

City of North English
City Council Proceedings
Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024
6:30 p.m.

- The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Strohman, Haugland, Carter, Custer, Garringer, and O'Rourke. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employees Knipfer and Lee, City Attorney Kraushaar, Librarian Annette Shannahan, Laura Sauser, and Jonathan Beachy.
- Garringer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Carter, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 Mayoral Appts with Custer being appointed to Finance and Garringer being appointed to (alternate) Emergency Management. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Garringer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to send the January meeting information to the Current, but to get more details from the Sigourney News Review and have a vote in February as to the official paper for the city. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Strohman gave an update on the Washington Street project.
- Shannahan addressed the council with a year-end library report and a budget increase request for FY25.
- Beachy and Sauser addressed the council regarding support for a Catalyst Grant at 118 S. Main.
- Garringer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion agreeing to pay \$12,000 for two years (once in FY25 and once in FY26) contingent upon the award of the grant as well as in kind items including the city owned empty lot directly north of 118 S. Main and tax abatement as described in Item 5 of the letter dated Dec. 13, 2023 by Brodor Properties. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, abstain; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- NE Community Center letter was shared with the council thanking them for their continued support.
- O'Rourke, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve LL Pelling's 2024 Seal Coat Unit Pricing proposal. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Discussion was had pertaining to minimum utility charges for vacant properties. No action taken.
- Strohman gave a brief report on property issues.
- City Services. Heyne indicated the State is implementing a new budget process. Council agreed to have FY25 Budget workshop at the end of the February meeting. Heyne also reported the auditor will begin their Exam review on January 22nd. Lee reported the DNR performed a WW Inspection last week.
- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve Dec. 6th Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- O'Rourke, 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; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Haugland, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve January 2024 bills to be paid as indicated on the handout (\$64,378.38) plus any regular bills that arrive after the meeting. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Utility Report was shared.
- Public Comments: None.
- Council Communications: None
- Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer