

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
January 12, 2026

Recorder Charles Mason opened with the pledge of allegiance with Councilmember Bob Wotring 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 Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour at 6:00 p.m.

Officers Roll Call:

<i>Mayor Jason DeFrance</i>	<i>Absent with Pay</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>Absent with Pay</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.

Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to excuse Treasurer John Jacobs with pay due to illness.

Motion passed.

Councilmember Kristine Mason made a motion to excuse Mayor Jason DeFrance with pay due to illness.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 12.22.25 Town Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to approve the November 2025 Treasurer and Financial Report.

Communications & Announcements:

Happy Birthday Mary Seese- January 5

Happy Birthday Mayor Jason DeFrance – January 12

Happy Birthday Councilmember Mandy Espanol – January 7

Happy Birthday Office CJ Funk – January 27

A discussion was then held on the birth of the first baby of the new year to Public Works Fleet Specialist Colin Masters.

May 1, 2026 – Sounds of Summer

May 23, 2026 – Farmers Market Opening Day

May 16, 2026 – Spring Clean Up

July 11, 2026 – Appalachian Music Festival. 4 pm – 10 pm. Fireworks at 10 pm.

Public Hearing

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

None.

Audit Committee:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the paperwork was sent out today to obtain an auditor.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that he will have 2025 stats at the next meeting.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she received a notice about the primary election on May 12th. Set up will be May 11th.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that the early voting will be Aril 29th – May 9th.

Engineer Report:

None.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Medical Insurance Policy Updates:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour read over the medical insurance policy updates.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover discussed the changes and stated the changes would take place July 1, 2026.

A discussion was held on the medical insurance policy updates.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol made a motion to consider medical insurance policy updates.

Motion passed.

Consider Resolution 26-001 Updating Non-profit Workshop Room Day and Time:

A discussion was held on allowing non-profits to utilize the workshop room during a weekday and normal business hours.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol made a motion to consider resolution 26-001 updating non-profit workshop room to weekdays and normal business hours.

Motion passed.

Consider Short Term Disability Coverage Quotes:

Council viewed short-term disability quotes.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover explained the current short-term disability coverage through Aflac as well as the new quotes.

Councilmember Kristine Mason made a motion to approve the Standard Short Term Disability Coverage as discussed.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol seconded the motion.

Recorder Charles Mason asked about the number of days needed.

A discussion was held on part-time employees' coverage and full-time employees' coverage.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Kristine Mason asked about what the plan is what the sidewalk is covered with snow. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she knows that Public Works makes sure the salt reaches the sidewalk and will talk with Public Works about anything else they do.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol then brought up that going into the parking lot of White Hall Elementary gets very icy and asked if Public Works could do something. Town Administrator

Cindy Stover stated that that's not our property and can reach out to the Principal and ask if White Hall can plow there, but that is private property.

A discussion was then held on plowing secondary roads.

Councilmember Kristine Mason then stated that going up Garnet, the road is freezing. A discussion was held on it being a water leak or a spring.

Recorder Charles Mason stated that the light on Lavender Lane goes on and off. Charles Mason also stated there's a light burnt out.

Recorder Charles Mason then asked about when the new sign is going up on Emerald. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that it will go up once the poles are obtained.

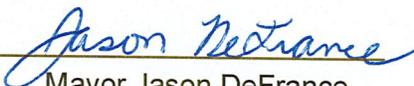
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour stated that the "Dead End" sign needs turned on Lavender where people can see it. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then asked everyone to be patient with Public Works as they're short-staffed for a couple more weeks.

Adjournment:

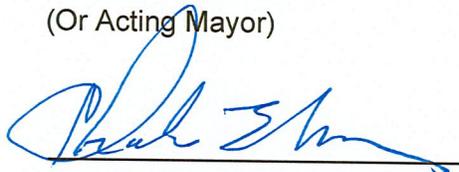
Recorder Charles Mason made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk