

City of Alma, Arkansas

**Regulatory Basis Financial Statements
and Other Reports**

December 31, 2023

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



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Independent Auditor's Report

City of Alma, Arkansas Officials and Council Members
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the regulatory basis financial statements of the City of Alma, Arkansas (City), which are comprised of the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis for the general fund, street fund, and other funds in the aggregate as of December 31, 2023; the related Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis; the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Street Funds – Regulatory Basis for the year then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis financial position of the general fund, street fund, and other funds in the aggregate of the City of Alma, Arkansas as of December 31, 2023; the regulatory basis revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance; and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and street fund for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412 described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the general fund, street fund, and other funds in the aggregate of the City of Alma, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2023, or the revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the City on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements permitted by the State of Arkansas.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the City would have included another fund under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. However, under the regulatory basis, this fund is not required to be included as part of the reporting entity. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, as described in Note 1, to meet the requirements permitted by the State of Arkansas; this includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements or to the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information is comprised of the schedules listed in the table of contents but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplemental information, and our auditor's reports thereon. Our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 12, 2025, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON
AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Independent Auditor's Report

City of Alma, Arkansas Officials and Council Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the regulatory basis financial statements of the general fund, street fund, and other funds in the aggregate of City of Alma, Arkansas (City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2025. We issued an adverse opinion because the financial statements are prepared by the City on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. However, with respect to the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1, our opinions on the general fund, street fund, and other funds in the aggregate were unmodified.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

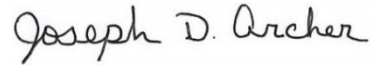
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We also reported to management of the City in a separate letter dated June 12, 2025.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record, and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Joseph D. Archer, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
June 12, 2025

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Exhibit A

	<u>General</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,245,380	\$ 1,723,596	\$ 17,856,608
Investments			710,226
Accounts receivable	<u>205,086</u>	<u>47,796</u>	<u>48,022</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 3,450,466</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,771,392</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,614,856</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 156,198	\$ 2,603	\$ 69
Settlements pending			54,906
Total Liabilities	<u>156,198</u>	<u>2,603</u>	<u>54,975</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	51,007	503,748	18,559,881
Committed	184,983	1,265,041	
Assigned	636,576		
Unassigned	<u>2,421,702</u>		
Total Fund Balances	<u><u>3,294,268</u></u>	<u><u>1,768,789</u></u>	<u><u>18,559,881</u></u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u><u>\$ 3,450,466</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,771,392</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,614,856</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Exhibit B

	General	Street	Other Funds in the Aggregate
REVENUES			
State aid	\$ 246,140	\$ 497,184	\$ 33,953
Federal aid	4,000		86,286
Property taxes	238,656	115,353	30,920
Franchise fees	330,756		
Sales taxes	2,990,304	506,854	1,128,752
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	168,437		4,261
Interest	59,754	39,574	114,737
Local permits and fees	96,373		
Sanitation fees	281,390		
Advertising and promotion taxes			302,075
Park fees	360,569		
School resource officer program	168,412		
Net increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments			63,646
Other	139,434		9,704
TOTAL REVENUES	5,084,225	1,158,965	1,774,334
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	668,855		437,306
Law enforcement	2,074,040		126,571
Highways and streets		696,841	251,866
Public safety	241,247		219,534
Sanitation	199,921		
Recreation and culture	477,436		
Social services	31,089		86,286
Advertising and promotion			184,941
Total Current	3,692,588	696,841	1,306,504
Debt Service:			
Bond principal			1,800,000
Bond interest and other charges			218,332
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,692,588	696,841	3,324,836

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Exhibit B

	<u>General</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,391,637	\$ 462,124	\$ (1,550,502)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	494,087		
Transfers out			(494,087)
Payroll related penalties and interest	(133,308)		
Bond proceeds			16,150,000
Bond premium			41,583
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>360,779</u>		<u>15,697,496</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	1,752,416	462,124	14,146,994
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>1,541,852</u>	<u>1,306,665</u>	<u>4,412,887</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 3,294,268</u>	<u>\$ 1,768,789</u>	<u>\$ 18,559,881</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND STREET FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Street		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
State aid	\$ 85,000	\$ 246,140	\$ 161,140	\$ 468,558	\$ 497,184	\$ 28,626
Federal aid		4,000	4,000			
Property taxes	135,000	238,656	103,656	104,464	115,353	10,889
Franchise fees	301,100	330,756	29,656			
Sales taxes	2,004,000	2,990,304	986,304	416,025	506,854	90,829
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	205,000	168,437	(36,563)			
Interest	4,500	59,754	55,254	2,483	39,574	37,091
Local permits and fees	63,500	96,373	32,873			
Sanitation fees	312,000	281,390	(30,610)			
Park fees	319,650	360,569	40,919			
School resource officer program		168,412	168,412			
Other	180,800	139,434	(41,366)			
TOTAL REVENUES	3,610,550	5,084,225	1,473,675	991,530	1,158,965	167,435
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	1,725,229	668,855	1,056,374			
Law enforcement	2,031,894	2,074,040	(42,146)			
Highways and streets				729,563	696,841	32,722
Public safety	184,937	241,247	(56,310)			
Sanitation		199,921	(199,921)			
Recreation and culture	309,161	477,436	(168,275)			
Social services	31,712	31,089	623			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,282,933	3,692,588	590,345	729,563	696,841	32,722

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND STREET FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Street		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (672,383)	\$ 1,391,637	\$ 2,064,020	\$ 261,967	\$ 462,124	\$ 200,157
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in		494,087	494,087			
Payroll related penalties and interest		(133,308)	(133,308)			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		360,779	360,779			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(672,383)	1,752,416	2,424,799	261,967	462,124	200,157
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,541,852	1,541,852	0	1,306,665	1,306,665	0
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 869,469	\$ 3,294,268	\$ 2,424,799	\$ 1,568,632	\$ 1,768,789	\$ 200,157

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The City of Alma was incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas and operates under an elected Mayor-Council form of government. The reporting entity includes all funds of the City. Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the *Government Accounting Standards Board*, the following fund of the City would have been included in the reporting entity: Water and Sewer. However, under Arkansas's regulatory basis described below, inclusion of this fund is not required and this fund is not included in this report.

B. Basis of Presentation – Regulatory

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the regulatory basis of presentation as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. The law requires that the financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and street fund presented separately with all other funds included in the financial statements presented in the aggregate. This law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general and street funds; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets.

The regulatory basis of presentation is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide and fund financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of presentation does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with related liabilities and residual balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for purposes of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

The following types of funds are recognized in the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements.

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Street Fund - The Street Fund (Special Revenue Fund) is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Street Fund accounts for and reports the proceeds of state highway turnback, property taxes, and sales taxes that are restricted or committed for maintaining and constructing highways and streets.

Other Funds in the Aggregate - Other Funds in the Aggregate consist of all funds included in the financial statements except for the General and Street Funds. The following types of funds are included in this column as follows:

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. See Schedules 1 and 2 for Special Revenue Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlay, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. See Schedules 1 and 2 for Capital Projects Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. See Schedules 1 and 2 for Debt Service Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

Pension Trust Funds - Pension Trust Funds are used to report resources that are required to be held in trust for the members and beneficiaries of pension plans. See Schedules 1 and 2 for the Pension Trust Fund reported with other funds in the aggregate.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation – Regulatory (Continued)

Other Funds in the Aggregate (Continued)

Custodial Funds - Custodial Funds are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). See Schedule 1 for Custodial Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

C. Basis of Accounting - Regulatory

The financial statements are prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. This regulatory basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenues generally are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. However, most state aid received from the State Treasury is by state law revenue of the year in which it was received by the government. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred. Liabilities incurred by the government on or before the end of the current period that are paid within 60 days of the end of the current period, are considered to be expenditures of the current period. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. As a result of the use of this regulatory basis of accounting, capital assets and long-term debt are not recorded in these financial statements. Pension trust funds are reported in a separate column as a part of supplementary information in order to provide users a better understanding of the entity as a whole.

The regulatory basis of accounting is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require the following major concepts: Accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of accounting does not require the previously identified concepts.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of financial reporting, "cash and cash equivalents" includes all demand and money market accounts, and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value.

Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, and costs that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

Fund Balance Classifications

1. Restricted fund balance - amounts that are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
2. Committed fund balance - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City Council (passage of an ordinance).
3. Assigned fund balance - amounts that are constrained by the City Council's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances (Continued)

Fund Balance Classifications (Continued)

4. Unassigned fund balance – amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification may also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

E. Property Taxes

A lien attaches to the real property in January and on personal property in June of each year. Property taxes are collectible beginning the first business day of March of the subsequent year but are not considered delinquent until after October 15. Property taxes reflected as revenues on the financial statements include the property tax relief distribution made by the State of Arkansas. The purpose of this distribution is to reimburse the municipality for property tax credits in accordance with Arkansas Code.

F. Budget Law

State law requires that these procedures be followed in establishing the budgetary data:

- a. Prior to December 1, the Mayor submits to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the calendar year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. The proposed budget is discussed at a City Council meeting prior to adoption.
- c. Prior to February 1, the budget is legally enacted by ordinance or resolution of the City Council.
- d. Appropriations lapse at the end of each year.
- e. Under certain conditions, the budget may be amended subsequent to the year-end.

The budgeted revenues and expenditures represent the formal operating budget adopted by the City Council, as amended by the Council during the year.

Basis of Accounting

The City prepared an annual budget on the regulatory basis for the General Fund, Street Fund, and the other operating funds.

G. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The Municipality's highest level of decision-making authority is its City Council. The establishment of amounts classified as committed fund balances and any subsequent modifications to such balances are the result of formal action taken by the City Council through passage of an ordinance. The City Council is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose, although a formal policy has not been established.

The Municipality does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The Municipality does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balance when committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

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NOTE 2: Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 925,041	\$ 925,041
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the City's name	5,387,030	5,470,670
Uninsured and uncollateralized	16,512,623	16,512,623
Total Deposits	\$ 22,824,694	\$ 22,908,334

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$890.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. The City does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2023, \$16,512,623 of the City's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk. The balances exposed to custodial credit risk were deposited in money market accounts consisting of Federated Treasury Obligations, which are not insured or collateralized in the City's name.

NOTE 3: Legal or Contractual Provisions for Deposits and Investments

State law generally requires that municipal funds be deposited in federally insured banks located in the State of Arkansas. The municipal deposits may be in the form of checking accounts, savings accounts, and time deposits. Public funds may be invested in eligible investment securities having a maturity of not longer than 5 years from the date of acquisition unless, as documented at the time of acquisition, the investment is to fund or support a specific purpose and there are no expectations that the investment will be sold before maturity; an Arkansas bank certificate of deposit; an account established by a local government joint investment trust; or an Arkansas financial institution repurchase agreement for eligible investment securities in which the seller agrees to repurchase the investment at a price including interest earned during the holding period as determined by the repurchase agreement.

Pension Trust Funds

State law generally requires that pension funds be deposited in banks. Pension funds may be invested in interest-bearing bonds of the United States, of the State of Arkansas, or of the city in which the board is located, in a local government joint investment trust, in the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, or in savings and loan associations duly established and authorized to do business in this state. State law also provides that if the total assets of the pension trust fund exceed \$100,000, the board may employ an investment advisor to invest the assets, subject to terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed by law upon the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

NOTE 4: Public Fund Investments

A summary of investments by fund types is as follows:

Fund Type	December 31, 2023 Fair Value
Firemen's Pension Trust	\$ 710,226

Investments are reported at fair value. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* establishes a hierarchy based on the valuation assumptions used to measure the fair value of the asset as follows:

- **Level I** – quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
- **Level II** – significant other observable assumptions (e.g., quoted prices for similar instruments in active or inactive markets, etc.).

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NOTE 4: Public Fund Investments (Continued)

- **Level III** – significant unobservable assumptions (i.e., prices or valuations using unobservable techniques supported by little or no market activity.)

The City's investments are composed of the following:

<u>December 31, 2023</u>	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Investments Level I
<u>Investment Type</u>	
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 710,226</u>

The fair value of mutual funds is measured on a recurring basis and is based on quoted market prices obtained from independent pricing sources.

NOTE 5: Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2023, is composed of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Street Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u>
Franchise fees	\$ 29,333		
Sales taxes	86,951	\$ 47,796	\$ 39,155
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	12,642		
Sanitation fees	26,989		
Advertising and promotion taxes			8,867
School resource officer program	49,171		
Totals	<u>\$ 205,086</u>	<u>\$ 47,796</u>	<u>\$ 48,022</u>

NOTE 6: Accounts Payable

The accounts payable balance at December 31, 2023, is composed of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Street Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u>
Vendor payables	\$ 20,281	\$ 2,259	\$ 69
Payroll taxes payable	2,609	344	
Payroll related penalties and interest	133,308		
Totals	<u>\$ 156,198</u>	<u>\$ 2,603</u>	<u>\$ 69</u>

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NOTE 7: Details of Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balance classifications at December 31, 2023, are composed of the following:

Description	General Fund	Street Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
General government			\$ 207,723
Law enforcement			19,022
Highways and streets		\$ 503,748	
Public safety			131,912
Recreation and culture	\$ 51,007		
Advertising and promotion			870,540
Pension benefits			748,404
Capital outlay			16,050,119
Debt service			532,161
Total Restricted	<u>51,007</u>	<u>503,748</u>	<u>18,559,881</u>
Committed for:			
Highways and streets		1,265,041	
Public safety	184,983		
Total Committed	<u>184,983</u>	<u>1,265,041</u>	
Assigned to:			
General government	87,244		
Law enforcement	131,780		
Recreation and culture	417,552		
Total Assigned	<u>636,576</u>		
Unassigned	<u>2,421,702</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 3,294,268</u>	<u>\$ 1,768,789</u>	<u>\$ 18,559,881</u>

NOTE 8: Legal Debt Limit

A. Property Tax Secured Bonded Debt

The City is subject to a constitutional limitation for bonded indebtedness equal to 20% of the total assessed value for tax purposes of real and personal property as determined by the last tax assessment. At December 31, 2023, the legal debt limit for the bonded debt was \$15,553,358. There were no property tax secured bond issues.

B. Short-term Financing Obligations

The City is subject to a constitutional limitation for short-term financing obligations equal to 5% of the assessed value of taxable property within the City as determined by the last tax assessment. At December 31, 2023, the legal debt limit for short-term financing obligations was \$4,062,591. There were no short-term financing obligations.

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NOTE 9: Commitments

Total commitments consist of the following at December 31, 2023:

	December 31, 2023
Long-term liabilities	\$ 21,559,464
Construction contract	366,222
 Total Commitments	 \$ 21,925,686

Long-term liabilities

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2023, are comprised of the following:

	December 31, 2023
<u>Bonds</u>	
Sales and Use Tax Refunding Bond - Series 2010 for refunding the Sales and Use Tax Bond - 2005 for street improvements, dated November 1, 2010, principal amount of \$3,010,000, due in 15 annual payments of \$20,000-\$265,000 from August 1, 2011 through August 1, 2025. Interest from 2.00% - 3.95%, which is due semi-annually. Payments to be made from the Sales and Use Tax Bond Series 2010 Street Improvements Debt Service Fund.	\$ 515,000
Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2017 for financing the cost of capital improvements, dated September 26, 2017, principal amount of \$5,100,000, due in annual installments of \$55,000 - \$465,000 plus interest through August 1, 2037. Interest from 1.75% - 3.5%. Payments to be made from the Sales and Use Tax Bond Series 2017 Debt Service Fund.	4,790,000
Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2023 for the purpose of capital improvements, dated December 21, 2023, principal amount of \$16,150,000 due in annual installments of \$375,000 - \$1,190,000 plus interest through March 1, 2044. Interest from 4.125% - 5.00%. Payments to be made from the Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvements Bond Series 2023 Debt Service Fund.	16,150,000
Total Bonds	21,455,000
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost	104,464
Total Long-term liabilities	\$ 21,559,464

Due to the City's regulatory basis of accounting, these liabilities are not recorded in the financial statements.

The City's outstanding bonds payable of \$21,455,000 contain a provision that in an event of default, the Trustee may, and upon written request of the owners of not less than 10% in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding shall, by proper suit compel the performance of the duties of the officials of the City and officials of the State to take any action or obtain any proper relief in law or equity available under the Constitution and laws of the State.

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NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

Change in Compensated Absences

	December 31, 2023
Beginning balance compensated absences	\$ 36,044
Ending balance compensated absences	104,464
Net increase (decrease)	\$ 68,420

Long-Term Debt Issued and Outstanding

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding December 31, 2023	Maturities to December 31, 2023
<u>Bonds</u>					
11/1/10	8/1/25	2-3.95%	\$ 3,010,000	\$ 515,000	\$ 2,495,000
9/26/17	8/1/37	1.75-3.5%	5,100,000	4,790,000	310,000
12/21/23	3/1/44	4.125-5.0%	16,150,000	16,150,000	
Total Long-Term Debt			\$ 24,260,000	\$ 21,455,000	\$ 2,805,000

Changes in Long-Term Debt

	Balance January 01, 2023	Issued	Retired	Balance December 31, 2023
Bonds payable	\$ 7,105,000	\$ 16,150,000	\$ 1,800,000 *	\$ 21,455,000

*Includes \$1,505,000 retirement of bonds prior to maturity dates

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The City is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2023:

Years Ending December 31,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 305,000	\$ 608,701	\$ 913,701
2025	690,000	951,074	1,641,074
2026	865,000	846,090	1,711,090
2027	890,000	810,178	1,700,178
2028	925,000	773,009	1,698,009
2029 through 2033	5,295,000	3,209,719	8,504,719
2034 through 2038	6,050,000	1,965,281	8,015,281
2039 through 2043	5,245,000	817,903	6,062,903
2044	1,190,000	24,990	1,214,990
Totals	\$ 21,455,000	\$ 10,006,945	\$ 31,461,945

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
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NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

Construction Contract

The City was contractually obligated for the following construction contract at December 31, 2023:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Contract Balance December 31, 2023</u>
Senior Inn Kitchen	April 2024	<u>\$ 366,222</u>

NOTE 10: Interfund Transfers

Other Funds in the Aggregate transferred \$494,087 to the General Fund for excess bond funds after retirement of debt of \$443,080 and unspent capital expenditures of \$51,007.

NOTE 11: Pledged Revenues

The City pledged future one half cent sales and use taxes to repay \$3,010,000 in bonds that were issued in 2010 to refund bonds issued in 2005 to provide funding for improvements to the City's streets. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds are \$515,000 and \$30,560 respectively, payable through August 1, 2025. For 2023, principal payments paid were \$240,000 and interest and service fee payments paid were \$32,243. The Debt Service Fund received \$263,319 in sales taxes in 2023. Any sales taxes collected in excess of debt service payments on these bonds is permitted to be used for any lawful purpose.

The City pledged future 1% sales and use taxes to repay \$5,100,000 in bonds that were issued in 2017 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the cost of capital improvements related to Street and Drainage Projects. The pledge of revenues is on parity with the pledge of pledged revenues in favor of the City's Sales and Use Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds are \$4,790,000 and \$1,407,300, respectively, payable through August 1, 2037. For 2023, principal payments paid were \$55,000 and interest and service fee payments paid were \$160,331. The Debt Service Fund received \$215,331 in sales taxes in 2023. Any sales taxes collected in excess of debt service payments on these bonds is permitted to be used for any lawful purpose.

The City pledged future 1% sales and use taxes to repay \$16,150,000 in bonds that were issued in 2023 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the cost of capital improvements related to streets, drainage, park and recreational facilities, fire, police, water and sewer. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds are \$16,150,000 and \$8,569,085 respectively, payable through March 1, 2044. There were no principal or interest payments for 2023. Sales tax collections begin in 2024.

NOTE 12: Jointly Governed Organizations

West River Valley Solid Waste Management District

Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Perry, Pope, Scott, and Yell Counties, and the Cities of Van Buren, Ozark, Atkins, Booneville, Alma, Clarksville, Russellville, Paris, Charleston, Morrilton, Waldron, and Dardanella entered into an agreement in 1991 to form the West River Valley Solid Waste Management District in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-6-708. The City did not provide any funding for the District. Separate financial statements may be obtained at: 24087 Highway 164, Clarksville, AR 72830.

Twelfth Judicial District Drug Task Force

The Prosecuting Attorneys of the Twelfth Judicial District and the Twenty-First Judicial District, the Sebastian and Crawford County Sheriffs' Departments, and the Police Departments of Fort Smith, Alma, Greenwood, and Barling entered into an agreement to establish the Twelfth Judicial District Drug Task Force. Funding is provided by grants and Prosecuting Attorney's Offices, local sheriffs' departments, and local police departments. The City has not provided any funding to the Twelfth Judicial District Drug Task Force. Separate financial statements for the Twelfth Judicial District Drug Task Force are available at: 901 South B Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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NOTE 13: Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties and participation in a public entity risk pool. The amount of settlements, if any, has not exceeded the insurance coverage for each of the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the major categories of risk from coverage in the prior year.

The City participates in the Arkansas Municipal League Program (public entity risk pools) for coverage in the following areas:

Workers' Compensation - This program provides statutory benefits for losses incurred by municipal officials, employees, and volunteer fire fighters while performing work for the municipality. Rates for municipalities participating in this program are revised by class code on an annual basis by the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission.

Municipal Vehicle Program

- A. Liability - This program may pay all sums the municipality legally must pay as damages because of bodily injury, death, or property damage to which this agreement applies involving a covered municipal vehicle and for which the municipality is liable. The limit of payment by the program is as follows: \$25,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident; \$50,000 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident; and \$25,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident. The City shall pay into the program each year a charge established annually by the program administrator for covered municipal vehicles and self-propelled mobile equipment owned or leased by the City.
- B. Physical Damage - This program covers motor vehicles and permanently attached equipment which are the property of the participating municipality. Property is valued at the full cost to repair or replace the property after deduction for depreciation. Loss amounts payable will be reduced by the deductible amount of \$1,000 per occurrence. The City agrees to pay into the program each year a service charge established annually by the program administrator for covered property.

Municipal Property Program - This program covers insurable property and equipment, exclusive of motor vehicles and water vessels, which belong to or are in the care, custody, or control of a participating municipality. Property is valued at the full cost to repair or replace the property after deduction of depreciation or as agreed to by the participating municipality and program. Loss amounts payable will be reduced by the deductible amount of \$5,000, or in the case of flood or earthquake, \$100,000. The municipality agrees to pay into the program each year a service charge established annually by the program administrator for property for which the municipality desires coverage.

Municipal Legal Defense Program - The program shall, at the sole discretion of the program administrators, provide extraordinary legal defense and extraordinary expenses in suits against municipal officials and employees and civil rights suits against the municipal government of a participating municipality and pay extraordinary judgments (for actual damages – not punitive damages) imposed on municipal officials and employees and the municipal government. The program shall never be liable to reimburse the municipal government, municipal officials, and employees because of judgment in any one lawsuit for more than 25% of the program's available funds at time the lawsuit was filed or the judgment becomes final, or \$1 million, whichever is less. The City agrees to pay into the program each year a charge established by the steering committee. Each city also agrees to pay the first \$3,000 of the aggregate cost for all expenses on each lawsuit. This cost deposit is not refundable.

The City also participates in the Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program covers actual losses sustained by the participating entity through any fraudulent or dishonest act or acts committed by any of the officials or employees, acting alone or in collusion with others, during the bond period to an amount not exceeding the lesser of \$300,000 or the amount of the bond. Premiums for coverage are determined by the State Risk Manager and approved by the Board. These premiums are paid by the State Treasurer from funds withheld from the Municipal Aid Fund. There is a \$2,500 deductible per occurrence.

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NOTE 14: Firemen's Pension and Relief Plan

Plan Description

The Firemen's Pension and Relief Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers municipal firemen employed prior to January 1, 1983. The plan, administered by the City, provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. State law does provide that upon actuarial soundness of the plan, the Board may increase retirement benefits. The plan was closed to new entrants on January 1, 1983. The plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report but is included in the City's financial report.

Contributions

Active participants of the plan are required to make contributions of not less than 6% of their salary to the plan. Active volunteer firemen are required to make contributions of \$12 per year. The City is required by state law to contribute an amount equal to but not less than 6% of the participant's salary and an amount equal to the contribution paid by any volunteer fireman. The plan is also funded with state insurance tax and property tax on real estate and personal property. If the funds in the plan should be insufficient to make full payment of the amount of pensions to all persons entitled, then the funds shall be prorated among those entitled by the proper authorities as may be deemed just and equitable. The City's contribution to the plan was \$27,609 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68, under the regulatory basis of accounting, are limited to disclosure of the City's net pension liability. Based on the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation, the plan has a net pension liability of \$0.

**NOTE 15: Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI)
(A Defined Benefit Pension Plan)**

Plan Description

The City contributes to the Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI), an agent multiple employer retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for cities and towns in Arkansas. The plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LOPFI. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, 620 W. 3rd, Suite 200, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-866-859-1745, or on their website www.lopfi-prb.com.

Funding Policy

The employee contribution rate depends on the type of service being rendered and whether or not the service is also covered by Social Security. The different employee contribution rates required by state law are:

- A. Paid service not covered by Social Security: 8.5% of gross pay
- B. Paid service also covered by Social Security: 2.5% of gross pay
- C. Volunteer fire service: no employee contribution

The City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by State law. The contribution requirements of the City are established and may be amended by the LOPFI Board of Trustees. The plan is also funded with state insurance tax. The City's contribution to the plan was \$18,726 and the amount of insurance tax paid by the state to the plan for the benefit of the City was \$16,848 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Net Pension Liability

The requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68, under the regulatory basis of accounting, are limited to disclosure of the City's share of the collective net pension liability. The City's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at December 31, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$173,387.

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NOTE 16: Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description

The City contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers municipal employees whose municipalities have elected coverage under this System. APERS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, 124 W. Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-682-7377, or on their website www.apers.org.

Funding Policy

APERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 5% of their salary. Beginning July 1, 2022, the contribution rates shall be increased in increments of .25% per fiscal year, not to exceed 7%. The contributory rate was increased to 5.50% as of July 1, 2023. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of the system, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The City's contribution to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2023, (date of APERS Employer Allocation Report) was \$250,807.

Net Pension Liability

The requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68, under the regulatory basis of accounting, are limited to disclosure of the City's share of the collective net pension liability. The City's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$2,152,516.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2023

Schedule 1

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS					CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	
	Advertising and Promotion	Asset Forfeiture (Police ESA)	Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	District Court Automation	American Rescue Plan Act	2017 Sales and Use Tax - Street and Drainage Improvements	2023 Sales and Use Tax - Improvements
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 861,742	\$ 7,239	\$ 131,912	\$ 11,783	\$ 207,723	\$ 2,601	\$ 16,047,518
Investments							
Accounts receivable	8,867						
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 870,609</u>	<u>\$ 7,239</u>	<u>\$ 131,912</u>	<u>\$ 11,783</u>	<u>\$ 207,723</u>	<u>\$ 2,601</u>	<u>\$ 16,047,518</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 69						
Settlements pending							
Total Liabilities	<u>69</u>						
Fund Balances:							
Restricted	870,540	\$ 7,239	\$ 131,912	\$ 11,783	\$ 207,723	\$ 2,601	\$ 16,047,518
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 870,609</u>	<u>\$ 7,239</u>	<u>\$ 131,912</u>	<u>\$ 11,783</u>	<u>\$ 207,723</u>	<u>\$ 2,601</u>	<u>\$ 16,047,518</u>

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2023

Schedule 1

	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		TRUST FUND	CUSTODIAL FUNDS		Totals
	Hotel and Restaurant Gross Receipts Tax Refunding Bond	Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2010 Street Improvements	Firemen's Pension	Administration of Justice	Police Bond and Fine	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 30,502	\$ 462,504	\$ 38,178	\$ 673	\$ 54,233	\$ 17,856,608
Investments			710,226			710,226
Accounts receivable		39,155				48,022
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 30,502	\$ 501,659	\$ 748,404	\$ 673	\$ 54,233	\$ 18,614,856
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable						\$ 69
Settlements pending				\$ 673	\$ 54,233	54,906
Total Liabilities				673	54,233	54,975
Fund Balances:						
Restricted	\$ 30,502	\$ 501,659	\$ 748,404			18,559,881
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 30,502	\$ 501,659	\$ 748,404	\$ 673	\$ 54,233	\$ 18,614,856

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Schedule 2

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS						CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		
	Advertising and Promotion	Asset Forfeiture (Police ESA)	Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	District Court Automation	American Rescue Plan Act	Senior Inn Grant	2014 Sales and Use Tax - Park and Recreation, Police, Firefighting, and Parking Improvements	2017 Sales and Use Tax - Street and Drainage Improvements	2023 Sales and Use Tax - Improvements
State aid			\$ 33,953						
Federal aid						\$ 86,286			
Property taxes									
Sales taxes									
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		\$ 1,446		\$ 2,815					
Interest	\$ 26,553	177	3,860	341	\$ 11,297	\$ 1,030	\$ 235		
Advertising and promotion taxes	302,075								
Net increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments									
Other	6								
TOTAL REVENUES	328,634	1,623	37,813	3,156	11,297	86,286	1,030	235	
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government								\$ 144,065	
Law enforcement				2,929					
Highways and streets								2,700	
Public safety			50,140						
Social services									
Advertising and promotion	184,941								
Total Current	184,941		50,140	2,929	747,920	86,286		2,700	
Debt Service:									
Bond principal									
Bond interest and other charges									
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	184,941		50,140	2,929	747,920	86,286	2,700	144,065	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	143,693	1,623	(12,327)	227	(736,623)		1,030	(144,065)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers out							(51,007)		
Bond proceeds								16,150,000	
Bond premium								41,583	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							(51,007)	16,191,583	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	143,693	1,623	(12,327)	227	(736,623)		(49,977)	(2,465)	
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	726,847	5,616	144,239	11,556	944,346		49,977	5,066	
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 870,540	\$ 7,239	\$ 131,912	\$ 11,783	\$ 207,723	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,601	
								\$ 16,047,518	

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Schedule 2

	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS						TRUST FUND	Totals
	Hotel and Restaurant Gross Receipts Tax Refunding Bond	Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2010 Street Improvements	Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Bond - Series 2014	Sales and Use Tax Bond Street Project Improvements - Series 2015	Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2016	Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2017	Firemen's Pension	
State aid								\$ 33,953
Federal aid								86,286
Property taxes							\$ 30,920	30,920
Sales taxes		\$ 263,319	\$ 133,347	\$ 65,010	\$ 451,745	\$ 215,331		1,128,752
Fines, forfeitures, and costs								4,261
Interest	\$ 85	19,976	11,387	3,057	12,259		24,480	114,737
Advertising and promotion taxes								302,075
Net increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments							63,646	63,646
Other							9,698	9,704
TOTAL REVENUES	85	283,295	144,734	68,067	464,004	215,331	128,744	1,774,334
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
General government								437,306
Law enforcement								126,571
Highways and streets								251,866
Public safety							87,523	219,534
Social services								86,286
Advertising and promotion								184,941
Total Current							87,523	1,306,504
Debt Service:								
Bond principal		240,000	585,000	125,000	795,000	55,000		1,800,000
Bond interest and other charges		32,243	10,962	4,153	10,643	160,331		218,332
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		272,243	595,962	129,153	805,643	215,331	87,523	3,324,836
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	85	11,052	(451,228)	(61,086)	(341,639)		41,221	(1,550,502)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers out			(97,777)	(85,840)	(259,463)			(494,087)
Bond proceeds								16,150,000
Bond premium								41,583
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			(97,777)	(85,840)	(259,463)			15,697,496
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	85	11,052	(549,005)	(146,926)	(601,102)		41,221	14,146,994
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	30,417	490,607	549,005	146,926	601,102		707,183	4,412,887
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 30,502	\$ 501,659	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 748,404	\$ 18,559,881

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2
 DECEMBER 31, 2023

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Description</u>
Advertising and Promotion	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-75-606 established fund to account for the tax levied on gross receipts of hotels, restaurants, etc. The tax shall be used for the advertising and promoting of the city and its environs; construction, maintenance, and operation of a convention center, operation of tourist promotion facilities, and payment of principal and interest in connection with bonds issued.
Asset Forfeiture (Police ESA)	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505 established fund to receive asset forfeitures resulting from drug offense cases due to arresting agency. The revenues shall only be used for law enforcement purposes.
Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-284-403, 404 requires insurance premium tax funds to be distributed by the county to municipal fire departments for training, purchase and improvement of fire fighting equipment, initial capital construction or improvements of fire departments, insurance for buildings, and utilities costs.
District Court Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established fund to receive district court installment fees of 1/2 of \$5 per month on each person to be used for court-related technology.
American Rescue Plan Act	Established to receive and disburse Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, to support response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
Senior Inn Grant	Established to receive and disburse Senior Inn grant funds for kitchen remodel and related administrative costs.
2014 Sales and Use Tax - Park and Recreation, Police, Firefighting, and Parking Improvements	Alma Ordinance no. 2014-13 (October 16, 2014) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax refunding and improvement bonds, Series 2014 for the purpose of financing and refinancing the cost of capital improvements; pledging collections of a one percent sales and use tax to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.
2017 Sales and Use Tax - Street and Drainage Improvements	Alma Ordinance no. 2017-19 (August 17, 2017) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax bonds, Series 2017 for the purpose of financing the costs of capital improvements; pledging collections of a one percent sales and use tax to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.
2023 Sales and Use Tax - Improvements	Alma Ordinance 2023-14 (November 16, 2023) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax bonds, Series 2023 for the purpose of financing the costs of capital improvements; pledging collections of a one percent sales and use tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2
 DECEMBER 31, 2023

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Description</u>
Hotel and Restaurant Gross Receipts Tax Refunding Bond	Alma Ordinance no. 2004-09 (September 16, 2004) authorized this fund for the payment of principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due at maturity or at redemption prior to maturity.
Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2010 Street Improvements	Alma Ordinance no. 2010-11 (October 7, 2010) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax refunding bonds, Series 2010 for the purpose of refunding sales and use tax bond, Series 2005, and for the payment of principal of and interest on bonds as they become due at maturity or at redemption prior to maturity and other matters relating thereto.
Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Bond - Series 2014	Alma Ordinance no. 2014-13 (October 16, 2014) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax refunding and improvement bonds, Series 2014 for the purpose of financing and refinancing the cost of capital improvements; pledging collections of a one percent sales and use tax to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.
Sales and Use Tax Bond Street Project Improvements - Series 2015	Alma Ordinance no. 2014-17 (November 20, 2014) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax refunding and improvement bonds, Series 2015 for the purpose of financing and refinancing the cost of capital improvements; pledging collections of a one percent sales and use tax to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.
Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2016	Alma Ordinance no. 2016-8 (September 15, 2016) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax bond, Series 2016 for the purpose of financing the costs of capital improvements; pledging collections of a one percent sales and use tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.
Sales and Use Tax Bond - Series 2017	Alma Ordinance no. 2017-19 (August 17, 2017) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax bond, Series 2017 for the purpose of financing the costs of capital improvements; pledging collections of a one percent sales and use tax to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.
Firemen's Pension	Ark. Code Ann. § 24-11-801 established fund to receive property taxes, state aid, and other revenues allowed by law for support of firefighter retirement programs.
Administration of Justice	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-308 established fund to receive the city's share of uniform court costs and filing fees levied by state law to be used to defray a part of the expenses of the administration of justice in the city.
Police Bond and Fine	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-204 established account to receive fines, forfeitures, and costs collected by the police department.

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
OTHER INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(Unaudited)

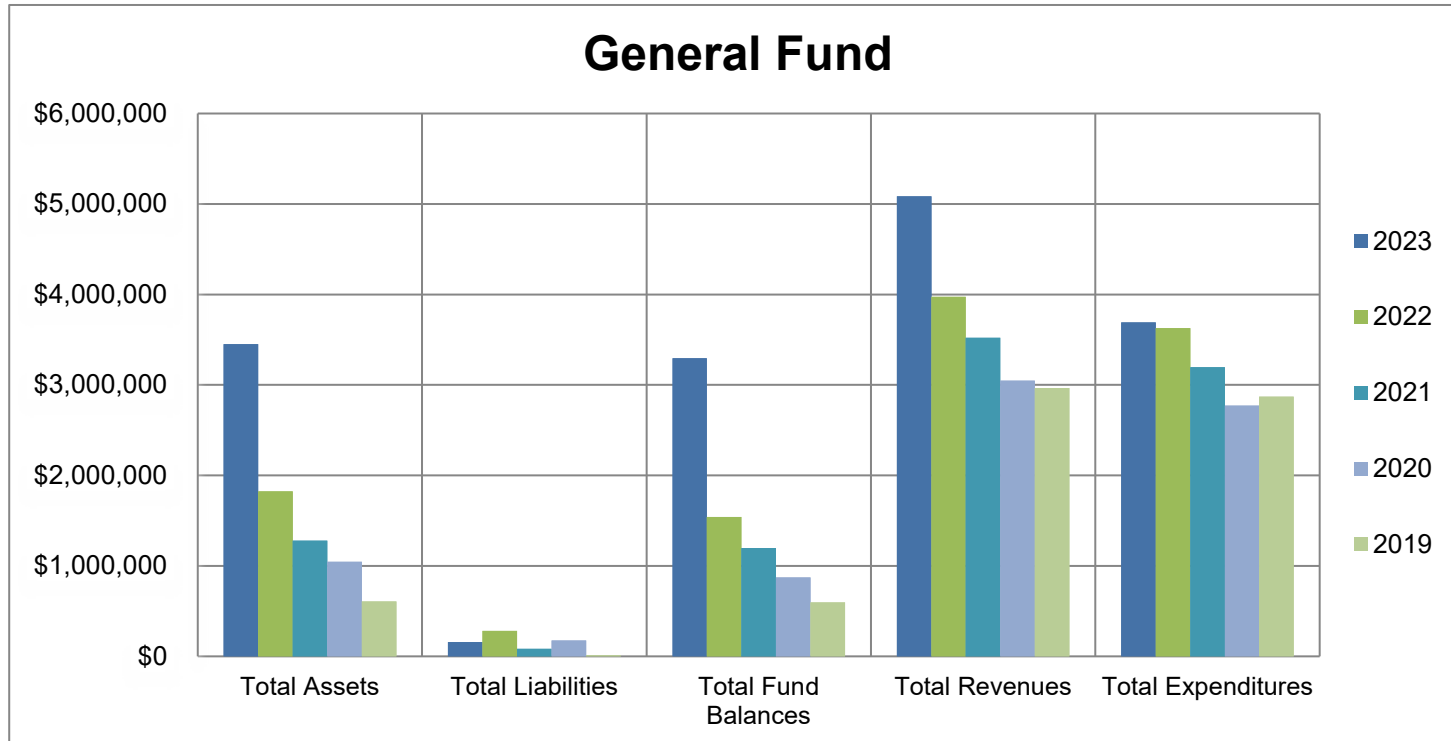
Schedule 3

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
Construction in progress	\$ 345,540
Land	1,473,040
Buildings and improvements	6,631,070
Equipment and vehicles	<u>6,259,654</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,709,304</u>

CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2023
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 4-1

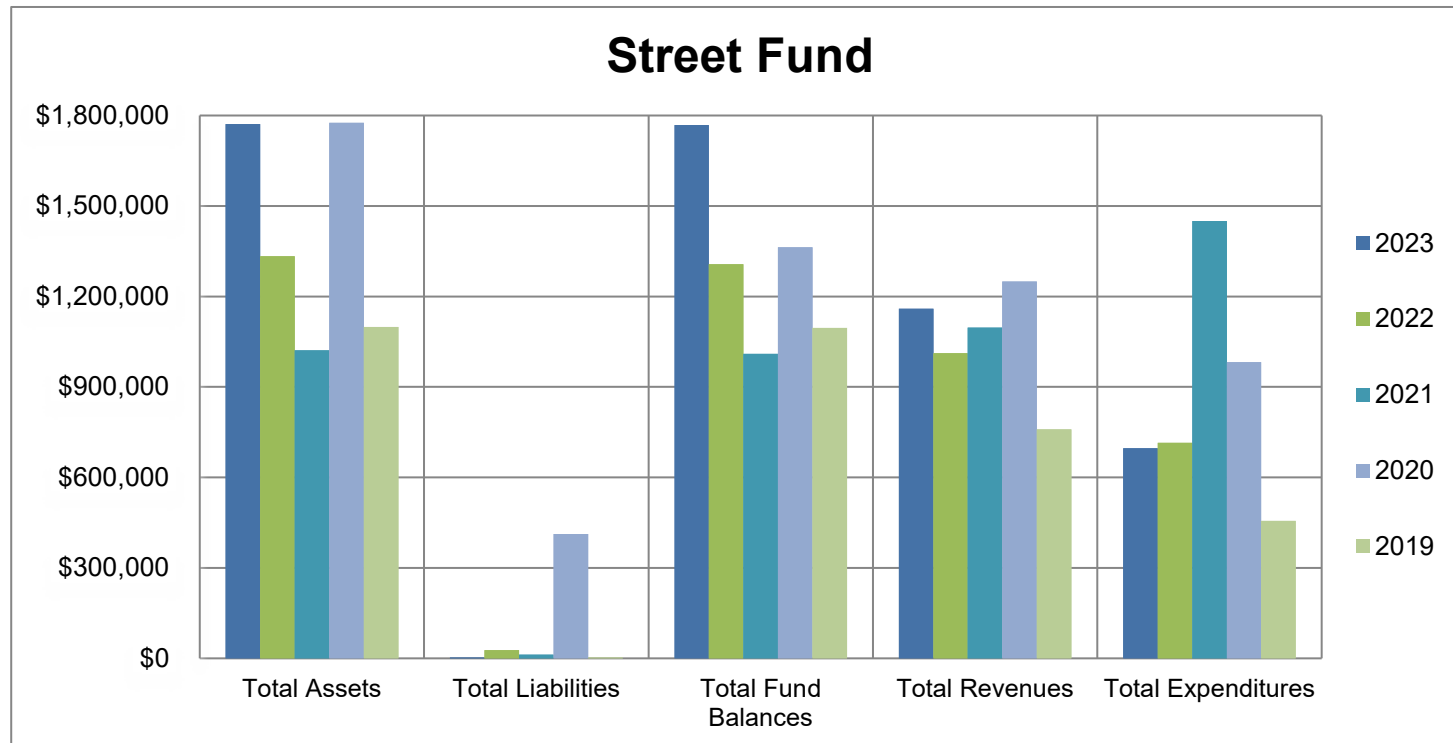
<u>General</u>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 3,450,466	\$ 1,824,275	\$ 1,279,601	\$ 1,044,602	\$ 607,327
Total Liabilities	156,198	282,423	83,190	173,645	12,440
Total Fund Balances	3,294,268	1,541,852	1,196,411	870,957	594,887
Total Revenues	5,084,225	3,973,896	3,522,143	3,046,758	2,965,619
Total Expenditures	3,692,588	3,628,455	3,196,689	2,770,688	2,871,328
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	360,779				



CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - STREET FUND - REGULATORY BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2023
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 4-2

<u>Street</u>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 1,771,392	\$ 1,333,804	\$ 1,021,823	\$ 1,775,531	\$ 1,098,704
Total Liabilities	2,603	27,139	12,042	412,357	2,959
Total Fund Balances	1,768,789	1,306,665	1,009,781	1,363,174	1,095,745
Total Revenues	1,158,965	1,011,517	1,096,224	1,249,279	759,488
Total Expenditures	696,841	714,633	1,449,617	981,850	455,981
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses					



CITY OF ALMA, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2023
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 4-3

<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 18,614,856	\$ 4,468,518	\$ 4,581,894	\$ 3,768,581	\$ 6,747,881
Total Liabilities	54,975	55,631	35,346	43,573	837,884
Total Fund Balances	18,559,881	4,412,887	4,546,548	3,725,008	5,909,997
Total Revenues	1,774,334	3,223,682	3,296,129	2,480,332	2,457,115
Total Expenditures	3,324,836	3,357,343	2,474,589	4,665,321	7,157,960
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	15,697,496				

