

Johnston Town Council

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2025

The Johnston Town Council held their regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Johnston Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Holmes, and Councilmen Burton, Miller, Berry, Felder, and Nicholson. Also present were Finance Director Belinda Cockrell, Municipal Clerk Angel Melton, Georgia Mason, Phoebe Mason, Tommie Williams, Annette Holloway, Betty Edwards, Adrienne Pixley, and Jack Reece from The Edgefield Advertiser.

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

Prior to Public Comments, Police Chief John Perry introduced the Police Department's newest officer, Justin Griner. Griner was formerly employed at the Saluda Police Department. Council welcomed Officer Griner to the town.

Mayor Holmes then opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments:

Ms. Annette Holloway expressed thanks for the town's support in her event last year and presented a proposal for a Unity Day event in 2026. The event is set to take place February 7, 2026 and will include an extended parade route and additional activities. Council took the request for consideration and will advise Mrs. Holloway as soon as possible.

Tommie Williams addressed council in regard to road maintenance. Council advised Mr. Williams to contact the county DOT to bring road repairs to their attention.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Felder, seconded by Councilman Nicholson, to approve the July 14, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council reviewed the July bills.

Old Business

- (a) Mayor Holmes informed everyone that the removal of the Edwards Building is completed and has a bit of leveling that's needed.

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New Business

- (a) Following a lengthy discussion on a few discrepancies in the request of the event, a motion was made by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilman Nicholson to table the request for a “Car Show” in Watson Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Councilman Burton reported 6 fire calls and 2 drills since last meeting.
- Council Miller reported that the town has about \$4,500 in PARD funds to spend and also stated that the Citizens Park will be getting new swings and other equipment.
- Councilman Berry reported 531 dispatched calls since last meeting, 368 being property checks. Berry also stated that the Police Department is still actively searching for an already certified officer to join the force and that the hardware for computers for police will soon be finished.
- Councilman Felder reported that Public Works is down 1 employee due to a medical procedure.

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- Councilman Burton expressed that the Watson Park Armory should be top priority to be fixed up for future usage perhaps for shelter.
- Councilman Berry inquired on if the town is looking to retrieve other items for the Citizens Park in addition to swings. Councilman Miller replied that the equipment is still in good condition.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Holmes stated that he had been speaking with the town's administrator Roger Leduc about various grants and will present other ideas in a later meeting. He also reported that Warehouse A should be completed within the next 30 days and that the Town of Johnston is debt free!

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 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Melton
Municipal Clerk