

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2010**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Donny Richardson

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

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to approve the 2009 audit engagement with Silas Simmons, LLC. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to approve the 2009 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the appointments for 2010. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to approve committee assignments for 2010. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to table the discussion of matching funds for the Capital outlay project. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve option B for the Streetscape in front of Town Hall. The following options were chosen Allee Elm tree, black metal benches, light #3 in black metal, black metal trash can with cover and grate #3. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to authorize codification of the Town of Jena's ordinances. 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 the February Council meeting would be moved to February 9th at 6:00 p.m. A special meeting will be held on January 26th at 6:00 p.m. The agenda will include approval of funding for the streetscape in front of Town Hall including capital outlay funds, adoption of the Jena Vision plan and discussion of renovation of the Strand Theater. Group health insurance rates from Blue Cross increased by 22.4% this year. We are looking for other alternatives to the excessive increase in premiums. The LaSalle Detention Facility is downsizing with a 22% reduction in employees and 50% reduction in available bed space.

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 7:01 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin