

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, March 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, Neil Cunningham, Marie Williams, Debra Aston, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

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

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Ms. Annette Holloway requested use of the Mims Memorial Park for “The Juneteenth Project”. Mayor Holmes replied that it was a part of Edgefield County.

Ms. Marie Williams brought forth concerns in regard to debris in the yard of a property adjacent to hers. Mayor Holmes advised her that the town will look into the matter and activate the nuisance ordinance if warranted.

Hearing no other 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 February 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the February bills.

Old Business

- (a) None.

New Business

- (a) Mayor Holmes advised Council that the town’s administrator Roger Leduc is working with the county on the town’s Comprehensive Plan.
- (b) Mayor Holmes also stated that Roger Leduc is also providing guidance to the town in its grants search and application.

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Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 8 fire calls and 2 training session since last meeting.
- Councilman Berry reported 89 dispatched calls that the Police Department is fully staffed, with 2 officers soon to be certified.
- Councilman Felder complimented Public Works on their work ethic and reported that one of the Department's truck were down.

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- Councilman Burton suggested that the town keep a close watch on various yards and stray animals.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes mentioned that early voting starts March 23rd and that regular voting will be held at the Johnston Elementary School gym and the American Legion. Holmes also reported that it would be Councilman Berry's last full Council Meeting as Councilman, since he will not be running for re-election. Also, the Peach Festival will be held the 1st Saturday in May.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Burton to go into Executive Session. No action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk