

# **Johnston Town Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 8, 2024**

*The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, April 8, 2024 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Berry, Miller, and Felder. Councilman Nicholson was absent. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Annette Holloway, Darlene Smith, Debra Aston, Bradley Carter, Caroline Carter, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.*

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the April 8, 2024 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

#### **Public Comments:**

Ms. Annette Holloway inquired on an update on the status of the warehouse renovation and any progress in regard to the Edwards Building future.

Caroline Carter requested assistance with a drainage issue caused by a beaver construction blocking the spillway located on a property partially owned by the town.

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 Burton, to approve the March 11, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Felder, to approve the March 2024 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the March bills.

#### **Old Business**

- A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Miller, to Consider Approval and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-1 Upper Story Dwellings. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

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- A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve appointment of Municipal Clerk as Angel Melton. The motion passed unanimously. Following this vote, a motion was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Felder, to approve appointment of Town Attorney as Jennifer Sumner. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Burton, to go into an Executive Session on Contractual Matters. The motion passed unanimously. No action came out of Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Berry to come out of Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.
- Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Berry, to Approve New Garbage Collection Contract (based on bids). The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Councilman Burton reported 4 fire calls, and 1 drill.
- Councilman Burton also took the floor to address questions posed by Ms. Annette Holloway during the public comments portion of the meeting.
- Councilman Berry reported 250 dispatched calls for the Police Department and 75 patrol checks and that the Police Department is now at full strength.
- Councilman Felder reported that the garbage services will be contracted out soon and will give the Public Works time for other tasks around town.

#### **Office of Town Council**

- Councilman Berry revisited Ms. Carter's request for assistance with removal of a beaver dam located on a spill way near their home. The discussion resulted in agreement to team up with the Carters, Federal Animal Control, and the town to remove the beavers.
- Councilman Burton inquired on if there will be a mosquito spraying coming soon.

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Holmes thanked Council and the ladies in the office for their work and effort. Holmes also reminded everyone that the town's annual Peach Blossom is coming up soon.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Felder to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton  
Municipal Clerk