



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025

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**Agenda Item:** Discussion – Jetter Truck Replacement

**Explanation:** The City purchased a Vac-Con Jetter Truck in 2017. It had a few major issues early on so it was replaced with a new one in 2019, free of charge. In fiscal year 25-26 the jetter truck will be six years old. There are concerns that over the next two, three or four years there is a high probability that it may need some sort of major repair or repairs. Staff saw this scenario with the street sweeper when it required \$40,000 in repairs in year seven. Keeping larger critical equipment, used in extreme conditions, for long periods of time may not be the best practice. The potential for costly repairs and downtime increases as we keep equipment in the fleet for a longer period.

Staff would like to reach out to jetter truck dealers to get Sourcewell quotes on new trucks and trade prices, discuss possible buyback programs and possibly set up demos to see the trucks firsthand. Staff would also look at the current MERF schedule to see how much has been funded already for a new jetter truck.

**Fiscal Impact:** TBD. An estimated \$350,000 to \$400,000 would need to be budgeted in FY 25-26. The price for a new truck minus trade would determine what will be budgeted.

**Staff's Recommendation:** Staff would recommend looking into the cost of replacement and the possibility of a buyback program to determine if it makes sense to trade the jetter truck in for a new one in FY 25-26.

**Action Requested:** Council discussion and direction