

Town of Western Grove, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2023 and 2022

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



TOWN OF WESTERN GROVE, ARKANSAS
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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Financial and Compliance Report

Town of Western Grove, 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 Town of Western Grove, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2024. These procedures were not performed for the Water Department. Management of the Town is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2023 and 2022:

Mayor: Samantha Stewart (appointed May 2, 2023)
Michael Earwood (resigned May 2, 2023)
Recorder/Treasurer: Doug Lowery

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

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local Town 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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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
November 12, 2024
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TOWN OF WESTERN GROVE, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 194,467	\$ 350,709
Receipts:		
State aid	5,382	42,599
Property taxes	7,187	4,039
Franchise fees	407	14,514
Sales taxes	68,916	31,326
Interest	2,377	1,013
Fire dues		9,749
Rent	2,895	
Other		478
Total Receipts	<u>87,164</u>	<u>103,718</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	48,316	
Law enforcement		24,783
Highways and streets		16,330
Public safety		67,840
Total Disbursements	<u>48,316</u>	<u>108,953</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 233,315</u>	<u>\$ 345,474</u>

TOWN OF WESTERN GROVE, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	<u>Street</u>	<u>City Tax (Police)</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 231,599	\$ 22,893	\$ 96,217	\$ 350,709
Receipts:				
State aid	29,862		12,737	42,599
Property taxes	4,039			4,039
Franchise fees	14,514			14,514
Sales taxes		15,663	15,663	31,326
Interest	959	9	45	1,013
Fire dues			9,749	9,749
Other		168	310	478
Total Receipts	<u>49,374</u>	<u>15,840</u>	<u>38,504</u>	<u>103,718</u>
Disbursements:				
Law enforcement		24,783		24,783
Highways and streets	16,330			16,330
Public safety			67,840	67,840
Total Disbursements	<u>16,330</u>	<u>24,783</u>	<u>67,840</u>	<u>108,953</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 264,643</u>	<u>\$ 13,950</u>	<u>\$ 66,881</u>	<u>\$ 345,474</u>

TOWN OF WESTERN GROVE, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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Schedule 3

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 114,668	\$ 372,300
Receipts:		
State aid	5,281	42,143
Property taxes	6,745	4,053
Franchise fees	522	14,531
Sales taxes	68,837	31,352
Interest	417	298
County grant		5,000
Fire dues		9,901
Rent	2,290	
Other	100	2,936
Transfers in	41,759	20,880
Total Receipts	125,951	131,094
Disbursements:		
General government	46,152	
Law enforcement		19,838
Highways and streets		27,902
Public safety		42,306
Transfers out		62,639
Total Disbursements	46,152	152,685
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 194,467	\$ 350,709

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
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Schedule 4

	<u>Street</u>	<u>City Tax (Police)</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 210,135	\$ 89,174	\$ 72,991	\$ 372,300
Receipts:				
State aid	30,563		11,580	42,143
Property taxes	4,053			4,053
Franchise fees	14,531			14,531
Sales taxes		15,676	15,676	31,352
Interest	219	37	42	298
County grant			5,000	5,000
Fire dues			9,901	9,901
Other		483	2,453	2,936
Transfers in			20,880	20,880
Total Receipts	<u>49,366</u>	<u>16,196</u>	<u>65,532</u>	<u>131,094</u>
Disbursements:				
Law enforcement		19,838		19,838
Highways and streets	27,902			27,902
Public safety			42,306	42,306
Transfers out		62,639		62,639
Total Disbursements	<u>27,902</u>	<u>82,477</u>	<u>42,306</u>	<u>152,685</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 231,599</u>	<u>\$ 22,893</u>	<u>\$ 96,217</u>	<u>\$ 350,709</u>

TOWN OF WESTERN GROVE, ARKANSAS
 OTHER INFORMATION
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
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Schedule 5

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

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

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Buildings	\$ 273,000	\$ 273,000
Equipment	346,000	321,000
Totals	\$ 619,000	\$ 594,000