

**Town of Jena
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2010**

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jena, Louisiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 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.

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

Mr. Newburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Sandifer to open a public hearing to hear comments on the long-term electric supply contract and 2011 budget. Motion unanimously passed. No comments were made. Mr. Sandifer 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 adopt Ordinance #193 to contract with Energy Louisiana to provide long term electric supply. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion seconded by Mr. Newburg to adopt the 2011 budget. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Chief Don Smith presented the fire report and announced he will be retiring effective February 1, 2010.

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 the wastewater project in the Carpenter Street area has been completed. The swearing in for the Town Council and Mayor will be Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. just prior to the Council Meeting. The town received a thank you letter from the East Jena water system in appreciation of the water provided to the East Jena System in the weeks before and after Hurricane Gustav. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. Tuesday, December 14th is the annual meeting with the Jena Housing Authority. The final program associated with the 100th anniversary of LaSalle Parish will be the burying of the time capsule and will be held Friday, December 10, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the courthouse. On that same day at 6:00 p.m. the Christmas parade will be held. We need help decorating the float. The natural gas storage supply has been filled at a very low

price. The streetscape pilot project is near state approval and will begin soon. The Strand Theater renovation is progressing. The paint is being removed from the exterior of the building. The connector trail grant between downtown and the park has been approved and construction will begin in the spring. A \$100,000 grant has been received to purchase 9.5 acres to expand the park.

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 6:45 p.m.

TOWN CLERK, Cory Floyd

MAYOR, Murphy R. McMillin