

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2013**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman Tommy Sandifer opened the meeting with prayer. Walter Dorroh, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Council member Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to appoint the Mayor, Superintendent, and Clerk as reviewers for the Splash Pad bids and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents to hire the low bidder. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to increase the 2013 budget by \$8,000 for merit based salary/wage adjustments for Town employees. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to appoint Tommy Sandifer as Mayor Pro Tem for the next 10 months. Motion unanimously passed.

Town Engineers Bryant Hammett and Associates are currently advertising for bids for the street improvements on Terral St., High School Drive, and Sycamore St.

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 1.3 acres of land has been donated by Doug Peterson with Capstone Enterprises. The land lies behind Dollar General with frontage on West Bradford Street. The Church of God is in the process of donating the building and land on Elm Street to the Town. The area will be used for parking at the Town Square. We are still waiting on an appraisal on the Jena Metals property downtown. A manufacturing firm is interested in locating in Jena. This new firm would create 60 new jobs.

Assessor Tom Kendrick gave announced that the GEO taxes paid in protest has been settled.

As there was no other business to be brought before the Mayor and Town Council, Mr. Newburg 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