

# **Johnston Town Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **November 12, 2024**

*The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 12, 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, Neil Cunningham, Louvenia Gordon, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.*

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Holmes opened the floor for public comments.

#### **Public Comments:**

No public comments.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Berry, to approve the October 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the October bills.

#### **Old Business**

- (a) Mayor Holmes reported that the Warehouse renovations are progressing and are striving to have them completed by December. Holmes reiterated that the task hasn't been an easy one, but the building looks nice.

#### **New Business**

- (a) Following a brief discussion of the quotes, a motion was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to Approve fence repair. The motion passed unanimously.
- (b) The Johnston Development Corporation submitted a request to the town to close the parking areas on the warehouse/library side of Calhoun Street between Lee Street

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- and Edisto Street for the town's annual Tree Lighting Festivities. A motion made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Berry, to approve this request. The motion passed unanimously.
- (c) Brian Hinson submitted a request to the town asking to use the sidewalk in front of the Library to have a "jam session" for the public to get more attention and hopefully recruit more musicians. A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Burton to approve this request. The motion passed unanimously.
- (d) A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to Approve the 2025 Council Meeting and Holiday Schedules. The motion passed unanimously.
- (e) Following some discussion on the matter and quote, a motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Felder, to approve a quote from RadarSign, the total being \$3,758.25. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Councilman Burton reported 7 fire calls and 2 drills. He also thanked the Fire Department for the work they've been doing.
- Councilman Berry reported 374 dispatched calls, 215 patrol checks, and 53 traffic stops. He then reported that the Police Department was still fully staffed.
- Councilman Felder expressed appreciation for Public Works for getting the Hometown Hero banners put up.

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

- Councilman Berry inquired on when Public Works will be back to picking up yard brush. Mayor Holmes responded stating that it would be 90 days or whenever DOT and FEMA were done picking up the larger debris.

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

- Mayor Holmes commended residents of Johnston for the good work they did after the storm and reported the Grand Opening of PapaRoni's.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Angel Melton  
Municipal Clerk