

# **Johnston Town Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **September 9, 2024**

*The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, September 9, 2024 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, and Nicholson. Councilmen Felder and Nicholson were absent. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Willie Bethay, Robert Gallenz, Neil Cunningham, Rick Deese, Annette Holloway, Darlene Smith, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.*

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the September 9, 2024 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

#### **Public Comments:**

- Mr. Robert Gallenz complimented the town on the number of citizens that attended the July Council meeting.
- Mr. Willie Bethay voiced concern in regard to emergency preparedness for the town and also commended Councilman Miller for help with spillage concern. Mr. Bethay also inquired on the training process for mosquito spraying.
- Mrs. Annette Holloway requested information in regard to current and future town projects and inquired on progress on the warehouse building and the Genealogical Society.
- Mayor Holmes referenced the Edgefield County Emergency Preparedness Plan and gave positive updates on current town projects underway.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Berry, to approve the August 12, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the August bills.

#### **Old Business**

- (a) None.

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#### **New Business**

- (a) Following a brief discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve the repairs needed for the Public Works Gator (engine replacement). The total in repairs being \$3906.02. the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Councilman Burton reported 13 fire calls, 1 training, and 1 drill since last meeting.
- Councilman Miller reported that the sinks, doors, and mirrors at the town's park had been fixed recently.
- Councilman Berry reported 688 dispatched calls, 437 being patrol checks and also that the Police Department is currently at full strength.
- Mayor Holmes complimented Public Works on their work ethic, reported a new hire, and 1 employee out on medical leave.

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

- Councilman Burton suggested a 30 day in advance requirement for request of use of town property be strictly adhered to.
- A discussion for use of the town's electronic message board followed with an agreement that close control of what the sign can be used for must continue.

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

- Mayor Holmes reported that the Genealogical Society was within weeks of opening and that the new trash pickup service was going very well.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Berry to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton  
Municipal Clerk