

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
July 28, 2025

Councilmember Bob Wotring 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>

Also present:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover
Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the 6.23.25 Town Council Meeting were presented and approved as written.

The minutes for the 7.14.25 Town Council Meeting were presented and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover has 90 days to finish and submit June Financials to the state
Town Administrator Cindy Stover is working on finalizing all accounts.

Communications & Announcements:

Sounds of Summer is August 1, 2025 from 6 – 9 pm. 3 Teez Band

Municipal League Conference Aug 4-7, 2025 Morgantown WV

White Hall Elementary Back to School Bash – August 12th at 5 pm.

Public Hearing

None.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

Donna Wade thanked the Town for allowing Marion County EMS to stay at the substation. She also stated that they are hoping to host another EMT class at their station this fall to help with the nationwide EMT shortage.

Donna Wade went on to say that there were 954 calls in June 2025. 220 patients were moved, 105 of those were considered sick, 90 falls, 28 MVA, and 8 overdoses.

Marion Conty EMS participated in a Relay on June 6th at the Commons.

There is an upcoming “Back to School” CPR class in August. This will be for adults and children ages 10-18.

Lastly, Donna Wade stated that they have a new vehicle, an Emergency Incident Recap, which is designated for First Responders with cooling chairs, hydration items, etc. This is also available to employees during our large events.

Park Committee:

None.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that there have been several traffic accidents due to the traffic.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that next month they will be doing “click-it or ticket” and targeting red-lights. This is a state-wide effort to avoid accidents.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover reminded everyone that the Employee/Council/Family picnic is Thursday, July 31st at the White Hall Pavilion.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that on August 6th, Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour and Councilmember Mandy Espanol will be attending the Chamber Dinner.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that August 4-7 is the WV Municipal League Conference. Town Administrator Cindy Stover, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Kristin Kirk, Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour, and Recorder Charles Mason will be attending.

Town Administrator Cody Stover then stated that she has asked Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Kristin Kirk to ask Fred Clark about when to plant the Christmas tree.

Lastly, Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the new Public Works truck has arrived, and Public Works is working on getting quotes for a flat bed, salt spreader, and plow.

A discussion was held on the clearing and seeding happening below Red Roof Inn.

Engineer Report:

A discussion was held on work that will be happening behind Winston Tires.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Sponsoring Midtown LEO Club for White Hall Elementary School:

Guy Ward introduced Fred Cannon, member of the Lions Club and LEO Club Advisor, which is Middle and High School aged Lions Club members. Fred Cannon spoke to Council about LEO and their positive effect on the community so far including Christmas gifts for less fortunate children, implementing school safety, and assisting the Lions Club in their projects.

Fred Cannon then introduced Mackenize, who is part of the LEO Club, and she explained to Council her project to implement school safety by installing a metal part on the door to make it

impossible for an intruder to enter. This part will be controlled by the teacher.

The LEO Club asked Council to consider sponsoring the LEO Club by donating funds to help with this cause. These funds would place the security part on the doors at White Hall Elementary School.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider donating \$2300 to the Midtown LEO Club for school security for White Hall Elementary School.

Motion passed.

Consider Hosting Region VI Empowerfest 2025:

April Campbell - Executive Director for Human Resource Development Foundation, Sidney Sanfary - American Job Center Coordinator, and Bethany McBee – Career Planner, asked Council to help sponsor and possibly host Empowerfest 2025, as their previous location didn't work.

Empowerfest's goal is to help individuals who are on state assistance find jobs and off assistance. It includes a speed hiring event and a clothing event. This Region covers 6 counties.

A discussion was held on potential dates to host Empowerfest.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider hosting Region VI Empowerfest 2025 on Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Motion passed.

Budget Revision:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover explained the budget revisions needed by July 31st. This is the first budget revision in the 25-26 year.

Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to consider the budget revision.

Motion passed.

Recorder Charles Mason performed a Roll call for the budget revision:

<i>Mayor Jason DeFrance</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Bob Wotring</i>	<i>Yes</i>

<i>Councilmember Kristine Mason</i>	Yes
<i>Treasurer John Jacobs</i>	Yes
<i>Councilmember Mandy Espanol</i>	Yes
<i>Recorder Charles Mason</i>	Yes

Consider Drug Policy Changes:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover, Deputy Chief Streyle, and Town Attorney Trey Simmerman have been working to update the Drug Policy. A discussion of the changes was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the drug policy changes as written for the Employee Handbook.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Bob Wotring commented that he saw his birthday wishes on social media and thanked everyone. Councilmember Bob Wotring also spoke about his upcoming Alaska trip.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour asked about electricity for Christmas lights for the area that is being cleared off.

Councilmember Kristine Mason stated that she recently saw a display to honor Veterans that was simple, yet very nice that included flags from each of the branches and a plaque that mentions the individual. Councilmember Kristine Mason stated that that idea could tie in with the brick idea at a park.

Recorder Charles Mason discussed the high grass and the netting in front of Jolynn's

Treasurer John Jacobs asked if there will be another sign on the building put up for Marion County EMS. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she was thinking there would be a Public Works sign. A discussion was held on having a sign for both.


Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that this was a good meeting, and he feels like the Town will be helping several people with their decisions tonight.

Adjournment:

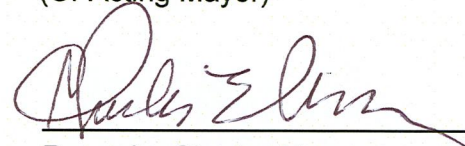
Councilmember Bob Wotring made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk