

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
October 4, 2011**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman Donnie Kendrick opened the meeting with prayer. Attorney Steve Kendrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to approve the painting of the Jena High School logo on the water tank at Town Park. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to introduce Ordinance #194 to adopt the codification of ordinances. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to introduce Ordinance #195 authorizing the sale of the B.C. Smith house and putting a timeline on moving the house. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to give the Mayor the authority to negotiate land purchase with Tanya Ellison. The following terms were agreed to by Ms. Ellison:

- 1) Property will revert back to her if property fails to be used as a walking trail
- 2) Privacy fence to be placed on both sides of trail
- 3) Shrubs will be planted along privacy fence
- 4) Satellite dish line is to be buried at town's expense
- 5) Purchase price is \$1,000.00

Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley 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 reported there will be an Open House at town hall on Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Progress is being made on the Strand Theater. The plan is to get it listed on the National Registry for Historic places and apply for further funding. Streetscape project is coming along well. The Jena High School homecoming

parade will be held Friday at 1:00 p.m. Howdy Neighbor Day is this Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. We need to let our constituents know that we are not the only public body responsible for maintaining all roads in Jena. We have 37 miles of roadway in the Town. Approximately 11 miles are State and Federal owned and maintained. The remaining 26 miles of streets and roads are jointly maintained by the Town of Jena and the Police Jury. The Jury has a Parish wide Road and Bridge millage of 10.5 mills and each of the wards have a millage for Road and Bridge maintenance ranging from 6.8 to 10.4 mills. The Town has no millage designated for street and road repairs but has a 6.2 mill tax called "general alimony" which is part of the Town's General Fund to be used for administrative expenses. The partnership the Town has with the State and Police Jury is working well to use limited funds of each entity to keep the roads and streets in the best condition possible.

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 7:15 p.m.

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ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK,  
Patricia Hefner

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MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin