

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
July 13, 2026

Councilmember Kristine Mason 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>Absent without Pay</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.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to excuse Councilmember Bob Wotring without pay due to vacation.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 6.23.26 Town Council Meeting were approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

Randy Bell, a resident of Nichols Drive in White Hall, asked if there were any updates to the water drainage issue. Mr. Bell stated that after the weekend's rain, water from the drain on Lakeview Drive is now also overflowing and coming on Nichols Drive. Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that he is working with Town Engineer Brad Pigott to establish the ride-away between Mr. Bell and the neighbors as it looks like an unopened valley or road from the original development where the small pipe is that is clogged. White Hall Public Works has done some work on it. Mayor Jason DeFrance stated the goal is to survey the property to know who has access to it to be able and make repairs, starting to make repairs at the bottom and do some ditching if possible.

Randy Bell then stated that before moving back to Marion County, WV, their previous town in Pennsylvania had what is called "Foodie Friday," which allowed food vendors and vendors to come together, and it was enjoyed. Randy Bell stated he wanted to pass that idea along. A discussion was held.

Lastly, Randy Bell asked if there was ever any consideration of White Hall having its own Post Office. A discussion was held on previous attempts to do this, and that now White Hall has a preferred last line, White Hall, WV 26554.

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. July 16, 2026 – 6 pm. Council/Employee Picnic
- c. Municipal League Conference – Charleston, WV. August 4-7, 2026

Mayor Jason DeFrance read a Thank You letter from Maple Grove Cemetery for the Town of White Hall's support.

The Sounds of Summer – Free Concert Series on August 7th will feature System Buckers.

Public Hearing:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance discussed his findings when talking to the owners of Tractor Supply building and land.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that for the month of June 2026, there were 406 calls, 43 cases, and 95 citations.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that the portable radios are working well, and the cameras are being used now for training and will train more on Thursday.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that the Appalachian Music Festival was great.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover submitted a grant through WV First Foundation that would help with the program where the Town would do probation through court.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that Town of White Hall Employees had “Stop the Bleed” Training last week.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that the Appalachian Music Festival went great, despite the rain, and she is looking forward to next year.

A discussion was then held on the possibility of adding an electronic sign for advertising.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated he signed the “notice to Proceed” for Moran Circle.

Unfinished Business :

Consider Nuisance Ordinance Updates 26-004:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Nuisance Ordinance Updates 26-004.

Motion passed.

New Business to Consider:

Proclamation – July rededicated as 250 Liberty Month:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the Proclamation, which rededicates July as 250 Liberty Month in White Hall.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Proclamation – July rededicated as 250 Liberty Month.

Motion passed.

Consider Christmas Light Display by Red Roof Inn:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover verified with DOT that the Town can put additional Christmas lights below Red Roof Inn that was cleared off. Cindy Stover sent a follow up question to DOT to allow another electric pole with electric box.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to proceed with putting electric below Red Roof Inn and adding more Christmas Light displays.

Motion passed.

Consider Becoming White Hall Elementary's Second Evacuation Point:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that White Hall Elementary Taylor Myers let her know they lost their first evacuation point and asked if the White Hall Public Safety Building could be the second evacuation point. A Memorandum of Understanding Is being viewed by White Hall Elementary, and if Council approves, will be completed with Town Attorney Trey Simmerman.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider becoming White Hall Elementary's Second Evacuation Point.

Motion passed.

Consider Donation to Boothsville Fire Department:

Chief Brian Rouzee stated that Boothsville Fire Department is having a golf tournament to raise money for things needed by Boothsville Fire Department.

A discussion was held on sponsor tiers.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider donating \$300 to Boothsville Fire Department.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Mandy Espanol gave an update to the bottom of her hill, stating that Public Works came and filled the grate and since it has been proven it is not worthless, her husband has opened it back up and put another grate in. A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour stated that he is glad the Appalachian Music Festival was a success despite the rain. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then stated that a mirror may help with seeing traffic for the residents on Nichols Drive.

Councilmember Kristine Mason wished Deputy Tim Ridenour a Happy Birthday and expressed her gratitude for everyone's hard work for the Appalachian Music Festival.

Recorder Charles Mason asked what happened to the old classrooms in the back of White Hall Elementary School to which he was told by the group they are adding new classrooms.

Treasurer John Jacobs asked if there was an update on Ruby Drive. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated there is not at this time other than some signatures were not legible and new signatures needed to be obtained. Treasurer John Jacobs asked to handle doing that.

Mayor Jason DeFrance echoed the sentiments that the Appalachian Music Festival was a success thanks to the efforts of White Hall employees and PD. Mayor Jason DeFrance then reminded everyone of the employee/council picnic this Thursday at 6 pm.

Adjournment:

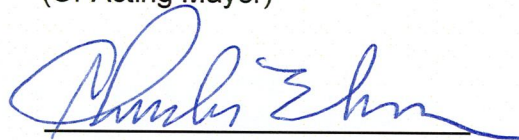
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk