

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
July 21, 2026**

Members present: Mike Matos, Brady Zweifel, Joe Maxwell, James Firestone, LaCosta Beene, Steven Craig

Meeting Prayer: Led by Mayor Scroggin

Pledge of Allegiance: By all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established quorum.

Approval of minutes for June 16, 2026, meeting: Motion to approve made by Maxwell, seconded by Beene, all in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for May: Motion to approve made by Craig, seconded by Firestone, all in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for June: Financial Statement for June delayed until the August meeting.

Reports of City Departments:

(A) Fire Department: Chief Jimmy Hoofman presented. Fire Department has had 540 calls YTD.

- a. **Training** – sent someone to Active Attack Integrated Response, specialized joint training for active shooter scenarios for firefighters and EMS to join with police. We had two community CPR classes and one trauma class called Stop the Bleed. Three firefighters are currently enrolled in Firefighter 1 and 2 training courses.
- b. **Building Permits** – 2 for June, 3 for July.

(B) Planning Commission: Chairman Trey White presented.

- a. **Last meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 7PM.**
 - 1) **Lot Split** – a piece of property we had seen before came before the commission for a lot split (24 Weaver Street).
- b. **Next meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 7PM.** No agenda at this time, but tentative items include:
 - 1) Property behind Taco Bell, which has a new driveway, is planning to bring plans for what is, at this time, expected to be an office complex.
 - 2) Jody Beard has purchased property on Main and Coker, in front of Quail Hollow, and is looking at putting in a food truck court and fitness center.
 - i. Mayor suggested to Council to look at City's food truck support regulations, offering a copy of Conway's for reference. Craig requested the Planning Commission also look it over.

- (C) Police Department:** Chief Brad McNew presented. New officer [Joseph] Hice has started work. He is still in FTO but expected to be released next week. Sergeant Daniel Frintz has been promoted to Lieutenant after the retirement of Lieutenant James Bell.
- (D) Sewer Department:** Council Person Maxwell presented. Nothing to report. No meetings recently because of issues with the new bank system delaying financial statements. Mayor stated there have been some issues with pumps, which have been worked on.
- (E) Street Department:** Mayor presented. Busy mowing and cleaning out ditches. Matt's been busy doing inspections on new subdivisions. They have replaced two trucks – one is a 2020 used for \$26,700 and a 2018 for \$17,000; both paid out of Street Fund. One of the two replaced trucks had 400k+ miles and the other isn't far behind. Mayor requested council approval, so moved by Maxwell, seconded by Firestone, all in favor, motion passed.
- (F) Parks & Rec:** Mayor presented. Fields look good. Director Chase Imhoff has been doing a good job. May be looking at a 1,000 – 2,000 gallon water wagon in the future. Park and Recreation Fund is one of the weakest in the City, always has been and will be because its totally funded off sales tax revenue. Street boys help every chance they get; share equipment and do things and be innovative. Beene commended Imhoff, saying he'd had three boys doing volunteer hours mowing the other day when it started raining, so he'd had them clean the Senior Center.

Public Comment: none

Announcements:

- (A) City Attorney Dustin Chapman attended tonight.**
- (B) Filing period** – This year, all seats except Recorder/Treasurer are up for election. Filing period starts July 29th at noon and ends August 5th at noon. Noon is based on County Clerk Darter's office clock. Everyone is encouraged to go a day or two early to have time to resolve issues. Petition must be completed (requires 10 names for Vilonia, but suggest getting extra). You can only sign up to run for ONE office. Financial disclosures must be turned in even if no money was raised or spent. Reporting on contributions and expenditures is now an online portal on the Secretary of State website.
- (C) Bargains Galore on 64 will be August 13 through 15. Vilonia School District starts Thursday, August 13th. Remember to be careful of buses, students, and bargain shoppers as traffic accidents are more frequent during this occasion.**
- (D)** We had a meeting with the Highway Department on the 107 engineering survey. I think you'll see them 4-lane 107 and redo the bridges. That's a 10-15 year process. That process has started. They had several options for a future roundabout on 64. They looked at a roundabout on 107 at the elementary. Nothing was dictated at this time. They told the school the problems were on them as far as traffic flow and storage on campus. The school hired a consulting company to help look at storage. The Highway Department is going to come back with recommendation on the timing of the stop light (at 64-B and 107).
- (E) Code Enforcement** – Busy on grass and stuff. Fielded a lot of complaints. Officer James Bell has been brought back on part-time and will center up on the grass and litter and code enforcement. We've had a few cases go to court and the judges are not friendly.

They've made it plain to the landowner, they need to get it cleaned up. Expect him to start next week. His job title will be Code Enforcement.

- The old VP gas station across the road is undergoing renovation. The building will need to be brought up to code – its gonna be a project. The new owners have been very upfront and forward-thinking.
- Lusty Lane has been renamed Angie's Cove. An investment firm bought it and will be cleaning out the trailers. We received several concerns; the fire department went and made sure it was right. They do not have to come for any site review because it is an existing use. There are three of those (mobile home park) in town: Baker Street off Church Street, Linda Lane area, and Angie's Cove. They were grandfathered in in the 1993 code when the code came in. They will have to follow all applicable standards. They have hired a reputable engineering firm (Bond Engineering out of Jacksonville). The road in/out will remain private, but they do plan to pave it. Mayor emphasized you can put manufactured housing in the city, but if it is special use or special application, it has to come to the Planning Commission, and must always be 5 years or newer. Lusty Lane was a manufactured housing facility since 1968 or 1970.
- The two subdivisions going in are being monitored by Street Department. I've had calls and concerns about the Church Street project – the individual putting in Parkview Subdivision that goes between Cemetery Street and Church Street purchased some property right outside city limits and is digging a large hole. He has all his permits from the county and is within his rights to dig it.
- We have gotten the Cemetery Street easement situation under control. Enlarging from a 3-in to a 8-in will open up a lot of opportunities in the future for the Baseball Complex.
- Cypress Crossing has been going well. They're having some issues with Highway Department over entrances.
- We have never been approached about a data center.
- We have never discussed and do not have any Flock cameras.
- **Update on Senior Center:** visited the Mayor of Greenbrier two weeks ago and their program has been pulled out as well (by Faulkner County Council on Aging). Senior programs across the state are really getting hit right now. Beene stated he (Greenbrier Mayor) had messaged her to schedule a meeting Thursday to discuss before meeting with Faulkner County on Monday. Mayor suggested a future plan to look at an agreement on who was going to run the Vilonia Senior Center, as he and Beene could not do it forever, and the seniors needed to take some ownership of the program. Matos asked how it was funded – Mayor stated it was out of pocket by the seniors, as well as donors. Mayor stated the seniors need a leadership structure to lead the program. Beene stated she has implemented in the last couple of weeks they are now volunteering to do things; they need to be able to function and they are starting to do things for themselves.

(F) Vilonia Community Development Corp (VCDC) – Chad Hearne presented. The Vilonia Teacher Business Fair is coming up on August 11th, the Tuesday before school starts, beginning at 12:30. We've got about 20 folks signed up and 400 employees/faculty.

(G) Vilonia Area Chamber of Commerce – Jackie Fowlkes presented.

- We had two ribbon cutting Grand Openings this month: Distinctive Designs Florist & Gifts at 1123 Main Street, Suite 10, and The Baking Mama at 967 Main Street (in the same building as Aim High Coin Laundry). We want to welcome both businesses to our community and the Chamber.
- We will have a booth at the Vilonia Teacher Fair.
- Due to low attendance during the summer, we will not have a luncheon in August.

Old Business: none

New Business:

(A) Resolution 2026-PDR-02 Agreement for Site Selection Magazine – read in full.

Motion to open for discussion made by Craig, seconded by Zweifel, discussion opened. Conway Inc (the company publishing the magazine) is out of Georgia. They approached VCDC to be included in the magazine, which is geared towards developers and site selectors. The publication is every two years. VCDC will pay for the ad design and is requesting the city pay the ad space fee. The ad will promote Vilonia in general, not any specific site. Motion to approve made by Craig, seconded by Firestone, all in favor, motion passed.

(B) Ordinance 2026-PDO-02 Approving Conversion of Vilonia Water Works to a Public Water Authority –

Mayor reminded tonight's reading was the first of three and it would be September before it was up for vote. Motion to open for discussion before reading made by Craig, seconded by Matos, all in favor, motion passed. Discussion opened. Much discussion held. Trey White (Chairman of the Vilonia Water Works Board) and Clint McGue (attorney for Vilonia Water Works) attended and answered questions.

Concerns from discussion:

1. Addition of asset list, specifically buildings and trucks inside Vilonia City limits, as well as stating all water lines and fire hydrants will convey.
2. Allowing the Vilonia Mayor to recommend to the board, into the ordinance rather than in the by-laws. (The water board meetings, which are held one Wednesday a month, are open to the public and rate-payers have a voice.)

Motion to table until concerns are resolved made by Craig, seconded by Matos, voice vote called (Craig – yes, Beene – yes, Firestone – no, Maxwell – no, Zweifel – yes, Matos – yes), 4 yes to 2 no, motion passed, 2026-PDO-02 tabled. After much discussion, only the addition of an asset list is required to bring 2026-PDO-02 off the table.

Meeting adjourned.

Date: 8/18/26

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: [Signature]

**Special Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
July 29, 2026**

Members present: Mike Matos, Brady Zweifel, Joe Maxwell, James Firestone, LaCosta Beene, Steven Craig

Meeting Prayer: Led by Mayor Scroggin

Pledge of Allegiance: By all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established quorum.

Ordinance 2026-PDO-03 Approving Conversion of Vilonia Water Works to Public Water Authority – Read in full, excepting Addendum A. Motion to open for discussion made by Craig, seconded by Zweifel, discussion opened. Representatives from Vilonia Water Works (Trey White, Clint McGue) and City Attorney Dustin Chapman were in attendance.

(A) Mayor stated this conversion had been worked on by Vilonia Water Works since 2022.

There was a work session a couple months back. The Council was made aware during the meeting in April or May. Last council meeting had a 2-hour debate.

(B) Vilonia Water Works serves residents in Pulaski County, Faulkner County, White County; they go from city limits of Conway to Mayflower, with roughly 11,000 customers. Water is fed from two sources, the Faulkner-Cleburne line running from Greenbrier to Mayflower and the Lonoke-White Public Water Authority which provides water to Beebe, Ward, Jacksonville, and soon, Cabot. Faulkner-Cleburne feeds Greenbrier, Conway, Guy, and Mayflower. Vilonia Water has two taps in the Lonoke-White line, one around El Paso and one near Mount Vernon. To utilize the Mt Vernon line is going to require a project to run down 36.

(C) Conversion to PWA will allow Vilonia Water to utilize their entire assets to pursue financing, rather than being required to only count their assets inside city limits, which includes roughly 20% of their customers.

(D) Mayor stated there is no rate change. Craig stated there are talks of bond rates increasing next year. A citizen asked how the bonds would be repaid if there were no rate changes. A water representative stated they would eventually have to look at rates through a rate study. Arkansas Natural Resource Commission (ANRC) requires a rate study every 5 years for water and wastewater utilities. He continued that if they can get these bonds, they will hopefully not increase rates for a couple of years, but if they can't, there will definitely be rate increases. He also stated if we have to buy water through other PWAs, their increasing rates would increase Vilonia rates. Bonds generally take 25-30 years to repay, on average.

(E) Mayor emphasized water is a big issue, nearby cities and counties are starting to show signs of stress, financing is becoming more difficult to obtain, and projects can easily take 10 years to show results. Zweifel reminded that grant opportunities are drying up

under the current administration and may become even more rare under new administration.

(F) Matos pointed out passage of this ordinance will completely separate the water utility from the Vilonia city government.

Motion to waive 2nd and 3rd readings made by Craig, seconded by Maxwell, all in favor, motion passed.

Motion to approve ordinance made by Craig, seconded by Maxwell, voice vote – all in favor, motion passed.

Motion to pass the emergency clause made by Craig, seconded by Beene, all in favor, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Matos, meeting adjourned.

Date: 8/18/24

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: [Signature]

General Fund
Income Statement
6/1/2026 to 6/30/2026

	Jun 2026 Jun 2026 Actual
Revenue	
Accid./ Incid. Report	10.00
Admin Justice Fund	11,415.03
Building Permits	400.00
Copy Costs	20.00
County Tax	2,816.75
Fines Income	17,781.58
Misc. Income	324.22
Notary Revenue	5.00
Other Income	102.95
Park & Recreation Salary Reimb	6,005.91
Privilege Tax	525.00
Salary Reimb. Fire Dept.	39,229.29
Salary Reimb. Park & Rec.	9,688.36
Salary Reimbursement Street De	29,366.46
Sales Tax Turnback	133,947.59
School Resource Reim	9,489.00
Sign Permit	75.00
State Turnbacks	4,387.72
Total Revenue	\$265,589.86
Total Gross Profit	\$265,589.86
Expenses	
AD Computer/ Maint	3,347.07
Admin Legal Expense	1,000.00
Admin Salaries	16,507.49
Admin Supplies	485.67
APERS Match	4,537.95
AU - Summit Utilities	44.67
AU Entergy	893.31
AU Phone & Fax	1,442.61
AU Sewer	57.50
AU Trash	196.56
AU Water	82.59
City Maintenance	34.00
Contract Work	2,257.91
County Court Cost	345.53
Engineering Expense	525.00
Entergy Sen Cit. Cen	500.35
Entergy Storm Warn SIRENS	14.34
Health Insurance	31,542.89
LOPFI Expense	15,237.87
Medicare	1,385.60
Other Admin	34.62
PD Communications	2,435.40
PD Gas	3,086.29
PD Maintenance	40.00
Police Clothing Exp	980.42
POLICE DEPT TRAINING	250.00
Police Other	709.60
Police Salaries	44,814.32
REVENUE DEPT EXPENSE	194.00

General Fund
Income Statement
6/1/2026 to 6/30/2026

	Jun 2026 Jun 2026 Actual
Salaries	35,249.22
Senior Citizens	10,665.76
Senior Citizens Summit Utilit	393.24
Social Security	5,924.47
State Court Costs	5,707.51
Traning Facility Expense	97.37
Transfer City Sales	70,256.16
Unemployment Insurance	9.59
Uniform Allowance	43.75
Veteran Museum	228.42
Total Expenses	\$261,559.05
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	\$4,030.81
Other Revenue	
Interest Income	382.05
Total Other Revenue	\$382.05
Other Expenses	
Copier	38.36
Total Other Expenses	\$38.36
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$4,374.50

Balance as of June 30, 2026
\$399,263.94

Street Fund
Income Statement
6/1/2026 to 6/30/2026

	Jun 2026	Jun 2026
		Actual
Revenue		
County Turnbacks	1,313.11	
Sales Tax Turnback	17,564.04	
State Turnbacks	31,641.94	
Total Revenue	\$50,519.09	
Total Gross Profit	\$50,519.09	
Expenses		
Contract Work	3,500.00	
Gas For Equipment	830.95	
Maint. Building Exp.	42.81	
Maintenance Building Utilities	362.70	
Paving Expense	166,083.70	
Reimbursement	200.72	
Salary Reimb. Street Dept.	29,366.46	
Street Utilities	4,542.67	
Street Utilities	3,437.50	
Supplies	1,998.55	
Traffic Light	39.42	
VEHICLE PURCHASE	43,700.00	
Total Expenses	\$254,105.48	
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	(\$203,586.39)	
Other Revenue		
Interest Income	516.81	
Total Other Revenue	\$516.81	
Total Net Income (Loss)	(\$203,069.58)	

Balance as of June 30, 2026
\$ 378,706.91

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Fire Dept. Fund
Income Statement
6/1/2026 to 6/30/2026

	Jun 2026
	Actual
Revenue	
Dues Income	1,438.80
Sales Tax Turnback	35,128.08
Volunteer Tax	96.44
Total Revenue	\$36,663.32
Total Gross Profit	\$36,663.32
Expenses	
Admin Utilities	1,642.48
Building Maintenance	286.45
Computer/ Maint	5,057.48
Fire Dept Training	706.58
Fire Salary Reimb.	39,229.29
Gasoline	2,061.89
LOPFI Expense	2,635.22
Reimbursement	166.92
SUPPLIES	2,283.86
Total Expenses	\$54,070.17
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	(\$17,406.85)
Other Revenue	
Interest Income	114.28
Total Other Revenue	\$114.28
Other Expenses	
Copier	64.52
Total Other Expenses	\$64.52
Total Net Income (Loss)	(\$17,357.09)

Balance as of June 30, 2026
\$111,983.44

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City of Vilonia Parks & Rec General Account
Income Statement
6/1/2026 to 6/30/2026

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	Jun 2026
	Jun 2026
	Actual
Revenue	
Co-Ed Softball	4,400.00
Concession	119.00
Interest Income	47.46
Reimbursement Income	180.00
Sales Tax Turnback	17,564.04
Total Revenue	\$22,310.50
Total Gross Profit	\$22,310.50
Expenses	
Concession	2,803.40
Contract Work	184.04
Credit Card Fees	25.00
Equipment Purchase	436.49
Fields	1,686.86
Gas/ Fuel	933.78
Part-Time Workers	3,581.50
Portable Toilets	823.13
Reimbursement	280.80
Salary Reimbursement	15,694.27
Supplies	1,122.98
Team Expenses	822.67
Umpire	100.00
Uniform Allowance	65.28
Utilities - Internet	65.00
Utilities- Electric	7,502.61
Utilities- Sewer	78.20
Utilities- Trash	371.20
Utilities- Water	322.92
Total Expenses	\$36,900.13
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	(\$14,589.63)
Total Net Income (Loss)	(\$14,589.63)

Balance as of June 30, 2026
\$ 46,844.36

RESOLUTION 2026-4

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE VILONIA WASTEWATER SYSTEM TO
EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Vilonia, Arkansas owns and operates a wastewater system (the "System") in order to provide wastewater service to meet the needs of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants to apply for assistance from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (the "ANRC"), in order to make certain improvements to the System;

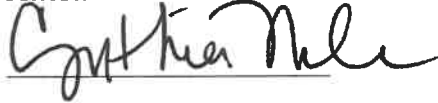
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Vilonia, Arkansas:

Section 1. That the Mayor of the City, as a Signatory Agent or the successor of said Agent, is hereby authorized and directed to make application for assistance administered by the ANRC and to execute, when approved by the City Council, a bond purchase agreement and instruments issued or made pursuant thereto on behalf of the City from time to time.

Section 2. That the City Clerk of the System, as a Signatory Agent or the successor of said Agent, is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City, all other documents and certificates required.

PASSED: 8-18-2026

Attest:



Recorder/Treasurer

APPROVED:



Mayor

NOTE: THIS RESOLUTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ANRC.