

City of Elkins, 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 Elkins, 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 Elkins, 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, Expenses, 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 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 Elkins, Arkansas as of December 31, 2023; the regulatory basis revenues, expenditures, 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 Elkins, 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 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 10, 2024, 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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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
June 10, 2024
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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 Elkins, 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 Elkins, 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 10, 2024. 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

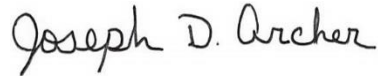
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect 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 10, 2024.

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 10, 2024

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

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

The commentary contained in this letter relates to the following officials who held office during 2023:

Mayor: Troy Reed
City Clerk: Teresa Graves (appointed July 20, 2023)
 Delia Foster (resigned July 1, 2023)
Finance Director: Gayla Stahman
District Court Clerk: Alexis Ward
Police Chief: Bryan Watts

No issues came to our attention that we considered necessary to report to management.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the City Council (or local governing body) and City 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.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Joseph D. Archer, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
June 10, 2024

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

Exhibit A

	General	Street	Other Funds in the Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 333,216	\$ 337,250	\$ 11,204,342
Accounts receivable	242,537		106,878
Interfund receivables	21,892		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 597,645	\$ 337,250	\$ 11,311,220
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 63,744	\$ 9,247	\$ 41,638
Interfund payables		10,112	11,780
Settlements pending			26,262
Total Liabilities	63,744	19,359	79,680
Fund Balances:			
Restricted			11,228,862
Assigned		317,891	2,678
Unassigned	533,901		
Total Fund Balances	533,901	317,891	11,231,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 597,645	\$ 337,250	\$ 11,311,220

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

CITY OF ELKINS, 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	\$ 65,531	\$ 303,852	\$ 28,005
Federal aid	48,577		2,500
Property taxes	213,147	29,208	53,287
Franchise fees	80,062		
Sales taxes	1,106,289	75,000	1,689,799
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	63,100		17,795
Interest	1,312	7,116	612,919
Local permits and fees	37,375		41,239
Employee contributions			175,037
County aid	45,202		208,240
Fire dues			34,072
School resource officer reimbursement	147,165		
Other	267,719	42,287	8,710
	<u>2,075,479</u>	<u>457,463</u>	<u>2,871,603</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,137,633		25,711
Law enforcement	1,085,145		141,740
Highways and streets		430,662	
Public safety	41,089		544,376
Recreation and culture	577		125,038
Wastewater			3,272,152
Total Current	<u>2,264,444</u>	<u>430,662</u>	<u>4,109,017</u>
Debt Service:			
Bond principal			960,000
Bond interest and other charges			283,672
Financed purchases principal	55,872		41,709
Financed purchases interest and other charges	9,921		5,711
	<u>2,330,237</u>	<u>430,662</u>	<u>5,400,109</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			

CITY OF ELKINS, 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	<u>\$ (254,758)</u>	<u>\$ 26,801</u>	<u>\$ (2,528,506)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			21,000
Transfers out	(21,000)		
Contribution from water department	<u>7,962</u>		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(13,038)</u>		<u>21,000</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(267,796)	26,801	(2,507,506)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>801,697</u>	<u>291,090</u>	<u>13,739,046</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 533,901</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 317,891</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,231,540</u></u>

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

CITY OF ELKINS, 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	\$ 54,766	\$ 65,531	\$ 10,765	\$ 303,853	\$ 303,852	\$ (1)
Federal aid		48,577	48,577			
Property taxes	266,434	213,147	(53,287)	29,209	29,208	(1)
Franchise fees	96,049	80,062	(15,987)			
Sales taxes	1,626,130	1,106,289	(519,841)	75,000	75,000	0
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	105,890	63,100	(42,790)			
Interest		1,312	1,312	2,539	7,116	4,577
Local permits and fees		37,375	37,375			
County aid		45,202	45,202			
School resource officer reimbursement		147,165	147,165			
Other	743,993	267,719	(476,274)	353,664	42,287	(311,377)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,893,262	2,075,479	(817,783)	764,265	457,463	(306,802)
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	1,639,855	1,137,633	502,222			
Law enforcement	1,449,921	1,085,145	364,776			
Highways and streets				726,094	430,662	295,432
Public safety		41,089	(41,089)			
Recreation and culture		577	(577)			
Total Current	3,089,776	2,264,444	825,332	726,094	430,662	295,432
Debt Service:						
Financed purchases principal		55,872	(55,872)			
Financed purchases interest		9,921	(9,921)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,089,776	2,330,237	759,539	726,094	430,662	295,432

CITY OF ELKINS, 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	\$ (196,514)	\$ (254,758)	\$ (58,244)	\$ 38,171	\$ 26,801	\$ (11,370)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers out		(21,000)	(21,000)			
Contribution from water department		7,962	7,962			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(13,038)	(13,038)			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(196,514)	(267,796)	(71,282)	38,171	26,801	(11,370)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	200,000	801,697	601,697	75,000	291,090	216,090
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,486	\$ 533,901	\$ 530,415	\$ 113,171	\$ 317,891	\$ 204,720

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

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

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The City of Elkins 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: Elkins 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.

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.

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

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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.

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. 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.
3. 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.

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NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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.

There were no committed fund balances at year-end.

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)	\$ 253,662	\$ 254,460
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the City's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the City's name	1,670,746	1,677,840
Uncollateralized	9,950,300	9,950,300
Total Deposits	\$ 11,874,708	\$ 11,882,600

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$100.

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NOTE 2: Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions (Continued)

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. At December 31, 2023, the City had \$9,950,300 of uninsured, uncollateralized bank deposits that 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.

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.

NOTE 4: Accounts Receivable

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

Description	General Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Federal aid	\$ 14,261	
Franchise fees	19,700	
Sales taxes	142,214	\$ 106,175
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	16,041	703
Other	50,321	
Totals	<u>\$ 242,537</u>	<u>\$ 106,878</u>

NOTE 5: Accounts Payable

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

Description	General Fund	Street Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Vendor payables	<u>\$ 63,744</u>	<u>\$ 9,247</u>	<u>\$ 41,638</u>

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NOTE 6: Interfund Balances

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	
	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General Fund	\$ 21,892	
Street Fund		\$ 10,112
Other Funds in the Aggregate:		
Special Revenue Funds:		
Fire Department		9,399
Library		2,381
Totals	\$ 21,892	\$ 21,892

Interfund receivables and payables consist of payroll reimbursements. These balances are expected to be repaid January 2024.

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			\$ 368,573
Law enforcement			339,537
Public safety			334,298
Recreation and culture			129,979
Capital outlay			9,281,768
Debt service			774,707
Total Restricted			11,228,862
Assigned to:			
Highways and streets		\$ 317,891	
Recreation and culture			2,678
Total Assigned		317,891	2,678
Unassigned	\$ 533,901		
Totals	\$ 533,901	\$ 317,891	\$ 11,231,540

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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 \$10,794,261. 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 \$2,771,155. The amount of short-term financing obligations was \$286,166, leaving a legal debt margin of \$2,484,989.

NOTE 9: Commitments

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

	December 31, 2023
Long-term liabilities	\$ 12,535,086
Law suit settlements	150,000
Construction contract	4,044,152
Total Commitments	\$ 16,729,238

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NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

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 and Improvement Bonds - Series 2021A , issued July 14, 2021, for \$5,670,000; 20 annual installments beginning September 1, 2022, with the final settlement due September 1, 2037, interest at 1.125% - 3.000%. Payments are to be made from the Debt Service Fund.	\$ 4,925,000
Sales and Use Tax Improvement Bonds - Series 2021B, issued July 14, 2021 , for \$8,020,000; 25 annual installments beginning September 1, 2022, with the final settlement due September 1, 2046, Interest at 1.125% - 3.000%. Payments are to be made from the Debt Service Fund.	7,155,000
Total Bonds	<u>12,080,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>	
Finance purchase, dated March 15, 2013, in the amount of \$160,891, with Arvest Bank to finance the purchase of the City Hall. Monthly payments of \$1,568 for 60 months with interest rate of 3.25%. On March 15, 2018, the bank loan was extended for an additional 60 months with payments of \$1,690 due monthly with interest rate of 4.72%. On March 15, 2023, the bank loan was extended for an additional 60 months with payments of \$1,777 due monthly with interest rate of 5.55%. Payments are to be made from the General Fund.	79,048
Finance purchase, dated January 24, 2020, with Arvest Bank in the amount of \$293,250 to finance the purchase of a Fire Truck. Monthly payments of \$2,926 for 60 months with interest rate of 3.61%. An additional payment of \$100,000 was made on September 22, 2021. Payments are to be made from the Fire Fund.	85,147
Finance purchase, dated September 20, 2012, in the amount of \$182,332 with Arvest Bank to finance the purchase of the Library building. Monthly payments were \$1,878 for 60 months with interest rate of 2.95%. On July 20, 2017, loan was renewed for additional 60 months with same payments at an interest rate of 4.16%. On January 21, 2021, remaining loan balance of \$91,390 was modified for additional 18 months with \$1,022 payments at an interest rate of 3.5%. Payments are to be made from the Library Fund.	35,462
Finance purchase, dated June 4, 2020, with Government Capital Corporation (Southside Bank) in the amount of \$204,641 with an interest rate of 3.84% for the purchase of four police vehicles. Annual payments of \$45,762 for 5 years with the first payment due on June 4, 2021. Payments are to be made from the General Fund.	86,509
Total Direct Borrowings	<u>286,166</u>
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost.	168,920
Total Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 12,535,086</u>

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

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NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

The City's outstanding bonds payable of \$12,080,000 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.

The City's outstanding financed purchases from direct borrowings of \$286,166 contain a provision that in an event of default, outstanding amounts, at the Lender's sole option, may be declared immediately due and payable, and the Lender may exercise any rights and remedies, including the right to immediate possession of the collateral, available to it under applicable law.

Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

The amount of any actuarially determined accrued liability for post employment benefits other than pensions was not determined.

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>					
7/14/21	9/1/37	1.125-3.00%	\$ 5,670,000	\$ 4,925,000	\$ 745,000
7/14/21	9/1/46	1.125-3.00%	8,020,000	7,155,000	865,000
Total Bonds			<u>13,690,000</u>	<u>12,080,000</u>	<u>1,610,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>					
3/15/23	3/15/28	5.55%	160,891	79,048	81,843
1/24/20	2/25/25	3.61%	293,250	85,147	208,103
1/21/21	7/20/22	3.50%	182,332	35,462	146,870
6/4/20	6/4/25	3.84%	204,641	86,509	118,132
Total Direct Borrowings			<u>841,114</u>	<u>286,166</u>	<u>554,948</u>
Total Long-Term Debt			<u>\$ 14,531,114</u>	<u>\$ 12,366,166</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,948</u>

Changes in Long-Term Debt

	Balance January 01, 2023	Issued	Retired	Balance December 31, 2023
Bonds payable	\$ 13,040,000	\$ 0	\$ 960,000	\$ 12,080,000
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Financed purchases	383,747	0	97,581	286,166
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 13,423,747</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,057,581</u>	<u>\$ 12,366,166</u>

*Prior year audit balance was adjusted by \$228.

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NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

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

Years Ending December 31,	Bonds			Direct Borrowings		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 435,000	\$ 256,771	\$ 691,771	\$ 103,132	\$ 11,322	\$ 114,454
2025	445,000	243,721	688,721	126,362	5,929	132,291
2026	460,000	230,371	690,371	32,664	2,228	34,892
2027	475,000	216,571	691,571	20,496	827	21,323
2028	475,000	211,228	686,228	3,512	25	3,537
2029 through 2033	2,565,000	887,850	3,452,850			
2034 through 2038	2,840,000	598,650	3,438,650			
2039 through 2043	3,160,000	291,914	3,451,914			
2044 through 2046	1,225,000	29,025	1,254,025			
Totals	<u>\$12,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,966,101</u>	<u>\$15,046,101</u>	<u>\$ 286,166</u>	<u>\$ 20,331</u>	<u>\$ 306,497</u>

Lawsuit Settlements

First State Bank and Pinnacle Bank n/k/a Central Bank v. City of Elkins (Washington County Circuit Case No. 72CV-17-709) was a lawsuit concerning a moratorium on building permits for home construction issued by the City of Elkins in November 2016. At the time of the moratorium, the Banks jointly owned 105 residential lots in a subdivision within the City of Elkins. An agreement was negotiated and on February 4, 2023, the City Council of Elkins approved a resolution to settle the lawsuit and pay the Banks a total of \$362,000 plus interest at a rate of four (4%) over a period of 5 years beginning April 3, 2023. Elkins reserved the right to pay any portion of the settlement balance in advance without penalty. Arkansas Municipal League legal defense covered \$62,500 of the negotiated agreement in 2023. The balance owed at December 31, 2023, is \$150,000.

Construction Contract

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

Project Name	Estimated Completion Date	Contract Balance December 31, 2023
Wastewater Improvement Project	June 24, 2024	<u>\$ 4,044,152</u>

NOTE 10: Interfund Transfers

The General Fund transferred \$12,000 and \$9,000 to the Other Funds in the Aggregate's Library and Fire Department Funds, respectively, to supplement operations.

NOTE 11: Pledged Revenues

The City pledged future 0.75% sales and use taxes to repay \$5,670,000 in bonds that were issued in 2021 (Series 2021A) to provide funding to finance a portion of the costs of extensions, betterments, and improvements to the sewer facilities and to advance refund Series 2014 bonds. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds are \$4,925,000 and \$1,184,681, respectively, payable through September 1, 2037. For 2023, principal and interest paid were \$425,000 and \$113,881, respectively.

The 2021A Sales and Use Tax Bonds (Debt Service Fund) received \$541,103 in sales tax in 2023. Any sales taxes collected in excess of debt service payments on these bonds is permitted to be used for early retirement of the bonds until they are repaid.

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NOTE 11: Pledged Revenues

The City also pledged future 1% sales and use taxes to repay \$8,020,000 in bonds that were issued in 2021 (Series 2021B) to provide funding to finance a portion of the costs of extensions, betterments, and improvements to the sewer facilities. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds are \$7,155,000 and \$1,781,420, respectively, payable through September 1, 2046. For 2023, principal and interest paid were \$535,000 and \$163,590, respectively.

The 2021B Sales and Use Tax Bonds (Debt Service Fund) received \$686,979 in sales tax in 2023. Any sales taxes collected in excess of debt service payments on these bonds is permitted to be used for early retirement of the bonds until they are repaid.

NOTE 12: Joint Venture

Washington County Ambulance Authority

Washington County and the Cities of Elkins, Fayetteville, Farmington, Goshen, Lincoln, Prairie Grove, West Fork, Winslow, and Johnson entered into an agreement, on March 21, 2008, pursuant to Ark Code §§ 14-14-910, 14-266-102, and 25-20-101 to establish the Washington County Ambulance Authority (Authority). The purpose of the Authority is to provide emergency and non-emergency medical services. The City paid the authority \$63,624 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE 13: Jointly Governed Organization

Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force

The Prosecuting Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District, the Washington County Sheriff's Department, Madison County Sheriff's Department, and the Police Departments of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Springdale, Prairie Grove, Lincoln, Farmington, Johnson, Elkins, Greenland, West Fork, Elm Springs, Tontitown, Huntsville, and Goshen entered into an agreement to establish the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force. Funding was provided through Justice Assistance Grants and local funding provided by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Washington County Sheriff's Department, and local police departments. Separate financial statements for the Fourth Judicial District Task Force were not available. The City did not contribute any funding to the Task Force during 2023.

NOTE 14: 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 except for lawsuit settlements of \$151,033 in 2023. 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.

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NOTE 14: Risk Management (Continued)

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.

**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.

On December 2, 2021, administration of the City of Elkins Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund was transferred to LOPFI. The benefit structure of these plans was not changed.

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 \$86,274 and the amount of insurance tax paid by the state to the plan for the benefit of the City was \$73,376 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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

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 \$1,579,904.

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 5.5% 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 was \$19,402 for the year ended June 30, 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 June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$166,510.

NOTE 17: Mayor's Retirement Benefits

Plan Description

Ark. Code Ann. § 24-12-123 establishes retirement benefits for mayors in cities of the first class and death benefits to their spouses at the option of the governing body of the City. Benefits and contribution provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. A retiree is entitled to receive an annual retirement benefit during the remainder of their natural life, payable at the rate of one-half (1/2) of the salary payable to the mayor at the completion of his or her last term as mayor. Retirement benefits are to be paid monthly from the City's General Fund. A mayor may retire: 1.) upon reaching the age of 60 with a minimum of ten years of service or 2.) upon serving 20 years, regardless of age. The City paid former Mayor Bruce Ledford \$25,000 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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

Schedule 1

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS									
	Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	District Court Automation	Fire Department	Library	Jail Fees	Sports Complex	American Rescue Plan Act	Police Impact Fees	Fire Impact Fees
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 330,003	\$ 23,367	\$ 347,157	\$ 137,438	\$ 339	\$ 5,878	\$ 368,573	\$ 1,879	\$ 13,146
Accounts receivable		703							
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 330,003	\$ 24,070	\$ 347,157	\$ 137,438	\$ 339	\$ 5,878	\$ 368,573	\$ 1,879	\$ 13,146
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable	\$ 15,816	\$ 938	\$ 16,606	\$ 5,078		\$ 3,200			
Interfund payables			9,399	2,381					
Settlements pending									
Total Liabilities	15,816	938	26,005	7,459		3,200.00			
Fund Balances:									
Restricted	314,187	23,132	321,152	129,979	\$ 339		\$ 368,573	\$ 1,879	\$ 13,146
Assigned						2,678			
Total Fund Balances	314,187	23,132	321,152	129,979	339	2,678	368,573	1,879	13,146
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 330,003	\$ 24,070	\$ 347,157	\$ 137,438	\$ 339	\$ 5,878	\$ 368,573	\$ 1,879	\$ 13,146

CITY OF ELKINS, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
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Schedule 1

	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS		DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		CUSTODIAL FUNDS		Totals
	Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Series 2021A	Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Series 2021B	Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2021A	Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2021B	District Court	Administration of Justice	
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 915,980	\$ 8,365,788	\$ 286,667	\$ 381,865	\$ 26,160	\$ 102	\$ 11,204,342
Accounts receivable			45,503	60,672			106,878
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 915,980	\$ 8,365,788	\$ 332,170	\$ 442,537	\$ 26,160	\$ 102	\$ 11,311,220
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable							\$ 41,638
Interfund payables							11,780
Settlements pending					\$ 26,160	\$ 102	26,262
Total Liabilities					26,160	102	79,680
Fund Balances:							
Restricted	\$ 915,980	\$ 8,365,788	\$ 332,170	\$ 442,537			11,228,862
Assigned							2,678
Total Fund Balances	915,980	8,365,788	332,170	442,537			11,231,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 915,980	\$ 8,365,788	\$ 332,170	\$ 442,537	\$ 26,160	\$ 102	\$ 11,311,220

CITY OF ELKINS, 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

	Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	District Court Automation	Fire Department	Library	Jail Fees	Sports Complex	American Rescue Plan Act
REVENUES							
State aid			\$ 28,005				
Federal aid			2,500				
Property taxes	\$ 53,287						
Sales taxes			461,717				
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	4,927	\$ 12,868					
Interest	5,738		7,813	\$ 2,542	\$ 7	\$ 175	\$ 7,652
Local permits and fees						22,370	
Employee contributions	175,037						
County aid			60,000	148,240			
Fire dues			34,072				
Other	111		387	4,771		3,433	
TOTAL REVENUES	239,100	12,868	594,494	155,553	7	25,978	7,652
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government							25,711
Law enforcement	125,524	4,912			64		
Public safety			544,308				
Recreation and culture				99,104		25,934	
Wastewater							
Total Current	125,524	4,912	544,308	99,104	64	25,934	25,711
Debt Service:							
Bond principal							
Bond interest and other charges							
Financed purchase principal			31,361	10,348			
Financed purchase interest			3,745	1,966			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	125,524	4,912	579,414	111,418	64	25,934	25,711
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	113,576	7,956	15,080	44,135	(57)	44	(18,059)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in			9,000	12,000			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	113,576	7,956	24,080	56,135	(57)	44	(18,059)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	200,611	15,176	297,072	73,844	396	2,634	386,632
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 314,187</u>	<u>\$ 23,132</u>	<u>\$ 321,152</u>	<u>\$ 129,979</u>	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 2,678</u>	<u>\$ 368,573</u>

CITY OF ELKINS, 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		DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		Totals
	Police Impact Fees	Fire Impact Fees	Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Series 2021A	Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Series 2021B	Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2021A	Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2021B	
REVENUES							
State aid							\$ 28,005
Federal aid							2,500
Property taxes							53,287
Sales taxes					\$ 541,103	\$ 686,979	1,689,799
Fines, forfeitures, and costs							17,795
Interest	\$ 59	\$ 173	\$ 159,226	\$ 392,428	16,086	21,020	612,919
Local permits and fees	9,444	9,425					41,239
Employee contributions							175,037
County aid							208,240
Fire dues							34,072
Other	4	4					8,710
TOTAL REVENUES	9,507	9,602	159,226	392,428	557,189	707,999	2,871,603
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government							25,711
Law enforcement	11,240						141,740
Public safety		68					544,376
Recreation and culture							125,038
Wastewater			3,272,152				3,272,152
Total Current	11,240	68	3,272,152				4,109,017
Debt Service:							
Bond principal					425,000	535,000	960,000
Bond interest and other charges					116,982	166,690	283,672
Financed purchase principal							41,709
Financed purchase interest							5,711
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,240	68	3,272,152		541,982	701,690	5,400,109
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,733)	9,534	(3,112,926)	392,428	15,207	6,309	(2,528,506)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in							21,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,733)	9,534	(3,112,926)	392,428	15,207	6,309	(2,507,506)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	3,612	3,612	4,028,906	7,973,360	316,963	436,228	13,739,046
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,879	\$ 13,146	\$ 915,980	\$ 8,365,788	\$ 332,170	\$ 442,537	\$ 11,231,540

CITY OF ELKINS, 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>
Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	Ark. Code Ann. § 24-10-409 requires cities receiving revenues from the state derived from taxes levied on foreign and domestic insurers or any other state funds designated for support of fire and police retirement programs to be applied to the employer contribution to support this system.
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.
Fire Department	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.
Library	Created to establish a city library and a Library Fund to account for all monies received for library purposes.
Jail Fees	Elkins Resolution no. 2011-6 (January 20, 2011) established a City Jail Fee Fund to defray the costs of housing city jail prisoners.
Sports Complex	Elkins Resolution no. 2014-01 (January 16, 2014) established a Sports Complex Fund to pay the expenses and costs of developing the Elkins Sports Complex.
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.
Police Impact Fees	Elkins Ordinance 2022-3 (March 17, 2022) established a Police Impact fee Fund to expand Police & Fire Protection facilities and acquire additional equipment to meet the needs of the City as the population grows.
Fire Impact Fees	Elkins Ordinance 2022-3 (March 17, 2022) established a Fire Impact fee Fund to expand Police & Fire Protection facilities and acquire additional equipment to meet the needs of the City as the population grows.
Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Series 2021A	Elkins Ordinance no. 2021-6A (June 10, 2021) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax refunding and improvement bonds. Trustee established fund to account for the disbursement of debt proceeds for capital improvements.

CITY OF ELKINS, 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>
Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Series 2021B	Elkins Ordinance no. 2021-6B (June 10, 2021) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax improvement bonds. Trustee established fund to account for the disbursement of debt proceeds for capital improvements.
Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2021A	Elkins Ordinance no. 2021-6A (June 10, 2021) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax refunding and improvement bonds. Established to account for the accumulation of resources to retire bonded debt secured by a pledge of future sales and use taxes.
Sales and Use Tax Bonds Series 2021B	Elkins Ordinance no. 2021-6B (June 10, 2021) authorized the issuance of sales and use tax improvement bonds. Established to account for the accumulation of resources to retire bonded debt secured by a pledge of future sales and use taxes.
District Court	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-204 established account to receive fines, forfeitures, and costs collected by the district court.
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.

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

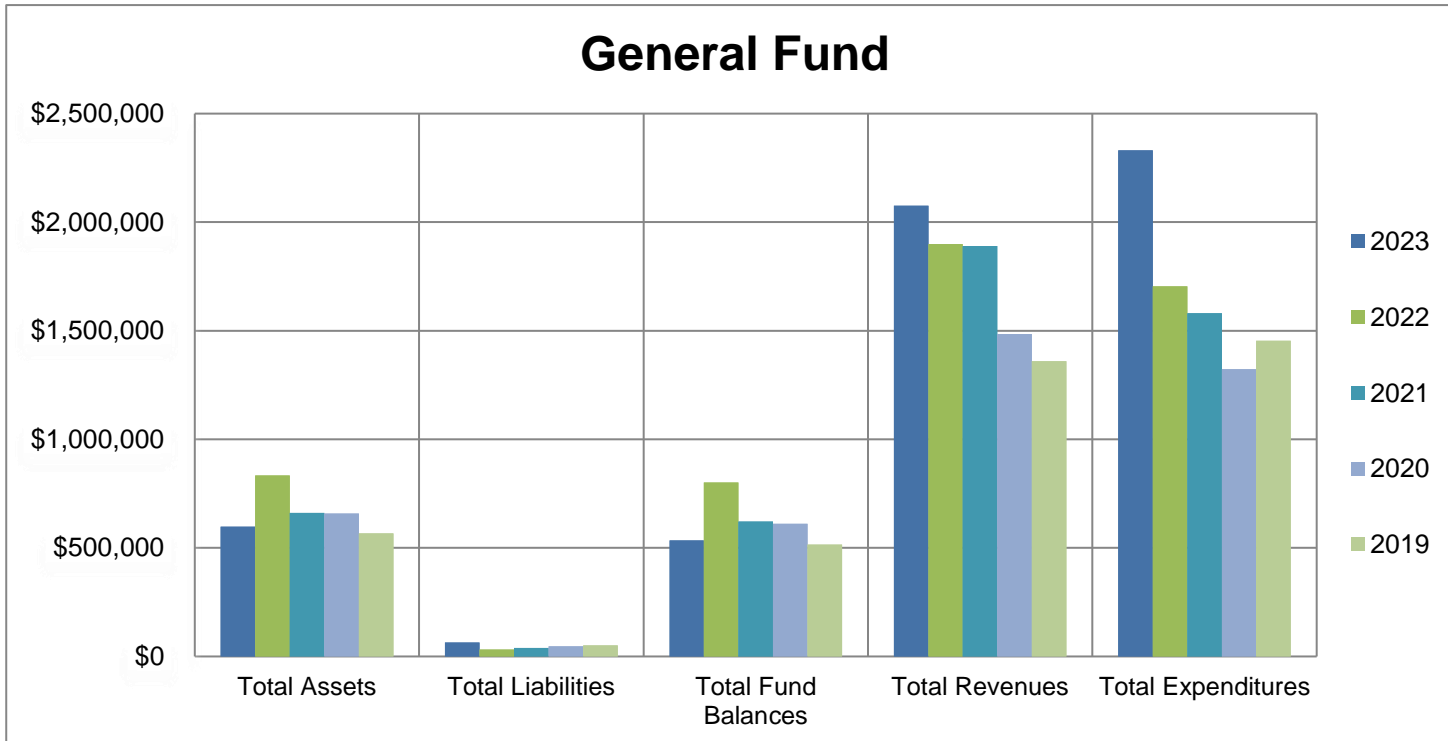
Schedule 3

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
Land	\$ 585,650
Construction in progress	4,675,531
Buildings	3,667,098
Equipment	<u>2,383,979</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,312,258</u>

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

Schedule 4-1

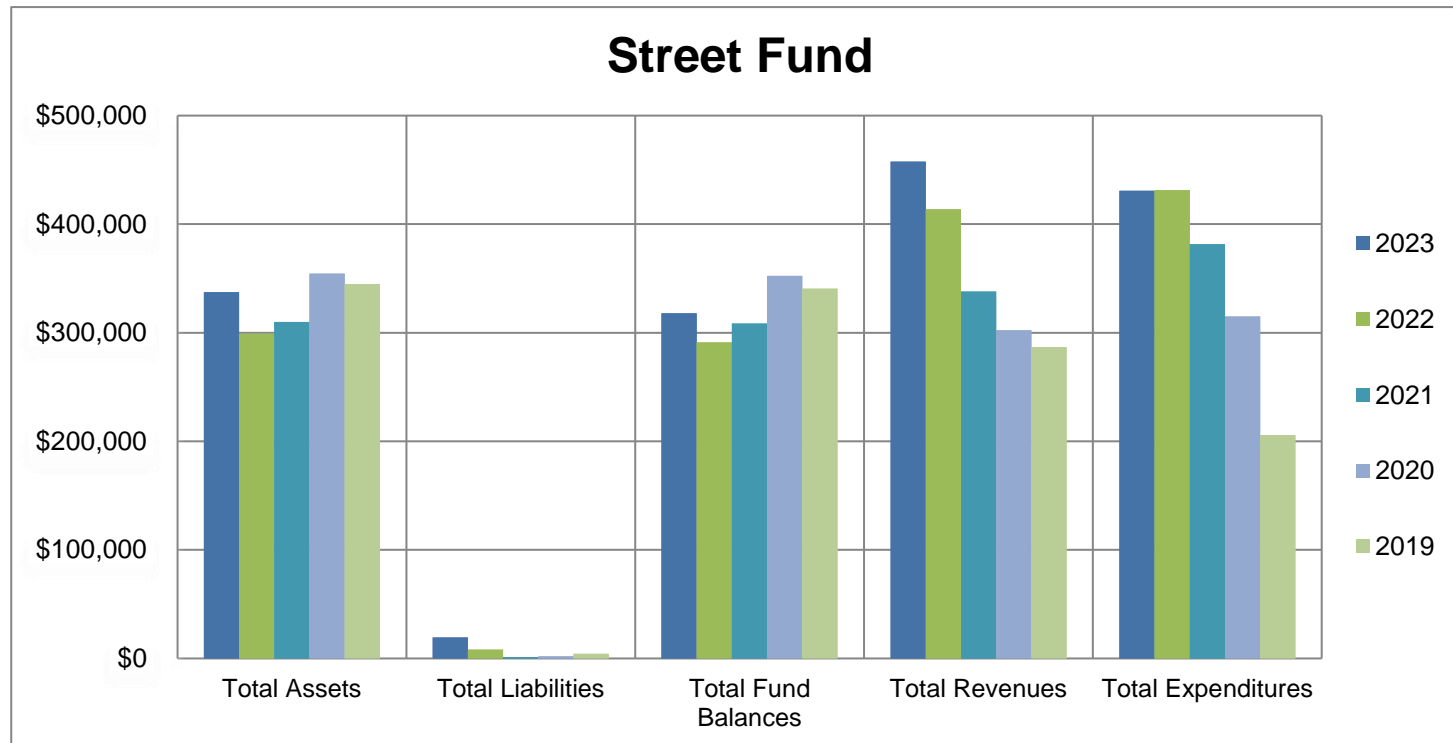
<u>General</u>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 597,645	\$ 834,109	\$ 660,342	\$ 657,664	\$ 566,150
Total Liabilities	63,744	32,412	38,874	46,518	50,371
Total Fund Balances	533,901	801,697	621,468	611,146	515,779
Total Revenues	2,075,479	1,899,541	1,890,254	1,484,837	1,359,723
Total Expenditures	2,330,237	1,705,098	1,580,982	1,323,010	1,453,746
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(13,038)	(14,214)	(298,950)	(66,460)	(78,353)



CITY OF ELKINS, 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	\$ 337,250	\$ 299,069	\$ 309,944	\$ 354,395	\$ 344,844
Total Liabilities	19,359	7,979	1,392	2,058	4,212
Total Fund Balances	317,891	291,090	308,552	352,337	340,632
Total Revenues	457,463	413,826	337,864	302,234	286,765
Total Expenditures	430,662	431,288	381,649	314,989	205,693
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses				24,460	24,460



CITY OF ELKINS, 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	\$ 11,311,220	\$ 13,802,354	\$ 14,035,053	\$ 1,088,725	\$ 1,516,784
Total Liabilities	79,680	63,308	48,350	48,104	36,331
Total Fund Balances	11,231,540	13,739,046	13,986,703	1,040,621	1,480,453
Total Revenues	2,871,603	2,606,940	1,981,551	1,539,151	1,449,562
Total Expenditures	5,400,109	2,875,597	1,231,694	2,020,983	1,433,655
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	21,000	21,000	12,196,225	42,000	58,893

