

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
July 9, 2013**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman David Jones opened the meeting with prayer. Attorney Walter Dorroh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to open the public hearing to hear comments on the 2012 Sales Tax Fund Budget Amendment. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt amendment for the 2012 Sales Tax Fund budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to introduce an ordinance to revoke the dedication of the undeveloped Cherry and Pine Streets in the JP Noble Addition. Town Attorney Walter Dorroh addressed the board stating his firm has been representing one of the potential buyers of the property surrounding Cherry and Pine Streets. He did not feel there would be a conflict. Dorroh recused himself of any comments concerning the revocation of the dedicated street right-of-ways. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to introduce an ordinance to revoke the dedication of the alley off of Jones Street. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution in support of amendment of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act. Motion unanimously passed.

Engineer Bryant Hammet presented the Engineers report.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith was not present to present the Police Report but provided a written report for Mayor and Councilmembers to review.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that the town has had several potential investors inquiring about Jena. These investors range from new businesses, expansion of businesses and purchases of land for housing development. A total of \$62,220.00 has been collected for the renovation of the Strand Theater. Several of these donations have come from out of Towner's who used to live in Jena. The LMA Convention will be held August 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. A presentation will be given to Mayors and Council persons at the convention on how Jena has become an economic development ready community. Plans are underway to develop a community garden for use by any town citizens. We have set aside a plot of land behind Ace Hardware to be cultivated for potential gardeners. We are looking for someone willing to coordinate this project to encourage participation. Jena Waste Water Superintendent (Danny Ainsworth) was nominated for Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator of the year. The winner will be announced tomorrow at the awards ceremony in Lake Charles.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK,  
Patricia Hefner

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MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin