

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
August 24, 2026

Recorder Charles 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>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Kristine Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Treasurer John Jacobs</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Mandy Espanol</i>	<i>Absent without pay</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 Mandy Espanol without pay.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 8.10.26 Town Council Meeting were approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover emailed June and July's Treasurer & Financial Reports prior to

the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve June's Treasurer & Financial Report.

Motion passed.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to approve July's Treasurer & Financial Report.

Motion passed.

Communications & Announcements:

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

Public Hearing:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

Marion County EMS reported there were a total of 1,118 calls for the month of July. Of those, 69 patients were transported to Mon Marion, and 68 patients were transported out. The total number of calls increased by 119 compared to the same period last year.

Park Committee:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated there are no updates to the park, other than we are still looking at the Mossallati property.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated for July 2026, there were 50 cases, 367 calls for service, and 68 citations. School starts Wednesday and an officer will be there every morning.

Chief Guerrieri then stated he thought the Back to School Bash was great.

Lastly, Chief Guerrieri stated that immediate action is needed regarding the former White Hall Medical Building, as activities are occurring at the property that need to be addressed. Mayor Jason DeFrance stated that Town Attorney Trey Simmerman has been notified and will review the matter to determine what action can be taken

Legal Department Report:

White Hall Council reviewed an invoice from Simmerman Law Office for services from May 2026 – July 2026.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve the invoice for Simmerman Law Office in the amount of \$5,937.50

Motion passed.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that starting tomorrow, both audits will begin.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that there will be a budget revision at the next meeting.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the construction of a new salt garage for the Public Works Department had previously been discussed. Upon further review, the projected cost will be lower than originally anticipated, as Town Administrator Cindy Stover and Director of Public Services George Hagan identified two existing concrete pads that can be utilized for the project.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover presented information from United Way looking for teams of volunteers in our area to put together kits.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that CityNet will run the lines to the building after Labor Day.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover said she received a letter from the Salvation Army to attend a dinner for those who rang the bell. Stover also noted that the Salvation Army is seeking donations and asked Council to advise if the matter should be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated she has a project with the website because we have to be ADA compliant. This must be done and will raise the bill \$25 a month.

Lastly, Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated she has been working with Town Attorney Trey Simmerman on Home Rule.

Nuisance Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the grass has been mowed on Opal Drive and notes have been left on the vehicles that they will be towed if not moved.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated it has been two weeks since the notice was sent to Viking Road. Director of Public Services Geroge Hagan and Town Administrator Cindy Stover will visit Viking Road, and if no improvements have been made, a second and final notice will be sent per the Nuisance Ordinance.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that the old White Hall Medical Building is currently being addressed by Town Attorney Trey Simmerman. Stover also stated that she will be sending letters to Doe Run.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance stated the only thing that Town Engineer Brad Piggott is working on is Nichols and Lakeview Drives.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Consider Annual Community Yard Sale:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover gave Council the dates of other Town's and city's community wide yard sales. A discussion was held on dates. A discussion was then held to include the area of White Hall, to include those on the outskirts to participate.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider an annual Community Yard Sale the second Saturday in May.

Motion passed.

Consider Fall Cleanup Day:

Mayor Jason DeFrance read the cost and information from Smallwood Sanitation to utilize their services for curbside pick up for Fall Clean Up Day, along with a dumpster at the White Hall Public Safety Building and possibly another location. A separate dumpster from ScrapItWV will also be at the White Hall Public Safety Building.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made motion for Fall Cleanup to include curbside pickup and

one dumpster at the building.

Motion passed.

Consider Election Process:

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of moving the municipal election date in accordance with the State's recommendations concerning election processes for municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to move forward with Election process starting with 3 years in 2027 to get on the correct schedule by 2032 pending approval with the County Clerk's office.

Motion passed.

Executive Session: Annexation Incentives & Employee Contract Discussion:

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go into Executive Session for Annexation Incentives & Employee Contract discussion at 6:57 pm.

Motion passed.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:32 pm.

Motion passed.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go into Regular Session at 7:33 pm

Motion passed.

Consider Employee Contracts:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider employee contracts as discussed.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour stated that the White Hall Elementary Back to School Bash was a success.

Adjournment:

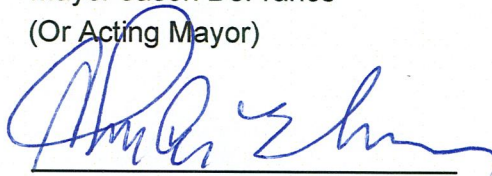
Recorder Charles Mason made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk