

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2025

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, October 13, 2025 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, and Nicholson. Councilmen Felder and Berry were absent. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Annette Holloway, Neil Cunningham, Rick Deese, Darlene Smith, Debra Aston, Louvenia Gordon, Jackie Smith, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

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

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Mr. Willie Bethay expressed thanks to the Mayor for helping with the busted pipe adjacent to his business and also inquired on any new grants for the town. Mayor Holmes responded by saying he will go into further detail in the Mayor's report.

Mr. Rick Deese complimented Council on being behind the renovations going on in the town and suggested that Council persuade business owners to keep their properties tidy.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Burton, to approve the September 8, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the September 2025 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the September bills.

Old Business

- (a) No Old Business was discussed in this meeting.

New Business

- Mayor Holmes updated everyone on the town's "Trunk or Treat" stating that everything had been approved for road closures and things are set to go. This event will be taking place October 30, 2025 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.
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- Mayor Holmes presented a Memorandum of Understanding for a multi-use path for the county between Edgefield, Trenton, and eventually Johnston. A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to approve and accept this Memorandum of Understanding. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 8 fire calls and 2 drills since last meeting.
- Mayor Holmes reported 684 dispatched calls since last meeting, some being property checks. The Police Department is still at full force. Holmes also reported the purchase of a new truck for Public Works.

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- Councilman Burton stated that he's hopeful to alleviate problems of dilapidated properties by the first of the year and showed concern of loud four wheelers in town.
- Councilman Miller thanked citizens and business owners for attending.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes mentioned the town's "Trunk or Treat" on October 30, 2025 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM and several other things including trash can letters, future changes in the Code of Ordinances, leaf machine maintenance for Public Works, Veterans Signs being put up, an Audit coming in November, possible pickleball courts at Citizen's Park, and grants. Holmes also thanked all staff and Council for their efforts and everyone else for attending.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk