

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Approval of Agreements for the Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend approval of the two (2) lease agreements with Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza, Inc., a non-profit corporation (Veterans). The lease agreements include expansion of the exterior Veterans Memorial area at Hoyt Park and a lease of a portion of the building to be used by this group as an office. These agreements have been approved by me as to substance and by the City Attorney as to form.

Justification:

On July 25, 2005, Veterans entered into a lease with the City to create and maintain a memorial area at Hoyt Park. It has been a successful and well-received venture. Veterans wish to expand the area so they may place additional memorial monuments and better maintain the area.

In addition, Veterans would like use of one section of the warming house for an office. The group will pay for the cost of utilities and upkeep in a portion of the building that is not currently being used by the City. The group's use of this office would not interfere with any potential recreational activities at Hoyt Park.

The Veterans has supplied insurance and will indemnify the City against liability. Both leases are revocable upon 30 days notice if circumstances require the City to regain possession of these two areas.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation from the City Manager be approved.