

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, July 13, 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, Roger LeDuc, Willie Bethay, Debra Aston, Neil Cunningham, and Annette Holloway.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the July 13, 2026 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Mr. Willie Bethay showed concerns on the town's infrastructure, more specifically the water pipes underground. He stated that the pipes were pretty old and the roads just keep getting paved over them without fixing that problem beforehand. Mr. Bethay also inquired on empty lots and grants for home building and when mosquito spraying would take place.

Ms. Annette Holloway thanked everyone for supporting her Juneteenth event and wanted to put her request in for next year's event, including a possible fireworks show.

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 Felder, to approve the June 8, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the June bills.

Old Business

- (a) None.

New Business

- (a) None.

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Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 15 fire and 2 drills since last meeting.
- Councilman Herlong reported 299 dispatched calls for the month for the Police Department.

Office of Town Council

- Councilman Burton asked if the Public Works limb truck was down. Mayor Holmes replied that it was and would be back up and running soon.

Administrator's Report

- Roger LeDuc expressed that good things are happening in the town. He touched base on several things, including saving money on false duplicate roll carts, community development outreach for abandoned properties, grants for a future pavilion, a new annex space for the Fire Department, and updates on progress of the Arts Center.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes expressed love for the town and stated that we're just trying to progress. Holmes also thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter. The motion passed unanimously. No action was taken. A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Burton, to come out of Executive Session. Thereafter, a motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Felder to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk