

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2010**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman David Paul Jones 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. Sandifer. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones that the town enter into the Louisiana Municipal Association Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion unanimously passed.

The Mayor and Council discussed the continually increasing cost of participation in the Municipal Employees and Police Retirement Systems. The systems have suffered from poor financial investments and are now recovering their losses by increasing the town's required contribution to the retirement system. The increase in contributions will have to be taken into consideration when budgeting in the coming years. No action was taken.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to dispose of the surplus truck beds and police car. The items have been advertised and no bids were received. The town will dispose of the items as allowed by law. Motion unanimously passed.

Keith Capdepon with Bryant Hammett and Associates reported that the sewer rehabilitation project underway in Old Jena is 40% complete. The project is going well and should be completed within the contracted time period.

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 he and Donny Richardson attended the LMA convention in New Orleans and accepted the Economic Development Ready Award for the Town of Jena. The retention pond grant has been finalized and was submitted in the amount of \$700,000. The sewer rehabilitation project in Old Jena is nearing completion. When that project is finished the \$600,000 street application can be considered. Mayor McMillin asked the Councilmen to make a list of streets that are in need of repair that do not fit into the low and moderate income areas. The town will

spend an additional \$400,000 on streets in areas that are not eligible for financial assistance. The low income senior and disability housing application was not approved. We have reapplied for FY 2011 program. The Mayor thanked the Council, Police Chief Paul Smith and Fire Chief Don Smith for greeting the children at Goodpine Middle School. Thursday morning we will meet with American Municipal Services regarding using their company for collection of past due accounts. We are taking applications for a new recreation director.

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 6:35 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin