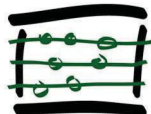




**Water and Sewer Fund of the  
City of Harrison, Arkansas**

**Independent Auditors' Report  
with  
Financial Statements  
and  
Supplemental Information**

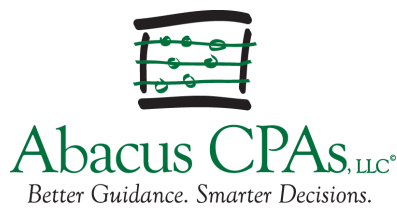
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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the  
City Council of the City of Harrison, Arkansas

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water and Sewer Fund (the Utility), of the City of Harrison, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective net position of the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in net position, and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Qualified 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, 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 qualified audit opinions.

As more fully described in Note 6 to the financial statements, the Utility has excluded the effects of certain pension obligations from liabilities in the accompanying statements of net position. In our opinion, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that such obligations be included in the statement of net position. Had the Utility included such obligations in the statements of net position, the amounts reported for liabilities and increase (decreases) in net position would have been materially affected.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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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 Utility'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.

### **Auditors' Responsibility 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utility'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 Utility'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.

### **Emphasis of Matters**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Water and Sewer Fund and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial positions of the City of Harrison, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4-6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic 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 statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole that comprise the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas' basic financial statements. The additional information on page 22 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic 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 basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 November 30, 2024, on our consideration of Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, 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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abacus CPAs, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Springfield, Missouri  
November 30, 2024

**Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

As management of the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas (the Utility), we offer readers of the City of Harrison, Arkansas' (the City) financial statements this overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Utility for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Utility is a fund of the City and is accounted for separately as an enterprise fund.

Enterprise funds account for activities similar to those found in the private business sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful for sound financial administration. Enterprise funds are reported using the full accrual method of accounting in which all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The focus of enterprise funds is on income measurement, which, together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indication.

The Utility provides water, sewer and sanitation services to residential, commercial and industrial customers in and around Harrison, Arkansas.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This annual report includes this Management's Discussion and Analysis report, the Basic Financial Statements and the Notes to Financial Statements.

The financial statements of the Utility report information of the Utility using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the Utility's activities. The Statements of Net Position includes all the Utility's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to the Utility's creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the Utility and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Utility.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. This statement measures the success of the Utility's operations over each year and can be used to determine whether the Utility has successfully recovered all its costs through its user fees and other charges, profitability and credit worthiness.

The Statements of Cash Flows reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operating, investing, and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting periods.

The Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

**Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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**Financial Highlights**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total Assets	\$ 21,296,596	\$ 20,563,256	\$ 21,421,779	\$ 21,805,355
Net Capital Assets	17,936,898	17,656,717	17,885,333	18,087,859
Total Liabilities	2,738,075	3,100,777	2,894,660	2,850,792
Net Position Invested in Capital Assets	16,777,550	16,320,342	16,411,547	16,480,091
Restricted Net Position	647,883	627,690	598,196	566,148
Unrestricted Net Position	1,133,087	541,447	1,517,376	1,908,324
Total Net Position	18,558,521	17,462,479	18,527,119	18,954,563
Total Operating Revenues	9,143,767	7,974,063	7,699,789	7,105,783
Total Operating Expenses	9,215,363	9,567,444	8,813,452	8,298,634
Total Other Revenues	1,167,637	528,741	526,550	249,847
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	1,096,042	(1,064,640)	(587,113)	(943,004)

**Total Assets** - Total assets increased approximately \$733,000 from December 31, 2022 to 2023. This increase was due primarily to increase in cash, accounts receivable, and inventory due to growth and changes in water system. Total assets decreased approximately \$859,000 from December 31, 2021 to 2022. This decrease was due primarily to depreciation of capital assets and a decrease in cash.

**Net Capital Assets** - Net capital assets increased approximately \$280,000 from December 31, 2022 to 2023. This is primarily due to construction of assets. Net capital assets decreased approximately \$229,000 from December 31, 2021 to 2022. This is primarily due to depreciation of projects placed in service.

**Total Liabilities** - Total liabilities decreased approximately \$363,000 from December 31, 2022 to 2023. This increase was due primarily to a decrease in accounts payable and payments for debt. Total liabilities increased approximately \$206,000 from December 31, 2021 to 2022. This increase was due primarily to an increase in accounts payable.

**Total Net Position** - Total net position increased approximately \$1,096,000 from December 31, 2022 to 2023, due to an operating loss of approximately \$72,000 offset by other income of \$1,168,000. Total net position decreased approximately \$1,065,000 from December 31, 2021 to 2022, due to an operating loss of approximately \$1,593,000 offset by other income of \$529,000.

**Total Operating Revenues** - Total operating revenues increased approximately \$1,170,000 from December 31, 2022 to 2023. This increase was primarily due to increases in water and sewer revenues due to growth, increased rates, and changes to water system. Total operating revenues increased approximately \$274,000 from December 31, 2021 to 2022. This increase was primarily due to increases in water and sanitation revenues.

**Total Operating Expenses** - Total operating expenses decreased approximately \$352,000 from December 31, 2022 to 2023. This decrease was primarily due to decreases in sanitation contracted services of \$390,000. Total operating expenses increased approximately \$754,000 from December 31, 2021 to 2022. This increase was primarily due to increases in water purchases of approximately \$339,000 and sanitation contracted services of \$230,000.

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**Total Other Income (Expense)** - Total other income (expense) increased approximately \$639,000 from December 31, 2022 to 2023. This increase was due primarily to an increase in sales tax revenue of \$637,000. Total other income (expense) increased approximately \$2,200 from December 31, 2021 to 2022. This increase was due primarily to an increase in interest income of approximately 20,000 and a decrease in sales tax revenue of 18,500.

**Contacting the Entity's Financial Management**

The Utility's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors) with a general overview of the Utility's finances and to demonstrate the Utility's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact Luke Feighert, Chief Financial Officer, at 118 Industrial Park Rd, Harrison, Arkansas 72601.

Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas  
 Statements of Net Position  
 December 31, 2023 and 2022

Assets		
	2023	2022
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 637,630	\$ 461,678
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$166,274 and \$130,475 in 2023 and 2022	1,318,538	979,479
Accounts receivable - inter-fund	135,033	294,451
Inventory	618,745	543,241
Prepays	1,869	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2,711,815</b>	<b>2,278,849</b>
<b>Restricted Assets:</b>		
Meter deposits	647,883	627,690
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>647,883</b>	<b>627,690</b>
<b>Property and Equipment:</b>		
Land	13,085	13,085
Property and equipment, at cost	39,605,075	38,390,835
Accumulated depreciation	(21,681,262)	(20,747,203)
<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>	<b>17,936,898</b>	<b>17,656,717</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 21,296,596</b>	<b>\$ 20,563,256</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 633,760	\$ 849,577
Accounts payable - inter-fund	32,655	26,417
Accrued liabilities	102,112	100,428
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	99,435	83,722
Current portion of long-term debt	189,767	179,305
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,057,729</b>	<b>1,239,449</b>
<b>Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets</b>		
Meter deposits	647,883	627,690
<b>Total Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets</b>	<b>647,883</b>	<b>627,690</b>
<b>Long-term Liabilities:</b>		
Accrued compensated absences - long-term portion	62,883	76,568
Long-term debt, net of current portion	969,580	1,157,070
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>1,032,463</b>	<b>1,233,638</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,738,075</b>	<b>3,100,777</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	16,777,550	16,320,342
Restricted for:		
Meter deposits	647,883	627,690
Unrestricted	1,133,088	514,447
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>18,558,521</b>	<b>17,462,479</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 21,296,596</b>	<b>\$ 20,563,256</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas  
 Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
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	2023	2022
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>		
Water	\$ 4,280,080	\$ 3,386,781
Sewer	2,541,928	1,879,743
Sanitation	2,295,124	2,648,003
Other operating income	26,635	59,536
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>9,143,767</b>	<b>7,974,063</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
Water purchases	2,478,255	2,360,966
Sanitation contracted services	2,143,466	2,533,842
Administrative and other expenses	3,648,283	3,811,679
Depreciation	945,359	860,957
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>9,215,363</b>	<b>9,567,444</b>
<b>Operating (Loss)</b>	(71,596)	(1,593,381)
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Infrastructure sales tax revenue	1,136,430	499,003
Interest income	31,208	29,738
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>1,167,638</b>	<b>528,741</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,042</b>	<b>\$ (1,064,640)</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year, Net of Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<b>17,462,479</b>	<b>18,527,119</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 18,558,521</b>	<b>\$ 17,462,479</b>

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Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas  
Statements of Cash Flows  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Cash received from:		
Customers	8,778,073	7,963,600
Other operating activities	26,635	59,536
Cash paid for:		
Water	(2,478,255)	(2,360,966)
Sanitation contracted services	(2,137,227)	(2,507,425)
Salaries, wages and related benefits	(1,610,493)	(1,547,352)
Administrative and other expenses	(2,327,267)	(2,099,226)
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>251,466</b>	<b>(491,833)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</b>		
Infrastructure sales tax revenue	1,295,846	313,217
<b>Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities</b>	<b>1,295,846</b>	<b>313,217</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	34,839
Principal payments on long-term debt	(177,028)	(172,251)
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,225,540)	(632,351)
<b>Net Cash (Used in) Capital Financing Activities</b>	<b>(1,402,568)</b>	<b>(769,763)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>		
Transfers (to) meter deposits restricted assets	(20,193)	(29,494)
Increase in meter deposits liability	20,193	29,494
Interest income	31,208	29,738
<b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<b>31,208</b>	<b>29,738</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>175,952</b>	<b>(918,641)</b>
<b>Cash and Restricted Cash, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>461,678</b>	<b>1,380,319</b>
<b>Cash and Restricted Cash, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 637,630</b>	<b>\$ 461,678</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:</b>		
Operating (loss)	\$ (71,596)	\$ (1,593,381)
Depreciation	945,359	860,957
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	(339,059)	49,073
Inventory	(75,504)	(122,516)
Prepays	(1,869)	-
Accounts payable	(215,817)	260,893
Accounts payable - due to other funds	6,238	26,417
Accrued liabilities	3,713	26,724
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ 251,465</b>	<b>\$ (491,833)</b>
<b>Supplemental Disclosure:</b>		
Cash paid for interest	<b>\$ 38,932</b>	<b>\$ 54,888</b>

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**Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of Business**

The Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas (the Utility) is a component unit of the City of Harrison, Arkansas (the City). The Utility is primarily in the business of providing water, sewer and sanitation services to residential, commercial and industrial customers in and around Harrison, Arkansas.

This summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist in understanding the Utility's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Utility's management, which is responsible for its integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

**Organization and Reporting Entity**

For financial reporting purposes, in conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Utility includes all funds over which the Utility's management exercises financial accountability.

**Fund Types**

The accounts of the Utility are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenditures.

The Utility's various funds are grouped in the financial statements as a single enterprise fund. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that (a) 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 and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

**Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues and expenses, along with the related assets and liabilities are recorded in the period in which the transactions occur, regardless of when the related cash is received or disbursed.

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1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

State law requires that the City Council, before the end of each fiscal year, make appropriations, by ordinance, for the expenditures of the City government for the following year. The City Council may make appropriation amendments at any time during the current fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at the end of each year. Under certain conditions, the budget may be amended subsequent to year-end.

The Utility prepared the annual budget using the regulatory basis of accounting.

**Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Utility considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Investments**

The Utility maintains various cash and investment accounts. The Utility's investment policy states that the Utility will be limited to the purchase of certificates of deposit and Government securities including only direct U.S. Treasury obligations; treasury bills, notes and bonds. Certificates of deposit will be purchased directly from approved banks to enable management the opportunity to evaluate the financial condition of the specific bank.

**Fair Value**

The Utility categorizes the fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. All of the Utility's cash and cash equivalents and certificates of deposit are measured at Level 1.

**Custodial Credit Risk**

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Utility will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of the outside party. The Utility has established a policy in which deposits and restricted assets are to be secured by collateral, reduced by the amount of insurance provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas**  
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable primarily consist of credit extended to users in the normal course of business. Customers are required to pay a meter deposit when service commences. At the time service is terminated, these deposits may be applied to any outstanding receivable from the customer. The Utility uses the allowance method to account for uncollectible accounts receivable. In circumstances where management is aware of a specific user's inability to meet financial obligations, a specific reserve is recorded to reduce the receivable to the amount expected to be collected. In addition, the Utility has established a general reserve based upon historical customer performance. Management also performs ongoing credit evaluations of its accounts and those which are considered uncollectible are reserved for through the allowance account. The policy for determining when receivables are past due or delinquent is based on how recently payments have been received. Amounts are written off at the point when collection attempts have been exhausted. Management uses significant judgment in estimating uncollectible amounts. In estimating uncollectible amounts, management considers factors such as current overall economic conditions, industry-specific economic conditions, historical customer performance and anticipated customer performance. While management believes the Utility's processes effectively address its exposure to doubtful accounts, changes in economic, industry or specific customer conditions may require adjustment to the allowance recorded by the Utility.

Inventory

Inventory consists of various materials held for use to repair and maintain existing operations. Inventory is valued at average cost, which approximates the first-in, first-out method. Inventory will be valued at the lower of cost or market in the event that it was deemed to be impaired.

Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

Inter-fund receivables and payables result from lending and borrowing arrangements between the Utility and other funds of the City and are referred to as advances to and from other funds.

Property and Equipment

Property and Equipment is stated at historical cost. Contributed items are stated at estimated fair market value on the date of contribution. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets. Assets with an initial value or cost greater than or equal to \$2,500 and an estimated useful life greater than one year are capitalized under the Utility's capitalization policy; capital expenditures not meeting this criteria are expensed as incurred. Significant betterments, which increase the useful lives of capital assets, are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

**Long-Lived Assets**

Impairment of capital assets is a significant and unexpected decline, which is based on triggering events or changes in circumstances that were not anticipated when the capital assets were placed in service. Based on management's assessment, no triggering events or changes in circumstances occurred during the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022.

**Restricted Assets**

The Utility designated certain funds to be maintained for customer meter deposits. These deposits are held until the customer discontinues the Utility's services.

**Net Position Classifications**

Net Position is classified and presented as follows:

Net Position Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds or other borrowing that is attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted Net Position consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position consists of all other fund equity balances that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

**Revenue Recognition**

The Utility recognizes revenue when earned, based upon customer usage or when the service is provided. Water, sewer and sanitation revenues are billed to the customers in monthly cycles.

**Classification of Revenues**

Operating revenues generally consist of charges for water, sewer and sanitation usage and other fees billed to customers. Non-operating revenues consist of interest income, sales tax and miscellaneous income.

**Advertising**

The Utility follows the policy of charging the costs of advertising to expense as incurred. Advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$0 and \$0, respectively.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

**Restricted Resources**

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Utility funds certain infrastructure improvements by a combination of specific improvement-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when infrastructure improvements are incurred, there may be both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance these improvements. It is the Utility's policy to first apply improvement-reimbursement grant resources to such improvements and then general revenues.

**Estimates**

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 that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Compensated Absences**

The Utility has a policy whereby employees can accumulate unused sick and vacation leave and comp time. Sick leave is to be used for periods of illness and can be accrued up to 60 days. Upon termination or retirement, the Utility will pay all accrued vacation and will pay all accrued sick leave if the employee was hired before April 1, 2013. For employees hired after April 1, 2013, the Utility will pay all accrued sick leave only upon retirement or death. The Utility's definition of retirement is reaching the age of 65 or earning 28 years of actual service. The Utility has accrued the separation portion of this liability as accrued compensated absences, which totaled \$162,318 and \$160,290 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

**Income Taxes**

Income of the Utility is derived from the exercise of essential governmental functions and accrues to the Utility, a component unit of the City of Harrison, Arkansas. It is, therefore, not subject to income taxes and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

**Comparative Data**

Certain minor reclassifications of prior year data have been made in order to enhance their comparability with current year figures.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

**GASB 96 - Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements**

In 2020, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), released GASB 96. The Utility implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), as of January 1, 2023. This Statement provides guidance on SBITA. The beginning fund balance was not restated as of January 1, 2023 for the adoption of GASB 96.

**GASB 87 - Leases**

In 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), released GASB 87. For 2022, the Utility implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, Leases. GASB Statement No. 87 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government's leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources.

The Utility adopted GASB No. 87, Leases, using the modified retrospective approach with January 1, 2021 as the date of initial adoption. The Utility elected the package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance within the new standard, which among other things, allowed the Utility to carry forward the historical lease classification. In addition, the Utility elected the practical expedient to use hindsight in determining the lease term for existing leases, which resulted in shortening the lease terms for certain existing leases and the useful lives of corresponding leasehold improvements as certain options to renew were not reasonably certain. Adoption of the standard did not required the Utility to restate amounts as of January 1, 2021.

The Utility leases certain equipment. The determination of whether an arrangement is a lease is made at the lease's inception. A contract is (or contains) a lease if it conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is defined under the standard as having both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset and the right to direct the use of the asset. Management only reassesses its determination if the terms and conditions of the contract are changed.

Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use ("ROU") assets, other current liabilities, and operating lease liabilities in our balance sheets. Finance leases are included in property and equipment, other current liabilities, and other long-term liabilities in our balance sheets, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, the Utility did not have any finance leases.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

**Leases**

ROU assets represent our right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent our obligation to make lease payments. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. The Utility uses the implicit rate when it is readily determinable, or the risk free rate. Since most of the Utility's leases do not provide an implicit rate, to determine the present value of lease payments, management uses the Utility's incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at lease commencement. Operating lease ROU assets also includes any lease payments made and excludes any lease incentives. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Utility's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that we will exercise the option, generally not longer than 5 years. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Utility did not have any operating leases that were not short-term.

**2. Financial Instruments with Risk of Accounting Loss**

Financial instruments that could potentially subject the Utility to a risk of accounting loss are carried at fair market value and include restricted and unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents as follows:

	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Carrying Balance</b>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 1,428,695	\$ 1,246,178
Collateralized by pledged securities	61,585	39,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,490,280</b>	<b>\$ 1,285,513</b>

The Utility, a component unit of the City of Harrison, Arkansas, maintains cash and certificates of deposit in one commercial bank under the City's federal identification number. The total cash balance under the City's federal identification number is insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. The City participates in a pledged collateral program whereby the bank pledges collateral for balances in excess of the FDIC limit. The Utility believes there is no significant risk with respect to these deposits.

**3. Accounts Receivable**

Receivables at December 31, 2023 and 2022 consisted of the following:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Accounts receivable - trade	\$ 1,484,812	\$ 1,109,954
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(166,274)	(130,475)
<b>Total accounts receivable</b>	<b>\$ 1,318,538</b>	<b>\$ 979,479</b>

Bad Debt expense was \$35,765 and \$35,310 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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4. Property and Equipment

	Estimated Useful Life (in Years)	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Disposals/ Transfers	Balance 12/31/2023
Land	N/A	\$ 13,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,085
Water plant	10 - 50	10,808,961	52,979	-	10,861,940
Sewer plant	50	17,759,732	673,327	425,264	18,858,323
Machinery and equipment	5 - 10	2,694,756	38,089	(11,300)	2,721,545
Transportation equipment	5 - 10	2,164,327	-	-	2,164,327
Furniture, fixtures, and office equipment	5 - 15	325,133	-	-	325,133
Water meters	20	2,456,246	-	-	2,456,246
Water lines	50	1,748,512	349,130	7,904	2,105,546
Construction in process	N/A	433,168	112,015	(433,168)	112,015
<b>Total property and equipment, at cost</b>		<b>\$ 38,403,920</b>	<b>\$ 1,225,540</b>	<b>(11,300)</b>	<b>\$ 39,618,160</b>
Less: accumulated depreciation		(20,747,203)	(945,359)	11,300	(21,681,262)
<b>Net property and equipment</b>		<b>\$ 17,656,717</b>	<b>\$ 280,180</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 17,936,898</b>

	Estimated Useful Life (in Years)	Balance 12/31/2021	Additions	Disposals/ Transfers	Balance 12/31/2022
Land	N/A	\$ 13,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,085
Water plant	10 - 50	10,774,192	34,769	-	10,808,961
Sewer plant	50	17,717,133	42,599	-	17,759,732
Machinery and equipment	5 - 10	2,645,812	48,944	-	2,694,756
Transportation equipment	5 - 10	2,152,994	55,754	(44,421)	2,164,327
Furniture, fixtures, and office equipment	5 - 15	325,133	-	-	325,133
Water meters	20	2,421,263	34,983	-	2,456,246
Water lines	50	1,338,639	22,490	387,383	1,748,512
Construction in process	N/A	427,739	392,812	(387,383)	433,168
<b>Total property and equipment, at cost</b>		<b>37,815,990</b>	<b>632,351</b>	<b>(44,421)</b>	<b>38,403,920</b>
Less: accumulated depreciation		(19,930,667)	(860,957)	44,421	(20,747,203)
<b>Net property and equipment</b>		<b>\$ 17,885,323</b>	<b>\$ (228,606)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 17,656,717</b>

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$945,359 and \$860,957, respectively.

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**5. Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System Plan**

The City, which includes the Utility, 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 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. APERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-800-682-7377.

**Funding Policy**

APERS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required to contribute 5.50% of their salary effective July 7, 2023. The rate changed effective July 7, 2022 to 5.25% of their salary and was 5% prior. Each participating employer is required to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of the system based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15.32% from July 1, 2023 and 15.32% from July 1, 2022. The Utility's contributions to APERS were \$244,758 and \$239,352 for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

**6. Accrued Pension Obligation**

The Utility participates in the APERS, as described in Note 5 above. The City of Harrison, Arkansas processes the Utility's payroll and remits pension payments directly to APERS. The Utility's share of the net pension liability has not been determined. Such obligations would have materially affected the Utility's statements of net position and increases (decreases) in net position.

**7. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Note payable to Anstaff Bank: original loan \$2,310,977; secured by revenue and water meters; interest 2.97% quarterly payments including interest of \$53,990 through 2019 and 53,730 2020-2029.	\$ 1,336,375	\$ -	\$ (177,028)	\$ 1,159,347
<b>Total Debt</b>	<u>1,336,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(177,028)</u>	<u>1,159,347</u>
Less: Current Portion	(179,305)			(189,767)
<b>Long-Term Portion</b>	<u>\$ 1,157,070</u>			<u>\$ 969,580</u>

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**7. Long-Term Debt - (continued)**

Maturities for the years ending December 31 are as follows:

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2024	\$ 189,767	\$ 26,192	\$ 215,959
2025	188,782	27,177	215,959
2026	194,553	21,406	215,959
2027	200,501	15,458	215,959
2028	206,601	9,358	215,959
2029	179,142	2,861	182,003
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,347</b>	<b>\$ 102,451</b>	<b>\$ 1,261,798</b>

Interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$35,158 and \$54,888, respectively.

**8. Related Party Transactions**

The Utility reimburses the City for its portion of expenses paid directly by the City's general fund. These reimbursements are paid monthly and consist of an accounting fee for administrative, billing and record keeping services, and a maintenance fee for repairs and upkeep of the water and sewer fund fixed assets, along with certain safety fees. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 the reimbursements were approximately \$152,430 and \$131,734, respectively.

**9. Commitments and Contingencies**

Effective January 1, 1999, the Utility executed an agreement for the purchase of all water from the Carroll Boone Water District. This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

There are no significant minimum rental commitments under operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year at December 31, 2023.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Utility executed a ten-year agreement for the collection and transfer of solid waste and recyclable materials with Inland Services. This agreement cannot be modified or amended unless approved by the governing bodies of both parties and signed by the authorized representatives of the City and the contractor.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no material outstanding unfilled contract commitments.

In the normal course of operations, the Utility receives grant funds from various federal and state agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. The City believes any liability for reimbursement, which may arise as a result of audits of grant funds, would not be material.

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**10. Risk Management**

The Utility is exposed to various risks of loss from tort, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, business interruption, errors and omissions, natural disasters, employee injuries and illnesses, and employee health, dental and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters other than employee health and dental benefits and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three proceeding years.

The Utility has joined with other municipalities to form the Arkansas Municipal League Vehicle Insurance Program (the Pool), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for its members. The Utility pays an annual premium to the Pool for its vehicle insurance coverage. The Pool's governing agreement specifies that the Pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial carriers for claims in excess of specified stop loss amounts.

**11. Water and Sewer Rates**

In order to provide funding for system improvements, various water and sewer rates were established by ordinance. In February 2014, City Council passed an ordinance that beginning July 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter until amended by council action, the water and sewer rates shall be increased by an annual percentage as determined by the annual United States Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year.

The rates in effect for the years ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Water Rates</u>	<u>Sewer Rates</u>
First 1,500 gallons	\$14.96 minimum	\$10.91 minimum
Next 25,000 gallons	\$6.43 per 1,000 GA	\$6.50 per 1,000 GA
Next 250,000 gallons	\$5.84 per 1,000 GA	\$6.33 per 1,000 GA
Usage over 250,000 gallons	\$5.95 per 1,000 GA	\$6.44 per 1,000 GA

The rates in effect for the years ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	<u>Water Rates</u>	<u>Sewer Rates</u>
First 1,500 gallons	\$12.92 minimum	\$9.49 minimum
Next 25,000 gallons	\$5.59 per 1,000 GA	\$5.65 per 1,000 GA
Next 250,000 gallons	\$5.08 per 1,000 GA	\$5.50 per 1,000 GA
Usage over 250,000 gallons	\$5.17 per 1,000 GA	\$5.60 per 1,000 GA

Billing rates for both "outside city" water and sewer rates are calculated at \$1.00 plus one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the above appropriate "inside city" rates.

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**12. Concentrations of Economic and Credit Risk**

The Utility's business activities are concentrated with customers located in and near the City of Harrison, Arkansas. All future revenue is associated within the above-mentioned geographic region.

The Utility purchases water from Carroll Boone Water District. This is the Utility's only contracted source of water. In addition, the Utility contracts all of its solid waste with a single provider.

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Utility to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of trade receivables with a variety of customers and cash and cash investments deposited with financial

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are limited due to the Utility's customer base being made up of a large number of customers, thus spreading the trade credit risk. The Utility performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers. Customer meter deposits are available to the Utility to apply to any amounts due upon termination of service.

The Utility, a component unit of the City of Harrison, Arkansas, maintains cash in one commercial bank under the City's federal identification number. The total cash balance under the City's federal identification number is insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. However, the City participates in a pledged collateral program whereby the bank pledges collateral for balances in excess of the FDIC limit. The Utility believes there is no significant risk with respect to these deposits.

**13. Prior Period Adjustment**

During the 2022 Audit, the Utility recorded a prior period adjustment of \$159,669 to the opening balance of 2021, relating to fixed assets.

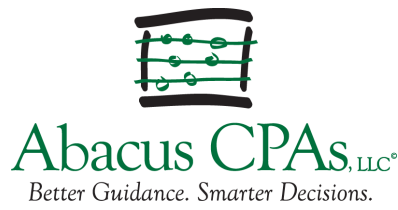
**14. Subsequent Events**

Management of the Utility has evaluated subsequent events through November 30, 2024 the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

## Supplemental Information

Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas  
Schedules of Administrative and Other Expenses  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Accounting and auditing	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Bad debt	35,765	35,310
Billing fee	43,783	41,017
Chemicals	33,064	34,509
Conservation	150,960	135,886
Contracted services	99,184	133,381
Dues and subscriptions	2,912	4,495
Fuel	71,672	102,744
Human resources	9,150	7,950
Insurance	75,335	85,895
Interest Expense	35,158	54,888
Maintenance fund	74,538	63,348
Material and supplies	51,993	90,804
Other administrative	122,741	109,615
Other professional fees	22,925	-
Payroll taxes	116,471	114,084
Permits	42,163	41,470
Planning costs	36,359	30,432
Regulatory compliance	-	15,500
Repairs and maintenance	399,267	563,748
Salaries, wages, and related benefits	2,034,125	1,970,111
Training and travel	12,793	7,850
Utilities and telephone	165,925	168,642
	<b>\$ 3,648,283</b>	<b>\$ 3,811,679</b>
<b>Total Administrative and Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,648,283</b>	<b>\$ 3,811,679</b>



**Independent Auditors' 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 Honorable Mayor and Members of the  
City Council of the  
City of Harrison, Arkansas

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 Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas (the Utility), a component unit of the City of Harrison, Arkansas, which comprise the statements of net position as December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2024.

**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Utility's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utility's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utility'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 Utility's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items to be material weaknesses. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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 may exist that have not been identified.

## **Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Utility's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-1.

### **Response to Findings**

The Utility's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Utility's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

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Springfield, Missouri  
November 30, 2024

Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Harrison, Arkansas  
Report on Findings  
December 31, 2023 and 2022

**Current Year Findings – (Repeat)**

**Finding Number 2023-1 Unclaimed Property**

**Finding:** Arkansas state law requires the Utility to file an unclaimed property report and turn over unclaimed property to the Arkansas State Auditor’s Unclaimed Property Division (UCP) on an annual basis. The report must include any outstanding check which would be dormant for 1 year as of the report date. In addition, a due diligence letter must be mailed within 60 – 120 days before filing the report for any amount over \$50. During our testing of bank reconciliations we noted over 600 outstanding checks that meet the unclaimed property designation, with some dating as far back as January 2011.

**Recommendation:** We recommend that management review the outstanding checks in order to file and remit the unclaimed property report. In addition, we recommend that management adherence to this regulation.

**Responses:** The City of Harrison has started the process of submitting unclaimed property to the State of Arkansas. The new BS&A software has the ability to export these uncashed checks in the format approved by the Arkansas State Auditor’s office.

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