

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
October 12, 2026

Treasurer John Jacobs opened with the pledge of allegiance with Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour 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 Mayor Jason DeFrance at 6:00 pm.

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:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri
Town Administrator Cindy Stover

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 9.28.26 Town Council Meeting and the 10.5.26 Community Workshop Meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

Brandon Flower, currently serving as a Marion County Magistrate, addressed Council and requested their support in the upcoming election to retain his position as Marion County Magistrate.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

The August Treasurer & Financial Report was reviewed by Council.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve the August 2026 Treasurer & Financial Report.

Motion passed.

Communications & Announcements:

- a. Fall Clean Up Day October 17, 2026
- b. General Election Early Voting October 21st – October 31st. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm on weekdays and 9 am – 5 pm on Saturdays.
- c. Middletown Commons Trick or Treat October 27th 5 pm to 7 pm
- d. General Election Day Voting November 3rd 6:30 am – 7:30 pm
- e. Christmas Parade December 10th at 6:30 pm

Public Hearing:

a. Consider Ordinance 26-005 Municipal Election:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-005 by title.

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public hearing at 6:09 pm

Mayor Jason DeFrance closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm

b. Consider Ordinance 26-006 Solicitation Process:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-006 by title.

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public hearing at 6:10 pm

Mayor Jason DeFrance closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 pm

c. Consider Ordinance 26-007 Updating General Offense Code:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-007 by title.

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public hearing at 6:12 pm

Mayor Jason DeFrance closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 pm

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

None.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that for September 2026, the White Hall Police Department had 382 calls for service, 36 cases, and 56 citations.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that the new police cruiser is in and is getting the police equipment placed in and on it.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she is hopeful the audit is finished and she will have the report on Thursday, which will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the Public Works new salt building should be delivered between October 19th and 26th.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that the electric is now ready below Red Roof Inn for the Christmas lights.

Nuisance Report:

None.

Engineer Report:

None.

Unfinished Business :

Consider Ordinance 26-005 Municipal Election:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-005 by title.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Ordinance 26-005 Municipal Election to comply with election laws.

Motion passed.

This is the second reading of Ordinance 26-005.

Consider Ordinance 26-006 Solicitation Process:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-006 by title.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Ordinance 26-006 Solicitation Process.

Motion passed.

This is the second reading of Ordinance 26-006.

Consider Ordinance 26-007 Updating General Offense Code:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-007 Updating General Offense Code.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Ordinance 26-007 Updating General Offense Code.

Motion passed.

This is the second reading of Ordinance 26-007.

Executive Session: Community Updates:

This session was not needed as Council does not yet have the information to discuss.

New Business to Consider:

None.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Mandy Espanol asked the name of the new salon on Alpine Lane. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated she will get that for her.

Councilmember Bob Wotring stated that he met with Public Services Director George Hagan and the Public Works crew where the Public Works Department wrote up a safe work procedure for table saws. They hope to put a binder together this winter with all the safe work procedures written so far.

Adjournment:

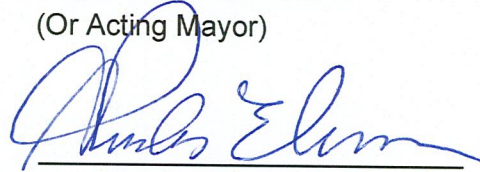
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk