

**Town of Jena  
Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2013**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 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. Boy Scout Troop 14 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to increase the gas margin by \$1.00 per MCF. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to approve the payment of dues to the Center for Planning Excellence in the amount of \$2,500. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the following appointments for 2013. Motion unanimously passed.

Town Attorney	Dorroh & Kendrick
Town Magistrate	Mark Talley
Alternate Town Magistrate	Don Wilson
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Cory Floyd
Auditor	Silas M. Simmons & Company, LLP
Town Engineer	Bryant Hammett & Associates
Banks	Southern Heritage Bank, Bank of Jena, Catahoula-LaSalle Bank, Homeland Federal Savings Bank and Sabine State Bank
Official Journal	The Jena Times

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the following committee assignments for 2013. Motion unanimously passed.

Senior Citizens	Tommy Sandifer	Donny Richardson
Recreation	Donny Richardson	David Paul Jones
Insurance	Donnie Kendrick	Tommy Sandifer
Police	David Paul Jones	Donny Richardson
Fire	Donnie Kendrick	Tommy Sandifer
Environment	Carl Newburg	David Paul Jones
Personnel	Carl Newburg	Donny Richardson
Finance	Donnie Kendrick	Carl Newburg

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Police Chief Paul Smith presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that Blue Cross Blue Shield has informed us that our current rates for employee medical insurance will increase by 22.5% as of March 1, 2013. We will be looking at all options available to control costs and still provide medical insurance for our employees. Retail sales in Jena increased by 4% in 2012. The LaSalle Parish unemployment rate is down to 3.3%. There are many projects underway, but construction is on hold due to the wet weather. Universal Plant Services will be making an investment in the Jena area with an annual payroll of \$7.5-8 million. The Mayor is working with the Rod Brady Technical College to begin a training program for machinist and millwrights. April 2013 the sewer plant will be paid off and the town will be debt free. We will know in April if the LCDBG application for \$600,000 for street reconstruction has been approved.

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.

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TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

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MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin