

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the North Mankato Port Authority Commission was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Monday, October 1, 2018.

President Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following were present: Commissioners Olenius, Dehen, Whitlock, Freyberg, Norland, and Arnold Executive Vice President Harrenstein, Finance Director McCann, Community Development Director Fischer and City Clerk Van Genderen. Absent: Commissioner Steiner.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Dehen moved, seconded by Commissioner Norland, to approve the minutes of the Port Authority meeting of August 20, 2018. Vote on the motion: Olenius, Dehen, Freyberg, Whitlock, Norland, and Arnold aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Dehen moved, seconded by Commissioner Norland to Approve the bills as presented. Vote on the motion: Olenius, Dehen, Freyberg, Whitlock, Norland, and Arnold aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Approve Northside Revival Application for 526 Wall Street.

Executive Vice President Harrenstein invited the applicant Matthias Leyrer to the podium to answer questions about the proposed project. Community Development Director Fischer reviewed the program stating the purpose is to assist North Mankato residents to make improvements to their homes. No income limits apply, and the application is flexible to accommodate several projects. The proposed project includes interior attic updates, porch updates, stucco brick, insulation, and gutter and downspouts. Finance Director McCann reported there was a decrease in the proposed grant and loan amounts of about \$500.00. The applicant would receive \$1,000 in grant and \$18,654 in loans; the amounts were adjusted based on project costs. Finance Director McCann noted the interest rate states 1% above Prime Rate which would make the interest 6.25% and stated the Port might want to consider setting the rate at Prime Rate. Commissioner Norland requested clarification on if there would be energy efficiencies made. Mr. Leyrer stated they planned on insulating the attic which will help with energy efficiency. Commissioner Arnold stated he drove by the project and believes this project fits the program. Commissioner Dehen requested clarification on if the wiring would be updated. Mr. Leyrer noted that the old knob and tube that was visible in one of the pictures are ready to be pulled. Commissioner Norland moved, seconded by Commissioner Olenius to approve the Northside Revival Application with the rate set at prime. Vote on the motion: Olenius, Dehen, Freyberg, Whitlock, Norland, and Arnold aye. Motion carried.

Other Business

Executive Vice President Harrenstein requested direction from the Port Authority to determine if the Port Authority would like to continue to review each Northside Revival

Application or if the Port Authority would like to authorize the President and Executive Vice President the authority to review the applications and if the application meets the guidelines to approve the application. The Executive Vice President also stated the program had been slightly modified as staff was having a difficult time finding an architect who would review the plans and so the current plans were reviewed by DeMars Construction. Staff would like to continue to use DeMars Construction for project review.

Commissioner Freyberg stated he believed the Port Authority should continue to review the program applications. Commissioner Arnold stated with only two a year he did not know if it would be necessary for the Port Authority to meet to review the applications. Commissioner Norland indicated she would prefer to review the applications. Commissioner Whitlock stated he enjoyed reviewing the applications. Commissioner Dehen stated that maybe the Port Authority should review the first 3 to 5 and then maybe revisit whether they should continue to review.

Executive Vice President Harrenstein invited Doug Farforth from BlueStar Power Systems to the podium. Mr. Farforth reported he had provided the Port Authority renderings of the building they would be building. He stated it should be completed in September or October of 2019 and thanked the Port Authority for their support.

Open Meeting to the Public

Phil Henry, 1300 Noretta Drive, appeared before Council and stated he appreciated Northside Revivals and encouraged a low-interest rate, and stated he did not want the process closed.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dehen moved, seconded by Commissioner Olenius, to adjourn. Vote on the motion: all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

President

Secretary