

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2014**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 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, 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. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sandifer. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve to letter of support of an LMGA resolution exempting municipalities from a potential new rule prohibiting major banks from engaging in the physical natural gas trading on behalf of municipalities. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to appoint Murphy McMillin as the LMGA representative and Cory Floyd as the alternate. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to commit a maximum of \$10,000 to pay Jena's portion of the fee to have the Jena Industrial Site Certified. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to allow LEDD to use the empty office at the Old Town Hall effective January 1, 2015. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to introduce Ordinance #201 to exchange land with Danny Vickers on South Fourth Street. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to move the November meeting to Thursday, November 6, 2014. Motion unanimously passed.

Superintendent David Miller made a Gas Awareness presentation.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor McMillin announced that the Town of Jena, LaSalle Parish School Board and LaSalle Parish Police Jury have submitted a joint application for State of Louisiana Capital Outlay funding in the amount of \$612,000 for the extension of Third Street and construction of the bridge to Jena Elementary School. The 2015 budget process will begin tomorrow. Sales tax collection is up 7.8% compared to September of last year. Clean up, fix up day went well with people working Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Visitors from North Louisiana will be in town Friday for a tour of the major improvements made in Jena. The Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner will be held December 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The town Christmas parade will be held December 12th at 6:00 p.m. The employee safety meeting and Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 24th at 11:30 a.m.

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 6:47 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin