

# **Johnston Town Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 9, 2026**

*The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, February 9, 2026 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Felder, Berry, Burton, Miller, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Annette Holloway, Darlene Smith, Willie Bethay, Neil Cunningham, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.*

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

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

#### **Public Comments:**

Mr. Willie Bethay thanked Mayor Holmes for putting salt down in front of his business during the snowstorm. Mr. Bethay also inquired on if there were any posted parameters for what can be posted on the town's LED sign and various things including grants for the town and county representatives.

Ms. Annette Holloway inquired on what would be a likeable percentage of growth to expect in the town? Mayor Holmes replied that he'd like to see a more residential growth between 2000-4000 residents. Ms. Holloway also recited a letter of appreciation to the town and then showed a few concerns about safety and coverage from extra police officers.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the January 12, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the January bills.

#### **Old Business**

- (a) Mayor Holmes stated that Ms. Annette's "Unity Day" will be every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February.

#### **New Business**

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- (a) A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Burton, to Approve Request from the Johnston Development Corp , requesting \$5000 to assist in funding the 2026 Peach Blossom Festival and for the Streets to be blocked off from Mims Street to Calhoun Street crossing to Church Street on Friday and from Butler Street to Edisto Street crossings on the Saturday of the Peach Blossom Festival. The motion passed unanimously.
- (b) Mayor Holmes and Council chose March 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM as the Budget Workshop date.
- (c) Mayor advised everyone that Capital Waste Services will be replacing the town's garbage cans for their cans and to put your old can out to the road when your new can is received.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Councilman Burton reported 9 fire calls and 3 drill since last meeting.
- Councilman Miller stated that girls softball will be starting soon.
- Councilman Berry reported that the Department is 2 officer short and that Chief Perry is doing better.
- Councilman Berry also reported 194 dispatched calls. Berry complimented Captain Coursey for holding down the Department in Chief Perry's absence.
- Councilman Felder complimented Public Works on their work ethic despite the weather we've been having and reported a few maintenance problems with machinery.

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

- Councilman Burton expressed that the town's been pretty quiet lately.
- Councilman Berry complimented Ms. Holloway on the progression of her Unity Day Event as the years go on.

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

- Mayor Holmes mentioned the passing of Bill Clyburn's wife and Captain Coursey's mom's surgeries. Holmes also met with the town's administrator Roger LeDuc regarding CDBG grants through Upper Savannah and is working with Edgefield County for a recreation grant for a pickleball court at Citizens Park.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Angel Melton  
Municipal Clerk