

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
May 26, 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

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 5.11.26 Town Council Meeting were approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

None.

Communications & Announcements:

- a. Farmers Market 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9 am – noon. May 23rd through Sept. 26th.

- b. June 17, 2026 – First Responders Dinner
- c. July 11, 2026 – Appalachian Music Festival 4 – 10 pm. Fireworks at 10 pm.
- d. Municipal League Conference – Charleston, WV. August 4-7, 2026

Public Hearing:

Consider Ordinance 26-003 Updating Manner of Council Payments:

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm

Mayor Jason DeFrance closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm.

Marion County EMS Report:

Marion County EMS stated that in April 2026, there were 1,023 calls , which is up 133 calls from last year. Transports were the top calls, then sick person, followed by fall victim. Marion County EMS stated that they transported 53 patients to Mon south and 56 out, 408 patients to Fairmont, and 205 out.

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Marion County EMS also participated in the White Hall Farmers & Artisans Market doing blood pressure screenings and outreach. CPR classes are put on hold because the coordinator resigned.

Park Committee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated he is still chasing the owners of Tractor Supply, but was told it could be after the holiday.

Audit Committee:

None

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that the cameras are in their final stages and will be live the first of June.

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

Legal Department Report:

An invoice from Simmerman Law Office was viewed and discussed by Council for work done from February 2 – April 30, 2026.

Treasurer John Jacobs made a motion to approve the invoice for Simmerman Law Office in the amount of \$6502.75.

Motion passed.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover let Mayor Jason DeFrance know by text message the following:

Public Works closed 25 work orders, is putting up the festival sign tomorrow, mics are working in the chambers, the contract for CityNet internet is signed, all new wifi internet connections installed in building, firewall has been received and will be installed, CD will be signed tonight and textmygov post cards went out last week to residents and businesses, and The First Responders dinner is being planned.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that Town Engineer Brad Pigott did the first advertisement for bids on Moran Circle last Friday, May 22 and will be advertised again on June 5. Pre-bid meeting June 12th and will hopefully have bid opening the last meeting in June.

Unfinished Business :

a. Consider Ordinance 26-003 Updating Manner of Council Payments:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-003 by title.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Ordinance 26-003 Updating Manner of Council Payments.

Motion passed.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Litter Grant Submission:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read a litter grant submission from the Town of White Hall requesting

matching funds for a litter grant.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to allow Town Administrator Cindy Stover to submit the litter grant for Fall and Spring Clean Up.

Motion passed.

Consider Nepotism Policy:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the Nepotism Policy proposed for the Employee Handbook. The policy was discussed.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Nepotism Policy as discussed.

Motion passed.

Consider Driving Policy:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the Driving Policy proposed for the Employee Handbook. A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the Driving Policy as discussed.

Councilmember Bob Wotring recommended Town Administrator Cindy Stover go over this policy with Public Works. A discussion was held that after any policy additions, all employees must review and sign.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

None.

Adjournment:

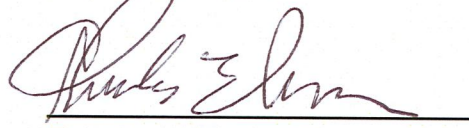
Recorder Charles Mason made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk