

**MINUTES**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**September 28, 2026**

Treasurer John Jacobs 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:**

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| <i>Mayor Jason DeFrance</i>         | <i>Present</i>         |
| <i>Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour</i>    | <i>Present</i>         |
| <i>Councilmember Bob Wotring</i>    | <i>Absent with 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 with pay due to illness.***

***Motion passed.***

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Minutes for the 9.14.26 Town Council Meeting were discussed, and it was determined that Councilmember Bob Wotring led the pledge. With this change, the minutes were approved.*

**Citizens' Concerns:**

None.

**Treasurer & Financial Reports:**

This will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Communications & Announcements:**

- a. Farmers Market 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 9 am – noon. May 23<sup>d</sup> through Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Empowerfest October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm
- c. Workshop October 5, 2026 @ 6pm
- d. Fall Clean Up Day October 17, 2026
- e. General Election Early Voting October 21<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm on weekdays and 9 am – 5 pm on Saturdays.
- f. Middletown Commons Trick or Treat October 27<sup>th</sup> 5 pm to 7 pm
- g. General Election Day Voting November 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 am – 7:30 pm
- h. Christmas Parade December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Public Hearing:**

None.

**Marion County EMS Report:**

None.

**Park Committee:**

None.

**Police Department Report:**

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated he, along with several other officers, visited White Hall Elementary to introduce themselves and what they do.

**Legal Department Report:**

None

**Town Administrator Report:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that she has been working with Town Attorney Trey Simmerman on an annexation informational pamphlet. She explained that the pamphlet was

developed in response to interest from residents of James Drive regarding annexation into the Town, with one resident currently working to obtain the necessary signatures.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that filler banners as discussed in the last meeting are being worked on.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that the Salvation Army dinner for those who rang the bell is on September 29, 2026.

#### **Nuisance Report:**

Town Administrator Cindy Stover gave an update of all the addresses that have received nuisance letters.

#### **Engineer Report:**

None.

#### **Unfinished Business :**

##### **Christmas Light Display:**

Council reviewed two options for a Christmas light display, followed by a discussion regarding the options.

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Option 1, with (2) 17' trees in the colors red and green and (1) 21 foot tree in the color blue.***

***Motion passed.***

#### **New Business to Consider:**

##### **Marion County Convention & Visitor's Update:**

Executive Director, Leah Smith, spoke to Council on the year's updates and plans for the year ahead.

##### **Consider Trick or Treat times:**

A discussion was held on when Fairmont will be having their trick or treat times.

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to have the trick or treat the same day as Fairmont's from 6-7:30 pm***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider New Vehicle Lease:**

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri discussed with Council the need for a new pursuit vehicle.

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider the new vehicle lease agreement.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider Ordinance 26-005 Municipal Election:**

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-005 by title. A discussion was held.

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to consider Ordinance 26-005 Municipal Election to comply with election laws.***

***Motion passed.***

This is the first reading of Ordinance 26-005.

**Consider Ordinance 26-006 Solicitation Process:**

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-006 by title. A discussion was held on charitable vs non charitable solicitors.

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Ordinance 26-006 Solicitation Process with corrections.***

***Motion passed.***

This is the first reading of Ordinance 26-006.

**Consider Ordinance 26-007 Updating General Offense Code:**

Mayor Jason DeFrance read Ordinance 26-007 Updating General Offense Code. A discussion was held.

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider Ordinance 26-007 Updating General Offense Code.***

***Motion passed.***

This is the first reading of Ordinance 26-007.

**Executive Session: Employee Contract, Community Updates:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Employee Contract and Community Updates.***

***Motion passed.***

***The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:20 pm.***

***Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to go out of Executive Session and into regular session at 7:36 pm.***

***Motion passed.***

**Consider Employee Contract:**

***Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve employee contract as discussed.***

***Motion passed.***

**Final Remarks:**

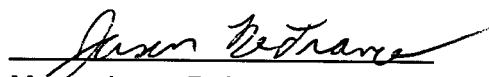
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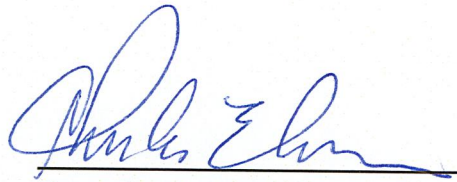
**Adjournment:**

***Recorder Charles Mason made the motion to adjourn.***

***Motion passed.***

***Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.***

  
Mayor Jason DeFrance  
(Or Acting Mayor)



Recorder Charles Mason  
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk