

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, Felder, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Annette Holloway, Neil Cunningham, Rick Deese, Mo Deese, Darlene Smith, Karen Jensen, Andrew Arrowood, Robert Gallenz, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

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

Prior to Public Comments, A Public Hearing for the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2025-1 was addressed. A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2025-1 Edwards Building. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Ms. Annette Holloway expressed appreciation to the town for their support of her Unity Day event. Ms. Holloway also asked if there were certain protocols for Council Meetings. Mayor Holmes responded by telling her the town follows Robert's Rules of Order.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve the February 10, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the February bills.

Old Business

- (a) Mayor Holmes stated that per the town's administrator, Roger Leduc, demolition of the Edwards Building should begin this coming Friday.
- (b) Mayor Holmes informed council that checks for some storm damage had been received by the town.

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- (c) Mayor Holmes updated council on the Warehouse Building stating that its basically completed and they will be installing handrails for elderly assistance.

New Business

- (a) Mayor Holmes introduced some usage policy rules for the town's LED sign. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Burton to accept the following policy rules. The motion passed with a five to one vote.
- (b) Mayor Holmes reported that Dr. Morgan will be retiring in May and is open to donating some equipment to the next resident who comes along.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 9 fire calls and 2 drills since last meeting.
- Councilman Berry reported 356 dispatched calls since last meeting. As of March 31st the Police Department will be at full strength.
- Councilman Felder stated that the leaf machine is still down and it may be for a while. Public Works is also still 1 employee short.

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- Councilman Berry expressed that Ms. Holloway's Unity Fest as a great turn out. He stated that the weather was beautiful and it was well attended- more people than last year.
- Councilmen Berry and Burton voiced concern with garbage pickup personnel leaving carts in driveways and in streets after emptying them. Mayor assured them that he would bring it to the contractor's attention.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes mentioned an upcoming Budget Workshop and stated that he enjoyed the Unity Fest. Holmes also mentioned that Charles Nicholson was honored as Grand Marshal.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk