MINUTES

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

August 11, 2025

Treasurer John Jacobs 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:

Councilmember Bob Wotring Councilmember Kristine Mason Absent Treasurer John Jacobs Councilmember Mandy Espanol Present	Mayor Jason DeFrance	Present
Councilmember Kristine Mason Absen Treasurer John Jacobs Preser Councilmember Mandy Espanol Preser	Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour	Present
Treasurer John Jacobs Preser Councilmember Mandy Espanol Preser	Councilmember Bob Wotring	Absent
Councilmember Mandy Espanol Preser	Councilmember Kristine Mason	Absent
• •	Treasurer John Jacobs	Present
Recorder Charles Mason Preser	Councilmember Mandy Espanol	Present
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Also present:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri

A quorum was present.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to excuse Councilmember Bob Wotring and Councilmember Kristine Mason without pay due to vacation.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the 7.28.25 Town Council Meeting were presented and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover is working on end of the year corrections. The Treasurer & Financial Report will be voted on at the next meeting.

Communications & Announcements:

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

Social media and Harassment Training will be on August 26th at 6 pm for Council and on the 27th for employees.

Sounds of Summer is September 5, 2025 from 6 – 9 pm. The New Diesel 4.

Last Farmers Market for 2025 Season is September 27, 2025.

Empowerfest – October 1st, 2025. 10 am – 2 pm.

Sounds of Summer - Byron Cooper Last Performance on October 3, 2025

Fall Cleanup Day. October 18, 2025. 7 am - 11 am

White Hall Christmas Parade is December 11, 2025. 630 pm - 9 pm

Public Hearing

None.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance spoke with Tony from MCPARC and will meet in September for further park discussions.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that there were 383 calls for service, 42 cases, and 68 citations in July 2025.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that this month has been busy so far.

Legal Department Report:

Engineer Report:		
Mayor Jason DeFrance mentioned the cleanup work has been hydroseeded and the silk fence has been placed.		
Town Administrator Cindy Stover spoke with CW Stickley and the curbs and drainage will be installed on Cassaday in the next few weeks, weather depending.		
A discussion was then held on the area behind Winston Wheels and Tires.		
Recorder Charles Mason then asked to put the clean up of Pine Lane on the next agenda.		
<u>Unfinished Business:</u>		
None.		
New Business to Consider:		
Consider Internet, Phone Service, Firewall changes:		
Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that our current contract with Segra expires in May 2026.		
Town Administrator Cindy Stover discussed our current services, needs, and costs.		
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider internet, phone service, and firewall changes.		
Motion passed.		

Town Administrator Report:

None.

None.

Mayor Jason DeFrance read over the lease agreement for a snowplow and spreader for Public

Consider Lease Agreement for Public Works Snowplow and Spreader:

Works in the amount of \$27,216.00.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider agreement for Public Works Snowplow and spreader in the amount of \$27,216.00.

Motion passed.

Consider Wellness Program Appreciation Days:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover explained the Wellness Challenges for employees and the BeWell app that tracks steps, water consumption, and several activities.

A discussion was held on having 2 winners per challenge – 12 winners for the year.

A discussion was then held on giving wellness days, which would be PTO days, to the winners of the wellness challenges for a total of 12 PTO days a year, with the same employee not able to win twice.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider wellness program appreciation days to give the winners a day off for a total of 12 days a year.

Motion passed.

Consider Donation to the Beekeepers in Honor of Rossie Wilson:

A discussion was held on the passing of Rossie Wilson who previously worked for the Town of White Hall and donating to the Beekeepers Association of Marion County in Honor of his memory.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider donating to the Beekeepers Association \$500 in honor of Rossie Wilson.

Motion Passed.

Consider Open House Business Meet & Greet on December 8, 2025:

A discussion was held on hosting a Business Meet & Greet Meeting on December 8, 2025 which is the first Council Meeting of December.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider Open House Business Meet & Greet on December 8, 2025 at 6 pm.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour thanked the Town for sending him to the WVML Conference and stated that he wished there was more for smaller municipalities. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then thanked the Town for sending him to the Chamber dinner.

Recorder Charles Mason asked if a letter was sent to the house on the top of Lavender or if the Town needs to clean up the space. Town Administrator Cindy Stover will look at the area and decide an appropriate plan of action.

Although absent, Councilmember Bob Wotring had asked Town Administrator Cindy Stover about fire hydrant testing, who does it, and when.

Mayor Jason DeFrance read a 'Thank You' note from "Relay for Life" for the Town's Sponsorship for their 2025 event.

A discussion was then held on the due date for donation applications.

Adjournment:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor Jason DeFrance

(Or Acting Mayor)

Recorder Charles Mason

(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk