

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2014**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 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. Councilman Carl Newburg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution in support of Constitutional Amendments 3 and 10. Motion unanimously passed.

No action was taken on agenda item #7, discuss and decide on painting of bridge in Town Park.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to amend the 2014 budget by adding \$10,300 for employee salary/wage adjustments effective the first payroll in October and allowing \$41,200 for the year 2015 and beyond. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Investigator Rodney Campbell presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor McMillin reported that Media3 is moving quickly and is ahead of their October 15th deadline to have high speed internet services available to Jena residences and businesses. The Police Jury blacktopped N. 4th and Jones Streets. The Louisiana Community Development Block Grant funding project goal is to be complete hopefully before Christmas. In this project Humphries, North Second (from Sycamore to High School Drive), Peyton Streets and 4th Street Extension will be re-paved. The Third Street Plaza is the largest project in "Jena Vision" with streets, lighting, and multi-use trails to Jena Elementary School and Hwy 127. We are currently waiting for plan reviews from State and Federal DOTD. The project will then be bid out by the State. The Mayor is looking forward to four more months of satisfying and fulfilling work and also looking forward to full-time economic development next year.

Julia Welch candidate for Jena Town Council addressed the Mayor, Council, and public regarding her candidacy.

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 6:37 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin