CITY OF DE QUEEN, ARKANSAS PROPRIETARY FUNDS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the City Council of De Queen, Arkansas 220 N. 2nd Street De Queen, AR 71832

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted on the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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. 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 Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas 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 opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of De Queen, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statement in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' financial statements. The comparative statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balance as are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 standard generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the comparative statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 6, 2023, on our consideration of the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' 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 not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' internal control over financial report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Pazybyoz & Associates

Przybysz & Associates, CPAs, P.C. Fort Smith, Arkansas January 6, 2023

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

		Water		Sewer		Sanitation		Total
Assets								
Current Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	328,693	\$	219,697	\$	125,515	\$	673,905
Certificate of deposits		480,000		-		240,000		720,000
Restricted cash		-		13		-		13
Restricted certificates of deposit		-		284,200		-		284,200
Accounts receivable, net		216,803		265,112		48,467		530,382
Inventories		85,779		-		-		85,779
Prepaid expenses		9,115		8,714		1,516		19,345
Interest receivable		789		174		792		1,755
Total Current Assets		1,121,179		777,910		416,290		2,315,379
Noncurrent Assets								
Capital Assets								
Land		38,322		3,070		-		41,392
Structures and improvements		1,943,589		-		-		1,943,589
Utility plant		10,986,599		14,010,598		-		24,997,197
Other equipment		233,741		172,800		680,383		1,086,924
Construction in progress				189,037		-		189,037
Total		13,202,251		14,375,505		680,383		28,258,139
Less accumulated depreciation		(5,694,408)		(6,912,488))	(424,671)		(13,031,567)
Net Capital Assets		7,507,843		7,463,017		255,712		15,226,572
Total Assets	\$	8,629,022	\$	8,240,927	\$	672,002	\$	17,541,951
Liabilities								
Current Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	14,014	\$	43,386	\$	686	\$	58,086
Sales tax payable	Ŧ	12,562	Ŧ	-	Ŧ	3,488	Ŧ	16,050
Accrued wages		9,746		6,978		3,729		20,453
Accrued compensated absences		20,221		12,368		6,127		38,716
Accrued interest payable		-		2,403		-		2,403
Other accrued liabilities		200		,		-		200
Due to General Fund		100,000		-		-		100,000
Current portion of long-term debt		-		215,792		-		215,792
Total Current Liabilities		156,743		280,927		14,030		451,700
Long-term debt		100,000		847,418		-		947,418
Total Liabilities		256,743		1,128,345		14,030		1,399,118
Net Desition								
Net Position Net investment in capital assets		7 507 942		6,399,807		255 710		14,163,362
Restricted		7,507,843		281,810		255,712		281,810
Unrestricted		- 864,436		430,965		- 402,260		1,697,661
Total Net Position		8,372,279		7,112,582		657,972		16,142,833
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

		Water		Sewer		Sanitation	Total
Assets							
Current Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	94,526	\$	162,733	\$	57,172 \$	314,431
Certificate of deposits		480,000		-		240,000	720,000
Restricted cash		-		13		-	13
Restricted certificates of deposit		-		284,200		-	284,200
Restricted investments		-		27,152		-	27,152
Accounts receivable, net		193,884		198,289		51,662	443,835
Inventories		89,798		-		-	89,798
Prepaid expenses		6,870		6,949		1,449	15,268
Interest receivable		789		174		792	1,755
Total Current Assets		865,867		679,510		351,075	1,896,452
Noncurrent Assets							
Capital Assets							
Land		38,322		3,070		-	41,392
Structures and improvements		1,490,189		-		-	1,490,189
Utility plant		11,106,656		14,105,699		-	25,212,355
Other equipment		224,669		207,304		638,848	1,070,821
Construction in progress		353,345		16,517		-	369,862
Total		13,213,181		14,332,590		638,848	28,184,619
Less accumulated depreciation		(5,538,258)		(6,755,165)		(360,508)	(12,653,931)
Net Capital Assets		7,674,923		7,577,425		278,340	15,530,688
Total Assets	\$	8,540,790	\$	8,256,935	\$	629,415 \$	17,427,140
Liabilities							
Current Liabilities							
Accounts payable	\$	31,253	¢	13,678	¢	- \$	44,931
Sales tax payable	Ψ	13,194	Ψ	15,070	Ψ	3,500	16,694
Accrued wages		17,409		23,250		4,993	45,652
Accrued compensated absences		18,479		8,174		6,059	32,712
Accrued interest payable		10,479		4,591		0,009	4,591
Other accrued liabilities		200		4,091		-	200
Due to General Fund		100,000		-		-	100,000
Current portion of long-term debt		100,000		- 345,491		-	345,491
Total Current Liabilities		- 180,535		395,184		14,552	590,271
Long-term debt		200,000		1,493,712		-	1,693,712
Total Liabilities		380,535		1,888,896		14,552	2,283,983
Net Position							
Net rostion Net investment in capital assets		7,674,923		5,738,222		278,340	13,691,485
Restricted		1,014,823		306,774		210,040	306,774
		- 485,332				236 502	
Unrestricted Total Net Position		485,332		<u>323,043</u> 6,368,039		<u>336,523</u> 614,863	<u>1,144,898</u> 15,143,157
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	8,540,790	\$	8,256,935	\$	629,415 \$	17,427,140

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Water	Sewer	Sanitation		Total
Operating Revenue					
Water and sewer revenues,					
net of provision for bad debts	\$ 1,583,405	\$ 1,575,376	\$ 401,564	5	3,560,345
Other income	20,735	9,074	6,182		35,991
Total Operating Revenue	1,604,140	1,584,450	407,746		3,596,336
Operating Expenses					
Advertising	1,347	465	-		1,812
Auto expense	14,701	14,941	35,170		64,812
Chemicals	68,712	116,343	6,705		191,760
Contract labor	-	-	2,794		2,794
Depreciation	337,059	347,114	64,163		748,336
Employee benefits	103,344	68,629	32,828		204,801
Insurance	16,298	15,849	2,862		35,009
Memberships and licenses	15,607	8,940	465		25,012
Office supplies	5,342	5,281	-		10,623
Operating supplies	14,263	18,839	5,373		38,475
Other operating expenses	149	500	-		649
Payroll taxes	30,708	21,332	11,821		63,861
Professional fees	4,935	14,210	352		19,497
Repairs and maintenance	103,111	88,217	1,037		192,365
Salaries and wages	408,340	275,683	155,993		840,016
Travel	6,244	5,359	-		11,603
Uniforms	1,438	1,337	1,402		4,177
Utilities	182,387	171,536	-		353,923
Total Operating Expenses	1,313,985	1,174,575	320,965		2,809,525
Net Income From Operations	290,155	409,875	86,781		786,811
Other Income (Expenses)					
Interest income	13,538	7,794	6,328		27,660
Loss on sale of asset	(7,738)	(6,626)	-		(14,364)
AEDC grant income	16,069	-	-		16,069
Interest expense and fees	-	(64,290)	-		(64,290)
Total Net Other Income (Expenses)	21,869	(63,122)	6,328		(34,925)
Net Income Before Transfers	312,024	346,753	93,109		751,886
Operating Transfers, net	(100,000)	397,790	(50,000)		247,790
Change in Net Position	212,024	744,543	43,109		999,676
Net Position at Beginning of Year	8,160,255	6,368,039	614,863		15,143,157
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 8,372,279	\$ 7,112,582	\$ 657,972	5	16,142,833

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Water	Sewer	Sanitation	Total
Operating Revenue				
Water and sewer revenues,				
net of provision for bad debts	1,530,368	\$ 1,521,831	\$ 400,052 \$	3,452,251
Other income	10,758	27,432	3,128	41,318
Total Operating Revenue	1,541,126	1,549,263	403,180	3,493,569
Operating Expenses	102	210	101	606
Advertising	193	312	101	606
Auto expense	14,591	8,077	25,733	48,401
Chemicals	44,362	131,294	9,315	184,971
Contract labor	-	-	3,751	3,751
Depreciation	296,255	348,540	71,129	715,924
Employee benefits	101,884	69,223	43,255	214,362
Insurance	14,091	14,422	2,805	31,318
Memberships and licenses	14,771	8,640	600	24,011
Office supplies	4,706	7,325	-	12,031
Operating supplies	13,696 407	13,509 790	5,052 190	32,257 1,387
Other operating expenses				,
Payroll taxes Professional fees	25,779	18,949	10,779	55,507
	10,018	13,373	921	24,312
Repairs and maintenance	83,503 370,970	38,302	- 149,694	121,805
Salaries and wages Travel	1,603	275,876 446	149,094	796,540 2,049
Uniforms	2,250	1,779	- 1,250	2,049 5,279
Utilities	162,451	155,563	1,230	
Total Operating Expenses	1,161,530	1,106,420	324,575	318,014 2,592,525
Net Income From Operations	379,596	442,843	78,605	901,044
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Other Income (Expenses)				
Interest income	14,639	9,189	6,959	30,787
Gain on sale of asset	1,189	-	9,650	10,839
AEDC grant income	199,431	-	-	199,431
Interest expense and fees	-	(101,828)	-	(101,828)
Total Net Other Income (Expenses)	215,259	(92,639)	16,609	139,229
Net Income Before Transfers	594,855	350,204	95,214	1,040,273
Operating Transfers	175,000	100,000	(50,000)	225,000
Change in Net Position	769,855	450,204	45,214	1,265,273
Net Position at Beginning of Year	7,390,400	5,917,835	569,649	13,877,884
Net Position at End of Year \$	8,160,255	\$ 6,368,039	\$ 614,863 \$	15,143,157

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

		Water	Sewer	Sanitation	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities					
Cash receipts from customers	\$	1,559,854 \$	1,508,553 \$	404,747 \$	3,473,154
Other receipts		20,735	9,074	6,182	35,991
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services		(584,051)	(523,835)	(100,190)	(1,208,076)
Cash payments to employees for services		(414,261)	(287,761)	(157,189)	(859,211)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities		582,277	706,031	153,550	1,441,858
Cash Flows From Noncapital and Related Financing	Activi				
Operating transfers, net		(100,000)	397,790	(50,000)	247,790
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Noncapital and Related					
Financing Activities		(100,000)	397,790	(50,000)	247,790
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activ	vities		(222,222)		(150 50 (
Acquisition of capital assets		(177,717)	(239,332)	(41,535)	(458,584)
Grant proceeds for purchase of capital assets		16,069	-	-	16,069
Repayment of debt		-	(875,993)	-	(875,993
Interest paid on debt		-	(66,478)	-	(66,478
Net Cash Used For Capital and Related Financing Activities		(161,648)	(1,181,803)	(41,535)	(1,384,986
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Cash Flows From Investing Activities			07.450		07.450
Net activity of restricted investments		-	27,152	-	27,152
Interest income		13,538	7,794	6,328	27,660
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities		13,538	34,946	6,328	54,812
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash		334,167	(43,036)	68,343	359,474
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash					
At Beginning of Year		94,526	162,746	57,172	314,444
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash	¢	400 CO2 ¢	440 740 \$		070.040
At End of Year	\$	428,693 \$	119,710 \$	125,515 \$	673,918
Reconciliation to the Statement of Net Position		000.000	040.007		070 005
Cash and cash equivalents		328,693	219,697	125,515	673,905
Restricted cash Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash		328,693	<u>13</u> 219,710	- 125,515	<u>13</u> 673,918
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Reconciliation Of Operating Income To Net Cash Prov					
Net income from operations	\$	290,155 \$	409,875 \$	86,781 \$	786,811
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net					
cash from operating activities:		227.050	047 444	C4 400	740.000
Depreciation		337,059	347,114	64,163	748,336
(Increase) decrease in: Accounts receivable		(22.010)	(66,823)	2 105	(96 547
Inventories		(22,919) 4,019	(00,023)	3,195	(86,547) 4,019
Prepaid expenses		4,019 (2,245)	- (1,765)	(67)	4,019
Increase (decrease) in:		(2,270)	(1,700)	(07)	(+,077
Accounts payable		(17,239)	29,708	686	13,155
Sales tax payable		(632)		(12)	(644
Accrued wages		(7,663)	(16,272)	(1,264)	(25,199
Accrued compensated absences		1,742	4,194	68	6,004
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

		Water	Sewer	Sanitation	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities					
Cash receipts from customers	\$	1,497,780 \$	1,471,908 \$	397,173 \$	3,366,861
Other receipts		11,208	27,506	3,401	42,115
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services		(892,739)	(471,062)	(104,035)	(1,467,836)
Cash payments to employees for services		(360,343)	(264,152)	(150,857)	(775,352)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities		255,906	764,200	145,682	1,165,788
Cash Flows From Noncapital and Related Financing	Activ				
Operating transfers		175,000	100,000	(50,000)	225,000
Due to Other Fund		(20,166)	20,166	-	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Noncapital and Related					
Financing Activities		154,834	120,166	(50,000)	225,000
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Acti	vities				
Acquisition of capital assets		(745,313)	(69,785)	(168,865)	(983,963
Proceeds from sale of assets		2,575	-	19,900	22,475
Grant proceeds for purchase of capital assets		199,431	-	-	199,431
Repayment of debt		(100,000)	(699,721)	-	(799,721
Interest paid on debt		-	(104,508)	-	(104,508
Net Cash Used For Capital and Related Financing					
Activities		(643,307)	(874,014)	(148,965)	(1,666,286
Cash Flows From Investing Activities					
Net activity of restricted investments		-	(147)	-	(147
Interest income		14,639	9,189	6,959	30,787
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities		14,639	9,042	6,959	30,640
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash, Cash Equivalents,					
and Restricted Cash		(217,928)	19,394	(46,324)	(244,858
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash					
At Beginning of Year		312,454	143,352	103,496	559,302
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash	<u></u>	04 506 \$	160 746 0	E7 170 ¢	214 444
At End of Year	\$	94,526 \$	162,746 \$	57,172 \$	314,444
Reconciliation to the Statement of Net Position					
Cash and cash equivalents		94,526	162,733	57,172	314,431
Restricted cash		-	13	-	13
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash		94,526	162,746	57,172	314,444
Reconciliation Of Operating Income To Net Cash Pro	video	d By Operating A	Activities		
Net income from operations	\$	379,596 \$	442,843 \$	78,605 \$	901,044
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net					
cash from operating activities:					
Depreciation		296,255	348,540	71,129	715,924
(Increase) decrease in:		(07.050)	(40.000)	(0.050)	(00.000)
Accounts receivable		(37,059)	(49,923)	(3,250)	(90,232
Inventories		(5,773)	-	-	(5,773
Prepaid expenses		(425)	487	(6)	56 707
Interest Receivable		450	74	273	797
Increase (decrease) in:		(303 336)	10 455	(777)	(397 NEO
Accounts payable		(392,236) 4,471	10,455	(277) 371	(382,058) 4,842
Sales tax payable Accrued wages		4,471 3,743	- 15,782	649	4,842 20,174
Accrued wages Accrued compensated absences		3,743 6,884	(4,058)	(1,812)	20,174 1,014
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Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	\$	255,906 \$	764,200 \$	145,682 \$	1,165,788

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

Nature of Business

The City of De Queen, Arkansas Proprietary Funds (the System) are a component unit of the City of De Queen, Arkansas (the City). The purpose of the System is to provide and maintain water, sewer and sanitation services to residents and commercial and industrial customers of the City of De Queen. Activities of the System include administration, operation and maintenance of the water, sewer and sanitation systems, and billing and collection activities. The System also accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest for sewer debt. The City Council of De Queen, Arkansas sets user charges, establishes budgets, selects management, and controls all aspects of the Water, Sewer and Sanitation System's daily operations.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The System's financial statements are prepared in conformity with principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the acknowledged standard setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting standards followed by governmental entities.

The System accounts for its operations as an enterprise fund. An enterprise fund is a proprietary type fund used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The System is considered to be a component unit of the City of De Queen. These financial statements reflect only the Water, Sewer and Sanitation System Enterprise Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas and, accordingly, do not reflect other activities, funds and account groups of the City.

Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Income Taxes

The System is exempt from income taxes as a governmental agency.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the System considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents, including restricted cash.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of water, sewer and sanitation fees and surcharges billed, and earned but unbilled, to residential and commercial/industrial customers. Accounts receivable are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts. Management establishes an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable based on historical collection experience and management's evaluation of the collectability of outstanding accounts receivable. As of December 31, 2021, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$16,658 for the Water Fund, \$12,859 for the Sewer Fund and \$7,921 for the Sanitation Fund. As of December 31, 2020, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$9,483 for the Water Fund, \$7,514 for the Sewer Fund and \$3,999 for the Sanitation Fund.

Inventory

Inventory consists of supplies and repair parts on hand for the operation and maintenance of plant and equipment. The amount recorded in these financial statements is valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out method. The cost of inventory is recognized as an expense when used (consumption method).

Prepaid Expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods are recorded as prepaid expenses using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount at the time of purchase and reflecting the expense in the year which services are consumed.

Capital Outlays and Depreciation

Capital assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and renewals of relatively minor items are charged to expense as incurred. The estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

	<u>Life</u>
Structures and improvements	3 - 50
Utility plant	5 - 50
Other equipment	5 - 10

It is the System's policy to capitalize asset purchases greater than or equal \$1,000 and expense asset purchases less than \$1,000.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Compensated Absences

Eligible employees earn vacation and sick pay in varying amounts based upon length of service with the System. Employees may carryforward a maximum of five unused accumulated vacation days and sixty unused accumulated sick days from year to year. Upon termination from the System, employees are paid unused vacation pay. Payment for unused sick leave will only be made when the employment terminates for death or retirement. Accrued compensated absences were \$20,221 for the Water Fund, \$12,368 for the Sewer Fund and \$6,127 for the Sanitation Fund at December 31, 2021. Accrued compensated absences were \$18,479 for the Water Fund, \$8,175 for the Sewer Fund and \$6,059 for the Sanitation Fund at December 31, 2020.

Net Position

Net position of the System are classified in three components - net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

Net investment in capital assets - This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.

Restricted - This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted - This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

The System does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted to have been spent when expenditures are incurred for purposes when both are available. System personnel decide which resources to use at the time the expenditures are incurred. For classification of net position amounts, restricted amounts would be reduced first, followed by unrestricted.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the System's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the System consist of water sales and fees for sewer, sanitation and miscellaneous services. Operating expenses include the cost of these goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

<u>Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Implementation of the following new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncement was delayed by the GASB and was officially implemented by the System during the year ended December 31, 2021:

GASB Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction *Period*. This statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements using the economic resources measurement focus. Implementation of this standard did not have any effect on the Department.

2. Deposits and Investments

The System does not have a formal deposit and investment policy, but does follow state laws and bond ordinance resolutions.

State statutes generally require 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 direct obligations of the United States of America, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the United States government.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. Deposits and Investments (continued)

<u>Deposits</u>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the System's deposits may not be recovered. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the System had no deposits that were uninsured. The bank balances and carrying amount of the System's deposits held were as follows:

		At December 31, 2021			At December 31, 2020		
Description		Bank Balance		Carrying Amount	Bank Balance	Carrying Amount	
Insured	\$	500,000	\$	500,000 \$	500,000 \$	500,000	
Collateralized - held by pledging bank or pledging bank's trust							
department in the System's nam	е	1,177,818		173,618	818,345	818,344	
Cash on hand		-		300	-	300	
Total	\$	1,677,818	\$	673,918 \$	1,318,345 \$	1,318,644	

Deposits as reported in the following statement of net position captions:

As Of December 31,	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 673,905 \$	314,431
Restricted cash	13	13
Total	\$ 673,918 \$	314,444

Investments

Investments of the System consist primarily of certificates of deposit and a money market account that was used in 2021 for debt repayment. Investments are stated at fair market value, which approximates cost. The System's investments consist of the following:

As of December 31, 2021	Market Value	Maturity	Credit Rating
Certificates of deposit	\$ 1,004,200	2 - 3 years	n/a
As of December 31, 2020	 Market Value	Maturity	Credit Rating
Certificates of deposit	\$ 774,080	< 1 year	n/a
Certificates of deposit	230,120	2 - 3 years	n/a
Government money market fund	27,152	< 1 year	AAAm/Aaa-mf
Total	\$ 1,031,352		

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DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

2. Deposits and Investments (continued)

Investments (continued)

Investments as reported in the following Statement of Net Position captions:

As Of December 31,	2021	2020
Certificates of deposit	\$ 720,000 \$	720,000
Restricted certificates of deposit	284,200	284,200
Restricted investments	-	27,152
Total	\$ 1,004,200 \$	1,031,352

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk the changes in interest of debt investments will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The System limits its investments to a maximum maturity at time of purchase to three years.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Systems investments are either covered by FDIC insurance, collateralized by pledged securities or issued and guaranteed by the U.S. government.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty the System will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All investments held by the System or by an agent of the System are in the System's name.

The Department's investments are categorized using fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The categories are as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets.

Level 2 - Quoted prices for identical investments in markets that are not active.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs

The following table represents the System's investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2021:

December 31, 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Certificates of deposit	\$ 1,004,200	\$ - \$	- \$	1,004,200
Total	\$ 1,004,200	\$ - \$	- \$	1,004,200

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3. Restricted Accounts

Restricted checking and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit at year-end consist of the following:

As Of December 31,	2021	2020
Sewer Fund		
Restricted checking and savings:		
Debt service reserve	\$ 13	\$ 13
Restricted certificates of deposit:		
Depreciation fund	28,600	28,600
Debt service reserve	255,600	255,600
Total	\$ 284,213	\$ 284,213

Restricted investments are reported at fair market value and consist of the following:

As Of December 31,	2021	2020
Sewer Fund		
Debt service reserve	\$ -	\$ 27,152
Total	\$ -	\$ 27,152

4. Arkansas Economic Development Commission Grant

On September 25, 2019, the System was awarded an Arkansas Community and Economic Development (AEDC) grant in the amount of \$216,500. The grant funds were used to partially fund the construction of a 170,000 gallon steel water tank which will be used for backwashing filters at the water treatment plant. Grant proceeds received were \$16,069 and \$199,431 during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, for a final grant amount of \$215,500. Funds allocated to single audit were deobligated in the amount of \$1,000. The project was completed in 2021.

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5. Capital Assets

Activity of capital assets consists of the following:

	January 1,		Retirements/	December 31,
As of	2021	Additions	Transfers	2021
Water Fund				
Land	\$ 38,322	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,322
Structures and improvements	1,490,189	455,000	1,600	1,943,589
Utility plant	11,106,656	10,297	130,354	10,986,599
Other equipment	224,669	65,765	56,693	233,741
Construction in progress	353,345	101,655	455,000	-
Total Water Fund	13,213,181	632,717	643,647	13,202,251
Sewer Fund				
Land	3,070	-	-	3,070
Utility plant	14,105,699	66,812	161,913	14,010,598
Other equipment	207,304	-	34,504	172,800
Construction in progress	16,517	172,520	-	189,037
Total Sewer Fund	14,332,590	239,332	196,417	14,375,505
Sanitation Fund				
Other equipment	638,848	41,535	-	680,383
Total Sanitation Fund	638,848	41,535	-	680,383
Total All Funds	\$ 28,184,619	\$ 913,584	\$ 840,064	\$ 28,258,139

In 2021, the System completed the Back Wash Tank water project that commenced in 2020. The total cost of the project, which was funded by the City and a grant from AEDC, was \$455,000.

Construction in progress at December 31, 2021 is for the Screw Pump #2 project. This project, which was funded by the City, was substantially complete at year-end and was placed in service in January 2022.

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DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

5. Capital Assets (continued)

	January 1,		Retirements/	December 31,
As of	2020	Additions	Transfers	2020
Water Fund				
Land	\$ 38,322	\$ -	\$-\$	38,322
Structures and improvements	589,200	900,989	-	1,490,189
Utility plant	11,026,129	80,527	-	11,106,656
Other equipment	238,532	-	13,863	224,669
Construction in progress	589,548	642,801	879,004	353,345
Total Water Fund	12,481,731	1,624,317	892,867	13,213,181
Sewer Fund				
Land	3,070	-	-	3,070
Utility plant	14,052,431	53,268	-	14,105,699
Other equipment	207,304	-	-	207,304
Construction in progress	-	16,517	-	16,517
Total Sewer Fund	14,262,805	69,785	-	14,332,590
Sanitation Fund				
Other equipment	572,483	168,865	102,500	638,848
Total Sanitation Fund	572,483	168,865	102,500	638,848
Total All Funds	\$ 27,317,019	\$ 1,862,967	\$ 995,367 \$	6 28,184,619

In 2020, the System completed the Water Fund improvement project that included improvements to the hospital water tank that commenced in 2019. The total cost of the project, which was funded by the City, was \$879,004.

Construction in progress for the System at December 31, 2020 included \$353,345 for a Back Wash Tank project for the Water Fund and \$16,517 for a Screw Pump #2 project for the Sewer Fund. As noted above, the Back Wash tank project was completed in 2021 and the Screw Pump #2 project was completed in 2022

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6. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt of the Sewer Fund consists of:

As of December 31,	2021	2020
USDA Rural Development, issued April 11, 2007, in the original amount of \$5,000,000. The note bears an annual interest rate of 4.125%. Final maturity of the note is July 12, 2026. Payments are made monthly in the amount of \$21,300. The note is secured by system property and revenues.	\$ 1,063,210 \$	1,513,542
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, 2006 series revenue bonds issued December 1, 2007, in the amount of \$1,957,000. The note bears an annual interest rate of 4.25%. Payments are made semi-annually in the amount of \$74,315. The note is secured by system property and revenues. The note was paid in full on June 1, 2021.	_	325.661
Total	1,063,210	1,839,203
Less current portion	215,792	345,491
Long-Term Debt	\$ 847,418 \$	1,493,712

Principal is scheduled to mature as follows:

As of December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 215,792 \$	39,808 \$	255,600
2023	224,864	30,736	255,600
2024	234,317	21,283	255,600
2025	244,167	11,433	255,600
2026	144,070	1,957	146,027
Total	\$ 1,063,210 \$	105,217 \$	1,168,427

The System's outstanding notes from direct borrowings and direct placements contain provisions for loan default including the following: entire outstanding principal and interest become immediately due and payable; using funds pledged for payment, incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance or other expenses necessary to cure cause of default; appointing a receiver to administer the Department on behalf of the issuer until all defaults have been cured; enforce any and all other rights and remedies by law.

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7. Due to General Fund

During 2017, the System received funding from the City to in the amount of \$600,000 to upgrade the water meters to a radio meter system. The System will repay the City in six annual payments of \$100,000. The balance owed the General Fund as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$200,000 and \$300,000, respectively.

8. Activity of Long-Term Liabilities

Activity of the long-term liabilities consists of the following:

	January 1,	Debt	Debt	[December 31,	Due Within
As As of	2021	Additions	Retirements		2021	One Year
USDA	\$ 1,513,542	\$ -	\$ 450,332	\$	1,063,210 \$	215,792
ANRC	325,661	-	325,661		-	-
Due to General Fund	300,000	-	100,000		200,000	100,000
Total	\$ 2,139,203	\$ -	\$ 875,993	\$	1,263,210 \$	315,792

As of	January 1, 2020	Debt Additions	Debt Retirements	December 31, 2020	Due Within One Year
USDA	\$ 1,895,049	\$ -	\$ 381,507	\$ 1,513,542 \$	196,861
ANRC	643,875	-	318,214	325,661	148,630
Due to General Fund	400,000	-	100,000	300,000	100,000
Total	\$ 2,938,924	\$ -	\$ 799,721	\$ 2,139,203 \$	445,491

The City made additional principal payments of \$250,000 and \$200,000 on the USDA Rural Development note payable and \$251,346 and \$200,000 on the ANRC 2006 Series Bond note payable during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The additional payments plus previous extra payments on the USDA Rural Development note payable creates interest savings of \$2,337,295 over the life of the note, and allows the note to be retired twenty-one years before the original maturity date.

9. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the System to credit risk consist primarily of accounts receivable. The receivables are from individuals located within the same geographic region. In addition, the System has one major customer that comprises a significant portion of its revenues. Loss of this customer would negatively impact the System. The percentage of total billings of this customer to System revenues is 62.3% and 55.7% for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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10. Transfers

The System makes annual budgeted transfers to the City for their share of administrative costs. Transfers made during the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

For the year ended December 31,	2021	2020
Water Fund		
Transfer to City for administrative costs	\$ (100,000) \$	(100,000)
Sewer Fund		
Transfer to City for administrative costs	(100,000)	(100,000)
Transfer from City for additional debt payments	497,790	200,000
Total	397,790	100,000
Sanitation Fund		
Transfer to City for administrative costs	(50,000)	(50,000)
Total Transfers	\$ 247,790 \$	225,000

11. Employee Benefit Plans

Effective December 1, 2018, the employees of the System are covered under a defined contribution Plan ("the Plan"). The Plan is a defined contribution Plan covering all employees of the City who have completed at least one year of service, been credited with 1,000 hours of service, and are age 21 or older, with semi-annual entry dates. As a condition for participating in employer contributions in this Plan, each eligible employee shall agree to defer at least 5% of his or her compensation under the City of De Queen 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. If the eligible employee defers the minimum required contribution, the employer shall pay an amount equal to 10% of each participant's compensation. The employer contribution shall be made only for payroll periods during which the eligible employee is making the required contributions. Employer contributions shall be paid at the close of each payroll period.

The cost to the System for Plan employer contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$38,420 for the Water Fund, \$20,625 for the Sewer Fund and \$6,788 for the Sanitation Fund. The cost to the System for Plan employer contributions for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$30,183 for the Water Fund, \$21,306 for the Sewer Fund and \$11,119 for the Sanitation Fund. These amounts are included in the employee benefits operating expense line item on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

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12. Insurance Coverage

The System is exposed to various levels of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

There has been no significant reduction in the System's insurance coverage from the previous year. In addition, there have been no settlements in excess of the System's coverage in any of the prior five fiscal years.

13. COVID-19

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID), declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic in March 2020, continues to cause worldwide economic disruption and uncertainty. The related adverse public health developments, including orders to shelter-in-place, travel restrictions, and mandated business closures, have adversely affected workforces, organizations, their customers, economies, and financial markets globally, leading to increased market volatility and disruptions in normal business operations everywhere.

The System has remained open throughout the pandemic to continue servicing customers. To provide relief to customers, the System waived late fees and stopped disconnections for non-payment for a set period of time during 2020. The System also incurred additional expenses for personal protective equipment to provide a safe working environment for employees. Fortunately, the pandemic has not had a significant impact on the System financially.

The full extent of the impact on the System's operations and financial performance will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, government imposed restrictions, and other factors, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. The System continues to monitor its operations, liquidity and capital resources to minimize the impact of this unprecedented situation.

14. Subsequent Events

The System has evaluated events and transactions for subsequent events that would impact the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 through January 6, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. On March 8, 2022, the System paid, in advance, the entire outstanding principal balance on the USDA Rural Development note payable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF DE QUEEN, ARKANSAS PROPRIETARY FUNDS WATER FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		2021	2020
Operating Revenue			
Water and sewer revenues, net provision for bad debts	\$	1,583,405 \$	1,530,368
Other income	Ψ	20,735	10,758
Total Operating Revenue		1,604,140	1,541,126
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Operating Expenses			
Advertising		1,347	193
Auto expense		14,701	14,591
Chemicals		68,712	44,362
Depreciation		337,059	296,255
Employee benefits		103,344	101,884
Insurance		16,298	14,091
Memberships and licenses		15,607	14,771
Office supplies		5,342	4,706
Operating supplies		14,263	13,696
Other operating expenses		149	407
Payroll taxes		30,708	25,779
Professional fees		4,935	10,018
Repairs and maintenance		103,111	83,503
Salaries and wages		408,340	370,970
Travel		6,244	1,603
Uniforms		1,438	2,250
Utilities		182,387	162,451
Total Operating Expenses		1,313,985	1,161,530
Net Income From Operations		290,155	379,596
Other Income (Expenses)			
Interest income		13,538	14,639
Gain/(Loss) on sale of asset		(7,738)	1,189
AEDC grant income		16,069	199,431
Total Net Other Income (Expenses)		21,869	215,259
Net Income Before Transfers		312,024	594,855
Operating Transfers		(100,000)	175,000
Change in Net Position		212,024	769,855
Net Position at Beginning of Year		8,160,255	7,390,400
Net Position at End of Year	\$	8,372,279 \$	8,160,255

See independent auditor's report.

CITY OF DE QUEEN, ARKANSAS PROPRIETARY FUNDS SEWER FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		2021	2020
Operating Revenue			
Water and sewer revenues, net provision for bad debts	\$	1,575,376 \$	1,521,831
Other income	Ψ	9,074	27,432
Total Operating Revenue		1,584,450	1,549,263
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Operating Expenses			
Advertising		465	312
Auto expense		14,941	8,077
Chemicals		116,343	131,294
Depreciation		347,114	348,540
Employee benefits		68,629	69,223
Insurance		15,849	14,422
Memberships and licenses		8,940	8,640
Office supplies		5,281	7,325
Operating supplies		18,839	13,509
Other operating expenses		500	790
Payroll taxes		21,332	18,949
Professional fees		14,210	13,373
Repairs and maintenance		88,217	38,302
Salaries and wages		275,683	275,876
Travel		5,359	446
Uniforms		1,337	1,779
Utilities		171,536	155,563
Total Operating Expenses		1,174,575	1,106,420
Net Income From Operations		409,875	442,843
Other Income (Expenses)			
Interest income		7,794	9,189
(Loss) on sale of asset		(6,626)	-
Interest expense and fees		(64,290)	(101,828)
Total Net Other Income (Expenses)		(63,122)	(92,639)
Net Income Before Transfers		346,753	350,204
Operating Transfers		397,790	100,000
Change in Net Position		744,543	450,204
Net Position at Beginning of Year		6,368,039	5,917,835
Net Position at End of Year	\$	7,112,582 \$	6,368,039

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CITY OF DE QUEEN, ARKANSAS PROPRIETARY FUNDS SANITATION FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		2021	2020
Operating Revenue	۴		400.050
Water and sewer revenues, net provision for bad debts	\$	401,564 \$	400,052
Other income		6,182	3,128
Total Operating Revenue		407,746	403,180
Operating Expenses			
Advertising		-	101
Auto expense		35,170	25,733
Chemicals		6,705	9,315
Contract labor		2,794	3,751
Depreciation		64,163	71,129
Employee benefits		32,828	43,255
Insurance		2,862	2,805
Memberships and licenses		465	600
Operating supplies		5,373	5,052
Other operating expenses		-	190
Payroll taxes		11,821	10,779
Professional fees		352	921
Repairs and maintenance		1,037	-
Salaries and wages		155,993	149,694
Uniforms		1,402	1,250
Total Operating Expenses		320,965	324,575
Net Income From Operations		86,781	78,605
Other Income (Expenses)			
Interest income		6,328	6,959
Gain on sale of asset		-	9,650
Total Net Other Income (Expenses)		6,328	16,609
Net Income Before Transfers		93,109	95,214
Operating Transfers		(50,000)	(50,000)
Change in Net Position		43,109	45,214
Net Position at Beginning of Year		614,863	569,649
Net Position at End of Year	\$	657,972 \$	614,863

See independent auditor's report.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED REPORT



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 City Council of De Queen, Arkansas 220 N. 2nd Street De Queen, AR 71832

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 financial statements of the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas ("the City"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as the basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' 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.

4200 Jenny Lind Road, Ste. B Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901 Ph: 479.649.0888 email: marcl@selectlanding.com www.selectcpa.com 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 or significant deficiencies. 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 Proprietary Funds of the City of De Queen, Arkansas' financial statement 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 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*.

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.

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Przybysz & Associates, CPAs, P.C. Fort Smith, Arkansas January 6, 2023