

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2013**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 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. Councilman Attorney Walter Dorroh, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Donnie Kendrick

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to open a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed annexation of the Scott and April McLendon property. Motion unanimously passed. No comments were made. Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt an ordinance to annex the Scott and April McLendon property. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to introduce the 2014 budgets for the General, Utility and Sales tax funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to authorize the Mayor to develop a cooperative endeavor agreement with Fire District #1. Motion unanimously passed.

Dave Springer presented the fire report.

Officer Rodney Campbell presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced sales tax collections are holding steady compared to last year. A new block grant application is being submitted to repair the following streets: Peyton (High School to Southern), 4th (Elm to Sycamore), 3rd (Elm to Sycamore), 2nd (Hwy 84 to High School), Humphries and Jones. The Strand Theater Fund has received \$68,475 from 77 donors. The fund balance is \$215,000. GEO will be hosting a Chili Cook Off Friday, November 8th to raise funds for Relay for Life. The Merchant's Block Party will be held Thursday, November 21st beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Jena Housing Authority Dinner will be held November 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Maw and Paw's. The Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The Jena Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays."

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin