



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Monday, July 7, 2025

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Agenda Item: Update – Change in Chemical Supplier, Fluoride

Explanation: Council awarded Alexander Chemical Corporation the fluoride contract for the 25-26 fiscal year. They informed us that the distribution center they will be using will not haul away the used drums. The water treatment plants typically will go through around 30 drums of fluoride a year. Past suppliers have hauled away the used drums. Alexander Chemical Corporation has voluntarily withdrawn their bid, understanding the hardship of disposing of the used drums. Staff originally bid this out in February. Hawkins did not bid on fluoride because they were under the impression they could only bid on one chemical and Brenntag's bid was received a day after the bid opening.

Staff reached out to Brenntag Mid-South and Hawkins for quotes.

Hawkins	\$132.50 per Drum
Brenntag	\$135.00 per Drum

Alexander	\$299.00 per Drum
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Staff would now estimate spending \$4,000 to \$5,000 on fluoride.

Fiscal Impact: \$10,000.00 was budgeted for the purchase of fluoride this fiscal year.

Recommendation: Purchase fluoride from Hawkins for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Action Requested: No Action Needed