

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, November 10, 2025 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, and Nicholson. Councilmen Felder and Berry were absent. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Annette Holloway, Neil Cunningham, Rick Deese, Darlene Smith, Debra Aston, Louvenia Gordon, Jackie Smith, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

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

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Mr. Robert Gallenz came to report that there were two stores with stop signs that were damaged.

Ms. Annette Holloway thanked the Police Department for their efforts in making sure everyone who attended her event had parking and was safe.

Mr. Willie Bethay inquired on the progress of the lights that Public Works maintains on the building of his business.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the October 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the October bills.

Old Business

- (a) Mayor Holmes reported that Norfolk Southern will be working on the railway in town and the town is preparing to sell the old garbage truck and some police vehicles.

New Business

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- (a) The town's administrator, Roger Leduc, presented a few updates to be made to the Code of Ordinances. Council had a very lengthy discussion regarding the updates.
- The 2026 Holiday and Council Meeting schedules were presented to Council. A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Miller, to Approve the 2026 Holiday and Council Meeting Schedules. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 14 fire calls and 2 drills since last meeting.
- Councilman Miller stated that the swings on the playground at Citizens Park have been taken down, however, he has a Quote for a combo for \$4000, not including mulch.
- Councilman Berry reported that the Police Department is currently 2 officers short.

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- Councilman Burton showed strong concern of dilapidated properties.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes stated that he's working with Upper Savannah to get some things done around town. He also thanked the town's staff and Council for their efforts and informed everyone of the town's Christmas Tree Lighting on December 1, 2025.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to adjourn and go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. No action was taken while in Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to come out of Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk