

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

- The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 at 6:35 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Strohman, Haugland, Garringer, Carter, and Custer. O'Rourke was initially absent. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employees Knipfer and Lee, City Attorney Kraushaar, Cassie O'Rourke, Dane Inselmann, Vincent Roth and Casey Jarmes.
- 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; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, absent.
- O'Rourke arrived at 6:36 pm.
- Strohman observed resident who had asked to address the council regarding Item 3 was not in attendance and suggested moving on with the agenda and returning to Item 3 should the resident arrive.
- Cassie O'Rourke and Dane Inselmann addressed the Council regarding Fun Days. Permission was granted to allow for the car show, Fun Run, and allowing Freeman Foods to use the city parking lot south of the grocery store for grilling.
- Strohman opened a conversation regarding Knoll Ridge and clarified information that was taken out of context. O'Rourke and Roth added information as well.
- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to set the Public Hearing date for April 24th to approve Resolution 2024-06 regarding HMA Resurfacing – Washington Street. 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 set the FY25 Budget Adoption Public Hearing for April 24th at 6:30 pm. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Custer, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to open the Public Hearing related to FY24 Budget Amendment. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- As there were no comments, Garringer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to close the Public Hearing related to FY24 Budget Amendment. 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 Resolution 2024-07: FY24 Budget Amendment. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Strohman informed the council about a pedestrian bridge at the east end of the Smoky Row Trail. Laura Sauser is looking into a grant for this project. Garringer, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to contribute \$5000 to the bridge project if we get the grant. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- A discussion was had with Kraushaar related to recent dog bite incidents and how to proceed. Strohman asked Kraushaar to converse with Sheriff Rotter to see what's needed to remove dog from city when this happens.
- Garringer, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve Freeman Foods liquor license renewal. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, abstain; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Carter, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to approve updating the "school" signs on Main Street. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Discussion related to parking on West Oak street and congestion near the Methodist Church. Strohman to investigate further.
- Strohman discussed current property issues. Haugland, seconded by Carter, made a motion to pursue legal action related to East Oak Street property. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- City Services.
 - o Dave indicated they are still looking for summer help for mowing, trimming, etc.
 - o Dave reported the tower level gauge is having issues and they are working through that.
- Garringer, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve Mar. 6th Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, abstain.
- 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; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Garringer, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve April 2024 bills to be paid as indicated on the handout (\$85,434.12). 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 7:30 p.m.

Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer