

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
December 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmitz at 8:23 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Schmitz, Council Members Hommerding and Genereux; City Administrator McCabe. Deputy Clerk Claussen, City Attorney Mike Couri, Honer Attorney Adam Ripple, Jim and Janelle Honer. Council Member Backes and Skaalerud was absent.

HONER VARIANCE APPEAL:

All members were present for the Planning Commission hearing and as such, did not need to go over the evidence again.

Mr. Couri discussed reasons why Mr. Schmitz may want to abstain from voting due to his presence in the Honer Timeline. Mr. Schmitz agreed, and said he would abstain.

Mr. Schmitz opened the public forum at 8:27 pm.

Mr. Ripple asked that all Planning commission testimony be put on record.

Mr. Hommerding stated he agreed with the Planning Commission that the Honer residence could be considered a farmstead. Mr. Genereux also agreed.

Mr. Hommerding made a motion to approve Mr. Honers' appeal, as the property could be considered a farmstead based on evidence provided, with the contingency the proper paperwork be file immediately to increase the parcel size to at least five acres.

Mr. Genereux seconded, both voting aye, Mr. Schmitz abstaining.

ADJOURN: Mr. Hommerding made a motion to adjourn at 8:35, Mr. Genereux seconded motion. All approved. 3-0

Approved this 8th day of December, 2025.

Jeff Schmitz, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator