CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Wynne Water and Sewer Commission City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System Wynne, Arkansas 72396

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System a component unit of the City of Wynne, AR as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022 as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System 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 A, the accompanying financial statements of the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and the cash flows of the City that is attributable to the transactions of the Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Wynne, 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 conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Responsibilities of Management 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's 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 of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risks 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 judgement 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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform the 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 of the effectiveness of the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System'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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial about the Entity'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 - 7 and budgetary comparison on page 36 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, and 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 applied certain limited procedures to have 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Entity's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information (Schedule I through Schedule VI and Schedule VIII) is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2024 on our consideration of the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Meyer & Ward

Meyer & Ward, P.A. Certified Public Accountants Wynne, Arkansas 72396 October 28, 2024

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATEWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS December 31, 2023

Within this section of the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's financial report, (the Entity) the Entity's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Entity for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Entity's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Using this annual report

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues and Expenses provide information about the Entity as a whole and present a longer term view of the Entity's finances. The Statement of Cash Flows provides a summary of the changes in cash and cash equivalents for the year. Information is included in the Notes to Financial Statements to disclose accounting policies and additional financial detail amounts shown in the financial statements. A report on internal control is also included.

Reporting on City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System as a whole

Our analysis of the Entity as a whole follows in the next section. The Entity operates as a business-type activity providing water utilities to its customers. Its revenues must be sufficient to cover the cost of operations, payments of indebtedness, and cost of improvements to the system. One of the most important questions asked about the Entity's finances is "Is the Entity as a whole better off as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues and Expenses report information about the Entity as a whole, and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most privatesector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Entity's net position and changes in them. You can think of the Entity's net position (the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) as one way to measure the Entity's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position are one indicator of whether the financial health is improving, or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as the conditions of the water and sewer system, to assess the overall health of the Entity.

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd) December 31, 2023

The following table summarizes the net position.

Financial Highlights	2023	2022	2021
Beginning Net Positioin Increase (Decrease) in net position	\$ 15,101,612 (1,089,764)	\$ 14,876,253 225,359	\$ 14,255,636 620,617
Ending Net Postion	\$ 14,011,848	\$ 15,101,612	\$ 14,876,253

Assets, liabilities, and net position are as follows:

	2023	2022	2021
Current assets	\$ 1,689,860	\$ 2,170,899	\$ 2,389,097
Restricted Assets	2,548,389	3,314,192	1,382,052
Capital Assets	18,316,969	18,779,662	19,194,010
Deferred outflows	301,358	288,634	51,680
Total Assets	\$ 22,856,576	\$ 24,553,387	\$ 23,016,839
Current Liebilities	\$ 1,375,097	\$ 1,285,442	\$ 1.331.866
Current Liabilities	¢ .,0.0,00.	¢ .,=00,=	ŧ , ,
Long-term Liabilities	7,435,125	8,131,774	6,239,496
Total Liabilities	8,810,222	9,417,216	7,571,362
Deferred Inflows	34,506	34,559	569,224
Net Position			
Investment in capital assets	11,048,257	10,952,435	12,464,796
Restricted for Debt Service	211,697	205,988	107,487
Restricted for Construction	1,098,309	1,969,269	4,342
Restricted for Maintenance	971,485	869,380	1,047,232
Unrestricted	682,100	1,104,540	1,252,396
Total Net Position	\$ 14,011,848	\$ 15,101,612	\$ 14,876,253

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

	2023	2022	2021
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,375,827	\$ 3,385,742	\$ 3,441,256
Operating Expenses	(2,881,836)	(2,861,270)	(2,596,667)
Operating Income	493,991	524,472	844,589
Other Income (Expenses)	(1,583,755)	(299,113)	(223,972)
Increase (Decrease) in net position	\$ (1,089,764)	\$ 225,359	\$ 620,617

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (cont'd) December 31, 2023

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year end December 31, 2023, the Entity had \$ 18,316,969 invested in capital assets. This represents a net decrease of \$ 462,693 for the year, which is the result of fixed asset purchases of \$ 3,574,130 less \$ 661,216 in depreciation expense and reductions of \$ 3,375,607.

Debt

At year end, the Entity had \$ 7,268,712 in outstanding bonds and notes payable. This represents a net decrease of \$ 727,224 which is the result of principal repayments.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEARS BUDGETS AND RATES

The Entity plans to complete construction of a new office building and during the next year. Estimated additional costs to complete this projects is approximately \$ 500,000. The Entity also is in the process of rebuilding the sewer plant which was destroyed by a tornado during 2023. The total estimated additional cost to complete the rebuild is approximately \$ 23,000,000.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our customers, suppliers, and creditors with a general overview of the Entity's finances and to show the Entity's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Blake Marotti, General Manager, 870-238-2751.

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS

	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,015,333	\$ 1,562,892
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Accounts receivable- customers	537,502	471,206
Inventory	113,427	93,858
Prepaid expenses	23,598	42,943
Total Current Assets	1,689,860	2,170,899
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Cash- interest bearing deposits	2,548,389	3,314,192
	2,310,303	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land - water system	110,616	110,616
Land- sewer system	182,637	212,637
Water plant	20,268,893	19,977,643
Sewer plant	8,258,344	14,631,855
Transportation equipment	1,073,947	1,082,894
Office equipment	177,545	166,662
Construction in progress	3,334,768	148,726
Total	33,406,750	36,331,033
Less accumulated depreciation	(15,089,781)	(17,551,371)
Net Property and Equipment	18,316,969	18,779,662
Deferred Outflows	301,358	288,634
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 22,856,576	\$ 24,553,387
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	2023		2022	
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE				
FROM CURRENT ASSETS				
Accounts payable	\$	98,336	\$	78,671
Accrued taxes		27,694		23,026
Due to the City of Wynne		217,991		163,956
Total Current Liabilities		344,021		265,653
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE				
FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS				
Customer meter deposits		252,654		260,488
Accrued bond interest payable		26,571		32,077
Current portion of revenue bonds payable		751,851		727,224
Total Current Liabilities Payable from restricted assets		1,031,076		1,019,789
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LONG TERM DEBT				
Net Pension Liability		1,080,432		1,031,771
Revenue bonds payable, net of current portion		6,516,861		7,268,712
Less Unamortized Bond Discount		(162,168)		(168,709)
Total Long-Term Debt		7,435,125		8,131,774
DEFERRED INFLOWS				
Pension Plan		34,506		34,559
NET POSITION				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debts	1	1,048,257	1	0,952,435
Restricted for debt service		211,697		205,988
Restricted for construction		1,098,309		1,969,269
Restricted for maintenance		971,485		869,380
Unrestricted		682,100		1,104,540
Net Position	14	4,011,848	1	5,101,612
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 2	2,856,576	\$2	4,553,387

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

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUES:		
Water sales	\$ 1,593,097	\$ 1,584,001
Sewer sales	1,606,414	1,660,933
Connections	46,530	13,326
Collection fees	44,828	31,745
Other operating revenues	84,958	95,737
Total Revenues	3,375,827	3,385,742
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Accounting and auditing	7,200	7,400
Advertising	228	319
Contract labor	135	570
Depreciation and Amortization	661,216	776,905
Dues and subscriptions	7,059	3,761
Heat, light and power	207,356	320,984
Insurance	168,472	142,894
Laboratory fees	14,790	21,610
Legal fees	4,145	7,657
Miscellaneous	6,487	3,438
Office supplies and postage	87,639	86,755
Operating maintenance and supplies	339,264	300,033
Permits and fees	11,368	9,272
Rentals	23,676	14,528
Repairs and maintenance	57,834	57,057
Retirement	170,667	84,225
Salaries	901,377	834,069
Payroll taxes	69,031	64,163
City franchise taxes	12,000	12,000
Telephone	28,748	37,128
Truck expense	103,144	76,502
Total Operating Expenses	2,881,836	2,861,270
OPERATING INCOME	493,991	524,472
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
Interest expense	(280,487)	(302,977)
Debt Issue Costs	(,)	(103,168)
Gain on sale of assets	45,097	82,362
Loss from Tornado Damaage	(1,423,604)	- ,
Interest income	75,239	24,670
Net Other Income (Expense)	(1,583,755)	(299,113)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	\$ (1,089,764)	\$ 225,359

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

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NET POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$ 14,876,253
Increase in Net Position for year ended December 31, 2021	 225,359
NET POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2022	\$ 15,101,612
Increase in Net Position for year ended December 31, 2023	 (1,089,764)
NET POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$ 14,011,848

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

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 3,301,697	\$ 3,405,481
Cash payments to suppliers	(1,259,250)	(1,291,437)
Cash payments to employees	(901,377)	(834,069)
Cash payments to employees	1,141,070	1,279,975
	1,141,070	1,219,915
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities		
Transfers to from other funds	54,035	1,954
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	75 005	0.40.050
Proceeds on Sale of Property and Equipment	75,095	346,659
Proceeds from Insurance recovery	1,922,005	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(3,574,130)	(626,854)
Proceeds on loans	-	6,451,028
Principal payments on bonds, notes, and leases	(727,224)	(5,323,278)
Debt Issue Costs	-	(103,168)
Interest paid on notes	(279,452)	(349,085)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related		
financing activities	(2,583,706)	395,302
Cash flows from investing activities		
Transfers (to) from restricted cash accounts	765,803	(1,932,140)
Investment Income	75,239	24,670
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	841,042	(1,907,470)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(547,559)	(230,239)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	1,562,892	1,793,131
Cash and equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,015,333	\$ 1,562,892

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

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Reconciliation of change in net assets	2023		2022	
to net cash provided by operating activities				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	493,991	\$	524,472
Net Change in Pension Liability		35 <i>,</i> 884		(39,687)
Depreciation and Amortization		661,216		776,905
Change in assets and liabilities				
(Increase) decrease in:				
Accounts Receivable		(66,296)		12,310
Inventory		(19 <i>,</i> 569)		(13,750)
Prepaid Expenses		19,345		(10,601)
Increase (Decrease) in:				
Accounts Payable		19,665		21,026
Accrued Taxes		4,668		1,871
Customer Deposits		(7,834)		7,429
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	1,141,070	\$	1,279,975

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

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>ORGANIZATION</u> - The City of Wynne Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System is a proprietary fund of the City of Wynne, Arkansas. Its purpose is to provide water and sewer service to the citizens of Wynne, Arkansas. The financial statements present only the City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System and are not intended to be a government wide financial statement for the City of Wynne. The Entity's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Entity are discussed below.

<u>BASIS OF ACCOUNTING</u> - The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of revenues or expenses to be recognized and reported in the financial statements. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Fees and charges and other revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u> - The System considers all cash, savings accounts and certificates of deposit purchased with a maturity of six months or less to be cash equivalents. However, all cash balances designated as restricted are excluded from cash equivalents.

<u>INVENTORY</u> – Inventory consists of materials and supplies available for future use. Inventory is valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method.

<u>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</u> - Accounts receivable is presented net of an allowance for estimated uncollectible accounts of \$47,230 at December 31, 2023 and \$40,030 at December 31, 2022. The allowance is based on age analysis of accounts and results of collection efforts. Accounts deemed uncollectible after collection efforts and the offset of any customer deposits are charged to allowance for uncollectible accounts.

<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</u> - Property and equipment is stated at cost. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments are capitalized while minor replacements, maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the life of such assets, are charged to operations as incurred. Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Estimated useful lives range from 5 - 10 years for office and transportation equipment and from 7 to 50 years for water and sewer plant systems and equipment.

<u>OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES</u> – Operating Revenues and Expenses consists of those revenues that result from ongoing operations and are primarily charges for services. Nonoperation revenues and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to financing and investing type activities and result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary services. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available, it is the Entity's policy to apply those expenses to restricted net assets to the extent such as are available and then to unrestricted net assets.

NOTE A- ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

<u>RETIREMENT PLAN</u> -.For purposes of measuring net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) and additions to or deductions from APERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported to APERS. For this purpose benefit payments (including refunds of employer contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are recorded at fair value.

DEFERRED INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position includes a separate section for deferred outflow of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then. The deferred outflows for the System were created as a result of implantation of GASB 68. (See Note I – Retirement Plan).

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. The System's deferred inflows were created as a result of implantation of GASB 68 (See Note I - Retirement Plan).

<u>ADVERTISING</u> – Advertising costs are expensed when incurred.

<u>SALES TAXES</u> – Water sales are subject to Arkansas Sales Tax. Revenues are presented net of Sales Taxes.

<u>ESTIMATES</u> - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that could affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NET POSITION:

Net position is divided into three components:

- Net investment in capital assets- consist of historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets plus deferred outflows of resources less deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.
- Restricted net position consists of assets that are restricted by creditors (for example through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors.
- Unrestricted all other net position is reported in this category.

NOTE A- ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

USE OF RESTRICTED RESOURCES:

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources (net position) the Entity's policy is to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources.

UNAMORTIZED BOND DISCOUNT:

Bond Discounts are amortized over the life of the Bond Issue using the straight line method. Amortized costs for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$ 6,542 and \$ 6,542 and are included in interest expense.

NOTE B – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable- customers includes amounts due from water use, sewer fees, garbage and mosquito control fees.

The System collects garbage and mosquito control fees for the City of Wynne. The System charges collection fees for garbage based on number of meters billed, and collection fees for mosquito control based on amounts collected. Total collection fees were \$ 44,828 and \$ 31,745 for years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE C – RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets consist of cash required to be accumulated in accordance with terms of bond indentures. A summary of restricted assets is as follows:

	2023			2022
Water and Sewer Construction	\$	1,098,309		\$ 1,969,269
Water Depreciation		639,144		577,731
Customer Meter Deposits		266,898		269,555
Debt Service		211,697		205,988
Sewer Depreciation		332,341	_	291,649
	\$	2,548,389	_	\$ 3,314,192

NOTE D – LONG TERM DEBT-

Long term debt at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	2023	2022
3.25% Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Series due in semi- annual installments of \$ 124,149 through 10/15/24, secured by system improvements and pledge of future revenues.	\$ 242,425	\$ 477,107
3.25% loan agreement with Arkansas Natural Resource Commission, due in semi- annual installments of \$ 194,905 through April 2025, and secured by system improvements and pledge of future revenues.	566,287	928,829
2.75% to 4.00% Water and Sewer Refunding and Improvement Revenue bonds, due in semi annual installments through December, 2052, secured by system improvments and pledge of future revenue	6,460,000	6,590,000
Less Current Portion	\$ 7,268,712 (751,851) \$ 6,516,861	\$ 7,995,936 (727,224) \$ 7,268,712

A summary of note payable activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Balance			Balance
12/31/2022	Additions	Reductions	12/31/2022
\$ 7,995,936	\$-	\$ 727,224	\$ 7,268,712

NOTE D – LONG TERM DEBT-

Future payments required on all bonds payable are as follows:

For Years Ending							
December 31	Principal	Interest	Total				
2024	\$ 751,851	\$ 263,154	\$ 1,015,005				
2025	326,861	240,901	567,762				
2026	140,000	233,731	373,731				
2027	145,000	229,728	374,728				
2028	150,000	225,763	375,763				
For 5 year periods ending December 31							
2033	825,000	1,057,250	1,882,250				
2038	970,000	892,000	1,862,000				
2043	1,185,000	676,900	1,861,900				
2048	1,425,000	416,500	1,841,500				
2053	1,350,000	110,400	1,460,400				
	\$ 7,268,712	\$ 4,346,327	\$ 11,615,039				

NOTE E - CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

At December 31, the System had the following cash accounts:

	2023			2022
Water and Sewer Unrestricted Cash Accounts				
Petty cash	\$	500	\$	500
Water and sewer operating and maintenance		336,038		329,067
Savings account		678,795		1,233,325
Total unrestricted	\$	1,015,333	\$	1,562,892
Restricted Accounts	ć	211 607	ć	205 088
Debt service	\$	211,697	\$	205,988
Customer meter deposits		266,898		269,555
Water and sewer construction		1,098,309		1,969,269
Sewer depreciation		332,341		291,649
Water depreciation		639,144		577,731
	\$	2,548,389	\$	3,314,192

The Entity's policy is for deposits to be secured by collateral valued at market, or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance coverage. The Entity's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at December 31, 2022. The categories are described as follows:

Category 1 - Insured or collateralized by securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name.

Category 2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions trust department or by its agent in the entity's name.

Category 3 - Uncollateralized

NOTE E - CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT- Cont'd

At December 31, 2023, Cash and certificates of deposit categorized by level of risk are:

Carr	ying amount	 1	2		3
\$	3,563,722	\$ 250,000	\$	3,313,722	-

NOTE F - CONCENTRATIONS

<u>Sales</u> - All revenues are earned from sales of water and sewer services to the residents of Wynne, Arkansas.

<u>Credit risk</u> - Financial instruments which subject the Entity to concentration of credit risk consist principally of temporary cash investments. The Entity places its temporary cash investments with financial institutions, and its policy is to limit the amount of credit risk exposure. The Entity's policy is to limit such investments to amounts covered by FDIC coverage and securities pledged to collateralize deposits.

NOTE G - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of activity for property, plant and equipment is as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	F	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2023
Assets not subject to depreciation:	 	 	<u> </u>		
Land	\$ 323,253	\$ -	\$	30,000	\$ 293,253
Construction in progress	148,726	3,186,042			3,334,768
					-
Assets subject to depreciation:					
Water Plant	19,977,643	291,250		-	20,268,893
Sewer Plant	14,631,855	-		6,373,511	8,258,344
Transportation Equipment	1,082,894	85,955		94,902	1,073,947
Office Equipment	166,662	10,883			177,545
	\$ 36,331,033	\$ 3,574,130	\$	6,498,413	\$ 33,406,750
Accumulated depreciation	\$ 17,551,371	\$ 661,216	\$	3,122,806	\$ 15,089,781

NOTE G - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - cont'd

Construction in progress consists of costs incurred for construction of a new office building, and Sewer improvement project. Total estimated costs to complete are approximately \$ 23,500,000

NOTE H - RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The following brief description of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS or the System) is provided for general information only. Participants should refer to Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24 for more complete information.

APERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit plan which covers all State employees who are not covered by another authorized plan, all county employees, municipal employees whose municipalities have elected coverage under this system, college and university employees and certain non-teaching school employees. Benefits are also provided for governors, General Assembly members, state and county constitutional officers, and quasi-judicial members.

The public employee plan was established as contributory. Act 793 of 1977 allowed existing and previous members to become noncontributory members. Anyone joining after January 1, 1978 was automatically enrolled as a noncontributory member. Act 2084 of 2005 established a new contributory requirement for all covered employees first hired on or after July 1, 2005. Employees hired prior to this date that are noncontributory have the option to become a contributory member at any time.

Members are eligible to retire with a full benefit under the following conditions:

- at age 65 with 5 years of service, except for members of the General Assembly who must have 10 years of actual service if the member only has service as a member of the General Assembly
- at any age with 28 years actual service,

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN

- at age 60 with 20 years of actual service if under the old contributory plan (prior to July 1, 2005), or
- at age 55 with 35 years of credited service for elected or public safety officials.
- Members may retire with a reduced benefit at age 55 with at least 5 years of actual service or at any age with at least 25 years of service, but less than 28 years of service.
- Members are eligible for disability benefits with 5 years of service. Disability benefits are computed as an age and service benefit, based on service and pay at disability. Death benefits are paid to a surviving spouse as if the member had 5 years of service and the monthly benefit is computed as if the member had retired and elected the Joint & 75% Survivor option. A cost-of-living adjustment of 3% of the current benefit is added each year.

Contributions

Contribution requirements are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 4. The contributions are expected to be sufficient to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year and make a level payment that, if paid annually over a reasonable period of future years, will fully cover the unfunded costs of benefit commitments for services previously rendered (A.C.A. 24-2-701)(a)). Members who began service prior to July 1, 2005 are not required to make contributions to APERS. Members who began service on or after July 1, 2005 are required to contribute 5% of their salary. Employers are required to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of APERS based on an actuary's determination of a rate required to fund the plan (A.C.A. 24-2-701(c)(3)). Employers contributed 15.32% of compensation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

APERS Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about APERS's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued APERS Financial Report available at http://www.apers.org/annualreports.

NOTE H - RETIREMENT PLAN- cont'd

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources to Pensions

The collective Net Pension Liability of \$ 2,914,186,564 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Each employer's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on the employer's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating employers.

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions related to the Department are as follows:

	Out	Deferred Outflows of Resources		eferred flows of esources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	116,089	\$	(5,935)
Changes of Assumptions		-		
Changes in proportion and differences between employer				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions			\$	(28,571)
Differences between expected and actual experience				-
Net difference between projected and actual investment				
earnings on pension plan investments		134,475		-
Changes of Assumptions		50,794		-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions				-
	\$	301,358	\$	(34,506)

NOTE H - RETIREMENT PLAN- (cont'd)

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the recognition period for outflows (inflows) of resources from the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments was five years. All other deferred outflows (inflows) of resources related to pensions were amortized over the average of the expected remaining services lives of all employees that are provided with pension through the pension plan.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability, net pension liability, and certain sensitivity information was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023. The significant assumptions used in the valuation and adopted by the APERS Board of Trustees, were as follows:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Discount rate	7.00%
Wage Inflation rate	3.25% wage inflation
Salary Increases	3.30% -9.85%
Mortality Table	Based on RP-2006 weighted generational mortality tables for healthy annuitant, disability, or employee death in service, as applicable. The tables applied credibility adjustments of 135% for males and 125% for females and were adjusted for fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP -2017

NOTE H - RETIREMENT PLAN- (cont'd)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the current asset allocation percentage and by adding expected price inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for the 10-year period from 2020-2029 were based upon capital market assumptions provided by the plan's investment consultant. For each major asset class included in the plan's current asset allocation as of June 30, 2023, these best estimates are summarized in the table below:

		Long-Term
		Expected Real
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Rate of Return
Broad Domestic Equity	37%	6.19%
International Equity	24%	6.77%
Real Estate	16%	3.34%
Absolute Return	5%	3.36%
Domestic fixed	18%	1.79%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate.

NOTE H - RETIREMENT PLAN- (cont'd)

Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the current discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1 percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Lower than			7.00%	1% Higher than		
	Current Rate (6.00%)		Current Rate		Current Rate (8.00%)		
Net Pension Liability	\$	1,722,111	\$	1,080,432	\$	551,749	

NOTE I -INTEREST

Original issue discount is amortized over the life of the related bond issue, and is included in interest expense. The total interest charged to expense for 2023 was \$ 280,487 and for 2022 was \$ 302,977.

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM SCHEDULE I - OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	 Total	Water	Sewer		Admin	
OPERATING REVENUES						
Water sales	\$ 1,593,097	\$ 1,593,097				-
Sewer service	1,606,414		\$	1,606,414		
Connections	46,530	44,960		1,570		
Collection fees	44,828	8,113		-	\$	36,715
Other operating revenues:	 84,958	 -		-		84,958
Total Operating Revenues	 3,375,827	 1,646,170		1,607,984		121,673
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Accounting and auditing	7,200			-		7,200
Advertising	228	-		-		228
Contract labor	135	-				135
Depreciation and Amortization	661,216	466,638		135,451		59,127
Dues and Subscriptions	7,059	146		183		6,730
Heat, light and power	207,356	140,813		60,816		5,727
Insurance	168,472	38,338		43,438		86,696
Laboratory fees	14,790	-		14,790		-
Legal and professional fees	4,145					4,145
Miscellaneous	6,487	1,545		1,747		3,195
Office supplies and postage	87,639	10,093		1,310		76,236
Operating maintenance	339,264	318,054		21,210		-
Permits and Fees	11,368	115		3,236		8,017
Rentals	23,676	221		-		23,455
Repairs and maintenance	57,834	34,835		22,999		-
Retirement plan	170,667	84,770		60,499		25,398
Salaries	901,377	317,708		315,918		267,751
Payroll taxes	69,031	23,122		24,565		21,344
City franchise taxes	12,000					12,000
Telephone	28,748	12,610		917		15,221
Truck	 103,144	 51,237		45,747		6,160
Total Operating Expenses	 2,881,836	 1,500,245		752,826		628,765
Income (loss) from operations	493,991	145,925		855,158		(507,092)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)						
Interest expense	(280,487)	(114,337)		(68,718)		(97,432)
Gain(Loss) on sale of assets	45,097					45,097
Loss from Tornado Damage	(1,423,604)					(1,423,604)
Interest income	 75,239	 				75,239
	 (1,583,755)	 (114,337)		(68,718)		(1,400,700)
NET (LOSS) from operations	(1,089,764)	31,588		786,440		(1,907,792)
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:						
Allocated 60 % water, 40 % Sewer	 -	 (1,144,676)		(763,116)		1,907,792
Net (loss from operations)	\$ (1,089,764)	\$ (1,113,088)	\$	23,324		\$ -0-

