

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2010**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman Carl Newburg opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Absent: David Paul Jones

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

Keith Capdepon presented the engineers report.

Fire Chief Don Smith presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report.

Superintendent Don Jones presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that the auditors are here this week and expect to have the final audit report ready for presentation by Tuesday, June 8th. The regular June Council meeting will be moved to June 8, 2010 to give the auditors the additional time needed to have the final report ready for presentation. Sales tax revenue was down for the first quarter of 2010. However, March and April look like they are picking up. The Town will make no reductions in employment or projects. Two grant applications were submitted recently. The first was for funds to purchase property to expand the park. The second was to fund a walking/biking trail that would connect downtown to the park. A grant has been awarded and funds will soon be available to replace the heat and air conditioning in Town Hall. The office in front of the Senior Citizens Center is available for rent. Custom Creations new ownership and Simply Sweet Bakery and Catering in the old First Street Depot building will hold a grant opening Thursday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m.. A National Day of Prayer service will be held Thursday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Square. There are several people interested in investing in Jena by starting new businesses. We have received the new police car and are waiting on the utility truck that will be purchased with LGAP funds. Plans for the Centennial Celebration are in full swing. The event will be held in downtown Jena on Saturday, June 12th. Two new employees, Lisa Cockerham and Patricia Green, have been hired to work at Town Hall. The LMA convention will be held in New Orleans, August 5th – 7th.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin