



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Monday July 11th, 2022

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Agenda Item: Early Purchase of Plow Trucks Discussion

Explanation: Fiscal Year 24-25 MERF schedule allows for replacement of two 2013 International Dump Trucks used by the Public Works Department. These two trucks, Lin #1 and Lin #2, are the last two in the fleet that have the Navistar Engine that has been the cause of some issues and concerns. In April Council approved the purchase of a Western Star Chassis with a Koenig Body Build for FY 22-23. In August, prices for Western Star model year 2024/build year 2023, will be available and Staff was told by Koenig that prices would stay the same, if ordered this year, for two more body builds but prices will probably go up 10 to 15% if we wait until next year.

Fiscal Impact: No FY 22-23 impact.

Committee Discussion: Staff would recommend ordering Lin #1 and #2's replacement truck this year and take delivery in FY 23-24, one year earlier than scheduled. This would remove the last two Navistar Engine Trucks from the fleet and the current trucks would see one less winter, when they are used the most. Also lead times are still around 12 months. Starting the purchase of them this year vs next year could save on possible inflation cost, maintenance cost and if parts are on backorder, downtime of the current trucks. The Public Works Committee was in support of Staff recommendation.

Action Requested: Committee of the Whole Discussion and Direction.