

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2011**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

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

The audit report for year ended December 31, 2010, was presented by Wes Gore of Silas Simmons LLP. In his report Mr. Gore stated that the town is in sound financial condition and again for the fifth year in a row there were no audit findings. Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Tom Kendrick, Candidate for LaSalle Parish Tax Assessor spoke concerning his candidacy in this fall's election.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize the Mayor to execute the \$25,000 grant agreement with the Rapides Foundation. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to authorize the Mayor to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement with the YMCA for expanded recreation and youth development activities. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Town Clerk Cory Floyd presented the police report.

Superintendent Don Jones presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced the Jena has been nominated by the Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA) as Source Water Protection System of the year. The award recipient will be announced at a banquet held July 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The LMA District E meeting will be held Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Pineville. The next Town Council meeting will be held at its regularly scheduled time Tuesday, July 5th at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor gave an update on some of the many projects currently underway. The utility poles have been removed from the block across from the Town Hall. The "84 Streetscape Pilot Project" will be underway soon. The Strand Theater project is moving along with the first phase

being to restore the façade to its original appearance. There have been several occurrences of vandalism in the town park. Police officers, town employees and citizens are asked to watch for and report vandalism. When caught, the offenders will be held accountable. Water aerobics classes are now being offered at the town swimming pool. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and cost \$3.00 per session. The town will possibly begin taking credit card payments in the near future through a company named nCourt. The payments will be processed using the internet or telephone and a service charge will be assessed.

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 7:02 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin