

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.

Dick L. Gibson
Submitted

2/1/24
Date

[Signature]
Approved

6/1/2026
Date