monitor facilities at Town Park. No action was taken.

Town Attorney Walter Dorroh reported that the town has four options in how to enforce the nuisance ordinance which has repeatedly been violated by residents on Sycamore Street:

- 1. Do nothing
- 2. Continue to write letters
- 3. Enforce the ordinance through court proceedings
- 4. Enforce the previous judgment through rite of fifa to sieze everything in their vard

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to proceed with enforcement of rite of fifa against Carl and Janice Young on Sycamore Street. Motion unanimously passed.

All bids received for the advertised items were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

1) 1993 Dodge 1500 with camper VIN 1B7HE16X6PS267690

Thomas Rabel \$100.00

2) 1997 Ford Crown Victoria VIN 2FALP71W1VX118335

Thomas Rabel \$100.00, LaToi & Eddie \$150.00

3) 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis VIN 2MEFM74WXYX686209

Eddie Walker \$150.00, LaToi & Eddie \$100.00, Thomas Rabel \$100.00

4) 2000 Crown Victoria

VIN 2FAFP71W6YX179746

Eddie Walker \$150.00, LaToi & Eddie \$20.00, Thomas Rabel \$100.00

5) 2003 Crown Victoria

VIN 2FAFP71W83X189169

Sholanda Walker \$200.00, Thomas Rabel \$100.00

6) 2004 Crown Victoria

VIN 2FAFP71W54X139006

Thomas Rabel \$100.00

7) 2004 Crown Victoria

VIN 2FAFP71W83X189008

Thomas Rabel \$100.00

8) 86 parking meters

Joe Baker 86 for \$100.00, Wayne Lasyone 86 for \$107.00, Sandy Springer 2 for \$20.00

9) 6" Water Pump with 4 Cylinder Diesel Ford Motor No Bids

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to sell Sandy Springer 2 parking meters for \$20.00 and reject all other bids because they were below the salvage value of the items. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adopt a resolution establishing the Citizen Participation Plan for 2014-2015 LCDBG Public Facilities application. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution establishing the procurement policy for the 2014-2015 LCDBG Public Facilities application. Motion unanimously passed.

Town Engineers Bryant Hammett & Associates have been working on several projects recently. The demolition of the swimming pool is nearing completion and the splash pad is in the design phase and will be bid out as soon as designs are complete.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report.

Assistant Superintendent Willis Atwell presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that when he was elected 7 years ago he established four priority goals for his administration.

- 1. Pay off debt
- 2. Increase rainy day fund
- 3. Set up investment account to use to match private and public grants
- 4. Award employees who work hard using a merit based system to pay employees following an annual evaluation

As of March 2013 all of those goals have been achieved. The sewer plant bond was paid off just last month making the Town of Jena completely debt free. A special meeting will be held in a few weeks to address how to spend some of the funds that have been saved.

Jena High School Homecoming and Howdy Neighbor Day will be held October 4th and 5th. Dr. Ellis, the new Chancellor for Louisiana Technical Community College, will be in Jena Thursday, April 4th for meetings with educators and industry representatives to address the need for additional training programs at the Rod Brady Technical School.

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 7:15 p.m.	
TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd	MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin