

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, July 10, 2023, at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Berry, Burton, Miller, Felder, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Police Chief John Perry, Teresa Davis, and Donna Jackson.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the July 10, 2023 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Donna Jackson followed up on concerns from the previous Council Meeting regarding the safety of her neighborhood. Ms. Jackson described the concerns as loitering, shooting, fighting, and even racing up and down the street in cars. Mayor Holmes thanked her for sharing and reassured her that JPD has been on watch.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Holmes closed the public comments and moved into further business.

A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the June 12, 2023 Council Meeting minutes, with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the June 2023 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed June bills.

Old Business

- Mayor Holmes reported that the town has 18 security cameras around town, town hall, and even at the intersections.

New Business

- None.

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Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 8 fire calls and 2 drills since our last meeting.
- Councilman Berry reported a very busy month with 247 dispatch calls for the Police Department, 86 of those being traffic stops. The Police Department is still currently one officer short.
- Councilman Berry also reported that the town's website is up and running. (www.townofjohnstonsc.gov)
- Mayor Holmes stated that he is meeting with Mr. Holt with Edgefield County regarding concerns with our SRO.

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- Councilman Berry suggested a sign change at Citizens Park using money from the HATS fund. Berry also showed concerns regarding four wheelers, side-by-sides, and golf carts traveling on main roads untagged.
- Councilman Burton sympathized with citizens following the Public Comments concerning the safety of their neighborhood.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes advised everyone of the "No Turn on Red" signs at the intersection and the consequences of doing so. Holmes also stated that furniture, mattresses, and other large items will not be picked up by Public Works in trash pickup.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Burton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk