

Hurricane City Council Minutes

September 8, 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 made note of the significance of the upcoming September 11th anniversary.

General Business

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Michael Black to approve the agenda of the September 8, 2026 regular session. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Jody Ogle and seconded by CD Caldwell to approve the minutes of the August 3, 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 Jody Ogle and seconded by Ryan Wheeler 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.

Hurricane Police Department Report was given by Chief Mullins.

Hurricane Fire Department Report was given by Chief Niedbalski.

City Manager Report – Andy Skidmore spoke about the month of August being a reset timeframe for tournaments at Hurricane Bridge Park but that 2027 between March 14 and November is already booked. He noted that the pedestrian/low water bridge that would connect both sides of Hurricane Bridge Park is currently under review with the US Army Corps of Engineers. He also reported that AEP has acquired needed rights-of-way in order to run power up to the shelter area of Meeks Mountain Trails for future bathroom build. The pump track in the bowl area of Meeks Mountain Trails is slated to be completed in the spring and the new pickleball courts should be completed by the end of this year.

Marketing & Development Report – Amanda Ramey reported that in the last month the City announced the opening of a new Pet Scan Station, advertised the Citywide Yard Sale and hosted a ribbon cutting at Advocacy in Motion on Dudding Avenue. She noted that the Hurricane Harvest Festival is coming up at Hurricane City Park and City Council assistance is always welcome. Mayor Edwards spoke about details provided by Elaine Call regarding this year's Sprayground season.

Persons from sign in sheet

Brian Haney from Catts Construction asked Mayor Edwards and City Council for support regarding the signage and upcoming DOH project on the bridge work that will be happening on Midland Trail near Hurricane Middle School. Mayor Edwards noted the company had gotten off to a bad start by not initially applying for a permit or calling West Virginia 811 prior to digging.

New Business

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the second reading of edit to Article 924 – Outdoor Swimming Pool Regulations. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Jody Ogle to approve the second reading of edit to Section 1711.01 – including the addition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2018. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Intergovernmental Council (RIC) and the City of Hurricane to establish the responsibilities of RIC and the City in support of the Pavement Index and Management – Phase 1 Project which will establish the planning, technical, and organizational framework for a regional pavement and transportation asset management program. The Project will develop a system for documenting roadway and related asset conditions, establishing baseline information, and supporting regular future updates. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the Hurricane Police Department request to purchase for suppressors, IDEMIA LiveScan System, Chevrolet Tahoe and a drone from ICE money. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Michael Black and seconded by Ryan Wheeler to approve the Hurricane Police Department request to purchase Ford Explorer and Cellbrite software from Opioid money. **Motion** carried.

Announcements

Mayor Edwards announced that the Hurricane Harvest Festival will be Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 1-6pm at Hurricane City Park and that the regular October City Council meeting will be on Monday October 5, 2026 at 6:30pm.

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

Submitted

Date

Approved

Date