

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

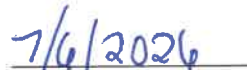
Mayor Edwards announced that the office will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026 in observance of West Virginia Day and on Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of Independence Day.

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


Submitted


Date


Approved


Date