

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

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Cub and Boys Scouts. They also presented Mayor McMillin with a token of appreciation for his leadership and support during his terms as Mayor.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, Donnie Kendrick, Carl Newburg, David Paul Jones, Donny Richardson 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. Sandifer. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to open a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed 2014 budget amendments and 2015 budgets. Motion unanimously passed. Councilman elect Wayne Chapman asked what revenue source is being used for the Strand Theater (\$400,000) and Clock Tower (\$100,000). Mayor McMillin responded that the funds are coming from previous year's savings from the Sales Tax Fund. Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adopt the 2014 Budget Amendments for the General and Sales Tax Funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adopt the 2015 Budgets for the General, Utility and Sales Tax Funds. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution in support of submitting a FY 2014-2015 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) application. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adopt a resolution adopting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the establishment of property line of property located off LA Hwy 8 South in Jena between the Estate of Leslie Elizabeth Hill Hawthorne, Charles D. LaRue and wife Lois LaRue, Felicia S. Howard and Samuel Howard and the Town of Jena. Motion unanimously passed.

Jack Breithaupt made a presentation on the proposed Clock Tower.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Town Clerk Cory Floyd presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

Mayor McMillin announced that November sales were up 2.1% compared to last year. The LCDBG project for street overlay of Peyton, 2nd, Humphries Streets and 4th Street Extension is ready to proceed. Bids will be opened Wednesday, January 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Curtis Hudnall is donating more money for the restoration of the dog trot house. Entergy donated \$5,000 toward the LaSalle Parish site certification project. This will decrease the amount that the Town of Jena has to contribute. Capital Outlay funding has been requested to extend Third Street and build a bridge to the new Jena Elementary School. The Attorney General has determined that it is not allowable for the Town to donate an ice machine to the Jena Dixie Youth league. The Senior Citizen's Dinner will be held Friday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. The town employee Safety meeting/Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, December 24th at 11:30 a.m.

Following his report Mayor McMillin presented outgoing Council Members Donnie Kendrick and Carl Newburg with plaques thanking them for their service of 20 and 8 years respectively.

Town Clerk Cory Floyd announced that a Retirement Reception will be held for Mayor McMillin Thursday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin