

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, February 10, 2025 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, Felder, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Annette Holloway, Rick Deese, Morgan Goldman, Andrew Arrowood, Robert Gallenz, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the February 10, 2025 Council Meeting to order.

Chief Perry briefly introduced the Police Department's two new police officers David J. Voiles and Jeffery McCartney. Council then welcomed them to Johnston and the police force.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Councilman Tommy Burton showed concerns on a drainage issue that resides in his ward that he feels is being neglected by the town. Burton stated that he gave the town the name and contact information of the owner of the property in which the issue originated from, however nothing was done to resolve it. Burton claimed he had been monitoring the property for over 50 years and the issue usually subsides, but now it isn't and says it will cause a mosquito problem in the future. Mayor Holmes responded by suggesting it may be a natural drain and that it will be up to the property owner to resolve if so. Mayor Holmes assured Burton that he would follow up on the issue.

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 January 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Burton, to approve the January 2025 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the January bills.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

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- (a) The town's administrator Roger LeDuc gave a brief update on the town's 2023-24 audit, stating that the town had good financial gain and spending habits.
- (b) Mr. LeDuc also gave several other updates and information including town signs, council tools, co-sponsorships, FEMA, citizens loans, etc.
- (c) A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to Approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-1, Partial Sale of the Edwards Building to Mr. Ricky Deese. The motion passed unanimously.
- (d) A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Felder to Approve Request from the Johnston Development Board to donate \$5000 towards the 2025 Peach Blossom. The motion passed unanimously.
- (e) Mayor Holmes informed everyone that Red Cross will be at Town Hall February 13th from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM and February 14th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM to help with any assistance.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Berry reported 266 dispatched calls and 139 patrol checks since last meeting.
- Councilman Felder stated that the leaf machine is still down and that they're still waiting on a part. Public Works is also still 1 employee short.

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- Councilman Burton says he's glad to see nuisance letters were being sent out.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes once again complimented the town on having a good audit and thanked Andrew for all his help and work with the Genealogical Society.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Burton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk