

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Saint Bonifacius Fire Relief Service Benefit Increase

Prepared By: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator

Meeting Date: September 9, 2026

Issue: On August 20, 2026, the City of St. Bonifacius formally requested that the Minnetrista City Council approve an increase in the St. Bonifacius Fire Relief Association's lump-sum service benefit from \$7,100 to \$8,200 per year of service, effective 1/1/2027. Minnetrista's approval is required before the increase can take effect. The request letter is attached.

Overview: The St. Bonifacius City Council has requested that the City of Minnetrista consider increasing the annual pension for the St. Bonifacius Fire Department from \$7,100 to \$8,200. This adjustment would result in their pension program being funded at 110%.

A letter from the City of St. Bonifacius outlining this request is attached for reference.

Recommended City Council Action: City staff recommend approving the proposed pension increase from \$7,100 to \$8,200 for the St. Bonifacius Fire Department, as the pension fund will remain at 110% funded after the adjustment.

Mission Statement:

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.



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August 20, 2026

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RE: Request for action by 10/29/2026

Dear City and Township Officials:

The St. Bonifacius Fire Relief passed a motion to increase the per year of service benefit from \$7,100 to \$8,200. The City Council of St. Bonifacius is favorably considering adopting a Resolution increasing the Fire Relief annual per year of service benefit from \$7,100 to \$8,200 (110% funded). We are requesting your Official's action.

The current fire contracts include the following language:

The contracting public bodies agree that the present amount being paid for relief benefits will be paid until and unless a majority of the contracting public bodies approves increased benefits and increased contributions to the fund.

The Fire Relief Association fund receives revenue from the City annual contribution (\$36,000) included in the Fire Departments annual proposed budget, State Fire Aid, and investment proceeds.

If you have questions, please call Mayor Tim Eiler at 612-327-1553 or Fire Chief Eric Anderson at 952-292-3797.

The City Council and St. Bonifacius Fire Department Relief Association appreciates your consideration. Please send your official's action by October 29, 2026.

Thank you,

Eurel Nwachi
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer