

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
January 20, 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.

Proclamation Honoring Katherine French – this was moved to beginning of meeting for convenience of family members. The proclamation announced the passing of Katherine “Kathy” Ellen French on Thursday, January 1, 2026, and proclaimed Wednesday, January 21, 2026, as a day of remembrance for her. A commemorative copy of the proclamation will be gifted to the family. Council members took a photo with the family.

Approval of minutes for December 16, 2025, meeting: Motion to approve made by Maxwell, seconded by Beene, all in favor, motion passed.

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

Reports of City Departments:

(A) Fire Department: Chief Jimmy Hoofman presented. Finished last year with 1100 runs, 75 runs so far this year. One new permit; finished last year with just over 130. Fire Department will be hosting a community CPR class on Thursday, January 29, at 6PM, at the Station on Bise. Cost is \$6 for the card.

(B) Planning Commission: No meeting in January.

(C) Police Department: Chief Brad McNew presented. Presented a stack of documents to the council including reviews of employee accidents (still low), use of force throughout the year (roughly once per 30 days, consistent with last year), pursuit (large increase from 2024 to 2025, but 2024 was lower than average), and bias based policing (no complaints and numbers match population ratios). Position has been offered to Sean Hill, but he still needs to put in notice with his current department. Requested approval to order a vehicle for \$46,898, with at least a three month lead time; this vehicle is in the budget. Beene – how many officers employed now? McNew – 9 right now, he’ll be the 10th. Beene – How many vehicles? McNew – 11; one still in shop. Always operated 10 officers and 11 vehicles.

(D) Sewer Department: Council Person Maxwell presented. Nothing to report.

(E) Street Department: Mayor presented. Been helping Parks & Recreation Department where possible. The Street Department will be trading in a circa 1998 trailer for a 2026

tilt bed trailer. Trade in is \$1,800 so we'll be out \$26,200, through Sourcewell, the state bidding process. Also through Sourcewell, we're upsizing the smallest tractor, with \$10,000 trade in, with one about 20 horsepower bigger, costing us about \$23,000 and will include a tiller. Motion to approve purchase of tilt bed trailer out of street fund made by Craig, seconded by Zweifel, all in favor, motion passed. Motion to approve trade in and purchase of tractor out of street fund made by Craig, seconded by Zweifel, all in favor, motion passed.

- (F) Parks & Rec:** New Director Chase Imhoff presented. Spring Registration (Baseball, Softball, Blastball) kicked off January 6th, running through February 6th, or possibly 20th for late registrations. Imhoff mentioned his 8 years at Athletic Field Services of Arkansas to emphasize his knowledge of fields. Mayor stated the positions currently filled by Corey, Trisha, and Vanessa all report directly to the Parks Director. City has ordered 80 tons of "Diamond Mix," for \$9,304.41, for the fields (estimated to resurface two fields). Playgrounds have new mulch. Registration is going well. Imhoff introduced a change this year allowing established teams in our league to keep their roster moving forward. Banner lease renewal letters have been sent out. New prices are \$250, not \$225.

Public Comment:

- (A)** Chad Brown is running for circuit judge. He spoke of his intent to run for the position of Circuit Judge HG Foster, who will not be running for reelection. The position has an election on March 3, 2026. He stated his qualifications: attorney for 15 years, specifically criminal cases protecting children; veteran, served with 49th Engineering Battalion at Conway, who deployed in Iraq in 2003; family, he has a wife and two children, who attend UCA and Clinton High School.

Announcements:

- (A) No January meeting for the Planning Commission.**
(B) City Offices Closed Monday, February 16, 2026, for Presidents Day.
(C) Mayor reminded Council that pay rate changes for the 2026 budget went into effect on 12/21/2025, as that was the first day of the first pay period of 2026.
(D) Mayor announced a letter from the state aid committee. The letter announced the committee met on December 10th and approved funding for 53 of 167 overlay projects, but Vilonia's was not selected. It also stated the rules adopted by the committee no longer require the resubmission of the request, so the request will remain active. The main project we have is South Mount Olive. Mayor also mentioned the funding for the street sidewalk lighting at the high school; they are waiting on Entergy. We have also been awarded \$400,000 for a sidewalk extension down towards Fox Run.
(E) Vilonia Community Development Corporation (VCDC) – none.
(F) Vilonia Area Chamber of Commerce (VACC) – President Jackie Fowlkes presented. The Chamber Banquet will be Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 6PM, at the Eagles Nook Event & Retreat Center. Guest speaker will be Jason Curry, author of Finish Empty. Tickets are \$50 each, and several sponsorships and tables are also available. The website has been updated, so you can go online to viloniachamber.org to order tickets. Catering by Uncle Tim's.

Old Business:

- (A) **2025-PDO-04 Care Facilities Ordinance** – authored by Council Member Craig. Motion to read by title only made by Matos, seconded by Zweifel, all in favor, motion passed. Ordinance read by title only. This is the first reading of the ordinance. Motion to waive second and third readings made by Matos, seconded by Zweifel, discussion called by Craig. Craig emphasized the ordinance was only finalized a few days ago and included an emergency clause. Matos retracted his motion. Much discussion held. Beene – are the ones we currently have, are any of them cooperating with emergency personnel? Hoofman/Mayor – no. Beene – how do we handle that? Matos – May have to be the courts that settle this. Mayor requested Hoofman reach out to the facilities to ask for information for safety purposes. Matos – have you requested? Hoofman – I’ve knocked on the door. They’re not going to let us in. Mayor – send a certified letter, showing we tried. Matos – if the state would change some rules, we wouldn’t have this problem.
- (B) **Update on Senior Center by Mayor** – Faulkner County Council on Aging has not returned; the original January 15 date has been pushed back to maybe March. Mayor met with PFG food group on Friday to secure reasonable food supply. FCCA has a new director from New York who should be in here and on the grounds in March. Mayor met with Stanley Gordon from the board; Gordon is on our side and also frustrated. Mayor suggested council send emails to the FCCA board. The program is currently operating through volunteers, churches, and donations. Beene added there had been many donors of meals, sharing a list thanking donors (8 Mile Store, Beryl Baptist Church, Boddie King and Tina Hankins, El Rancho, First Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, Joe T’s Savory Meats, Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Malibu Café, Southern Exposure Tanning Salon, The Garden Ministries, VDRA, Whole Hog Café). She also thanked Amanda Scroggins and Southern Exposure employee Maddie. We’re averaging 34 people, and last Friday, we had 67. In December, we served 683 meals. Beene stated she’d been told by Hawks about moving funds around, redoing a budget. Mayor stated the city takes care of the building and the program is basically out the cost of employees and food. Matos suggested developing a nonprofit and operating the senior program without politician interference.

New Business:

- (A) **Appointments by Mayor**
- a. **Planning Commission** – Reappointment of Jeanna Branson, Bob Barham, and Brandon Ayers. Resignation of Glenn Willhite, whose position will be filled by Mr. Kelly Hanks.
 - b. **Sewer Committee** – Reappointment of Joe Maxwell, Hal Sellers, Tony Fowlkes, and Cindy Sellers-Roach.
 - c. **Police Chief** – Reappointment of Brad McNew.
 - d. **Fire Chief** - Reappointment of Jimmy Hoofman.
- Motion to approve all appointments by Mayor made by Maxwell, seconded by Beene, all in favor, motion passed.
- (B) **Resolution 2026-PDR-001 Establishing Time for Council Meetings** – Motion to approve made by Matos, seconded by Maxwell, all in favor, motion passed. Resolution read in full.
- (C) **Ordinance 2026-PDO-01 Adopting Regulations for Abandoned, Inoperable, or Unlicensed Vehicles** – presented by author Fire Chief Jimmy Hoofman. Matos requested

clarification of what determines inoperable. Motion to read by title only made by Craig, seconded by Beene, all in favor, motion passed. First reading – read by title only.

Motion to adjourn made by Matos. Meeting adjourned.

Date: 2/17/2020

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: [Signature]

General Fund
Income Statement
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

Jan 2026
Jan 2026
Actual

Revenue

Accid./ Incid. Report	55.00
Admin Justice Fund	7,996.52
Building Permits	100.00
Copy Costs	76.00
County Tax	28,872.31
Fines Income	17,437.28
Misc. Income	300.00
Privilege Tax	4,200.00
Salary Reimb. Fire Dept.	15,292.56
Salary Reimb. Park & Rec.	1,058.94
Salary Reimbursement Street De	11,269.94
Sales Tax Turnback	140,512.32
Senior Citizens Donation	175.00
State Turnbacks	8,658.61
Workmans Comp Reimb.	446.78
Total Revenue	\$236,451.26
Total Gross Profit	\$236,451.26

Expenses

AD Computer/ Maint	3,701.30
Admin Legal Expense	1,000.00
Admin Salaries	13,830.67
Admin Supplies	1,239.80
APERS Match	4,427.74
AU Entergy	786.71
AU Phone & Fax	1,061.81
AU Sewer	22.00
AU Trash	892.04
AU Water	36.48
Building Maintenance	142.68
City Maint.	234.42
City Maintenance	2,759.40
Contract Work	246.80
Copier Expense	45.77
County Court Cost	345.53
Dues Expense	19,142.96
Engineering Expense	5,905.00
Entergy Sen Cit. Cen	1,434.29
Entergy Storm Warn SIRENS	27.72
Health Insurance	76.38
LOPFI Expense	9,642.03
Medicare	1,296.34
PD Communications	2,270.85
PD Gas	1,454.75
PD Maintenance	464.94
PD Office Supplies	1,262.25
Police Salaries	41,135.69
REVENUE DEPT EXPENSE	194.00
Salaries	35,561.87
Senior Citizens	3,347.83
Social Security	5,542.75

General Fund
Income Statement
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

	Jan 2026
	Jan 2026
	Actual
State Court Costs	3,998.26
Transfer City Sales	74,471.36
Unemployment Insurance	170.24
Workmans Comp	10,594.06
Total Expenses	\$248,766.72
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	(\$12,315.46)
Other Revenue	
Interest Income	217.86
Total Other Revenue	\$217.86
Total Net Income (Loss)	(\$12,097.60)

Balance as of 1-31-2026
\$247,370.18

Street Fund
Income Statement
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

	Jan 2026
	Jan 2026
	Actual
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Revenue	
County Turnbacks	13,475.27
Sales Tax Turnback	18,617.84
State Turnbacks	24,735.67
Total Revenue	<u>\$56,828.78</u>
Total Gross Profit	<u>\$56,828.78</u>
Expenses	
Equipment Purchases	25,792.78
Gas For Equipment	456.79
Maintenance Building Utilities	40.41
Misc Expenses	84.38
Salary Reimb. Street Dept.	11,269.94
Sidewalk & Street Lighting	9,000.00
Street Utilities	6,726.22
Supplies	2,807.49
Traffic Light	76.46
Workmans Comp	3,372.95
Total Expenses	<u>\$59,627.42</u>
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	<u>(\$2,798.64)</u>
Other Revenue	
Interest Income	535.76
Total Other Revenue	<u>\$535.76</u>
Total Net Income (Loss)	<u>(\$2,262.88)</u>

Balance as of 1-31-2026
\$ 489,545.58

Fire Dept. Fund
Income Statement
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

	Jan 2026
	Jan 2026
	Actual
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Revenue	
Donation	100.00
Dues Income	1,046.79
Sales Tax Turnback	37,235.68
Total Revenue	<u>\$38,382.47</u>
Total Gross Profit	<u>\$38,382.47</u>

Expenses	
Admin Utilities	2,013.64
Computer/ Maint	246.52
Fire Salary Reimb.	15,292.56
Gasoline	59.75
LOPFI Expense	1,711.51
Misc Expenses	125.00
Office Supplies	75.72
SUPPLIES	3,565.88
Vehicle Maintenance	881.70
Workmans Comp	5,362.45
Total Expenses	<u>\$29,334.73</u>
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	<u>\$9,047.74</u>

Other Revenue	
Interest Income	142.68
Total Other Revenue	<u>\$142.68</u>

Other Expenses	
Copier	118.34
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$118.34</u>
Total Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$9,072.08</u>

Balance as of 1-31-2026
\$132,445.73

Income Statement
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

	Jan 2026
	Jan 2026
	Actual
Revenue	
Banner Sales	600.00
Interest Income	91.53
Registration	144.35
Sales Tax Turnback	18,617.84
Total Revenue	\$19,453.72
Total Gross Profit	\$19,453.72
Expenses	
Bathroom	105.98
Gas/ Fuel	411.49
Salary Reimbursement	1,058.94
Supplies	352.41
Uniform Allowance	51.00
Utilities - Internet	65.00
Utilities- Sewer	34.00
Utilities- Trash	371.20
Utilities- Water	73.24
Total Expenses	\$2,523.26
Total Net Income (Loss) From Operations	\$16,930.46
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$16,930.46

Balance as of 1-31-2026
\$89,897.43

General Fund
Income Statement
Current vs Year-to-Date
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
Accrual

	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual
Revenue		
Fees & Permits		
Building Permits	100.00	100.00
Fines and Forfeitures		
Fines Income	17,437.28	17,437.28
Other Revenue		
Admin Justice Fund	7,996.52	7,996.52
Copy Costs	76.00	76.00
Misc. Income	300.00	300.00
Salary Reimb. Fire Dept.	15,292.56	15,292.56
Salary Reimb. Park & Rec.	1,058.94	1,058.94
Salary Reimbursement Street De	11,269.94	11,269.94
Sales Tax Turnback	140,512.32	140,512.32
Senior Citizens Donation	175.00	175.00
State Turnbacks	8,658.61	8,658.61
Workmans Comp Reimb.	446.78	446.78
Service Revenue		
Accid./ Incid. Report	55.00	55.00
Tax Receipts		
County Tax	28,872.31	28,872.31
Privilege Tax	4,200.00	4,200.00
Revenue	\$236,451.26	\$236,451.26
Gross Profit	\$236,451.26	\$236,451.26
Expenses		
Labor Expense		
Admin Salaries	13,830.67	13,830.67
Police Salaries	41,135.69	41,135.69
Salaries	35,561.87	35,561.87
Administrative Expense		
Workmans Comp	10,594.06	10,594.06
Benefits Expense		
Medicare	1,296.34	1,296.34
Social Security	5,542.75	5,542.75
Unemployment Insurance	170.24	170.24
Dues and Subscriptions Expense		
Dues Expense	19,142.96	19,142.96
Fuel Expense		
PD Gas	1,454.75	1,454.75
Insurance Expense		
Health Insurance	76.38	76.38
Repair / Maintenance Expense		
AD Computer/ Maint	3,701.30	3,701.30
Building Maintenance	142.68	142.68
PD Maintenance	464.94	464.94

General Fund
Income Statement
Current vs Year-to-Date
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
Accrual

	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual
Supplies Expense		
Admin Supplies	1,239.80	1,239.80
PD Office Supplies	1,262.25	1,262.25
Utilities Expense		
AU Entergy	786.71	786.71
AU Phone & Fax	1,061.81	1,061.81
AU Sewer	22.00	22.00
AU Water	36.48	36.48
Professional Services Expense		
Admin Legal Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Engineering Expense	5,905.00	5,905.00
Rent / Lease Expense		
Copier Expense	45.77	45.77
Other Expense		
APERS Match	4,427.74	4,427.74
AU Trash	892.04	892.04
City Maint.	234.42	234.42
City Maintenance	2,759.40	2,759.40
Contract Work	246.80	246.80
County Court Cost	345.53	345.53
Entergy Sen Cit. Cen	1,434.29	1,434.29
Entergy Storm Warn SIRENS	27.72	27.72
LOPFI Expense	9,642.03	9,642.03
Misc Expenses	0.00	0.00
PD Communications	2,270.85	2,270.85
REVENUE DEPT EXPENSE	194.00	194.00
Senior Citizens	3,347.83	3,347.83
State Court Costs	3,998.26	3,998.26
Transfer City Sales	74,471.36	74,471.36
Expenses	\$248,766.72	\$248,766.72
Income (Loss) From Operations	(\$12,315.46)	(\$12,315.46)
Other Revenue		
Interest Income		
Interest Income	217.86	217.86
Other Revenue	\$217.86	\$217.86
Net Other	\$217.86	\$217.86
Net Income (Loss)	(\$12,097.60)	(\$12,097.60)

Report Options

Period: 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
 Display Level: Level 3 Accounts
 Display Account Categories: Yes
 Display Subtotals: None
 Reporting Method: Accrual
 Fund: General Fund
 Include Accounts: Accounts With Activity

Street Fund
Income Statement
Current vs Year-to-Date
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
Accrual

	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual
Revenue		
Other Revenue		
County Turnbacks	13,475.27	13,475.27
Sales Tax Turnback	18,617.84	18,617.84
State Turnbacks	24,735.67	24,735.67
Revenue	\$56,828.78	\$56,828.78
Gross Profit	\$56,828.78	\$56,828.78
Expenses		
Labor Expense		
Salary Reimb. Street Dept.	11,269.94	11,269.94
Administrative Expense		
Workmans Comp	3,372.95	3,372.95
Machinery Hire Expense		
Equipment Purchases	25,792.78	25,792.78
Supplies Expense		
Supplies	2,807.49	2,807.49
Utilities Expense		
Gas For Equipment	456.79	456.79
Street Utilities	6,726.22	6,726.22
Other Expense		
Maintenance Building Utilities	40.41	40.41
Misc Expenses	84.38	84.38
Sidewalk & Street Lighting	9,000.00	9,000.00
Traffic Light	76.46	76.46
Expenses	\$59,627.42	\$59,627.42
Income (Loss) From Operations	(\$2,798.64)	(\$2,798.64)
Other Revenue		
Interest Income		
Interest Income	535.76	535.76
Other Revenue	\$535.76	\$535.76
Net Other	\$535.76	\$535.76
Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,262.88)	(\$2,262.88)

Report Options

Period: 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
 Display Level: Level 3 Accounts
 Display Account Categories: Yes
 Display Subtotals: None
 Reporting Method: Accrual
 Fund: Street Fund
 Include Accounts: Accounts With Activity

Fire Dept. Fund
Income Statement
Current vs Year-to-Date
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
Accrual

	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual
Revenue		
Fees & Permits		
Dues Income	1,046.79	1,046.79
Other Revenue		
Donation	100.00	100.00
Sales Tax Turnback	37,235.68	37,235.68
Revenue	\$38,382.47	\$38,382.47
Gross Profit	\$38,382.47	\$38,382.47
Expenses		
Administrative Expense		
Fire Salary Reimb.	15,292.56	15,292.56
Benefits Expense		
Workmans Comp	5,362.45	5,362.45
Fuel Expense		
Gasoline	59.75	59.75
Repair / Maintenance Expense		
Computer/ Maint	246.52	246.52
Vehicle Maintenance	881.70	881.70
Supplies Expense		
Office Supplies	75.72	75.72
SUPPLIES	3,565.88	3,565.88
Utilities Expense		
Admin Utilities	2,013.64	2,013.64
Other Expense		
LOPFI Expense	1,711.51	1,711.51
Misc Expenses	125.00	125.00
Expenses	\$29,334.73	\$29,334.73
Income (Loss) From Operations	\$9,047.74	\$9,047.74
Other Revenue		
Interest Income		
Interest Income	142.68	142.68
Other Revenue	\$142.68	\$142.68
Other Expenses		
Extraordinary Expense		
Copier	118.34	118.34
Other Expenses	\$118.34	\$118.34
Net Other	\$24.34	\$24.34

Fire Dept. Fund
Income Statement
Current vs Year-to-Date
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
Accrual

	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
	Actual	Actual
Net Income (Loss)	\$9,072.08	\$9,072.08

Report Options

Period: 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
Display Level: Level 3 Accounts
Display Account Categories: Yes
Display Subtotals: None
Reporting Method: Accrual
Fund: Fire Dept. Fund
Include Accounts: Accounts With Activity

Income Statement
Current vs Year-to-Date
1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
Accrual

	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual	Jan 2026 Jan 2026 Actual
Revenue		
Other Revenue		
Banner Sales	600.00	600.00
Interest Income	94.83	94.83
Registration	6,629.35	6,629.35
Sales Tax Turnback	18,617.84	18,617.84
Revenue	\$25,942.02	\$25,942.02
Gross Profit	\$25,942.02	\$25,942.02
Expenses		
Materials Expense		
Supplies	352.41	352.41
Utilities Expense		
Utilities - Internet	65.00	65.00
Other Expense		
Bathroom	105.98	105.98
Gas/ Fuel	411.49	411.49
Salary Reimbursement	1,058.94	1,058.94
Uniform Allowance	51.00	51.00
Utilities- Sewer	34.00	34.00
Utilities- Trash	371.20	371.20
Utilities- Water	73.24	73.24
Expenses	\$2,523.26	\$2,523.26
Income (Loss) From Operations	\$23,418.76	\$23,418.76
Net Income (Loss)	\$23,418.76	\$23,418.76

Report Options

Period: 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026
 Display Level: Level 3 Accounts
 Display Account Categories: Yes
 Display Subtotals: None
 Reporting Method: Accrual
 Include Accounts: Accounts With Activity

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is with sadness that I formally announce the passing of Ronnie Joe Fowlkes on Monday, February 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Joe was a founding member of the Vilonia Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Joe served on multiple boards and committees, including over 30 years on the Vilonia Waterworks board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Joe was a well-known contractor and builder who was involved in innumerable infrastructure projects throughout Faulkner County, including projects in Vilonia such as Vilonia Fire Department Station 1 and multiple street projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Joe was incredibly philanthropic and community-minded; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper we pause to pay tribute to a man who gave of himself to serve his community. May we honor his memory with admiration and respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Preston Scroggin, Mayor of the City of Vilonia, by the authority vested in me pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Ronnie Joe Fowlkes, and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby proclaim a time of mourning and time of celebration throughout the City of Vilonia in recognition of the loss of and the life of

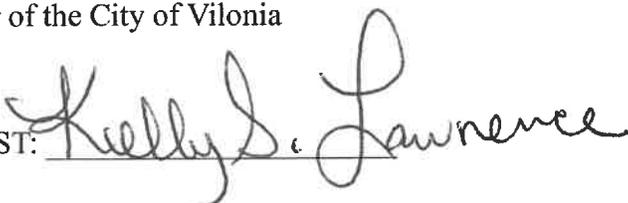
“Ronnie Joe Fowlkes”

I further declare Wednesday, February 18, 2026, to be a Day of Remembrance in Vilonia. I encourage all residents to pay homage to the memory of this great man.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.



Mayor of the City of Vilonia

ATTEST: 

ORD. 2026-1

IN THE CITY OF VILONIA, ARKANSAS

A ORDINANCE DEFINING AND REGULATING CARE FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF VILONIA, PERMITTING SUCH FACILITIES WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Vilonia has the authority, responsibility, and obligation to ensure public safety which from time to time requires amendment to the rules and regulations pertaining thereto, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the need exists to amend Title 14, of the Vilonia Municipal Code to impart additional requirements on the definition and regulation of home care facilities; and,

WHEREAS, potential applicants of home care facilities are entitled to clear standards and procedures for applications and proper compliance with municipal requirements.

WHEREAS, an emergency is declared to exist, necessitating the need for the additional requirements to take effect immediately for the preservation of public safety by the City of Vilonia hereinafter the date affixed hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VILONIA, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will be added or replaced in Title 14.04.02 of the Code of the General Ordinances of the city of Vilonia, Arkansas

- **Day Care Facility:** Any place operated as a business or service on a daily or regular basis, whereas the primary function is protection, care, and supervision of more than three human individuals which may include children, handicapped persons, or elderly individuals during the day, away from the clients' and caregivers' places of residence. All Day Care Facilities shall conform to applicable building and fire regulations and have an annual inspection completed by the Fire Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer.
- **Group Home:** A building or group of buildings on a parcel of land intended for occupancy by special groups of people who require special needs or assistance. Such groups include elderly persons, handicapped individuals, youth, or parolees. All Group Homes shall conform to applicable building and fire regulations and have an annual inspection completed by the Fire Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer.
- **Nursing Home/Assisted Living Facility:** A facility which houses multiple residents for any length of time and which provides nursing care, rehabilitation care, housekeeping, and/or food service for

three or more residents who do not have an ownership or tenant interest in the home, and who are not related to the home owner by blood or familial relation. This definition shall also include an independent living facility which also provides nursing care and/or assisted living care. Facilities treating residents for substance abuse, providing housing for parolees, treating psychiatric problems, housing for homeless, or housing of juveniles are not considered as a nursing home/assisted living use. All Nursing Home/Assisted Living Facilities shall conform to applicable building and fire regulations and have an annual inspection completed by the Fire Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer.

- **Transitional or Temporary Housing:** A residential facility which houses individuals transitionally or semi-permanently. Transitional or Temporary housing may include, as examples: a group home concurrently housing more than five (5) children or adults in foster or temporary care; assisted living for physically, mentally, or emotionally disabled adults for varying periods of time with trained caregivers; a shelter for battered women or other individuals; a homeless shelter; a home or facility for inmates placed on restrictive custodial confinement by court order during a period of supervised release from incarceration. All Transitional Housing Facilities shall conform to applicable building and fire regulations and have an annual inspection completed by the Fire Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer.

- **Home Foster Care.** This ordinance shall not apply to single-family dwellings in which the owner or lessee provides sanctioned foster care under the supervision of the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

SECTION 2: USES WITHIN DISTRICTS:

Day Care Facility, Group Home, Nursing Home/Assisted Living Facility, Transitional Housing shall be added to Conditional use under the following districts:

- **Residential Districts**
 - LDR Low Density Residential
 - MDR Medium Density Residential
 - LER Large Estate Residential
- **Mixed Use Districts**
 - TC Town Center
 - HMU Highway Mixed Use
 - VS Village

SECTION 3:

- (a) Application for conditional use approval shall be made by the property owner or authorized agent for the owner. Each application shall include a site plan. Said application may accompany a rezoning request if applicable, or by its own merit if its use is recognized in the existing zoning classification. The application shall be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting, to the Enforcement Officer, who will collect the filing fee and process all applicable surveys, site plans, and other supporting information pertinent to the review process. A public hearing shall be held to consider the merits of the application.

- (b) The Planning Commission shall review the conditional use application at a scheduled public hearing, at which time interested persons may appear and offer information in support of or against the proposed conditional use. The Planning Commission shall then make one of the following recommendations to the City Council regarding final approval:
 - a. Approve the conditional use as submitted
 - b. Approve the conditional use with modifications or conditions,
 - c. Defer the conditional use;
 - d. Deny the conditional use.

SECTION 4: Applications for conditional use to permit a Care Facility as defined by this Ordinance shall be considered against various factors, including, but not limited to the following:

- (a) The proposed location and site plan of the premises, including lot size, existing or proposed zoning classification, congruence and harmony with neighboring properties, accessibility to ambulance and emergency response vehicles, availability of off-street parking; the size and integrity of the building structure and utilities;
- (b) The proposed applicant's credentials, experience, and qualifications to operate a Care Facility, as well as any prior violations, licensure suspensions, criminal acts, civil judgments, or relevant administrative determinations affecting the applicant's ability to properly operate a Care Facility;
- (c) Whether or not such operation is required to or will otherwise be regulated and supervised by other agencies such as the Arkansas Department of Human Services, or Department of Health, Department of Corrections, etc;
- (d) Relevant input and commentary from neighboring residents and landowners;
- (e) Compliance with other administrative regulations, including fire codes, building codes, and health and safety codes.

SECTION 5: Fire and Code Inspections. All facilities described and defined herein as Day Care Facilities, Group Homes, Nursing Home/Assisted Living Facilities, and Transitional Housing shall be subject to all applicable building and fire regulations as well as all applicable local, state, and federal building codes. The approval and/or renewal of Conditional Use Permits issued under this Ordinance shall be conditioned upon the passage of a physical safety compliance inspection which shall be completed by the Fire Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer at the time of application and subsequently on a yearly basis on the anniversary of the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit. The purpose and criteria for such annual inspection shall be to determine the operator's compliance with applicable local, state, and federal building codes. Failure to comply with annual inspection(s) or failure to remedy deficiencies in building codes within a reasonable

period of time shall be basis for the City Council to consider the revocation of the operator's Conditional Use Permit.

SECTION 6: CONFLICT:

All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7: EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

This ordinance, being necessary and proper for the orderly and efficient operation of government and compliance with State Law, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF February 2026.

APPROVED: 
Mayor

ATTEST: 
Recorder/Treasurer

Additions and Deletions for the 2024 year, to be approved during the Vilonia City Council Meeting

Year	GrpExpr2	DeptDesc	AssetDesc	PurchaseDate	SerialNumber	Description	Purchas Amt
2024	Park	Park	Equipment	10/1/2024	Softball Complex	Challenger Structure Playground E	\$ 31,446.00
2024	Park	Park	Equipment	10/1/2024	Parkwood Memorial Parl	Challenger Structure Playground E	\$ 25,851.00
2024	Street	STREET	Vehicles	11/20/2024	1FT7X2BA4REC56315	Ford F250 Truck	\$ 49,336.00

Year	GrpExpr2	DeptDesc	AssetDesc	PurchaseDate	SerialNumber	Description	Deletion Amt
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Mayor's Signature

Preston Scroggin

Date

02/17/2026