

City of North English  
City Council Proceedings  
Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

- The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Strohman, Haugland, Carter, Garringer, and O'Rourke. Edwards was initially absent; arrived after agenda approval. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employees Knipfer and Lee, City Attorney Kraushaar, Andrew Custer, Bonnie Romine, Laura Sauser, Jonathan Beachy, and Tim Beachy.
- Haugland, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, abs; O'Rourke, yes.
- Heyne administered the Oath of Office for recently elected mayor and council members.
- Bonnie Romine approached the council with the end of year PINE report and FY24-25 budget request.
- O'Rourke, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 Authorizing Strohman to sign documents related to the upcoming Washington Street project on the city's behalf. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Garringer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve the I-DOT Funding Agreement for the Washington Street project. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Jonathan and Tim Beachy, along with Laura Sauser, addressed the council with a request that the city support them, to allow them to apply for two Catalyst grants through the state for a project that would renovate two properties on Main Street. The grant requires the city to contribute to the project. Details of what the city's contribution could be ensued along with possible contingencies. Topic will be revisited in January with a list of what the city is willing to contribute and will be voted on at that point.
- A discussion regarding new bathrooms at the City Park was discussed. Topic is tabled to allow further investigation into a different location for the bathrooms and available grants.
- Strohman indicated the new sidewalk installed by Casey's has a dip in it and does not drain properly. He has notified the DOT and they will come back to fix the issue.
- Garringer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve the Acumen Service Agreement. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Carter, seconded by Edwards, made a motion to approve the proposed Health Insurance renewal plan. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- O'Rourke, seconded by Edwards, made a motion to approve Dollar General's liquor license renewal. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Edwards, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve Main St. Pub's liquor license renewal. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Carter, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 allowing City Clerk to close out the WW Improvement Construction project checking account.
- Property reports discussion.
- City Services. Knipfer indicated the blowers had been serviced as was approved at a previous meeting.
- Garringer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to approve Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Edwards, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve December 2023 bills to be paid as indicated on the handout (\$38,769.61) also noting the bills paid after the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting indicated on report. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Edwards, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Utility Report was shared.
- Public Comments: None.
- Council Communications: Haugland indicated he's received complaints about the minimum charge on empty lots that have service lines. This will be put on the January agenda. Strohman thanked Edwards for his time and service on the council and welcomed Custer to the group.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer