REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Meeting Date: November 10, 2026

AGENDA SECTION: General Business	**ORIGINATING DEPT:** Finance

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Amending the Fire Relief By-Law Articles VII and VIII – Benefits and Pensions	**PREPARED BY:** K. Grabau

The Stewartville Firemen's Relief Association can change the by-laws regarding the benefit sum per year in regards to sick and disability benefits, death benefits and pensions. The requested rate increase is from $5,100 to $5,600.

Even though the Relief Association is its own entity and regulated by State Statutes it is required to notify the City of any by-law changes as the City has a legal obligation to finance any shortfall, if it should occur, with any City approved by-law changes.

In September, The Parr Knight Wealth Management Group met with the Fire Relief Association and based on the investments there is a surplus of funding. The Fire Relief Association could increase their pension amount.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

To approve/deny Resolution 2026 - ___, Amending the By-Laws of the Stewartville Fire Department Relief Association Article VII, section 1 and Article VIII, section 1, 2, 3 from $5,100 to $5,600.

RESOLUTION 2026 - _____
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE
STEWARTVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Whereas, the Stewartville Fire Department Relief Association is governed by By-Laws;

Whereas, it is recognized that these By-laws should be reviewed and updated periodically,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that sections of the Stewartville Fire Department Relief Association be amended to read:

ARTICLE VII
Sick and Disability Benefits

Section 1. If a member of this association shall become totally and permanently disabled, to the extent that a physician or surgeon acceptable to the board of trustees shall certify that such disability will permanently prevent said member from performing his/r duties in the Stewartville Fire Department, the association shall pay to such member the sum of **$5,600** for each year that he/she served as an active member of the Stewartville Fire Department. if a member who has received such a disability pension should subsequently recover and return to active duty in the Stewartville Fire Department, any amount paid to him as a disability pension shall be deducted from his/her service pension.

ARTICLE VIII
Death Benefits and Pensions

Section 1. Upon the death of any member of the association who is in good standing at the time of his/r death, the association shall pay to the surviving spouse, if any, and if there is no surviving spouse, to surviving child or children, if any, and if no child or children survive, to the estate of such deceased member, the sum of **$5,600** for each year that he served as an active member of the Stewartville Fire Department.

Section 2. The Association shall pay to each member who shall have served as an active firefighter in the Stewartville Fire Department for a period of twenty (20) years or more prior to his/r resignation from said Fire Department, and who has reached the age of 50 years or more, and who has been a member of the association for at least five (5) years, the sum of **$5,600** for each year that he/she served as an active member of said Fire Department.

Section 3. A member of the association who shall have served in the Stewartville Fire Department for at least twenty (20) years, but has not reached the age of fifty (50) years may retire from said Fire Department and be placed on the deferred pension roll. When he/she reaches the age of fifty (50) years upon application therefore he/she shall be paid the sum of **$5,600** for each year that he/she served as an active firefighter in the Stewartville Fire Department. During the time that member is on the deferred pension roll, he/she shall continue to pay his/r dues, and he/she will not be eligible to receive any of the benefits provided for in Article VII.

Adopted by the Stewartville City Council this 10th day of November 2026.

Attest:

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Jimmie-John King
Mayor

Kelly J. Grabau
Finance Officer