

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2011**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman David Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to add the following item to the agenda: "Hear report and vote on recommendation from Council Trail Committee concerning Ellison property. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to open a public hearing to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town of Jena and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2012/2013 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Motion unanimously passed. No comments were made from the public. Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed. Thomas Magee with Frye Magee made a presentation regarding available funding through LCDBG.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution approving participation in the Parish Mitigation Planning process and adoption of the Parish-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to table Item #7 "Discuss and approve construction bid for "2011-84-Streetscape Pilot"" until a Special Meeting to be held May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to set a time limit of two weeks from today on the offer to purchase the Ellison property. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Chief of Police Paul Smith presented the police report.

Superintendent Don Jones presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that the National Day of Prayer service will be held Thursday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Square. The

swimming pool will be open May 27th through August 29th and will be available on a reservation only system again this year. Lifeguards are needed. The town will reimburse half of the training fee again this year. YMCA has approached the town about partnering with Town of Jena in providing community recreation opportunities. More research will be done before committing to an agreement. A Special Council Meeting will be held May 9, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. the agenda will be as follows: Discuss and approve construction bid for "2011-84-Streetscape Pilot", Pass a resolution to participate with Macon Ridge Community Development Corporation to make application for Low-Income Senior and Disabled housing, Hear report and vote on recommendation from Council Trail Committee concerning the Ellison property. The utility department will hire Matt Conley and Gabe Wagoner as summer employees this year. Mayor McMillin will be at the Mayor's Day Conference next Tuesday and Wednesday. A grant application for Phase 2 of the "Vision Trail" was submitted this Saturday. The leg of the trail will connect the Town Park with the new Elementary School. Ethics disclosure reports are due by May 15th.

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 7:02 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin