

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2010**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 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.

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

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

The audit report for year ended December 31, 2009, 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 fourth year in a row there were no audit findings. Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to accept the audit report as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adopt a resolution to set the current year's millage at 6.24 mills. A roll call vote was held with all councilmen voting yea.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to amend the 2010 utility budget with an increase of \$45,000 to repair the water tank located near the Garan plant. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the transfer of excess funds from the FEMA account to the Strand Theater Fund. Motion unanimously passed.

Brad Warden from Skyriders Communications made a presentation explaining his companies need for use of the water towers for the installation of antenna to transmit wireless internet to businesses and individuals in Jena and the surrounding area. Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the use of the water tanks by Skyriders Communications for the installation of antenna. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Don Smith 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 that the Centennial Celebration held Saturday, June 12, 2010, was a huge success. Cherie Phillips has been hired as the Recreation Director. A grand opening was held this week for Mea's Sweet Shop, owned by Georgia Owens. DOTD gave final approval on the streetscape project in front of Town Hall. The next step in the restoration of the Strand Theater will be removing the paint from the front of the building. The skating rink renovation is nearing completion. We are very thankful to Sheriff Franklin for providing inmate labor for both of these projects. Work is continuing on the ring road near the park. Crews continue to clear underbrush and build up low areas. LEED is trying to purchase 25 acres of land to be used as an industrial park. Senator Neil Riser included \$30,000 in the State Capital Outlay budget for the town. The LMA convention will be held in New Orleans, August 5-7th. LaSalle Detention Facility has filled all positions that were previously laid-off. The detainee count is up near capacity. Patrolman David Moore was post certified earlier this month. Also, the police department obtained a drug dog this month.

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 7:20 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin