#### CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS

# REGULATORY BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

December 31, 2023

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Arkansas Officials and City Council of Mountain View, Arkansas

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the regulatory basis financial statements of the City of Mountain View, 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, and the related Statements of Revenues, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances and Budget and Actual — General and Street Funds — Regulatory Basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### **Unmodified Opinion 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 Mountain View, Arkansas as of December 31, 2023; the regulatory basis revenues, disbursements, and changes in net position; 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 Mountain View, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2023, or the revenues, expenditures, and changes in net position 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 Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Regulatory Basis 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.

#### **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 opinion. 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 generally accepted 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement 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 of Mountain View, Arkansas'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 of Mountain View, Arkansas'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.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Mountain View, Arkansas's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining balance sheet, combining statement of receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances, and the schedule of capital assets – general fund are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining balance sheet, and combining statement of receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such 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 financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements taken as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### Other Information

The schedule of capital assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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 October 24, 2024 on our consideration of the City of Mountain View, Arkansas's internal control over financial reporting and 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 that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Mountain View, Arkansas's internal control over financial reporting or on

compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Mountain View, Arkansas's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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October 24, 2024

#### CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET – REGULATORY BASIS

December 31, 2023

<u>Assets</u>	General Fund	Street Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,000,074	•	\$ 5,219,558	\$ 9,202,375
Other miscellaneous receivables Interfund receivables	245,055 64,583	•	131,125 	401,948 64,583
Total assets	\$ 3,309,712	\$ 1,008,511	\$ 5,350,683	\$ 9,668,906
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 71,320	\$ -	\$ 4,970	\$ 76,290
Other miscellaneous payables	-	-	-	-
Interfund payables			63,982	63,982
Total liabilities	71,320	-	68,952	140,272
Fund Balance				
Restricted	-	_	5,281,731	5,281,731
Assigned	367,699	1,008,511	-	1,376,210
Unassigned	2,870,693	-	-	2,870,693
Total fund balance	3,238,392		5,281,731	9,528,634
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 3,309,712	\$ 1,008,511	\$ 5,350,683	\$ 9,668,906

#### CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – REGULATORY BASIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Receipts	General Fund			Street Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate		Total	
State aid	\$	38,698	\$	242,022	\$ -	\$	280,720	
Property taxes	Ψ	99,949	Ψ	62,816	Ψ -	Ψ	162,765	
Fines and forfeitures		62,114		02,010	_		62,114	
Franchise taxes		218,427		_	_		218,427	
Sales taxes	2	011,994		_	1,491,981		3,503,975	
Local permits	۷,	17,655		_	1,431,301		17,655	
Interest		19,086		8,047	196,572		223,705	
Federal aid	1	822,023		- 0,047	1,822,023		3,644,046	
Grants	•,	153,311		_	572,769		726,080	
Sanitation		529,477		_	-		529,477	
Recreation		42,793		_	_		42,793	
Service fees		24,516		_	_		24,516	
Other		382,233		95,427	310		477,970	
Total receipts	5,	422,276		408,312	4,083,655		9,914,243	
Disbursements								
Current:								
General government	3.	292,373		-	-		3,292,373	
Economic development		121,604		_	-		121,604	
Law enforcement		934,521		-	_		934,521	
Highways and streets		· <u>-</u>		427,017	-		427,017	
Public safety		32,337		_	23,215		55,552	
Recreation and culture		28,224		_	_		28,224	
City services		26,847		-	-		26,847	
Advertising and promotion		11,549		_	-		11,549	
Capital projects	_	377,967			128,676		506,643	
Total current disbursements	4,	825,422		427,017	151,891		5,404,330	

#### CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – REGULATORY BASIS (CONTINUED)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

			Other Funds	
	General	Street	in the	
	Fund	Fund	Aggregate	Total
Debt Services:				
Debt principal	-	-	1,245,000	1,245,000
Debt interest and other charges			267,072	267,072
Total debt services			1,512,072	1,512,072
Total disbursements	4,825,422	427,017	1,663,963_	6,916,402
Excess (deficiency) of receipts				
over disbursements	596,854	(18,705)	2,419,692	2,997,841
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in from other funds	-	16,787	-	16,787
Transfers out to other funds	(5,582)	-	(11,205)	(16,787)
Contributions to Waterworks			(3,876,169)	(3,876,169)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(5,582)	16,787	(3,887,374)	(3,876,169)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts				
and other sources over				
disbursements and other uses	591,272	(1,918)	(1,467,682)	(878,328)
Fund balance, December 31, 2022	2,647,120	1,010,429	6,749,413	10,406,962
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Fund balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 3,238,392	\$ 1,008,511	\$ 5,281,731	\$ 9,528,634

# CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND – REGULATORY BASIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

		Budget	Actual	Variance		
Receipts						
State aid	\$	44,922	\$ 38,698	\$	(6,224)	
Property taxes		84,325	99,949		15,624	
Fines and forfeitures		-	62,114		62,114	
Franchise taxes		218,582	218,427		(155)	
Sales taxes		1,737,315	2,011,994		274,679	
Local permits		-	17,655		17,655	
Interest		6,660	19,086		12,426	
Federal aid		-	1,822,023		1,822,023	
Grants		418,772	153,311		(265,461)	
Sanitation		-	529,477		529,477	
Recreation		34,323	42,793		8,470	
Service fees		15,360	24,516		9,156	
Other		18,084	 382,233		364,149	
Total receipts		2,578,343	5,422,276		2,843,933	
Disbursements						
Current:						
General government		1,361,124	3,292,373		(1,931,249)	
Economic development		-	121,604		(121,604)	
Law enforcement		-	934,521		(934,521)	
Public safety		-	32,337		(32,337)	
Recreation and culture		5,929	28,224		(22,295)	
City services		15,600	26,847		(11,247)	
Advertising and promotion		12,555	11,549		1,006	
Capital projects	_	56,548	377,967		(321,419)	
Total current		1,451,756	 4,825,422	·	(3,373,666)	

# CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS (CONTINUED)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	1,126,587	596,854	(529,733)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers in from other funds	15,964	-	(15,964)
Transfers out to other funds	(1,098,511)	(5,582)	1,092,929
Total other financing sources	(1,082,547)	(5,582)	1,076,965
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other sources over disbursements			
and other uses	44,040	591,272	547,232
Fund balance, December 31, 2022	2,647,120	2,647,120	
Fund balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 2,691,160	\$ 3,238,392	\$ 547,232

# CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – STREET FUND - REGULATORY BASIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

		Budget		Actual	Variance		
Receipts State aid	\$	240,982	\$	242,022	\$	1,040	
Property taxes	Ψ	53,900	Ψ	62,816	Ψ	8,916	
Interest		3,345		8,047		4,702	
Other		57,125		95,427		38,302	
Total receipts		355,352		408,312		52,960	
Disbursements							
Current:							
Highways and streets		642,835		427,017		215,818	
Total current		642,835		427,017		215,818	
Excess (deficiency) of receipts							
over disbursements		(287,483)		(18,705)		268,778	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Transfers in from other funds		16,787		16,787		-	
Transfers out to other funds						<u> </u>	
Total other financing sources		16,787		16,787			
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other							
sources over disbursements and other uses		(270,696)		(1,918)		268,778	
Fund balance, December 31, 2022		1,010,429		1,010,429			
Fund balance, December 31, 2023	\$	739,733	\$	1,008,511	\$	268,778	

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#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity

The City of Mountain View, Arkansas 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 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.

#### C. 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.

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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 all the financial resources, except those required to be accounted for 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 and property 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 included in this column are as follows:

#### **Debt Service Fund**

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

#### 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.

#### **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.

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#### Capital Project Funds

Capital Project 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 (other than those financed by Enterprise Funds).

#### D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The City considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of one year or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. For the purpose of financial reporting, all demand accounts, savings accounts, cash on hand, certificates of deposits, and money market accounts are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

#### Interfund receivables/payables and transfers

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year as well as other outstanding balances between funds are referred to as either "due to/from other funds". Interfund transfers represent subsidies and contributions provided to funds with no corresponding debt or promise to pay.

#### Liabilities

For the purpose of financial reporting, liabilities include interfund payables, payable to the State of Arkansas, settlements pending, customer meter deposits, and other miscellaneous payables.

#### Settlements Pending

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

#### Fund Balance Classifications

- 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, contributions, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislations.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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 and proprietary funds. 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.

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#### **E. Property Taxes**

A lien attaches to real property in February 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 10. Property taxes reflected as receipts 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

The City prepares an annual budget on the regulatory basis for all funds. In establishing an annual budget for the City, state law stipulates the following:

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

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

#### **NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The City's deposits are in two commercial banks that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for an amount up to \$250,000 for interest bearing funds and an additional \$250,000 for non-interest-bearing accounts for each bank in which deposits are held.

The schedule below is designed to disclose the level of custody risk assumed by City based on how its deposits were insured or secured by pledged securities at December 31, 2023.

Category 1 - Insured by the FDIC or collateralized with securities held by the City (or public trust) or by its agent in the City's name.

Category 2 - Uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the City's name.

Category 3 - Uninsured and uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution with no written or approved collateralized agreement.

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The level of security for the City's bank deposits are as follows:

Depository	Ca	ategory 1	Category 2		Cate	gory 3	Total		
Bank A Bank B	\$	250,000 250,000	\$	2,232,105 6,590,703	\$	-	\$	2,482,105 6,840,703	
Barin B	\$	500,000	\$	8,822,808	\$	-	\$	9,553,706	

#### **NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

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

					Oth	er funds in		
Description	Ge	General Fund		eral Fund Street Fund		the aggregate		Total
Turnback	\$	-	\$	25,768	\$	-	\$	25,768
Sales Tax		175,654		-		131,125		306,779
Sanitation	50,743			-		-		50,743
Other general revenues	18,658							18,658
	\$	245,055	\$	25,768	\$	131,125	\$	401,948

#### **NOTE 4 – LONG TERM DEBT**

The City's long-term debt consisted of the following:

#### **Bond Payable**

#### Series 2020 Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds

In 2020, the City issued \$12,800,000 in Sales and Use Tax Bonds (Series 2020) at an average interest rate of 1.375% to 4.00% for the purpose of financing capital improvements of the sewer system and to refund the City's Series 2012 and Series 2014 bond issues. The bonds are special obligations of the City payable solely from receipts from sales and use taxes. The City pledged 1% sales and use taxes to repay the Series 2020 bonds. Principal payments are due annually on November 1. Interest payments are due semiannually on May 1 and November 1.

Changes in bonds payable for the year ended December 31, 2023 were as follows:

	Balance as of			Balance as of
	December 31,			December 31,
	2022	Additions	Reductions	2023
Series 2020 bond	\$ 11,500,000	\$ -	\$ (1,245,000)	\$ 10,255,000

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

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity based on current interest rates for long-term debt are as follows for the years ending December 31:

	Boı	nds		Note	s & Leas	se Pa	ayable		Total		Total	
	Principal	Interest		Principal		Int	Interest		Principal		Interest	
2024	\$ 295,000	\$	239,326	\$	-	\$	-	\$	295,000	\$	239,326	
2025	310,000		229,229		-		-		310,000		229,229	
2026	320,000		218,619		-		-		320,000		218,619	
2027	335,000		207,667		-		-		335,000		207,667	
2028	345,000		196,201		-		-		345,000		196,201	
2029-2033	1,130,000		515,317		-		-		1,130,000		515,317	
2034-2038	1,745,000		483,380		-		-		1,745,000		483,380	
2039-2043	1,955,000		311,190		-		-		1,955,000		311,190	
2044-2048	2,690,000		165,140		-		-		2,690,000		165,140	
2049-2053	1,130,000		20,001						1,130,000		20,001	
	\$ 10,255,000	\$	2,586,070	\$		\$		\$	10,255,000	\$	2,586,070	

#### NOTE 5 - DETAILS OF FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

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

	General	Street	Other Funds in		
Description	 Fund	Fund	the	e Aggregate	
Restricted for:					
Act 833	\$ -	\$ -	\$	27,632	
MVPD equitable sharing	-	-		1,931	
Capital projects	-	-		1,629,099	
American rescue plan act (ARPA)	-	-		354,055	
ANRC / ARPA	-	-		2,284,881	
Green Loop Bridge Project	-	-		-	
Debt service	-	 		984,133	
Total restricted	-	-		5,281,731	
Assigned for:					
Police department	79,606	-		-	
Fire department	40,930	-		-	
Recreation	88,788	-		-	
Sanitation	85,429	-		-	
Animal control	41,790	-		-	
Prisoner housing	14,066	-		-	
Stone county pool	-	-		-	
Planning and zoning	17,090	-		-	
Street department	 -	 1,008,511			
Total assigned	367,699	1,008,511		-	
Unassigned	 2,870,693	 			
Total fund balances	\$ 3,238,392	\$ 1,008,511	\$	5,281,731	

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#### **NOTE 6 – FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**

The City receives federal and state awards. These grant programs are subject to audit by the federal and state governments or their representatives. Accordingly, the amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the program representatives cannot be determined at this time, although the City expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

#### NOTE 7 – ACT 15 – ARKANSAS STATUTE 19-4416.1

During the 1985 legislative session, the Legislature passed Act 15 (Codified as Arkansas Statutes 19-4416.1). This act requires an independent accountant to include at a minimum a review and comment on compliance with each of the Arkansas Statutes outlined in the above Act.

- (1) Arkansas Municipal Accounting Law of 1973, Code 14-59-101 et seq. We have reviewed the City's compliance with the municipal accounting law. It is our opinion that the City has complied, in all material respects, with the law.
- (2) Arkansas District Courts and City Courts Accounting Law, Code 16-10-201 et seq. We have reviewed the City's compliance with the laws for the District Court. It is our opinion that the City has complied, in all material respects, with the law.
- (3) Improvement Contracts, Code 22-9-202 22-9-204. We have reviewed the City's compliance with the laws for improvement contracts. It is our opinion that the City has complied, in all material respects, with the law.
- (4) Budgets, Purchases, and Payments of Claims, etc., Code 14-58-201 et seq. and 14-58-301 et seq. We have reviewed the City's compliance with the law for budgets, purchases, and payments for claims, etc. It is our opinion that the City has complied, in all material respects, with the law.
- (5) Investment of Public Funds, Code 19-1-501 et seq. We have reviewed the City's compliance with the law for investments of public funds. It is our opinion that the City has complied, in all material respects, with the law.
- (6) Deposit of Public Funds, Code 19-8-101 19-8-107. We have reviewed the City's compliance with the law for deposit of federal funds. It is our opinion that the City has complied, in all material respects, with the law.

#### **NOTE 8 – 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:

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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 9 - PENSION PLANS**

#### Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI)

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 public financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the LOPFI. That report may be obtained by writing to the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System, P.O. Drawer 34164, Little Rock, AR 72203 or by calling 1-501-682-1745.

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

- Paid service not covered by Social Security: 8.5% of gross pay
- Paid service also covered by Social Security: 2.5% of gross pay
- 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.

#### Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

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, 124W. Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-682-7377, or on their website www.apers.org. I APERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 5.25% of their salary. 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.



# CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE – REGULATORY BASIS

December 31, 2023

		Special Revenue		Debt Service			Custodial Funds			
	Fire	Police		Sales and	ANRC/ Green Loo		Sew er	Planning &		
<u>Assets</u>	(Act 833)	Equitable Sharing	ARPA	Use Tax	ARPA	Bridge Project	Construction	Zoning Transfer	Payroll	Total
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Cash and cash equivalents Other miscellaneous receivables	\$ 27,632	\$ 1,931	\$ 354,055	\$ 853,008 131,125	\$ 2,284,881	\$ -	\$ 1,629,099	\$ -	\$ 68,952	\$ 5,219,558 131,125
Interfund receivables	-	-	-	131,123	-	-	-	-	-	131,123
interruna receivables					·			<u>-</u>		
Total assets	\$ 27,632	\$ 1,931	\$ 354,055	\$ 984,133	\$ 2,284,881	\$ -	\$ 1,629,099	\$ -	\$ 68,952	\$ 5,350,683
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>										
Liabilities										
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,970	\$ 4,970
Other miscellaneous payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund payables						-			63,982	63,982
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,952	68,952
Fund Balance										
Restricted	27,632	1,931	354,055	984,133	2,284,881	-	1,629,099	-	-	5,281,731
Assigned									-	
Total fund balance	27,632	1,931	354,055	984,133	2,284,881		1,629,099		-	5,281,731
Total liabilities and										
fund balance	\$ 27,632	\$ 1,931	\$ 354,055	\$ 984,133	\$ 2,284,881	\$ -	\$ 1,629,099	\$ -	\$ 68,952	\$ 5,350,683

See independent auditor's report.

# CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE – REGULATORY BASIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue			Debt Service		Capital Project	Custodial Funds		
	Fire	Police		Sales and	ANRC/	Green Loop	Sew er		
	(Act 833)	Equitable Sharing	ARPA	Use Tax	ARPA	Bridge Project	Construction	Payroll	Total
Receipts	Ф	Ф	\$ -	£4.404.004	ф	<b>c</b>	<b>c</b>	Φ.	¢ 4 404 004
Sales taxes Interest	\$ - 36	\$ -	۶ - 1,131	\$ 1,491,981 42,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,491,981 196,572
Federal aid	30	-	1,131	42,731	1 000 000	-	152,674	-	,
Grants	- 33,455	-	-	-	1,822,023 462,858	- 76,456	-	-	1,822,023 572,769
Other	55,455	310	-	_	402,030	70,430	-	-	312,709
Total receipts	33,491	310	1,131	1,534,712	2,284,881	76,456	152,674		4,083,655
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Disbursements									
Current:	00.045								00.045
Public safety	23,215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,215
Capital projects			48,770	3,450		76,456			128,676
Total current	23,215	-	48,770	3,450	-	76,456	-	-	151,891
Debt Services:									
Debt principal	-	-	-	1,245,000	-	-	-	-	1,245,000
Debt interest and other charges	-	-	-	267,072	-	-	-	-	267,072
Total debt services				1,512,072			-		1,512,072
Total disbursements	23,215		48,770	1,515,522		76,456			1,663,963
Excess (deficiency) of receipts									
over disbursements	10,276	310	(47,639)	19,190	2,284,881	_	152,674	_	2,419,692
	10,210	0.10	(11,000)	10,100	2,201,001		102,011		2,110,002
Other financing sources (uses):									-
Transfers in from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out to other funds	-	-	(11,205)	-	-	-	-	-	(11,205)
Contributions to Waterworks							(3,876,169)		(3,876,169)
Total other financing sources (uses)			(11,205)				(3,876,169)		(3,887,374)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other									
sources over disbursements and other uses	10,276	310	(58,844)	19,190	2,284,881	_	(3,723,495)	_	(1,467,682)
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Fund balance, December 31, 2022	17,356	1,621	412,899	964,942			5,352,595		6,749,413
Fund balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 27,632	\$ 1,931	\$ 354,055	\$ 984,132	\$2,284,881	\$ -	\$ 1,629,100	\$ -	\$5,281,731

See independent auditor's report.

#### CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS – GENERAL FUND – UNAUDITED

December 31, 2023

	Balance as of December 31, 2022					Disposals		Balance as of December 31, 2023	
Land	\$	1,005,604	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,005,604
Buildings & improvements		4,790,173		-	409,966		-		5,200,139
Machinary and equipment		2,110,750		-	215,300		-		2,326,050
Vehicles		64,656		-	269,010		-		333,666
Sewer improvements (CIP)			(3,8	76,169)	3,876,169				<u>-</u>
		7,971,183		-	4,770,445		-		8,865,459
Accumulated depreciation		(3,396,016)			(308,374)				(3,704,390)
	\$	4,575,167	\$		\$4,462,071	\$		\$	5,161,069

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

To the Arkansas Officials and City Council of Mountain View, Arkansas

We have audited, in accordance with 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 accompanying regulatory basis financial statements of the general fund, street fund, the statements of budgetary comparison for the general fund and street fund, and other funds in the aggregate of the City of Mountain View, Arkansas, (the "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 basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 2024. We have issued an adverse opinion because the financial statements are prepared by the City on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code Section 10-4-412, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects of the financial statement 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.

#### 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) to determine the 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 have not been 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, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

#### **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 City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Monticello, Arkansas October 24, 2024

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# CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

December 31, 2023

No Findings Identified

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS

To the Arkansas Officials and City Council of Mountain View, Arkansas

We have examined management's assertions that the City of Mountain View, Arkansas (the City) complied with the requirements of Arkansas Act 15 of 1985 and the following Arkansas statutes during the year ended December 31, 2023.

- Municipal Accounting Law, §14-59-101 et seq.
- District Courts and City Courts, §§16-10-201 et seg.
- Improvement Contracts, §§22-9-202- 22-9-204;
- Budgets, Purchases, Payments of Claims, Etc., §§14-58-201 14—58-203, 14-58-301 14-58-309;
- Investment of Public Funds, §§19-1-501 19-1-504
- Deposit of Public Funds, §§19-8-101 19-8-107
- Review of Audit Report by Governing Body, §§10-4-418
- Procurement law, §§19-11-201 19-11-259

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with these requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based upon our examination.

Our examination was made in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the City of Mountain View, Arkansas, complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the 2023 financial statements, and this report does not affect our report dated October 24, 2024 on those financial statements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the City Council, the Mayor, Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit, and applicable bonding agencies and funding sources and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Monticello, Arkansas October 24, 2024

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