

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
April 27, 2026

Councilmember Bob Wotring 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>Absent without pay.</i>
<i>Recorder Charles Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>

Also present:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri
Town Administrator Cindy Stover

A quorum was present.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to excuse Councilmember Mandy Espanol without pay due to a prior event.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 4.13.26 Town Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

Sam Brunett introduced himself to Council, stating that he is running for Marion County Board of Education. Sam Brunett then discussed his ties to Marion County and his platform for running for BOE.

Tom Mainella, Democratic Candidate for Marion County commission, spoke to Council on his previous experience in public service and asked for Council's support.

Marcella Yaremchuck, spoke to Council on behalf of Maple Grove Cemetery and gave handouts demonstrating the history and events at Maple Grove Cemetery. Marcella Yaremchuck asked

Council for funding to help maintain the cemetery, specifically the cost to mow. A discussion was held on volunteers and/or prison help to do this.

Democratic candidate running for Marion County Commission, Shaun Petracca, first complimented White Hall Town Council on setting the face for the county, and then discussed his past in Marion County and his goals if elected moving forward.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve the Treasurer and Financial Report.

Motion passed.

Communications & Announcements:

- a. April 29, 2026 through May 9, 2026 – Early voting 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Weekdays. 9 am – 5 pm Saturday.
- b. May 1, 2026 – Sounds of Summer – Homegrown Edition featuring Fairmont State University Band, Fairmont Community Symphonic Band, and East Fairmont High School Busy Bee Band and Honeybees. 6 – 9 pm.
- c. May 6, 2026 Employee Harassment, social media, and Cyber Security Mandatory Training 10 am – 12 pm. Office Closed.
- d. May 12, 2026 – Primary Election. 5:30 am Poll workers report. Opens at 6:30 am, closes at 7:30 pm.
- e. May 19, 2026 – Council Harassment and Social Media Training. 6 pm.
- f. May 23, 2026 – Farmers Market Opening Day 9 am – noon
- g. May 16, 2026 – Spring Clean Up Day 7 am – 11 am
- h. July 11, 2026 – Appalachian Music Festival 4 – 10 pm. Fireworks at 10 pm.
- i. Municipal League Conference – Charleston, WV. August 4-7, 2026

A discussion was held on placing a dumpster near Doe Run during Spring Clean Up Day.

Public Hearing:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated Town Administrator Cindy Stover, Councilmember Mandy Espanol, and himself went to the MCPARC luncheon last week.

A discussion was then held on the upcoming Guyses Run Fishing event, sponsored by the Town of White Hall, happening on Saturday May 2.

Audit Committee:

None. .

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that the new radios and cameras have been received and should be up and running by May.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that he will have a report of April stats at the next meeting.

Lastly, Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that there will be extra patrolling during the Sounds of Summer events.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover gave an update on Public Works, stating that 14 work orders were closed this week, up to 55 trash bags of litter picked up, and mowing and weed eating was completed. Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that Director of Public Services is waiting on another quote for the roof.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that she sent out an email about volunteering at the swag table for the Appalachian Music Festival on July 11.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated she would be attending the Guyses Run Fishing event on Saturday, May 2.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she has purchased the equipment for the

microphones in the Chambers, so it will be a couple weeks before they're completed.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then brought an idea to Council to partner with maybe Valley Medical to offer Counseling services to those who need it who come to court. A discussion was held, including stories and success from previous arrests made by Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri. Town Administrator Cindy Stover will work on putting more information together with costs for Council.

A discussion was then held on the textmygov texting service, which is now live.

Engineer Report:

None.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Budget Revision:

Mayor Jason DeFrance entertained a motion to suspend Robert Rules of Order to move this topic after the Executive Session.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider suspending Roberts Rules of Order and move considering the budget revision until after the Executive Session to clarify some line items on the budget.

Motion passed.

Consider Updating Police Department Ordinance 26-002:

Council was given a copy of the Police Department Ordinance 26-002 to read through.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider updating Police Department Ordinance 26-002 as presented.

Motion passed.

This is the first reading of Ordinance 26-002.

Executive Session: Contract Addendum & Longevity Payout & Donations:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contract addendum, longevity payouts, and donations.

Motion passed.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:48 pm.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go back into regular session at 7:18 pm.

Motion passed.

Council went back into regular session at 7:19 pm.

Consider Contract Addendum:

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider the addendum to the employee contract effective April 27, 2026 for Deputy Chief Streyle.

Motion passed.

Consider Longevity Payout Updates:

None.

Consider Maple Grove Cemetery Request:

Councilmember Kristine Mason made a motion to consider donating \$750 to Maple Grove Cemetery as discussed.

Motion passed.

Consider Budget Revision:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to increase "Other Grants" and move those funds to "city hall" funds.

Recorder Charles Mason performed a roll call:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour	Yes
Councilmember Bob Wotring	Yes
Councilmember Kristine Mason	Yes
Treasurer John Jacobs	Yes
Councilmember Mandy Espanol	Absent

Recorder Charles Mason

Yes

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Bob Wotring gave appreciation to the White Hall Public Works for tending to the Little Pierce Cemetery today.

Recorder Charles Mason stated there is a deceased possum by Sunnyvale Bar. Recorder Charles Mason then said that Director of Public Services George Hagan is doing a great job with Public Works.

Adjournment:

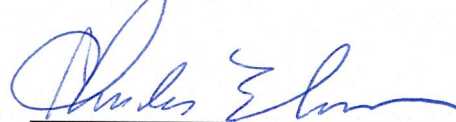
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk