

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 28, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor St. Ores.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Hanson, Carlson, and McGann

Members Absent: Councilmember Goldston

Staff Present: City Administrator Logan Martin and Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor

DISCUSS POSSIBLE USE OPTIONS FOR THE INSPRIATION NATURE CENTER

Administrator Martin reviewed the background regarding the recent transfer of restored prairie/open space to the city, including the nature center building, per the conservation easement that was approved as part of the original Inspiration development. The building consists of approximately 1,000 square feet and is equipped for year-round use. A visual inspection by Building Official John Buckley indicated no major concerns with the building's structure or mechanical systems and estimated 15-20 years of life expectancy remained for these items. Administrator Martin reviewed the pros and cons of two potential use options for building, including private use/ownership most likely by the Inspiration homeowner's association or public use/ownership and rental of the building by the city. The consensus of the City Council was to retain ownership of the building, as intended by the original developer's agreement and conservation easement, and pursue efforts to offer the building for rent to the general public for special events, similar to other public park facilities/buildings, beginning as early as this spring. The City Council concurred with staff's recommendation to develop similar rental policies and procedures currently in place for the Lakeside Park Beach House, as well as establish rental fees reasonable to offset ongoing maintenance and operation costs. A discounted rental fee for education/non-profit organizations was discussed, as well as offering complimentary use of the building to the Inspiration homeowner's association for one scheduled meeting per month for the remainder of 2016, to allow time for the association to budget for and identify a future meeting location. Administrator Martin noted a recommendation for rental fees would be provided for City Council consideration at an upcoming meeting, to be incorporated into Appendix D – Fee Schedule of the Bayport City Code of Ordinances. Following discussion, Administrator Martin led the City Council on a brief tour of the building.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Hanson and seconded by Councilmember McGann to adjourn the workshop at 6:25 p.m.