

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Felder, Herlong, Burton, Miller, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Ricky Deese, Maureen Deese, Darlene Smith, Robert Gallenz, Roger LeDuc, Neil Cunningham, Debra Aston, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the May 11, 2026 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Mr. Robert Gallenz reminisced on his time in law enforcement and expressed sadness at Chief Perry's retirement.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Holmes closed the public comments and moved into further business.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the April 13, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Herlong, to approve the April 2026 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the April bills.

Old Business

- (a) None.

New Business

- (a) The town's Administrator, Roger Leduc, briefly reviewed the FY26/27 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to Approve the First Reading of the FY26/27 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.
- (b) A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Herlong to Appoint Councilman Burton as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion passed unanimously.
- (c) Mayor Holmes briefly read of new committee assignments for Council.

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- (d) A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Felder, to Approve a Request of Sale from Ricky Deese. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 12 fire, 2 drills, and 4 new firemen since last meeting.
- Councilman Herlong reported 182 dispatched calls for the month for the Police Department.
- Councilman Felder thanked Mr. Ricky Deese for working on the Public Works trucks.

Office of Town Council

- None.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes thanked everyone for their support in the Peach Blossom festivities and stated that he was “proud our small town”, and that he’s hoping for good things and prosperity in the future.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk