

**MINUTES**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**May 11, 2026**

Councilmember Mandy Espanol 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 4.21.26 Laying of the Levy Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.***

***Minutes for the 4.27.26 Town Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.***

**Citizens' Concerns:**

Moran Towing, Hillbilly Towing and DevNik Towing companies spoke to Council about concerns about receiving a letter from the Town of White Hall explaining that any business that does business in the Town of White Hall is required to pay the \$125 business registration fee. A discussion was held on the current ordinance which requires any business that does business or requires services in White Hall to obtain a business license. Councilmember Mandy Espanol stated that Council should take some time to review the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour mentioned to research how other municipalities bill towing companies.

**Treasurer & Financial Reports:**

None.

**Communications & Announcements:**

- a. May 12, 2026 – Primary Election. 5:30 am Poll workers report. Opens at 6:30 am, closes at 7:30 pm.
- b. May 19, 2026 – Council Harassment and Social Media Training. 6 pm.
- c. May 23, 2026 – Farmers Market Opening Day 9 am – noon
- d. May 16, 2026 – Spring Clean Up Day 7 am – 11 am  
Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that he will reach out to Pick Up City about bringing a dumpster here for this.
- e. July 11, 2026 – Appalachian Music Festival 4 – 10 pm. Fireworks at 10 pm.
- f. Municipal League Conference – Charleston, WV. August 4-7, 2026

**Public Hearing:**

**Consider Updating Police Department Ordinance 26-002:**

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 pm.

Mayor Jason DeFrance closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 pm.

**Marion County EMS Report:**

None.

**Park Committee:**

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated he is still chasing the owners of Tractor Supply, so is going to put together a package with pictures to send.

**Audit Committee:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that our audit has been approved by the state and the auditor will be in around September or October.

**Police Department Report:**

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that for April 2026, there were 325 calls for service, 50 cases, and 44 citations.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that the radios are being programmed now and should be done soon

Lastly, Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that this week is National Police Week.

**Legal Department Report:**

None.

**Town Administrator Report:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover gave an update on the Farmers Market, stating that there are 46 vendors with 10 on a waiting list.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that CityNet came in last week to discuss internet, which if they get lines built to White Hall would save funds on the internet. More discussions will be held as CityNet works with their legal department on contracts.

**Engineer Report:**

A discussion was held on working on a driveway on Cassidy Court.

Mayor Jason DeFrance then stated that a bid will be needed for Moran Circle for the lower curve.

**Unfinished Business :**

**a. Consider Updating Police Department Ordinance 26-002:**

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

***Motion passed.***

**New Business to Consider:**

**Consider Billboard Proposal from Micro Outdoor:**

Russ Bonasso from Micro Outdoor spoke to Council about updating the current billboard above Grease Monkey to new technology.

***Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to update the billboard to current technology.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider Ordinance 26-003 Updating Manner of Council Payments:**

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the updates to Ordinance 26-003 Updating Manner of Council Payments.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Council can also add things they'd like to see in the ordinance. A discussion was held on those additions.

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider approving Ordinance 26-003 with the changes as discussed.***

***Motion passed.***

This is the first reading of Ordinance 26-003.

**Consider Veteran Memorial Project for FY 2027:**

A discussion was held on a Veteran Memorial project, the pricing of previously obtained quotes, and ideas of where it would be placed.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover will get updated quotes, and details on how many veterans can be added to each memorial.

A discussion was then held on researching of any grants are available for this.

**Consider Investing Funds into CD's:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated she spoke to the Town's representative from MVB Bank and learned of new CD's that are as little as 5 months. A discussion as held on using Hotel Motel Funds and how much to put into a CD.

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider investing \$50,000 of funds into a 5-month CD with the option to roll-over.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider First Responders Dinner:**

A discussion was held on hosting a First Responders Dinner.

***Councilmember Mandy Espanol made a motion to consider a First Responders Dinner and have a \$500 limit in case it's needed for supplies.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider Employee/Council Picnic Date:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she spoke with employees about an employee/council picnic date and asked if Council are available the last week of July.

A discussion was held on having it on July 16 or July 23.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover will check with employees and see if either of those dates work.

**Final Remarks:**

Councilmember Mandy Espanol asked what needs done to the "Yield" sign moved to coming out of the Commons, turning right. A discussion was held on it being private property, and need to look at options.

Councilmember Bob Wotring stated that last Tuesday he met with Public Works for a Safety Meeting, and all the stand operating procedures will be put into a binder in the next 6 months. Councilmember Bob Wotring then stated that Public Works has added the big orange diamond to the lift and he was glad to see and hear about that. Lastly, Councilmember Bob Wotring stated he will talk with the insurance guy next week and see what qualifies as an accident because he believes that Public Works has been accident free longer than one year. Wotring would also like to see an award for being accident free.

Deputy Mayor asked to have Public Works check the signs from the wind.

Recorder Charles Mason stated that the sign on the top of Lavender Lane is leaning. A discussion was held on the signs and that some of them still need set in cement.

Recorder Charles Mason then stated there is a deceased cat in front of Huntington Bank.

**Adjournment:**

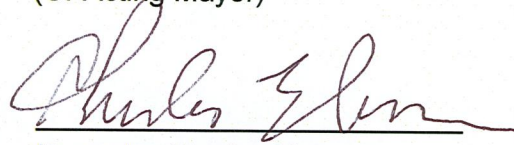
**Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.**

**Motion passed.**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.*



Mayor Jason DeFrance  
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason  
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk