

# **Johnston Town Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 12, 2024**

*The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, Nicholson, and Felder. Councilman Berry was absent. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Neil Cunningham, Tristan Jones, Annette Holloway, Debra Aston, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.*

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the February 12, 2024 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Ms. Annette Holloway thanked the town for attending and supporting her festival in January.

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 January 8, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the January 2024 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the January bills.

#### **Old Business**

- Mayor Holmes updated everyone regarding progress on the installation of the town's electronic sign. He expects to see the sign operational within a week. The Johnston Development Corporation contributed half the monetary balance.

#### **New Business**

- A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Felder, to Consider Approval of a Request from Johnston Development Corporation. The motion passed unanimously. Council approved a \$5000 contribution to the Peach Blossom Festival.
- Councilman Felder provided a detailed description of what is known as "The Hometown Heroes Banner Program" A motion was made by Councilman Miller,

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seconded by Councilman Nicholson to Consider Approval of Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Councilman Burton reported 8 fire calls, and 2 drill. Burton also reported a fire at the recycling center in Trenton and thanked the Johnston Fire Dept for the work ethic.
- Councilman Miller updated everyone on the Warehouse Project. He stated that contractors gave good bids. Miller also reported a small leak in the corner of the building adjacent to the Municipal Parking Lot on the side with the mural and reminded everyone of the coming of the Genealogical Society in town.
- Councilman Felder reported 298 dispatched calls for the Police Department, 84 of those being traffic stops and 77 patrol checks. Felder also reported that the Police Department and Public Works was short staffed at this time.

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

- Councilman Burton gave a heads up on mosquito spraying this year with reference to all of the rain of recent and the probability of its effect on the mosquito population. Burton also addressed a drainage problem on Lee Street and the need to provide assistance to a citizen in getting the church trash to the road for collection. Mayor Holmes advised that the trash collection can be done without her placing it at the road if she provides record of disability to the town.
- Councilman Miller recommended revisiting the point of allowing apartments above businesses in town. He also reported that bids are coming for renovations of portions of the warehouse in preparation for the Genealogical Society.

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

- Mayor Holmes reminded everyone of the upcoming budget meeting scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Holmes also announced that girls softball will be played in Johnston again this year. He's also meeting with Dominion Energy on changing the street lights to LED, and reminded citizens of the town's leash law and ordinances addressing livestock in the town.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton  
Municipal Clerk