

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

November 12, 2024

Recorder Charles Mason opened with the pledge of allegiance with Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour leading in prayer. The Town of White Hall Council meeting was held in the Council Chambers at the Town of White Public Safety Building and called to order by Mayor Jason DeFrance at 6:00 p.m.

Officers Roll Call:

<i>Mayor Jason DeFrance</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Bob Wotring</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Kristine Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Treasurer John Jacobs</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Mandy Espanol</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Recorder Charles Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>

A quorum was present.

Also present was:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover
Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri
Town Engineer Brad Pigott

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the October 28, 2024, Town Council Meeting were presented and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

Recorder Charles Mason presented a plaque given to the Town of White Hall from the West Fairmont Middle School football league for their sponsorship of the football program.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Council will receive the reports in their email next week.

Communications & Announcements:

Council Meeting Business updates/Refreshments/Networking on December 9th at 6 pm.

The Christmas Parade is on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm.

White Hall Elementary End of Year Celebration on May 28, 2025

Public Hearing

None.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

None

Marion County EMS Report:

None

Park Committee:

None

Wage Review Committee:

None

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that there were 305 calls for service in October, 39 cases, and 25 citations.

Chief of Police Guerrieri discussed a couple recent drug busts.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that because the meeting was pushed out one day, Council will receive payroll for 2 meetings on the next pay.

Town Administrator also stated that Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers at Wal Mart on December 7 and to let her know if Councilmembers can do it so she can put a schedule together.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that for the Christmas Parade float, Public Works can put it together how its always been done if Council is okay with that.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Middletown Commons approved the monthly music to start in the spring. Planning will start in January.

Engineer Report:

Town Engineer Brad Pigott gave an update on the Paving project which includes paving Opal tomorrow.

A discussion was held on adding a curb.

Unfinished Business :

Consider New Logo for Swag Items and Shirts:

Council viewed the logo and recommended changing the words to "protect, serve, community."

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the logo as discussed for swag and shirts with the change as discussed for "protect and serve."

Motion passed.

New Business to Consider:

Proclamation: Christian Heritage Week

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the Proclamation for Christian Heritage Week by Governor Jim Justice.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the Proclamation of Christian Heritage Week.

Motion passed.

Consider Police Department Equipment Quote:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that the PD would like to get a side-by-side that will be street legal with lights on it that can be used for a variety of things. The cost for a 2025 Polaris from RG is \$34,939.00. Payments would be \$867.57 for 4 years.

A discussion was held on how it will be used.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider purchasing a side-by-side to be used by the Police Department.

Motion passed.

Consider Public Works Department Equipment Quote:

A discussion was held on needing a bucket truck or something like it to help with putting up Christmas lights. Town Administrator Cindy Stover will work with Public Works to get the quote.

Consider Wreaths Across America Donation:

A discussion was held on the Wreaths Across America Donation request that places wreaths on veteran graves during the holiday.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to donate \$1,700 that will purchase 100 wreaths.

Motion passed.

Consider Change Orders for Paving Project:

Town Engineer Brad Pigott stated that the current contract expires November 15th.

A discussion was held on extending the contract time to complete the remaining work.

A discussion was then held on the details of the additional change orders and the budget.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to approve the change orders for paving project in the amount of \$16,150.88.

Motion passed.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve the change order time extension up to November 25th.

Motion passed.

Executive Session: Wage Review Recommendation & Park Options:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:53 pm to discuss Wage Review Recommendations and Park Options.

Motion passed.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 7:35 pm.

Motion passed.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go into regular session at 7:35 pm.

Motion passed.

Consider Wage Review Recommendations:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve Wage Review Recommendations as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Bob Wotring stated that he and Town Administrator Cindy Stover met with public Works this morning for a safety meeting where they went over ladder safety. This will be continued monthly.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour brought up the streetlight on Emerald and Lavender and stated it didn't come on when he walked past it 3 times, but if a car turns from 250 it comes on so he isn't sure if it's a bad sensor or what.

Recorder Charles Mason reminded Council to think about election coming up and that you have to sign up around the middle of January and it costs \$5 to enroll.

Treasurer John Jacobs stated that there is tree that needs cleaned up on Ruby that got cut down but is still laying there.

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated this was a good meeting and he appreciates everyone.

Adjournment:

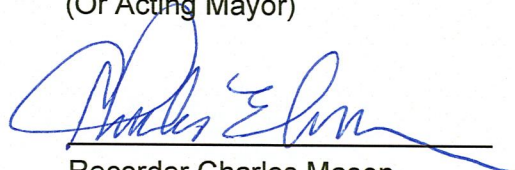
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Mason", written over a horizontal line.

Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk