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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Joanie Baxter, Controller 
DATE: November 30, 2018
SUBJECT: Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal

BACKGROUND

The City is in receipt of the Workers Compensation Insurance renewal proposal from Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for 2019. IPRF provided the insurance in 2018 for the first time in many years. Staff has been very impressed with the safety program offered by IPRF and the support and resources available. In accordance with IPRF protocol, a Safety Committee has been created, led by Public Works Manager Kevin Schone which has been charged with creating a City-wide Safety Manual as well as providing and monitoring training.

Another benefit provided by IPRF is a safety grant program. The City has been awarded two grants – one in the amount of \$2,171 for safety equipment and one also for \$2,171 for the Police Department using Lexipol training products. In addition, the program provides a 10% discount on the Lexipol subscription. These grants and discounts equate to a total savings/additional funds of over \$6,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The renewal proposal for 2019 is in the amount of \$88,802 which compared to the current year of \$86,827 represents a \$1,975 or 2.3% increase. This is a very reasonable increase, due in part to the City's notably low experience rate for claims.

Staff recommends approval of the Workers Compensation renewal proposal from Illinois Public Risk Fund for 2019 in the amount of \$88,802.

This matter will be on the Consent Agenda for the December 3, 2018 City Council meeting.

C: Kevin Schone, Public Works Manager