

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2013**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 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. Attorney Walter Dorroh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Tommy Sandifer, Donnie Kendrick, Carl Newburg, Donny Richardson, and Attorney Walter Dorroh.

Absent: Councilman David Paul Jones

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to approve the 2012 Compliance Questionnaire to comply with the Legislative Auditors requirements. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to endorse the appointment of Brandon Joy to the Jena Housing Authority Board. Motion unanimously passed.

A report was given by Kurt Girlinghouse of Geauxtech on some of the options for obtaining a security system to monitor facilities at Town Park. No action was taken.

Town Attorney Walter Dorroh reported that the town has four options in how to enforce the nuisance ordinance which has repeatedly been violated by residents on Sycamore Street:

1. Do nothing
2. Continue to write letters
3. Enforce the ordinance through court proceedings
4. Enforce the previous judgment through rite of fifa to sieze everything in their yard

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to proceed with enforcement of rite of fifa against Carl and Janice Young on Sycamore Street. Motion unanimously passed.

All bids received for the advertised items were opened and read aloud. The results were as follows:

- 1) 1993 Dodge 1500 with camper VIN 1B7HE16X6PS267690
Thomas Rabel \$100.00
- 2) 1997 Ford Crown Victoria VIN 2FALP71W1VX118335
Thomas Rabel \$100.00, LaToi & Eddie \$150.00
- 3) 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis VIN 2MEFM74WXYX686209

As of March 2013 all of those goals have been achieved. The sewer plant bond was paid off just last month making the Town of Jena completely debt free. A special meeting will be held in a few weeks to address how to spend some of the funds that have been saved.

Jena High School Homecoming and Howdy Neighbor Day will be held October 4th and 5th. Dr. Ellis, the new Chancellor for Louisiana Technical Community College, will be in Jena Thursday, April 4th for meetings with educators and industry representatives to address the need for additional training programs at the Rod Brady Technical School.

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 7:15 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin