

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

September 8, 2025

Councilmember Mandy Espanol 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 8.25.25 Town Council Meeting were presented and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Financial reports will be voted on at the next meeting.

Communications & Announcements:

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

Middletown Commons Trick or Treat. October 29, 2025. 5 – 7 pm.

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

Public Hearing

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm to:

- a. Consider 25-008 Ordinance Updating Business Registration

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 pm to:

- b. Consider 25-009 Ordinance Updating Police Public Works Service Fee

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 pm to:

- c. Consider 25-010 Ordinance Updating Fire Fees

Mayor Jason DeFrance closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 pm

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that this will be hit hard in the coming months, and that he received a call about property by Canterbury Woods. Further discussions will be held.

Wage Review Committee:

The wage review committee met on 9.3.25. This will be discussed further later in the meeting.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated in August 2025, there were 62 cases, investigated 367 calls for service, and 65 citations were written.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that the interstate work is now complete.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Trinity Church approached the Town and asked to have a First Responders Lunch at the Public Safety Building this Friday, September 12th from 11 am – 1 pm.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that George Hagan started at the Town today and also stated that starting September 17th, court will be during the day on Wednesdays. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she has asked George Hagan to create a Public Works report for Council, and that starting next week Public Works staff should all be back to work.

Lastly, Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the EQT contract has been signed.

A discussion on the Town sign was held. Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that she is going to talk with Geroge more about a Veteran Memorial.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that he spoke with Town Engineer, Brad Piggott, and CW Stickley did get the curbing complete.

Mayor Jason DeFrance then read a Thank You letter from resident, Patty Raikes, for the repair of her driveway.

Unfinished Business :

Mayor Jason DeFrance suspended Roberts Rules of Order to move to New Business to Consider.

New Business to Consider:

Proclamation for VFW Birthday September 29, 2025:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the Proclamation for VFW Birthday September 29, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Proclamation for VFW Birthday September 19, 2025.

Motion passed.

Resolution 25-005 Supporting the I-68 Energy Manufacturing Corridor:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Resolution 25-005 supporting the I-68 Energy Manufacturing Corridor.

Guy Ward spoke to Council on the I-68 Energy Manufacturing Corridor. A discussion was held.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider Resolution 25-005 Supporting the I-68 Energy Manufacturing Corridor.

Motion passed.

Consider Vacation Policy Changes:

A discussion was held to consider negotiating vacation policy changes if an employee comes to the Town with experience in their job.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider vacation policy changes.

Motion passed.

Consider Empowerfest Donation:

Sydney Sandsberry and April Campbell spoke to Council about Empowerfest 2025 on October 1st at the White Hall Public Safety Building.

A discussion was held on expected attendance and the food menu.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider donating up to \$1,000 for food for Empowerfest.

Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

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

White Hall Elementary School Principal, Taylor Myers, spoke to Council on the Leader in Me Program and how a donation of \$5,500.00 would be utilized in the program.

A discussion was held.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol made a motion to consider donating \$5,500 to White Hall Elementary School for Leader in Me Program.

Motion passed.

Consider 25-008 Ordinance Second Reading Updating Business Registration:

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

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider the second reading Updating 25-008 Ordinance Updating Business Registration.

Motion passed.

Consider 25-009 Ordinance Second Reading Updating Police Public Works Service Fee:

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

A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the second reading Updating 25-009 Ordinance Updating Police Public Works Service Fee.

Motion passed.

Consider 25-010 Ordinance Second Reading Updating Fire Fees:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read second reading to Ordinance 25-010 that relates to late fees.

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

Motion Passed.

Executive Session: Personnel Contracts

Councilmember Kristine Mason made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel contracts.

Motion passed.

The Meeting went into Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Motion passed.

The Meeting came out of Executive Session at 7:57 pm

Consider Personnel Contracts:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider approving Personnel Contract as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Mandy Espanol stated that Dave Beaforia came into Munchies today to eat, and they discussed being excited about the park.

Council Bob Wotring asked to follow up on the fire hydrant testing. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she had asked Valley VFD and was told the water department takes care of that.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour stated that he is glad to see the Town supporting the community.

Treasurer John Jacobs stated that he would like to look into the Town signs to see what we can do, and the sign at Wal Mart.

Recorder Charles Mason stated that he would like to have Public Works check on the street signs. Recorder Charles Mason also wished Councilmember Kristine Mason a Happy Birthday.

Adjournment:

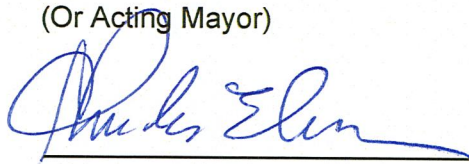
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

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