City of Atkins, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2024



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A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist local government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of local governments, as well as compliance with relevant state laws and observance of good business practices to provide accountability for tax dollars expended to support government operations.

We have performed certain limited procedures with respect to cash basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for the City of Atkins, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2025. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer Funds. Management of the City is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2024:

Mayor: Rowdy Sweet

Recorder/Treasurer: Angela Singleton District Court Clerk: Crystal Watson Police Chief: Stephen Pack

We evaluated the City's compliance with certain state laws concerning general and district court accounting, budgeting, purchasing, and investing and depositing of public funds.

During our evaluation, nothing came to our attention that would warrant disclosure in this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local City government, state executive and oversight management, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. 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.

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CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

	General Fund		Special Revenue Funds		Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2019 Debt Service Fund		Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2019 Construction Fund		Permanent Fund Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Cash and Investment Balance, January 1, 2024	\$	1,914,542	\$	515,787	\$	338,606	\$	1,277,605	\$	40,530
Receipts:										
State aid		42,517		262,534						
Federal aid		7,400								
Property taxes				46,478						
Franchise fees		187,423								
Sales taxes		910,504		16,200		762,364				
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		50,429		7,649						
Interest		61,441		29,014		24,182		51,821		1,544
Local permits and fees		73,373								
Lot sales				2,200						
Donations				2,980						
Net increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments				3,607						
Other		41,820		14,094						
Total Receipts		1,374,907		384,756		786,546		51,821		1,544
Disbursements:										
General government		342,200								
Law enforcement		637,458		4,885						
Highways and streets				292,412						
Public safety		236,898		28,129						
Recreation and culture		93,905								
Cemetery				6,300						
Water and sewer		187,526						471,715		
Debt service						797,397				
Total Disbursements		1,497,987		331,726		797,397		471,715		
Cash and Investment Balance, December 31, 2024	\$	1,791,462	\$	568,817	\$	327,755	\$	857,711	\$	42,074

CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

	Street		District Court Automation		Criminal Justice		Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)		Cemetery Operation and Maintenance		Total	
Cash and Investment Balance, January 1, 2024	\$	325,218	\$	19,164	\$	1,305	\$	14,908	\$	155,192	\$	515,787
Receipts:												
State aid		235,098						27,436				262,534
Property taxes		46,478										46,478
Sales taxes		16,200										16,200
Fines, forfeitures, and costs				5,543		2,106						7,649
Interest		10,497		614		53		407		17,443		29,014
Lot sales										2,200		2,200
Donations										2,980		2,980
Net increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments										3,607		3,607
Other		14,094										14,094
Total Receipts		322,367		6,157		2,159		27,843		26,230		384,756
Disbursements:												
Law enforcement				3,909		976						4,885
Highways and streets		292,412										292,412
Public safety								28,129				28,129
Cemetery										6,300		6,300
Total Disbursements		292,412		3,909		976		28,129		6,300		331,726
Cash and Investment Balance, December 31, 2024	\$	355,173	\$	21,412	\$	2,488	\$	14,622	\$	175,122	\$	568,817

CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

- 1. Cash and investment balances on the Financial Schedules include demand and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and mutual funds.
- The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:
 General, Rural Fire, Matthews Civic Center, LOPFI, Permit Fee, Sales Tax, and Fire Truck
- 3. Cash balances at year-end in the custodial funds are as follows:

	December 31, 2024			
District Court	\$ 5,767			
Payroll	7,799			
Administration of Justice	16			

These balances represent fines, forfeitures, and costs and payroll taxes that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

4. The Municipality's capital assets records are summarized below:

December 31, 2024				
\$	629,752 2,488,969 2,044,749			
\$	5,163,470			
	\$			

5. Outstanding balances at year-end for long-term liabilities are as follows:

December 31,	
2024	

Refunding and Improvement Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2019, issued December 18, 2019, in the amount of \$8,160,000. Annual installments of \$180,000 to \$405,000; interest rates from 2.7% to 3.125%. Payments are to be made from the Sales and Use Tax Bonds, Series 2019 Debt Service Fund.

\$ 5,670,000

CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

5. The City is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2024:

Years Ending				
December 31,	 Bonds			
2025	\$ 368,210			
2026	367,210			
2027	366,060			
2028	364,760			
2029	374,385			
2030 through 2034	1,845,150			
2035 through 2039	1,839,394			
2040 through 2044	1,846,662			
2045	338,910			
Total Obligations	7,710,741			
Less Interest	 2,040,741			
Total Principal	\$ 5,670,000			

7. <u>Pledged Revenues</u>

The City pledged future 1.5% sales and use taxes to provide funding for all or a portion of the costs of extensions, betterments, and improvements to the City's water and sewer systems in addition to park facilities and improvements and parking, furnishings, equipment, drainage, lighting and utility improvements to the City's park facilities, funding a debt reserve and paying expenses of issuing the Bonds. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds, at December 31, 2024 were \$5,670,000 and \$2,040,741, respectively, payable through December 1, 2045. For 2024, principal and interest paid were \$610,000 and \$182,295, respectively.

The Debt Service Fund received \$762,364 in sales taxes in 2024. Any sales taxes collected in excess of debt service payments on these bonds are required to be used for mandatory bond redemption.