

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
August 10, 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>Present</i>
<i>Recorder Charles Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>

Also present:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri
Deputy Chief Jakob Streyle
Town Administrator Cindy Stover

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 7.27.26 Town Council Meeting were approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

Library Director of the Marion County Library System, Larissa Cason, spoke to Council on an update of the library system and then on the upcoming Toddler time and Story Hour that will begin September 14th, 2026 at the event center at Middletown Commons. Toddler time will be from 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Story time will be from 10:30 – 11:30 am. These will be held twice a month.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover will have June and July's reports at the next Council Meeting.

Communications & Announcements:

- a. Farmers Market 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9 am – noon. May 23rd through Sept. 26th.
- b. Chamber Dinner August 12th @ 6pm
- c. White Hall Elementary Back to School Bash August 18th 5 pm to 7pm
- d. Empowerfest October 1st from 9 am to 2 pm
- e. General Election Early Voting October 21st – October 31st. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm on weekdays and 9 am – 5 pm on Saturdays.
- f. General Election Day Voting November 3rd 6:30 am – 7:30 pm
- g. Christmas Parade December 10th at 6:30 pm

Mayor Jason DeFrance read a “Thank You” letter from Marion County Relay for Life.

Public Hearing:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

None.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that officers have been proactive in addressing criminal activity, with several arrests made since July. Chief Guerrieri also provided an update on the department’s body cameras and stated that the translation function was recently utilized.

Chief Guerrieri then stated that all officers will be present at the White Hall Back to School Bash. He also shared that Harry Green is donating \$50 from every vehicle sold during the month of August to White Hall Elementary School.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she went to the ICMA Summit last week and it was a great experience sitting in a room full of other city/town managers bringing forth ideas, issues, and collaboration.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that she will begin the audit after financials are voted on at the next meeting.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that she received an email for workman's comp audit today so she will also begin working on that.

Nuisance Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Town Attorney Trey Simmernan sent a notice to the old White Hall Medical by certified mail.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that she will be mailing out two letters tomorrow: one on Opal Drive, and the other at 10 Viking Road.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance on 2026 paving, stating that Moran Circle is paved, with next on the list will be Lakeview and Nichols, and later, probably next year, if the Town acquires Ruby Drive.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Officer Recognition:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read a letter from the family whose home was recently affected by a fire, expressing their gratitude to Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri, Officer Austin Norman, and the local firefighters, community members, and other first responders for their leadership, immediate response, and heroic efforts during the fire, as well as their continued support of the family during the difficult time. Mayor DeFrance then presented plaques on behalf of the Town of White Hall to Chief Guerrieri and Officer Norman in recognition of their service and dedication.

Discuss Changes to Traffic Code 305.06:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that the original traffic code stated that parking is prohibited along the streets within the Town, but only on Route 250 and Route 73. Mayor Jason DeFrance and Town Administrator Cindy Stover proposed that all Town streets be included in case parking

needs to be restricted on those streets.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the traffic code change.

Recorder Charles Mason asked Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri whether the change was necessary. Chief Guerrieri stated that the change should be made so that, if an issue arises, appropriate measures can be taken regarding vehicles parked on streets.

Motion passed.

Discuss Partnering with Smallwood Sanitation for Curb Side Pickup:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover got a quote from Smallwood Sanitation for curbside pick-up, which is \$250 per hour with a 3-hour minimum, and then \$62.50 per ton.

A discussion was held on using this for Spring and Fall Clean-up.

A discussion was held on options to use dumpsters at the White Hall PSB along with curbside pick-up, or using dumpsters at the White Hall PSB this fall.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover will review Litter Grant.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider partnering with Smallwood Sanitation for Spring and/or Fall Clean-up.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour thanked the Town for sending him to the West Virginia Municipal League Conference this week as it is a great networking and learning opportunity.

Recorder Charles Mason stated that he would like to see a Boothsville Fire Department report on the agenda where they can give an update on calls in White Hall. Recorder Charles Mason then asked about the White Hall blessing box, and if donations are received, to which Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that we do receive donations regularly.

Adjournment:

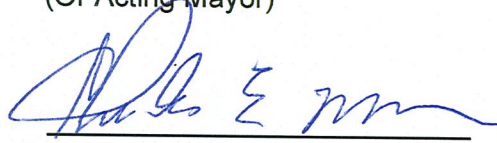
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

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Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Mason", written over a horizontal line.

Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk