

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, May 12, 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, Neil Cunningham, Dean Campbell, Debra Aston, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

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

Prior to Public Comments, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Miller, to Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-2 FY2025-25 Annual Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Felder, to approve the April 14, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the April bills.

Old Business

- (a) Mayor Holmes reported that he with help from the town's administrator, Roger LeDuc was encouraging the contractor selected to take down the Edwards Building to start work soon. May 16, 2025 is the most recent projected start date. Councilman Burton recommended that Council consider a financial penalty against the contractor for failure to start work, however, no action was take in regard to the recommendation.

New Business

- (a) A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Berry to go into an Executive Session on a Contractual Matter. The motion passed unanimously. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Berry,

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seconded by Councilman Felder to come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 18 fire calls and 2 drills since last meeting.
- Councilman Berry reported 883 dispatched calls since last meeting, 650 being property checks. Berry also reported that the Police Department has two vacancies and they are actively seeking to fill them.
- Councilman Felder reported that the leaf machine is still down, however, the chipper is up and working giving Public Works a chance to catch up on limb removal.

Office of Town Council

- Councilman Burton reported two street lights out in his ward and also suggested a monthly spreadsheet providing the status of the town's nuisance ordinance letters.
- Councilman Berry raised strong concern in regard to the detrimental effects some social media entries have on the town and the negative comments regarding the "no turn on red" signs in town.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes thanked the Johnston Development Board for a successful Peach Blossom Festival and also complimented the new mural downtown. Holmes also thanked Roger LeDuc and Chief Perry for their work and efforts on the good things going on in the town.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Felder to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk