



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Monday July 10th, 2023

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Agenda Item: Bucket Truck Surplus Discussion

Explanation: The City was gifted a 1994 GMC bucket truck in 2012 and replaced it in FY 19-20 with a 2008 Ford 550 bucket truck. The bucket truck is currently being used when changing out banners, changing out yard lights and trimming some trees. Between the MERF Funding, insurance, yearly certification and routine maintenance, the bucket truck is estimated to cost \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year. These tasks along with higher maintenance cost, don't seem to justify the yearly cost of the bucket truck. Staff's initial discussion have resulted in the following alternative options.

- Cost of renting equipment to complete these tasks
- Purchasing a less expensive piece of equipment
- Hiring out some of the tasks

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Staff's Recommendation: Staff would recommend moving away from the bucket truck and exploring other options to complete these tasks.

Action Requested: Committee Discussion and Direction