

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
June 23, 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 5:59 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 due to vacation.

Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 6.8.26 Town Council Meeting were approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

Randy Bell, a resident of Nichols Drive in White Hall, spoke to Council about water that comes directly into his driveway. Randy Bell stated that this water is from coming down the curbs, over the drain, and then into his driveway. Randy Bell is requesting from Council to change the size of the current drains to allow for more drainage in that area. A discussion was held on the drains being places prior to White Hall becoming a Town and who owns the adjacent property to be able to annex that area to be able to make repairs.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to suspend Roberts Rules of Order and move the Bid Opening further up in the meeting.

Motion passed.

Mayor Jason DeFrance opened and read bids from C.W. Stickley, Parrotta Paving, and Anderson.

Town Engineer Brad Piggott went over the cost estimates of the project.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to accept Anderson Excavating as the apparent low bidder for the amount of \$105,459.49.

Motion passed.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Administrator Cindy emailed Council the May Treasurer & Financial Report prior to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to approve the Treasurer & Financial Report for the month of May.

Motion passed.

Communications & Announcements:

- a. Farmers Market 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9 am – noon. May 23rd through Sept. 26th.
- b. June 23, 2026 – Council Meeting Date Change
- c. July 11, 2026 – Appalachian Music Festival 4 – 10 pm. Fireworks at 10 pm. A discussion was held on having a singles tournament as well as the doubles already scheduled, and starting it earlier.
- d. July 16, 2026 – 6 pm. Council/Employee Picnic
- e. Municipal League Conference – Charleston, WV. August 4-7, 2026

Public Hearing:

None.

Marion County EMS Report:

Marion County EMS stated that they responded to 75 calls in May. Of those calls, they transported 57 patients to Mon South and 58 out. 2 new CPR coordinators who began organizing CPR classes and the first class is July 17th. Also thanked the Town of White Hall for the First Responders Dinner.

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 it was a good turnout for the First Responders Dinner.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that the portable radios are in service and they will have training on them on June 30th.

Legal Department Report:

None.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover gave a printout to Council of the agenda for the WVML Conference happening in August for their review.

Town Administrator Cindy Stover then stated that Public Works closed out 18 work orders this week.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Consider \$5,000 Donation for Valley Volunteer Fire Department for Fireworks Assistance:

Councilmember Kristine Mason made a motion to consider donating \$5,000 to Valley VFD for fireworks assistance.

Motion passed.

Consider Nuisance Ordinance Updates 26-004:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover gave an overview of the ordinance. Council will take Nuisance Ordinance 26-004 home to review and will be prepared with questions at the next meeting.

Consider Partnering with Event Center in White Hall and planning Events:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Chelsey is the new Event Coordinator for the Event Center and they had a great meeting and discussed several opportunities where the Town could partner with the event center for events. A discussion was held.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider partnering with Event Center in White Hall and planning events.

Motion passed.

Engineer Report:

A discussion was held confirming the bid openings and the time frame on which the notice proceed will go out to the winning bidder.

Final Remarks:

Deputy Mayor Tim Rideour stated he was glad the Boys Scouts of America attended our meeting and hopefully he got something out of the meeting. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then stated that he was looking forward to the Appalachian Music Festival and was glad to see advertisements in Morgantown and Clarksburg.

Recorder Charles Mason asked if anyone was using textmygov. Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that over 80 people have signed up.

Mayor Jason DeFrance reminded everyone of the employee picnic on July 16th.

Adjournment:

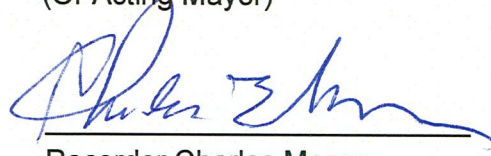
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.


Mayor Jason DeFrance

(Or Acting Mayor)

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

Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk