

# **Johnston Town Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **September 8, 2025**

*The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, Berry, Felder, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Annette Holloway, Adrienne Pixley, Steven Brown, Kristy Dukes, Steven Flores, Robert Gallenz, John Pollard, Rita Pollard, Darlene Smith, Tony Baughman, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.*

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the September 2025 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

#### **Public Comments:**

Ms. Annette Holloway requested to expand the parameters of her Unity Festival.

Ms. Rita Pollard voiced concerns in regard to the missing town Welcome Sign. She also took it upon herself to plant flowers at the sign before it disappeared. Mayor Holmes advised Pollard that the landowner of the property where the sign had been located would not give permission to replace it.

Ms. Darlene Smith came to voice concerns regarding dilapidated lots and structures inside the town limits.

Mr. Steven Brown requested approval for a previously discussed event asking “what’s the issue?”. Councilman Burton expressed concerns with the seven-hour length of the show proposed, restroom availability, security, etc. Mayor Holmes recommended an extended request with response to the concerns attached. Mr. Brown and Mr. Amos Bryant agreed to resubmit the request with details to use Watson Park.

Mr. Tommie Williams inquired on why the town did not have a grocery store. A brief history on the situation was provided.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the August 11, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Berry, to approve the August 2025 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

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Council reviewed the August bills.

#### **Old Business**

- (a) Mayor Holmes reported continued work on the Edwards Building property to include the search for grant money for use in developing the property.
- (b) A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Berry to Approve Request from Annette Holloway for her Unity Day Event. The time being 12 p.m. until 4 p.m.. The town will close the streets off at 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.. The parameters of the event will extend from Edisto to Mims Streets. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

- A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Felder, to Approve and Adopt the 2025 Business License Ordinance. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Councilman Burton reported 7 fire calls and 2 drills since last meeting.
- Councilman Berry reported 574 dispatched calls since last meeting, 385 being property checks. Berry also stated that the Police Department fully staffed and all are qualified. Berry also voiced concerns on speeding on Highway 121 and the Four-lane.
- Councilman Felder reported one Public Works employee was out on medical leave and that the leaf machine is still down. Felder also reported that the department is still on the search for a truck.
- Councilman Nicholson reported that a mechanic is getting someone to take a look at the leaf machine.

#### **Office of Town Council**

- Councilman Burton showed concern of the continuous “eyesores” in town.
- Councilman Miller thanked everyone for showing concern for the town and offering help to improve it.
- Councilman Berry stated that he visited Warehouse A and was glad that it was completed.

#### **Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Holmes complimented the “hard working” Town Council and showed appreciation to the citizens and community.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Burton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton  
Municipal Clerk