

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2011**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 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, Carl Newburg and Donnie Kendrick.

Absent: 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. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to install "No Loitering" signs in front of the Skating Rink. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick that the Council accept the recommendations of the Council Trail Committee to purchase the needed property from Tanya Ellison as depicted on the plat of survey subject to the conditions 1, 2 & 3 listed on the Mayor's agenda item #6 update (1. Reduce the acquired right-of-way from 20' wide to 15'. 2. Have the acquired property not go straight across the Ellison property at the East end of Elm St. but to skirt the border of the Ellison property on the West and North side and connect back to the McDougald donated property on the East side of said property. 3. Current owners would like to have stipulations in the deed that would guarantee title of this property would revert back to current owner or any future purchaser of this property.) and subject to the negotiation of a price not to exceed \$5,000. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to authorize the Council Trail Committee to negotiate with Mr. Ted Kergan to purchase a 15' piece of property or take the necessary legal action to affect the acquisition of the property. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the following vote: Yeas: Richardson, Newburg and Kendrick; Neas: Sandifer. Motion passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2010. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adopt a resolution approving an application for grant funds from the FHWA Recreational Trails program for Louisiana. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to proclaim May 1-7th as “National Correctional Employees Week”. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Sandifer made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve an application for a Nature Trail Grant from Rapides Foundation. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to set the current year’s millage at 6.24 mills. Motion unanimously passed. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Richardson to adopt a resolution establishing the procurement policy for the FY 2012/2013 LCDBG program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to adopt a resolution establishing the citizen participation plan for the FY 2012/2013 LCDBG program. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Richardson made a motion seconded by Mr. Kendrick to appoint Mayor McMillin, Superintendent Don Jones and Architect Jack Breithaupt to open the “2011-84-Streetscape Pilot” bids on April 26, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. 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 “Clean up, Fix up Day” will be held April 15th and 16th. Mayor McMillin chose to pull Jena’s Gustav recovery grant application due to the severity of the applications from municipalities more harshly impacted by Hurricane Gustav. The first Employee Recognition Breakfast was held Wednesday, March 30th and was a success. Senator Vitter is scheduled to hold a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, April 19th at 2:30 p.m. The latest House of Representatives Redistricting plan shows Jena being moved to a new district.

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 6:51 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin