Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date:	11/9/2026
Submitter:	Gary Richardson, Director of Public Works
Department:	Public Works
Agenda Item:	Jasmine Ditch Drainage Maintenance Options; presented by Operations Superintendent John Robinson

Summary:

In early August 2026, the Public Works Department contracted Thornton Equipment Services to mow the Jasmine Ditch to remove the tall grass and reeds at a cost of $6,938.00. The Public Works Department had to make 6 trips to the ditch area to clean up the cut down material and unblock the culverts of the collected material. The estimated cost of labor and equipment used to perform this work was $2,955.00 per trip with a total of $17,730.00 (FEMA 2025 cost estimates & city hourly rates). Total project cost: $24,668.00.

Option #1: Thornton Equipment to do the entire project at a cost of $22,564.00 per cut, this includes cutting, cleaning up site & hauling materials from site.

Option #2: Public Works purchases equipment in the amount of $66,973.00 to cut the ditch and continues to clear and haul away materials. (quote included for mowing equipment).

Recommended Council Action:

Provide recommendation for staff.

Attachments:

Quote from Thornton Equipment for maintenance costs.

Quote from EJ Equipment for a remote operated robotic mower.