

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2014**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer. Attorney Steve Kendrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, Donnie Kendrick, David Paul Jones, Carl Newburg, and Attorney Steve Kendrick

Absent: Councilman Donnie Richardson

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to accept additional funds from the Blue Cross Blue Shield "Live Lively LaSalle" Grant. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to accept donation from XTO Energy, Inc. for the Strand Restoration Project. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve up to \$2000.00 to upgrade lighting at the girl's high school softball field. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to hire Derek Dean as a full-time patrolman effective February 15, 2014. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to move the April Council Meeting to the second Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Motion unanimously passed.

Town Engineer, Keith Capdepon, with Bryant Hammett and Associates reported that the street reconstruction/overlay is completed and waiting on final inspection. The Splash Pad construction at the Jena Town Park is underway and the detail engineering of the alternate transportation trail is moving along. (This multiuse trail connects downtown with the new Jena Elementary School, to Walmart and then to the Post Office.)

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Deputy Rodney Campbell presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced the grand opening for the Splash Pad scheduled May 3rd, 2014, the ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sponsors: Blue Cross Blue Shield and The Center for Planning Excellence will be present. The splash pad will be open to the public 6 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at no charge to the public.

Mayor McMillin announced the grand opening for Universal Plant Services scheduled May 1st, 2014; the governor will be present and is scheduled to speak at 1:15 p.m.

Also in the Mayors report, Mayor McMillin announced a Public Hearing scheduled March 26th, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The HWY 84 Project phase two will be discussed. Mayor McMillin encouraged anyone with interest in this project to attend and voice their opinion.

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 6:45 p.m.

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK, Patricia Hefner

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin