

City of North English  
City Council Proceedings  
Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

- The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, and Vicki Oswald.
- 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.
- Custer, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve the Sigourney News-Review as the city's official newspaper moving forward. 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. Information will be sent to contractors in late March with the bid letting scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Heyne shared an email to the council from Cassie O'Rourke regarding 2024 Fun Days plans. Fun Days will be scheduled for July 26, 27, and 28. Garringer, seconded by Custer, made a motion to give permission for the Fun Days activities Cassie addressed and pledged \$2500 towards the fireworks display. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Oswald shared information related to a grant available for an exterior defibrillator and asked permission to pursue the grant. If approved for the grant, the box would have to be installed on the exterior of a public building. Custer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve Oswald's request to pursue the grant. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- O'Rourke, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02: REIC 28E Agreement. 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 approve the appointment of Gerald Haugland to the North English Fire Board. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Strohman gave a brief report on property issues.
- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to set the Public Hearing date for the Property Tax Levy Hearing for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- City Services. Strohman discussed the snow storm we had several weeks ago and the logic behind clearing the roads. Many towns had the same issues we had – removing the slush resulted in a layer of ice the following morning.
- Carter, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Garringer, seconded by O'Rourke, 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 Carter, made a motion to approve February 2024 bills to be paid as indicated on the handout (\$19,214.57) noting the additional \$11,370.42 paid after the January 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: Oswald indicated she had traveled to Iowa City during the snow event and their roads were much worse than ours and thanked the guys for doing what they could.
- Council Communications: None
- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.
- Council and employees then engaged in a FY25 budget workshop.

Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer