

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2010**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 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. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion unanimously passed.

Sean Disotell with Entergy made a presentation about Entergy's ability to continue to provide electricity to the Town of Jena. Concordia Electric chose not to make a presentation due to a lack of capacity from their electricity supplier. Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to contract with Entergy to provide Jena's electricity for the next 25 years. Motion passed with Newburg, Sandifer, Kendrick and Richardson voting yea and Jones abstaining from the vote as well as the discussion.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to introduce an ordinance entering into a 25 year electric supply contract with Entergy. Motion passed with Newburg, Sandifer, Kendrick and Richardson voting yea and Jones abstaining from the vote as well as the discussion.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to introduce the 2011 budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve an additional \$10,000 in the 2010 Capital budget for construction of a two bay fire sub-station. Motion unanimously passed.

Firefighter Charlie Savell 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 Blanchard Smith property appraisal was received from Greg Wilbanks. We are awaiting state approval of the appraisal before the project can move to the next step. Final approval for the walking/biking trail project was received from the Corps of Engineers. They require that we install three bridges along the route. The next step is to finalize the purchase of a 20 foot right-of-way. The Downtown Streetscape Pilot project is in the final stage of DOTD

approval. The town employee Christmas party will be held Friday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. and the Senior Dinner will be held Saturday, December 4th at 5:30 p.m. A time capsule will be buried at the courthouse Friday, December 10th, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Mayor and Council are invited to attend the Jena Housing Authority Dinner meeting that will be held Tuesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. There will be a meeting of the Strand Theater committee Thursday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m. The next step in the project is to have Jack Breithaupt prepare an architectural drawing of the renovated theater. The codification of ordinances is well underway. The first draft was reviewed and updated earlier this week. The next draft will be ready for review in early 2011.

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 7:03 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin