

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


Date


Approved


Date