

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2010**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August, 2010, 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.

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. Kendrick and seconded by Mr. Richardson. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a project application for the State of Louisiana Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution to hire Frye Magee LLC as administrative consultants for the DRU CDBG. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adopt a resolution to hire Bryant Hammett & Associates as engineers for the DRU CDBG. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt an urgent need resolution for the DRU CDBG. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to open the two bids received on the surplus property. Motion unanimously passed. The bids were as follows: Fairco, Inc. lump sum bid for \$692.00 and Patrick Jones \$100.00 for the 1998 GMC truck bed. Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to reject the Fairco bid due to the fact that the items were not bid on individually and accept the \$100.00 bid from Patrick Jones for the 1998 GMC truck bed. The remaining items will be disposed of. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Sky rider to have antennas installed on the three water tank rails to enhance high speed internet service to the community. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to endorse the effort to use the services of "We Care" program for revitalization of the Jena area. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to adopt a resolution endorsing an application for LGAP funds in the amount of \$35,000 to purchase a police car and a maintenance truck. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Don Smith 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 announced that sales tax revenues have increased by 54% in the past 4 years. A street grant application has been submitted for \$600,000 for Terral street and other East Jena street improvements. An additional \$400,000 for street repairs will be spent on areas that are not eligible for LCDBG funding. The LMA convention is in New Orleans August 4-6th. At that convention, Jena will receive a certificate as a Louisiana Development Ready Community. The Town will hold Dr. Mike Wilson day celebration on August 20th at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Wilson will be presented the key to the city. We need volunteers to greet the school children at Goodpine Middle School August 16-20 from 7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

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 6:55 p.m.


TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd


MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin