

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Cemeteries Mower Purchase

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that a purchase order be issued to Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a mower to be used by the Cemeteries Division.

This vendor meets all requirements of §14.23, "Vendors", of "Purchasing, Contracting, and Selling Procedure," of Chapter 14, "Finance and Purchasing, of "Title 1, "General Provisions" of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances O-1.

Funds for this purchase are available in the Cemeteries Operation Repairs and Replacement Account No. 101-1747-821.97-20.

Justification:

The City purchased a Toro 74253 Z-Master mower in 2008 for \$9,979.98. The mower has had many maintenance problems and is not able to withstand the type of usage required in City Cemeteries. Spartan Distributors has offered to refund the cost of the mower and apply it to the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 7210, which is a heavier duty mower. This mower is a demonstration unit that has approximately the same number of hours as the mower the City is trading in. A new Toro Groundsmaster 7210 would cost \$17,294.00 at State bid price.

Council Action:

Council_____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.