

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, August 10, 2026 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Felder, Herlong, Burton, Miller, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Debra Aston, Neil Cunningham, Sgt Justin Griner, Steve Fulton, Tonya Guy, Justin Guy, and Annette Holloway.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Holmes called the August 10, 2026 Council Meeting to order.

Prior to Public Comments, Mayor Holmes introduced the new Police Chief Chris Cockrell. Chief Cockrell resides in Saluda, South Carolina, however, came from the policing in the Town of Andrews. Council and attendees welcomed Chief Cockrell.

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Ms. Debra Aston stated that her water meter was paved over while the roads were getting repaved and was concerned that if her pipe was to burst, she wouldn't be able to turn the water off. Mayor Holmes gave her suggestions on who to contact to find a solution to her problem.

Mr. Steve Fulton stated that he appreciated the town for making him feel welcomed, however he mentioned that some trees were down in his area and were blocking the roadway. Mayor Holmes suggested that he contact DOT to handle the issue.

Ms. Annette Holloway returned with numerous concerns of the condition of the downtown area and inquired on the process to improve the area. Councilman Burton replied that the whole town should be the focus along with the downtown area. Mayor Holmes also explained the process of town cleanup plans.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Felder, to approve the July 13, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Burton, to approve the July 2026 Financial Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the July bills.

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Old Business

- (a) Mayor Holmes mentioned working on a \$300,000 grant for Community Development with Upper Savannah, a new Fire Station Annex, Progress of the Arts Building renovations, and several other future projects.
- (b) Mayor Holmes gave an update on garbage collection changes, including a new side loader truck that the company will be using and new can replacements for residents all over the town.

New Business

- (a) A motion was made by Councilman Burton, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to Approve Resolution 2026-1 Community Development Grant Match. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 12 fire and 2 drills since last meeting.

Office of Town Council

- None.

Administrator's Report

- None.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes expressed for Council and their support of helping better the town and also welcome the new Police Chief Cockrell once again.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Herlong to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk