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**TO:** Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Paul Carpenter, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Diamond Drum Mulcher Purchase  
**DATE:** February 18, 2025

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**OVERVIEW:**

One of the MS4 maintenance items on the permit is the cleaning of the storm water drainage basins in the city. Public Works hired a contractor to spend one day cleaning so the City could receive an accurate price per day. The department also rented a drum mulcher to get an idea of how much it would cost and what amount of cleaning could get done. Attached is a list of basins in the city and the approximate time and money to clean them. Staff then priced out what a drum mulcher would cost. It is clear the City can save some money if the Public Works Staff can clean these basins in the winter when the opportunity arises. The mulcher would help staff with maintenance in the parks and trails year around as well.

The quote is also attached and it should be noted that there will be three pieces of equipment traded in on this purchase, totaling \$7,000. The traded in equipment items are a ballfield drag, a Toro mower deck, and the 2008 side walk machine that are all being updated per Staff equipment efficiency discussion this winter.

**ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Council to authorize the purchase of the forestry mulcher from Minnesota Equipment in the amount of \$18,999.00, the State bid price.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION:**

Money is budgeted in the CIP for this purchase.

Attachments:

- Drum Mulcher Cost Sheet
- Minnesota Equipment Quote