

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
April 17, 2024**

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call:

Gail Genin, Dean Becker, Deb Humann, Marc Mullen and Daniel White. Absent was Dustin Pavek, Dustin Hingos and CC Liason Kevin Robinson.

Others in attendance: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator and Beth Richmond, City Planner;

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Humann to appoint Dustin Pavek as Chair, second by Becker. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Humann to appoint Deb Humann as vice chair, second by Becker. Motion passed 5-0

4. Adopt Agenda: Motion by Genin , second by Becker to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Approve Minutes: Motion by White, second by Becker to approve the December 17, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Public Hearing:

a. Solar Farm Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Beth Richmond walked through the planning packet.
Public Hearing opened at 7:10 pm.

Bryan Burant, Connexus Energy presented an update on the overall project. The goal is to partner with Northrop Grumman. This is similar to projects in Athens and Stanford Township and ties into the Crown substation. All power stays local.

Public Hearing closed at 7:12 pm.

Motion by Mullen to accept the ordinance amendment as presented by staff, second by Becker. Motion carried 5-0

8. Regular Business Items – None

9. Planning Commission Discussion - None

10. Adjournment:

Motion by Humann, second by Becker to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Website Link to Packets and Minutes for the Planning Commission:

<https://www.stfrancismn.org/meetings>

Recorded by: Kate Thunstrom

DATE APPROVED: