



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Monday, November 3, 2025

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Agenda Item: Ratification – Vac-Con Emergency Repairs

Explanation: During operations, Staff noticed the Vac-Con wasn't running right. An EJ technician discovered the grease line was broken due to a limb hitting it. The auto greaser was running but it was not getting the grease to the bearings due to the broken line which caused the bearings to fail. The inspection also revealed that the fans are worn and need to be replaced due to excess wear from debris.

If the City chose not to complete the repairs, the current trade price (\$292,847.55) would change, and we would be without the machine until we received our new unit. Completing the repairs would allow the current Vac-Con purchase agreement, between the City and EJ, to remain the same and give us the best chance to have a working unit the fastest.

EJ Equipment is currently expecting to receive the new Vac-Con around the end of November. Once they receive it, EJ technicians will take a couple of days to inspect the machine before it's delivered to the City.

Delivery and installation of the new fan is estimated to be 2-3 weeks.

Fiscal Impact: \$47,691.23 to the Motorized Equipment and Replacement Fund (MERF).

Recommendation: Staff would recommend having the new fan installed. This is the best/fastest option to get a working unit back in operation.

Action Requested: Council Ratification of the Vac-Con Emergency Repairs.