

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 PM, Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes and Councilmembers Burton, Berry, Miller, Nicholson, and Felder. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Police Chief John Perry, and Jack Reece from the Edgefield Advertiser.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the January 9, 2023, Council Meeting to order.

Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor **Holmes** closed the Public Comments.

A motion was made by Councilman **Nicholson**, seconded by Councilman **Felder**, to approve the December 12, 2022, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman **Berry**, seconded by Councilman **Felder**, to approve the December 2022 Financial Report as is. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed December bills.

Old Business

- Mayor **Holmes** informed citizens that met with someone regarding an electronic message board coming into the town. Holmes advised Council that the Johnston Development Board agreed to participate in purchase of the board.
- Mayor Holmes provided an update on the progress being made with plans to continue with improvements to the Railroad Warehouse.
- Mayor advised Council that Public Works was shorthanded and that the trash truck was getting less dependable. Holmes suggested that the Public Works committee research a plan to maintain operations.

New Business

- A motion was made by Councilman **Burton**, seconded by Councilman **Nicholson** to approve the second reading and adoption of the 2023-01 Business License Ordinance, with amended dates. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Mayor Holmes also reflected on town ordinances pertaining to fireworks. Councilman Burton presented remains from a firework that struck his house over the holidays, pointed out weaknesses in the ordinance and suggested intent to pursue changes.

Committee Reports

- Councilman **Burton** reported 11 fires, 1 Drills.

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- Councilman **Miller** met with Don Smoak with Dominion Energy at the ball field in regard to the lighting of the area.
- Councilman Berry reported that JPD is also fully staffed and had 168 calls and 49 traffic stops since the last meeting.

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- Councilman Burton mentioned that some street signs were missing in his ward.
- Councilman Berry expressed concerns on low lighting at Citizens Park.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Miller, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Angel Melton,
Municipal Clerk