

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, May 13, 2024 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Berry, Miller, Felder, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Annette Holloway, Darlene Smith, Keith Lynn, Neil Cunningham, Karen Jensen, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the May 13, 2024 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Mr. Keith Lynn inquired on a concern regarding tractor trailers parking downtown on Norfolk Southern's property. Mr. Lynn asked if the town permits it and if not, will the town continue to let it happen.

Darlene Smith showed concerned with dilapidated and overgrown properties around town and how the town will enforce yard cleanup.

Annette Holloway inquired about the progress on the Warehouse building and when it will be open for the genealogical society. She was also concerned about how the ARP funds were being spent and what the town was planning to do with the Edwards building.

Hearing no more 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 May 13, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the May bills.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

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- A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Felder to Consider Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-2 FY2024/25 Annual Budget. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to Consider Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-3 Planning and Zoning. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Felder to Consider Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-4 Flood Prevention. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to Approval Window Tint for Town Hall with the total being \$3,473.28. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 11 fire calls, and 2 drills.
- Councilman Miller announced progress for the Citizens Park's playground equipment and addressed the warehouse renovation status.
- Councilman Berry reported 385 dispatched calls for the Police Department, 152 patrol checks, 70 traffic stops, and that the Police Department is still at full strength.

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- Councilman Berry commented on the traffic light at Calhoun and Lee streets stating that it was a lengthy wait for it to turn. Berry also reported that three of the four beavers turned in by the Carter family for being nuisances have been captured and relocated.
- Councilman Burton expressed concern regarding a drainage issue adjacent to his property that is rapidly becoming an environmental hazard.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holmes reported that the asbestos problem with the Edwards Building was not as bad as expected, however removal will have to go out for state bid. Holmes also thanked Doug Landreth for providing breakfast for the Police Department on Peach Blossom day, thanked everyone who showed support to the Peach Blossom Festival.

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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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk