

**MINUTES**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**December 22, 2025**

Councilmember Mandy Espanol opened with the pledge of allegiance with Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour opening 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>

*Also present:*

*Town Administrator Cindy Stover*  
*Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri*

**A quorum was present.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to approve the 12.8.25 Town Council Meeting Minutes.***

***Motion passed.***

**Citizens' Concerns:**

None.

**Treasurer & Financial Reports:**

This will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Communications & Announcements:**

Happy New Year!

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Christmas cards from the President of Fairmont State University and Governor Patrick Morrisey.

Mayor Jason DeFrance then read a Thank-You note from the hosts of Empowerfest.

**Public Hearing**

None.

**Marion County EMS Report:**

Marion County EMS had 922 total calls in November. That is down from 944 last year. 48 patients were transported to Mon Marion Neighborhood Hospital, and 40 patients were transported out of Mon Marion. One recruit has tested and passed this week. White Hall substation officially opened this week and will be staffed 4 days a week moving forward.

**Park Committee:**

A discussion was held between Mayor Jason DeFrance and Town Attorney Trey Simmerman on the funding application relating to the Beafore acquisition to check the feasibility for the site and how to structure the relationship between the two entities.

**Audit Committee:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she hoped to have everything out tomorrow to 3 different CPA firms.

**Police Department Report:**

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that Shop with a Cop was held on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a total of \$10,890 of donated funds to spend on 25 kids. \$10,833 was spent at Wal mart, which leaves a balance of 56.87 in addition to \$10 donation that will be for next year.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that he will have all stats for 2025 at the January meeting.

Lastly, Chief of Police Geno Guerri stated that officers will be working over the holidays.

**Legal Department Report:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve an invoice to Simmerman Law Office in the amount of \$7,379 that covers work through October 31, 2025.***

***Motion passed.***

**Town Administrator Report:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she has United Way pamphlets for 2026 contribution year if Council is interested in donating.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that the Public Works Department has closed out 18 work orders this week and says Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that Director of Public Service, George Hagan, suffered a broken femur after a fall and is due to go home tomorrow.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she is working on reviewing short-term disability quotes.

Lastly, Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Treasurer John Jacobs has been working on obtaining signatures from Ruby Drive as she has learned we need 100% response from anyone who touches Ruby Drive. A discussion was held on a home across from John Michael's that has been unresponsive and a plan to catch them when they're home. Treasurer John Jacobs then mentioned concerns from one of the residents on Ruby Drive that include cleaning up trees and a turning area.

**Engineer Report:**

A discussion was held on a future paving list.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business to Consider:**

**Executive Session: Community Development. Personnel Policy, Building Enhancements:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to go into executive session for Community Development. Personnel Policy, Building Enhancements and also to invite Jason Beafore to be a part of the session.***

***Motion passed.***

***Council went into Executive Session at 6:19 pm.***

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at 7:53 pm.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider New Lease/Trade for PD:**

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider new lease for PD vehicle in the amount of \$42,846.00.***

***Motion passed.***

**Final Remarks:**

Councilmember Bob Wotring told everyone "Merry Christmas" and gifted Councilmembers a Christmas present.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol told everyone "Merry Christmas" and stated that she'd like to make sure we invite Fairmont State University Band to the parade and other events.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour stated that he checked out the Grafton Christmas tree that Town Administrator Cindy Stover sent out, and he likes that idea by the Red Roof in area. He also stated Merry Christmas to all.

Councilmember Kristine Mason told everyone Merry Christmas

Recorder Charles Mason stated that he'd like the Public Works Department to clean the mirror on Emerald. Recorder Charles Mason then stated that he thinks the parade went well, and the Business Meeting last month went well and that needs to continue. Recorder Charles Mason also told everyone Merry Christmas.

Treasurer John Jacobs told everyone Merry Christmas and asked if we were doing a calendar this year. A discussion was held on having a template for the calendars

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that Council has a lot to think about, and while there's a little bit of time, decisions do need to be made. Mayor Jason DeFrance then stated that he hopes everyone has a happy holiday and enjoys the Christmas season.

**Adjournment:**

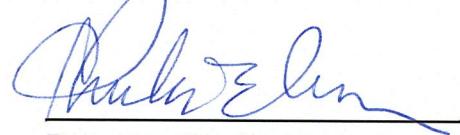
***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.***

***Motion passed.***

*Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.*



Mayor Jason DeFrance  
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason  
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk