



Spearfish Planning Commission
Regular Session Minutes
August 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

The Spearfish Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the council chamber of city hall and via Zoom video conference. Chairman Bordewyk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Toby Bordewyk, Meghan Byrum, Abe Kean, Bob Meyer, Larry Vavruska, and Barbara Zwetzig. Absent: Greg Kruskamp. Also present: City Planner Jayna Watson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Zwetzig moved, Byrum seconded and all voted to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Bordewyk called for any potential conflicts of interest to be identified. No conflicts were expressed.

1. **Request:** Solar Energy Conversion Facilities Code Update

Location: City-wide

Applicant: City of Spearfish

Action: Provide Input

Watson provided an overview of the proposed ordinance language. Input from the Commission included refinements to the points system as it applies to ranges of numbers, the points possible in the visual mitigation category, maximum height of a ground mounted solar panel, maximum area of solar panel footprint, and the potential for a future amendment of the regulations if the maximums described for ground mounted panel height and land area of a solar panel footprint becomes too limiting. **No action was taken.**

2. **City Council Update** – Watson reviewed the agenda from August 2nd which included the appointment of Rapid City law firm Gunderson Palmer Nelson and Ashmore to represent the city while Ashely McDonald serves as interim City Administrator, the passage of a change of zoning for Tract H at Countryside and preliminary plat approval for the 9 lot subdivision at the Woodlands.
3. **Public Comment** – No comments were received.
4. **Adjournment** - Bordewyk adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.