



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Tuesday September 19th, 2022

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Agenda Item: Early Plow Truck Chassis Purchase Authorization

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 and Staff would like to replace them one year ahead of schedule. In April, Council approved the purchase of a Western Star Chassis to replace Lin #23 in FY 22-23, for \$113,017.00.

After speaking with Truck Centers Inc Friday, they can only allocate one Western Star Chassis to the City at this time. Staff was told after trucks are allocated, if the economy slows or someone cancels an order, they may be able to let City purchase a second truck.

Western Star Chassis Quote

One Chassis	\$113,017.00
Two Chassis	\$226,034.00

This represents a 0% increase per chassis.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$226,034.00 for the Western Star Chassis in most likely Fiscal Year 2023-2024 based on anticipated delivery.

Staff's Recommendation: Staff would recommend purchase authorization for up to two Western Star Chassis. Depending on allocation staff would authorize the purchase to replace either Lin #1, Lin #2 or both trucks and take delivery in FY 23-24, one year earlier than scheduled. 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. Lead times are still around 12 months. Feedback from the Public Works Committee and Committee of the Whole was in support of Staff's recommendation to purchase two Western Star Chassis.

Action Requested: Approve purchase authorization to order up to two Western Star Chassis through Truck Centers Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$226,034.00.