

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2013**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 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. Councilman Tommy Sandifer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to introduce an amendment to the 2012 Sales Tax Budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2013. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to set a special meeting for Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. to hear the 2012 audit report. 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 announced that the Community Choir would be holding an Independence Day celebration at the amphitheater Saturday, June 29th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The VFW, Boy Scouts and Jena Fire Department will also take part in the celebration. The splash pad is still in engineering with the construction and opening dates undetermined. Louisiana Tech architecture department is very interested in laying out the landscape for the area around the splash pad. Retail sales are up 3.3% year to date compared to the same months last year. The fundraising mail out for the Strand will go out in the very near future. Jena was nominated as a Great Place in Louisiana; the winner will be announced in November. The town has been working with the Police Jury and LEDD to obtain funding for Pinehill Road reconstruction. The State has committed \$665,000 in Capital Outlay funding which will reconstruct the portion from Hwy 84 to GEO. Kisatchie Delta Regional Planning office has assisted us in applying for an additional \$500,000 to complete the portion from GEO the Hwy 127. The LCDBG block grant for the streets near Jena High School has not been awarded. We are hoping to hear soon as to the status of the award.

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 6:32 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin