

**City of Garfield, Arkansas**

**Financial and Compliance Report**

**December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Financial and Compliance Report

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

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

We have performed certain limited procedures with respect to cash basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for the City of Garfield, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2023. These procedures were not performed for the Water Fund. Management of the City is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The findings contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2022, 2021, and 2020:

Mayor: Gary Blackburn  
Recorder/Treasurer: Teresa Vining (January 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021)  
Christal Allen (appointed September 14, 2021)

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

Noncompliance with state law and accepted accounting practices was noted in the office of **Mayor**.

### Mayor

The minutes of the governing body did not document the review of the prior report and accompanying comments and the action taken by the governing body, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-418.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local City government, state executive and oversight management, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 1, 2023  
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CITY OF GARFIELD, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 1,391,624	\$ 193,803
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Receipts:		
State aid	206,505	51,198
Federal aid		59,875
Property taxes	16,698	7,930
Franchise fees		15,857
Sales taxes	402,130	
Interest	6,073	673
Local permits and fees	10,975	
Grants	184,100	
Other	25,659	1,377
Transfers in		200,000
Total Receipts	<u>852,140</u>	<u>336,910</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Disbursements:		
General government	213,819	
Highways and streets	355,466	156,698
Recreation and culture	80,588	
Contribution to water	78,782	
Transfers out	200,000	
Total Disbursements	<u>928,655</u>	<u>156,698</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 1,315,109</u>	<u>\$ 374,015</u>

CITY OF GARFIELD, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022  
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	Street	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 134,377	\$ 59,426	\$ 193,803
Receipts:			
State aid	51,198		51,198
Federal aid		59,875	59,875
Property taxes	7,930		7,930
Franchise fees	15,857		15,857
Interest	673		673
Other	1,377		1,377
Transfers in	200,000		200,000
Total Receipts	<u>277,035</u>	<u>59,875</u>	<u>336,910</u>
Disbursements:			
Highways and streets	<u>156,698</u>		<u>156,698</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u><u>\$ 254,714</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 119,301</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 374,015</u></u>

CITY OF GARFIELD, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 1,142,905	\$ 109,964
Receipts:		
State aid	8,429	43,206
Federal aid	8,625	59,876
Property taxes	15,143	7,066
Franchise fees		14,524
Sales taxes	388,572	
Interest	3,424	858
Local permits and fees	4,521	
Grants	71,515	
Other	3,543	195
Total Receipts	<u>503,772</u>	<u>125,725</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	100,013	450
Highways and streets	16,247	41,436
Recreation and culture	58,864	
Contribution to water	79,929	
Total Disbursements	<u>255,053</u>	<u>41,886</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 1,391,624</u>	<u>\$ 193,803</u>

CITY OF GARFIELD, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 4

	Street	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 109,964		\$ 109,964
Receipts:			
State aid	43,206		43,206
Federal aid		\$ 59,876	59,876
Property taxes	7,066		7,066
Franchise fees	14,524		14,524
Interest	858		858
Other	195		195
Total Receipts	<u>65,849</u>	<u>59,876</u>	<u>125,725</u>
Disbursements:			
General government		450	450
Highways and streets	41,436		41,436
Total Disbursements	<u>41,436</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>41,886</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 134,377</u>	<u>\$ 59,426</u>	<u>\$ 193,803</u>

CITY OF GARFIELD, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 5

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund (Street)
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Cash Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 1,096,003	\$ 192,885
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Receipts:		
State aid	7,448	37,896
Property taxes	14,185	6,667
Franchise fees		14,479
Sales taxes	308,526	
Interest	3,704	658
Local permits and fees	4,408	
Other	1,523	420
Total Receipts	<u>339,794</u>	<u>60,120</u>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Disbursements:		
General government	106,329	
Highways and streets	112,976	143,041
Recreation and culture	7,222	
Contribution to water	66,365	
Total Disbursements	<u>292,892</u>	<u>143,041</u>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 1,142,905</u>	<u>\$ 109,964</u>



CITY OF GARFIELD, ARKANSAS  
OTHER INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022, 2021, AND 2020  
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Schedule 6

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:  
General Checking, General Savings, General Certificates of Deposit, Grant Checking

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

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Land	\$ 46,900	\$ 46,900	\$ 46,900
Buildings	288,467	285,301	285,301
Equipment	249,916	173,943	194,948
Totals	<u>\$ 585,283</u>	<u>\$ 506,144</u>	<u>\$ 527,149</u>

4. The City received federal funding in the following amounts related to COVID-19 relief:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES)		\$ 8,625
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	<u>\$ 59,875</u>	<u>59,876</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 59,875</u>	<u>\$ 68,501</u>