

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

August 25, 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:

<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 8.11.25.25 Town Council Meeting were presented and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Financial reports for June and July were viewed by Council and approved as discussed.

Communications & Announcements:

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:

None.

Police Department Report:

None.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

None.

Engineer Report:

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Donating to White Hall Elementary School for Leader in Me Program - \$5,500.00

Council viewed and discussed literature on the Leader in Me Program that has been implemented at White Hall Elementary School.

A discussion was held to have Principal Taylor Myers or another teacher come in to explain to Council the cost breakdown.

Consider 25-008 Ordinance Updating Business Registration:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the update to Ordinance 25-008 that relates to late fees.

A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Updating 25-008 Ordinance Updating Business Registration.

Motion passed.

Consider 25-009 Ordinance updating Police Public Works Service Fee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the update to Ordinance 25-009 that relates to late fees.

A discussion was held.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider Updating 25-009 Ordinance Updating Police Public Works Service Fee.

Motion passed.

Consider 25-010 Ordinance Updating Fire Fees:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the update to Ordinance 25-010 that relates to late fees.

A discussion was held.

Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to consider updating 25-010 Ordinance Updating Fire Fees.

Motion Passed.

Consider Call Off Policy for Employee Handbook:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the Call of Policy for Employee Handbook. A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider call off policy for employee handbook.

Motion passed.

Consider Uniform Policy Revision for Employee Handbook:

A discussion was held on the dollar amounts allotted for uniforms as well as safety gear that needs to be replaced annually.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider uniform policy revision for Employee Handbook.

Motion passed.

Executive Session: Personnel Contracts and Expansion of Employee Duties

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel contracts and expansion of employee duties.

Motion passed.

The Meeting went into Executive Session at 6:53 pm.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Motion passed.

The Meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:23 pm

Consider Expansion of Employee Duties:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider expansion of employee duties as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed.

Consider Personnel Contracts:

Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to consider the Personnel Contract for Deputy Chief Streyle as discussed.

Motion passed.

Consider Budget Revision:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover explained the budget revision.

A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider budget revision as discussed.

Recorder Charles Mason performed a role call:

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

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Bob Wotring stated that on August 19, he and Town Administrator Cindy Stover held a training with Public Works on trailer safety, where Logan Kish had come up with a daily safety check. Councilmember Bob Wotring then stated that they now have daily, weekly, and monthly safety checklists. Councilmember Bob Wotring then asked about recycling in White Hall, and Councilmember let him know that it now at the old Healthplex building.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol asked if the Town has received a date for Trick or Treat at Middletown Commons. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the Town will ask.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour stated that he is glad to see that Public Works has been doing a good job of keeping up with the grass cutting when you get off the White Hall exit. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then asked if Council has thought any more about what can be done on the hillside below Red Roof Inn. This will be put on an upcoming agenda to discuss.

Councilmember Kristine Mason made a comment about The New Diesel 4, who has upped their showmanship, and will be at Sounds of Summer on September 5th and at the last Farmers Market.

Recorder Charles Mason asked if we could use the pole for electric on the hillside below Red Roof Inn for Christmas lights. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the pole belongs to DOH, not the Town's, so she will ask. Recorder Charles Mason then stated that he has been thinking about the Veteran Memorial and asked if we could build a short wall and put 3 flags on the island where you come off the interstate and save the memorial for the park.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that speaking of the Veteran Memorial, she did receive the quote from JD Signs. This will be put on an upcoming agenda.

A discussion was held on the success of the Farmers Market.

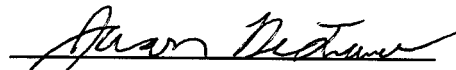
Treasurer John Jacobs stated he was thinking about the main Town sign, that Town Administrator Cindy Stover had recently mentioned was dull and dreary, and he would like to see it modernized to our new logo. A discussion was held on making it fade resistant.

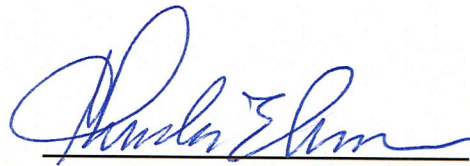
Adjournment:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.


Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk