

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
July 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>Absent Without Pay</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:

Deputy Chief Jakob Streyle
Town Administrator Cindy Stover

A quorum was present.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to excuse Councilmember Kristine Mason without pay due to vacation.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 7.13.26 Town Council Meeting were approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover will have this out as soon as possible after final changes are made to the June 2026 report, due to it being the end of the fiscal year.

Communications & Announcements:

- a. Farmers Market 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9 am – noon. May 23rd through Sept. 26th.
- b. Municipal League Conference – Charleston, WV. August 4-7, 2026
- c. Chamber Dinner August 12th @ 6pm

Mayor Jason DeFrance read a “Thank You” letter from the Pricketts Fort Foundation for their donation.

Public Hearing:

Consider Nuisance Ordinance Updates 26-004:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Nuisance Ordinance 26-004 by title.
Mayor Jason DeFrance opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 pm.
Mayor Jason DeFrance closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

None.

Police Department Report:

Deputy Chief Jakob Streyle stated that it has been non-stop since the music festival, including some important investigations including the individual, Mr. Cunningham, that went missing last week and ended up in White Hall.

Deputy Chief Jakob Streyle then discussed a couple other arrests included in the White Hall PD's 40+ citations, 39 investigations, and an additional 282 calls for service.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the missing individual's nephew shared that, once

Mr. Cunningham is feeling better, he would like to attend a future meeting to personally thank everyone for their support and assistance.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that White Hall Elementary has mentioned doing a "Back to School Bash" and we will proceed on planning this. Council agreed.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she received an inquiry regarding a solicitation application. After researching similar application processes used by other municipalities, she stated that she would like to develop a solicitation application for the Town if Council is interested in moving forward with implementing one.

Nuisance Report:

A discussion was held that nuisance situations will be discussed at this point of the meeting moving forward.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that paving on Moran Circle has been completed. He stated that the next priority will be to continue addressing the water on Lakeview Drive and Nichols Drive. Mayor Jason DeFrance then stated that work on Ruby Drive is anticipated to take place next summer.

Unfinished Business :

Consider Nuisance Ordinance Updates 26-004:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the second reading of Nuisance Ordinance 26-004 by title.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider the second reading of Nuisance Ordinance Updates 26-004.

Motion passed.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Empowerfest 2026:

Sydney Stansberry from Region VI Workforce Development Board addressed Council requesting the Town of White Hall's partnership again for their annual Empowerfest on October 1, 2026 from 9 am – 2 pm, which connects local individuals with employment, training, and education programs, along with perks like hair cuts and a clothing closet.

A discussion was held.

Councilmember Mandy Espanol made a motion to consider hosting EmpowerFest 2026 at the White Hall Public Safety Building. Town Administrator Cindy Stover will review the Town's donation from the previous year, and the Town will provide the same level of support for the 2026 event.

Motion passed.

Consider HVAC Quotes:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read things that need replaced on the HVAC system based off of information Town Administrator Cindy Stover provided.

Mayor Jason DeFrance read three quotes:

Hendershot Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$8,766.00

Devalt Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$9,682.00

Absolute Heating in the amount of \$11,000.00

A discussion was held on the brand of equipment each company would use.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the HVAC Quote from Hendershot Heating & Colling for \$8,766.00 for a Carrier Unit.

Motion passed.

Consider Longevity Payout Update:

Mayor Jason DeFrance discussed the current longevity pay schedule, which is the first paycheck in July. Town Administrator Cindy Stover would like it to be moved until after August 1st.

Councilmember Bob Wotring made a motion to consider changing the longevity payout until after August 1st annually.

Motion passed.

Consider Revising Safety & Protective Equipment Policy:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the current policy provides an annual allocation of \$1,000 per employee for both the Police Department and Public Works Department. After reviewing the purchases from the previous year, she recommended reducing the amount to \$750 per employee and reallocating the remaining funds to another area of the budget.

A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider revising the Safety & Protective Equipment Policy as discussed.

Motion passed.

Consider Old White Hall Medical Options:

A discussion was held on options for the old White Hall Medical Building options.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion for Mayor Jason DeFrance to contact Town Attorney Trey Simmerman and pursue with the recommended course of action.

Motion passed.

Consider Budget Revision:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the budget is not increasing or decreasing, that funds are being reallocated among the various revenue accounts.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider budget revision number 1 as discussed.

Recorder Charles Mason performed a roll call:

Mayor Jason DeFrance	Yes
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour	Yes
Councilmember Bob Wotring	Yes
Councilmember Kristine Mason	Absent Without Pay
Treasurer John Jacobs	Yes
Councilmember Mandy Espanol	Yes
Recorder Charles Mason	Yes

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Mandy Espanol stated that she is glad to see the nuisance ordinance updated as the grass she mentioned in a previous meeting is still not cut, and there is another car parked by Winston Wheels.

Councilmember Bob Wotring stated that he appreciates the Birthday wishes on the White Hall Facebook and thanks for update on the Pierce-Little sign at the cemetery and to the Public Works Department for keeping the grass cut there.

Treasurer John Jacobs stated that there looks to be an abandoned car right off Exit 132. Deputy Chief Jakob Streyle stated that he needs to get permission from the property owner there to tow it, and the PD can reach out to the WV DOH tomorrow about it.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour asked if Max's Air received permission to put their signs in the Town, as he has seen them in a couple places. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Public Works goes around and pulls signs. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then stated that the grass is high on Roxbury.

Mayor Jason DeFrance thanked everyone and stated the White Hall Employee/Council picnic was nice.

Adjournment:

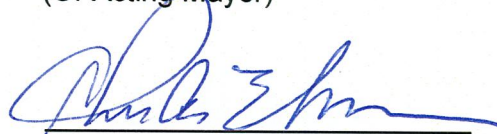
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk