

Hurricane City Council Minutes

January 5, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black C.D. Caldwell Marshall Ginn Jody Ogle Ryan Wheeler
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - absent

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott Edwards.

Mayor Edwards recognized the recent efforts of Hurricane Police Officers: Patrolman Sowards and Patrolman Allen and Patrolman Vickers.

Mayor Edwards recognized the Hurricane High School Boys Golf Team who were the 2025 State Champions.

Mayor Edwards recognized the following Hurricane Construction Services employees: Brian Jarrell, Willard McCallister and Gavin Irwin for recognizing and coming to the aid of local man, Bill Starkey, who had a stroke while driving and pulled off into the Hurricane High School Tennis Court parking lot. A Hurricane High School student also stopped to check on Mr. Starkey and was recognized/thanked separately.

Mayor Edwards recognized local WV DOH employees as well as the following Hurricane Construction Services employees: Jonathan Gillispie, Jon Parks, Joe DeBord and Eddie Thornton. These individuals jumped into action to install a temporary bridge for the Lexington Estates neighborhood once the current bridge was deemed unsafe.

Mayor Edwards announced that the State Treasurer Larry Pack, earlier in the evening, presented a more than \$4,000 unclaimed property check to the City of Hurricane during his Office's "Treasury Day" at the Hurricane Municipal Building. The Treasurer's Office also found unclaimed property for 41 residents of Putnam County totaling \$52,846.

General Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the agenda of the January 5, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore reported that Hayslett Construction won the bid for the water plant emergency generator. He noted that engineering interviews are upcoming. He reported that the City will be hiring for a new position to coordinate the details for tournaments at Hurricane Bridge Park and assist admin staff with other duties. He noted that this position can be added while staying within the current budget.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey was not present, but Mayor Edwards read a report denoting a successful Christmas season with Christmas Blessings program, parade and more.

Persons from sign in sheet

- David Boyles spoke to City Council about the need to clarify what a family is defined as regarding the zoning ordinances in the City. He presented an example from the City of Martinsburg that City Manager Andy Skidmore will review.

New Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the second reading of edit to B-3 Zoning Ordinance Section 1353.04 – Protective Screening. **Motion** carried.

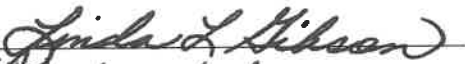
Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the Order and Notice of Levy Election. **Motion** carried.

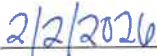
Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the intent to utilize the recently acquired Fairview Property as a park as described in the contract from the original owners and to give current resident who lives on the property 120 days to vacate. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

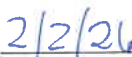
Mayor Edwards announced that the office will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and that the February City Council meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Marshall Ginn to adjourn. **Motion** carried.


Submitted


Date


Approved


Date

Hurricane City Council Minutes

February 2, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards - absent
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black C.D. Caldwell Marshall Ginn Jody Ogle Ryan Wheeler
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Recorder Linda Gibson

General Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the agenda of the February 2, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2025 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore commended the Hurricane Construction Services and Utility teams for their hard work and speedy assistance during last week’s snow and ice weather event.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey reported that planning work is happening for the 2026 event season – securing sponsorships, contracts with vendors, etc. She noted that the Special Olympics Polar Plunge will be happening this Saturday at Hurricane City Park as well as the Meeks Mountain Trails Crush Run. She also reported that a new lease has been signed with new owners of Belknap Dough Company – which will now be known as Jo’s Belknap.

Persons from sign in sheet

- None

New Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the first reading of an annexation of 3.02 acres on a parcel of land at the intersection of Teays Valley Road and Mt. Vernon Road. **Motion** carried.

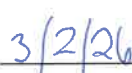
Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the first reading of an annexation of 6.78 acre parcel of land located just off the I-64 exit owned by Go-Mart Inc. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

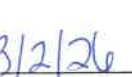
City Manager Andy Skidmore announced that the office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday and noted two meetings in March: the regular March City Council meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026 and a Special City Council meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to adjourn. **Motion** carried.


Submitted


Date


Approved


Date

Hurricane City Council Minutes

March 2, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black C.D. Caldwell Marshall Ginn Jody Ogle Ryan Wheeler
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Girl Scout Troop 10582 who were visiting.

General Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the agenda of the March 2, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Jody Ogle to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the Coal Severance budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore updated Council on current and upcoming spring projects including the pump track and bathroom projects on Meeks Mountain Trails, new pickleball courts on the Main Street entrance to Hurricane Bridge Park and the pedestrian bridge that will connect both sides of Hurricane Bridge Park.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey reported on expected opening of Jo's Belknap and 1776 Books & Coffee on Main Street; said that the Meeks Mountain Trails Hurricane Crush Run and Special Olympics Polar Plunge both went well despite cold temperatures and noted that event planning is in full swing for the year.

Persons from sign in sheet

- None

New Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the second reading of annexation of 3.02 acres on a parcel of land at the intersection of Teays Valley Road and Mt. Vernon Road. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the second reading of annexation of 6.78 acre parcel of land located just off the I-64 exit owned by Go-Mart Inc. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the first reading of annexation of 14.53 acres at the intersection of US Route 60 and Virginia Avenue. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the first reading of edit to Sec. 1309.02 – Definition of Terms. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the first reading of edit to Sec. 137.01. - Established. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the first reading of edit to Sec. 1351.01 – Permissive Uses. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to approve a formal request from Ridge Landing Luxury Apartments – allowing for a waiver of \$25,000 in permit fees which is similar to previous recent development projects. Also, regarding the road adoption request, if the developer can acquire all deed and right-of-way issues and make necessary upgrades to the road, the City would agree to adopt the road as an official city street. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to allow the City's Finance Manager to open a separate bank account for the 287(g) Task Force for purposes of tracking financial transactions. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve recommendation from the Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission regarding a variance for a garage height at 403 Arrowhead Drive. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve Mayor Edwards' appointment of Michael Black to the Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve Mayor Edwards' appointment of Jody Ogle to the Hurricane Police Department Promotion Board. **Motion** carried.

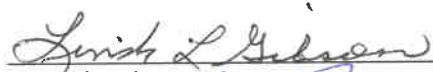
Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to approve Mayor Edwards' appointment of Filip Vlasic to the Hurricane Development Authority. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the following updated staggered terms for Hurricane Development Authority: Ashley Deal and Filip Vlasic – 1 year; James Vannoy and Cory Kidder – 2 year; Linda Gibson, Ashley Alford Glance and Amanda Ramey – 3 year. **Motion** carried.

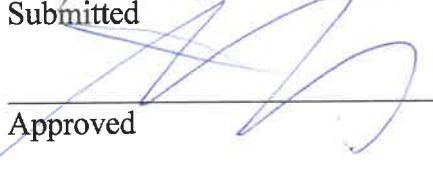
Announcements

Mayor Edwards announced that the March City Council meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026 and there will be a Special City Council meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn. **Motion** carried.


Submitted

4/6/26
Date


Approved

4/6/26
Date

Hurricane City Council Special Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black
	CD Caldwell
	Marshall Ginn
	Ryan Wheeler
	Jody Ogle
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - absent

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

Persons from sign in sheet

- None

New Business

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to approve the first reading of 4.92 acres on Harbour Lane near Kelly's Cove subdivision. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to deny the second reading of 14.53 acres at the intersection of US Route 60 and Virginia Avenue due to more parties interested in being annexed into the City. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the 2026-2027 Coal Severance Fund Budget. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

The Laying of the Levy meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

Timothy L. Gibson
Submitted

4/6/26
Date

[Signature]
Approved

4/6/2026
Date

Hurricane City Council Minutes

April 6, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black C.D. Caldwell Marshall Ginn Jody Ogle Ryan Wheeler
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards

Mayor Edwards recognized Paisley Mitchell and Emilee Butcher as they end their year in the as pageant royalty in the roles of Pre-Teen and Ms. Independence Day Celebration 2025.

General Business

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the agenda of the April 6, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Jody Ogle to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Michael Black to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026 special session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore updated Council on current projects including the pump track and bathroom projects on Meeks Mountain Trails that is still in planning stages, new pickleball courts on the Main Street entrance to Hurricane Bridge Park that will begin soon and the pedestrian bridge that will connect both sides of Hurricane Bridge Park that will begin soon. Other points of his report under New Business.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey reported on that she and the Mayor have had several school visits this year so far along with ribbon cuttings last month for Cardinal Chevrolet's new body shop and Jo's Belknap. She noted that there was a well-attended Civil War Battlefield tour last weekend led by Phil Hatfield and there will be a disc golf tournament at Hurricane Bridge Park on Saturday, April 25.

Persons from sign in sheet

- Mayor Edwards allowed Dr. Philp Surface to speak for a few moments about why he is running for West Virginia State Senate in district 4.
- JP Owens spoke to City Council about a skateboard/mural project that he is working on in collaboration with the Putnam Area Community Enrichment (PACE) Foundation and Putnam County Career and Technical Center (PCTC). Mayor Edwards and Amanda Ramey have been involved in design. PCTC is fabricating the 12 foot skateboards. JP, who leads PACE, is securing artists.

New Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the second reading of edit to Sec. 1309.02 – Definition of Terms. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Jody Ogle and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the second reading of edit to Sec. 137.01. - Established. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the second reading of edit to Sec. 1351.01 – Permissive Uses. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve a request from AB Contracting for economic development incentive support related to 95-unit residential housing complex in the amount of \$70,000. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the second reading of annexation of 4.92 acres on Harbour Lane near Kelly's Cove subdivision. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with the WVDOT, Division of Highways, with regard to establishment and maintenance of intersection improvements within the City of Hurricane on Main Street at Woodworth Farms. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to approve Mayor Edwards' reappointment of Vernon Wysong to the Hurricane Building Commission. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

Mayor Edwards announced that the Main Street Spring Festival will be on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 1-5pm.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn. **Motion** carried.


Submitted

5/4/26
Date


Approved

5/4/26
Date

Hurricane City Council Special Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black CD Caldwell Marshall Ginn Ryan Wheeler Jody Ogle
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA – not present

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the agenda of the April 21, 2026 meeting. **Motion** carried.

Persons from sign in sheet

- None

New Business

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to Lay the Levy for the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by CD Caldwell to Lay the Levy for the 2026-2027 Coal Severance Fund Budget. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

Linda L. Gibson
Submitted

5/4/26
Date

[Signature]
Approved

5/4/2026
Date

Hurricane City Council Minutes

May 4, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black C.D. Caldwell Marshall Ginn Jody Ogle Ryan Wheeler - Absent
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards

Mayor Edwards read a commendation for cemetery cleanup and mowing and presented certificates to Wes Davis, Catlin Hinkley and Steven Hinkley for their initiative in getting the cemetery that is located behind First Baptist Church of Hurricane looking better after being unkempt due to no one having ownership of it.

Mayor Edwards read a letter from Will Dempsey, President of Wildlife & Discovery Center of WV commending two Hurricane Police Department Officers, Officer Brent Reed and Officer Matthew Chapman, for going above and beyond for two vulnerable juveniles who were left at the facility on April 19, 2026.

Mayor Edwards recognized Hurricane High School Red Hot Show Choir who were named the West Virginia State Show Choir Champions.

Mayor Edwards recognized Hurricane High School Bass Fishing Team who were named the West Virginia State Champions.

General Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the agenda of the May 4, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Jody Ogle and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 special session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Jody Ogle to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Jody Ogle to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the Coal Severance budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore updated Council on current projects including the new pickleball courts contract sign with bathrooms to be installed by Hurricane Construction Services. He also noted that the Meeks Mountain Trails bathrooms are targeted to be completed is the Hurricane Hundred K event in September. Other points of his report under New Business.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey reported the Sensory Friendly Meet and Greet with First Responders event in April at the fire station was a success. Additionally, she noted to Council that the Spring Festival went well and was a great day for downtown Hurricane. She noted that the Sprayground at Hurricane City Park will open on May 23 and Food Truck Fridays will begin again on June 5.

Persons from sign in sheet

- Sara Lee Torman asked City Council to pay for her driveway because of major hole in the alley by her house which is causing people to use her driveway to get through. Mayor asked Andy to follow up.
- Mayor Edwards allowed Zack Crede to speak about why he is running for County Commissioner.

New Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the first reading of amendment to Business and Occupation Tax Code: Sections 729.05, 729.07 and 729.10. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Jody Ogle to approve a recommendation from Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission for a variance at 2480 Virginia Avenue to allow for the construction of a carport in the lot he owns adjacent to his home. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve a recommendation from Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission regarding property at 2815 Virginia Avenue owned by Teays Holdings LLC with Mayor Edwards recusing himself and leaving the room. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

Mayor Edwards announced that the office will be closed on Tuesday, May 12 due to the Primary Election and on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

Rich L. Gibson
Submitted

2/1/24
Date

[Signature]
Approved

6/1/2026
Date

Hurricane City Council Minutes

June 1, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black C.D. Caldwell Marshall Ginn Jody Ogle Ryan Wheeler
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards

Mayor Edwards introduced Patrolman Wes Allen with new partner K9 Diesel and also recognized Corporal Brent Reed with K9 partner Judge.

Mayor Edwards recognized the new Independence Day Celebration royalty:
Toddler Miss - London Sayre; Petite Miss - Jaysa Snodgrass; Little Miss - Caspyn Tucker;
Jr Miss - Learyk Sayre; PreTeen - Kelsey Lawson; Teen - Eliza Adkins; Ms. - Mia William
Mrs. - Sheila Hall; Queen - Olivia Stanley

Mayor Edwards recognized the Hurricane Middle School Baseball Team who won the 2026 MVAC Championship. Coach Dustin Walls spoke about the team's season.

Mayor Edwards recognized the Hurricane Middle School Track Team members who won the 2026 MVAC Championship. Coach Chelsea Lipford spoke about the team's success this season.

Mayor Edwards recognized the Hurricane High School Track Team members who won the state championship meet. Coach Jonathan Fee spoke about the 4x800 girls team (Ella Dye, Ella Sturm, Francy Tidd and Sofie Zappitelli) and shot put athlete (Jenna Geter) who took home the state title.

General Business

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to approve the agenda of the June 1, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Jody Ogle to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore updated Council on current projects including that the bathrooms on the soon-to-be new pickleball court are now under construction. He also noted we had the largest tournament to date this past weekend at Hurricane Bridge Park.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey reported that plans for the Independence Day Celebration are well underway and that the times of the event have been extended this year with the parade at 3pm and event from 4-10pm. She noted that the Sprayground opened for the season over Memorial Day weekend and had a rainy/cool start but has been well used in the week that followed.

Persons from sign in sheet

- Steven Trevor Bowen spoke to Council about the need for the City and county to be retrofitted for more walkability and some type of public transportation including a new concept called micro-model transportation.

New Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the second reading of Amendment to Business and Occupation Tax Code Section 729. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve a recommendation from Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission to allow a variance at 2604 Virginia Avenue. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to accept Mayor Edwards' appointment of Jonathan Wright to fulfill term left vacant by Roger Hughes on Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission. **Motion** carried.

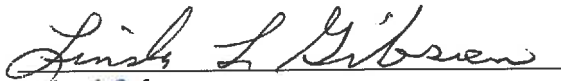
Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Weeler to approve Mayor Edwards' appointment of the following members to Board of Zoning and Appeals: Roger Hughes – term ending January 1, 2027; Zachary Lauffer – term ending January 1, 2029; Brad Ballard – term ending January 1, 2028; Brian Linville – term ending January 1, 2028 and Jonathan Clark – term ending January 1, 2029. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve Mayor Edwards' reappointment of Scott Ashworth to the Hurricane Building Commission. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

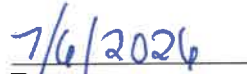
Mayor Edwards announced that the office will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026 in observance of West Virginia Day and on Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of Independence Day.

Motion made by CD Caldwell and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn. **Motion** carried.


Submitted


Date


Approved


Date

Hurricane City Council Minutes

July 6, 2026
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Michael Black
	C.D. Caldwell - absent
	Marshall Ginn
	Jody Ogle - absent
	Ryan Wheeler
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards

General Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the agenda of the July 6, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Michael Black to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore updated Council on current projects including that the bathrooms on the soon-to-be new pickleball court are now under construction and the contractor for the actual courts is just waiting on anchor bolts in order to begin. He also made note that the USSSA Appalachian World Series will be happening this week with sixty teams coming to Hurricane from twenty states. The tournament will be happening at Hurricane Bridge Park, Valley Park and Shawnee Sports Complex. He noted that construction on the Meeks Mountain Trails pump track will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey reported that the Independence Day Celebration went well and noted how large of an undertaking and how vital the Hurricane Construction Services and Hurricane Police Department were to make it all happen. She also reported that there was a ribbon cutting at the new ConvenientCare near Sheetz in Hurricane and that 1776 Books & Coffee on Main Street opened on July 4th to serve people during the parade. News about a ribbon cutting/grand opening will be announced later. She also announced to City Council that the Putnam Aging Senior picnic that the City of Hurricane sponsors will take place on Thursday, July 9 at Valley Park and that the annual K9 demonstration that Hurricane Police Department participates in for the Putnam County Library's summer program will be next Tuesday at Hurricane City Park. Council is invited to attend all.

New Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to open a public hearing regarding a recommendation from Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission regarding zoning change from R-1 to R-2 on 4.92 acres on Harbor Lane. **Motion** carried.
The following persons from sign in sheet spoke.

- Jill Dickerson from 102 Elizabeth Heights spoke about Harbor Lane and noted that it is flooding today with the heavy rain and is concerned that construction on the property continues to happen even though the property has not officially been rezoned. She claims false information was given by the rezoning applicant at the Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission about the Valley Pointe complex being 80% occupied and that Nucor employees are wanting to move into the area.
- Donny Rucker from 201 Elizabeth Heights spoke about concern with the condition of Harbor Lane and speeding that already occurs.
- Matt Arrowood from 202 Carrington Way introduced himself as a candidate for City Council and commended City Council for doing a great job.
- Aaron Davis from 390 Harbor Lane (not located in city limits) asked council to hold the vote on rezoning the property on Harbor Lane until DOT decides whether to approve a grant that would potentially improve the road.
- Rick Dowd from 1027 St. Ives Drive spoke about his concern for increased flooding if new development is allowed to be built on Harbor Lane and spoke about diminished capacity of the culvert.
- Ryan Brown from 116 Elizabeth Heights asked how the contractor can be held to 35 units if rezoning is approved.

- Brittany Allen, the marketing employee for AB Contracting spoke and noted that the company immediately addressed concerns that were heard at the Hurricane Planning Commission meeting on May 18.
- Jacob White, engineer working with AB Contracting on the project, said he understands the concerns with ongoing flooding on Harbor Lane but reported that the DEP regulations stipulate that no more water will be running off in the future than what is running off now – and noted that it could very easily be less because of the standards the contractor is held to with regard to water retention and stormwater.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to close public hearing. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the recommendation from the Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission to rezone the 4.92 acres on Harbor Lane from R1 to R2 per plans submitted of up to 35 units. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with Putnam County schools for 2026-2027 school year. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve a resolution authorizing the granting of a utility and access easement over and on city-owned property to the Putnam County 911/office of emergency management, and for ingress and egress to the same over a 900 square foot right-of-way granted to the city and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Recorder to execute all necessary instruments. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the increase of \$500 to the City of Hurricane employees' Health Reimbursement Arrangement. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

Mayor Edwards announced that the regular August City Council meeting will be on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn. **Motion** carried.


Submitted


Approved


Date


Date