

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2013**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall.

Mayor Murphy McMillin called the meeting to order and Councilman Donny Richardson opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor McMillin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to open the public hearing to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Town and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Thomas Magee, Grant Consultant, presented the submission requirements of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2014/2015 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Mr. Magee addressed the following items:

- A. The amount of funds available for proposed community development.
- B. The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.
- C. The plans of the Town for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the parish to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities.
- D. The Town's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to close the public hearing. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to apply for \$600,000 for street funding from the FY 2014-2015 LCDBG program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt a resolution authorizing a FY 2014-2015 LCDBG application and committing the town to pay engineering and consulting fees. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to proclaim the first week of May 2013 as "National Correctional Employees Week." Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Josh Corley presented the fire report.

Town Clerk Cory Floyd presented the police report.

Superintendent David Miller presented the superintendent's report.

In the Mayor's report Mayor McMillin announced that Wastewater Plant Superintendent Danny Ainsworth has been nominated and is in the top three for 2013 Wastewater Operations Specialist of the year. Cory Floyd has been working for the town for 7 years today. Sales for the first 4 months of 2013 are 4.2% higher than last year. We have agreed on terms with Skyrider for the installation of the security system at the park. The town will pay \$23,662.00 plus sign a two year maintenance agreement. The monitor and data storage will be housed at the Sheriff's office due to them having 24 hour staffing and backup power. The June regular meeting will be moved to June 11th. Jena was honored for the Jena Vision plan by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

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 6:34 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin