



## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

### City Council Agenda Communication

**Meeting Date:** 06-21-2021

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**Agenda Item:** Wide Area Mower Purchase Consideration

**Explanation:** Fiscal year 21-22 allows for the replacement of the John Deere Wide Area Mower. Staff has looked at the different options for this replacement and have been very impressed with the mowing capabilities of the Ventrac mowers. They have been able to go places, and do things the current two mowers can't.

The Ventrac mower demo was completed using a wide area mower with a gas engine and also with a diesel engine. Both of these options performed very well. If approved, the diesel option would be recommended because of fueling. The city owns its own diesel tank and this has better access for the 29' mowing trailer hauling the mowers.

Ventrac is a member of the Sourcewell network and would satisfy the competitive bidding requirement. Results of pricing are shown below and also attached.

Ventrac Tractor Wide Area Mower	\$30,197.20
Trade in Value for current WAM	- \$7500.00
Freight	+ \$767.00
Setup Charges	+ \$979.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,443.20</b>

**Fiscal Impact:** \$44,000 has been budgeted in account #502-000-800-1500

#### **Recommendation/**

**Committee Discussion Summary:** As you can see the Ventrac mower has come in well under budget and staff would recommend approval for the purchase of the wide area mower.

**Action Requested:** Approval of up to the budgeted amount to cover any changes in freight or unforeseen problems before the equipment is shipped.