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM

Amortization Schedules for Long- Term Debt DECEMBER 31, 2023

2000 Series

Date	Principal	Interest	В	alance due
			\$	242,425
4/15/2024	120,209	3,940		122,216
10/15/2024	122,216	1,933		-

Schedule II

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM Schedule II Amortization Schedules for Long- Term Debt DECEMBER 31, 2023

Water Treatment plant

 Date	Principal	Interest	Balance due	
		\$	566,287	
4/1/2024	185,702	9,203	380,585	
10/1/2024	188,725	6,180	191,860	
4/1/2025	191,860	3,045	-	

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM Schedule II Amortization Schedules for Long- Term Debt DECEMBER 31, 2023

2022 Water and Sewer Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds

Date	Principal	Interest Balance due	
		9	6,460,000
12/1/2023	-	121,966	6,460,000
6/1/2024	135,000	121,966	6,325,000
12/1/2024	-	119,940	6,325,000
6/1/2025	135,000	119,940	6,190,000
12/1/2025		117,916	6,190,000
6/1/2026	140,000	117,916	6,050,000
12/1/2026		115,816	6,050,000
6/1/2027	145,000	115,816	5,905,000
12/1/2027		113,913	5,905,000
6/1/2028	150,000	113,913	5,755,000
12/1/2028		111,850	5,755,000
6/1/2029	155,000	111,850	5,600,000
12/1/2029		109,525	5,600,000
6/1/2030	160,000	109,525	5,440,000
12/1/2030		107,125	5,440,000
6/1/2031	165,000	107,125	5,275,000
12/1/2031		104,650	5,275,000
6/1/2032	170,000	104,650	5,105,000
12/1/2032		102,100	5,105,000
6/1/2033	175,000	102,100	4,930,000
12/1/2033		98,600	4,930,000
6/1/2034	180,000	98,600	4,750,000
12/1/2034		95,000	4,750,000
6/1/2035	185,000	95,000	4,565,000
12/1/2035		91,300	4,565,000
6/1/2036	195,000	91,300	4,370,000
12/1/2036		87,400	4,370,000
6/1/2037	200,000	87,400	4,170,000

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM Schedule II Amortization Schedules for Long- Term Debt DECEMBER 31, 2023

2022 Water and Sewer Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds- cont'd

			\$ 4,170,000
6/1/2038	210,000	83,400	3,960,000
12/1/2038		79,200	3,960,000
6/1/2039	220,000	79,200	3,740,000
12/1/2039		74,800	3,740,000
6/1/2040	230,000	74,800	3,510,000
12/1/2040		70,200	3,510,000
6/1/2041	235,000	70,200	3,275,000
12/1/2041		65,500	3,275,000
6/1/2042	245,000	65,500	3,030,000
12/1/2042		60,600	3,030,000
6/1/2043	255,000	60,600	2,775,000
12/1/2043		55,500	2,775,000
6/1/2044	265,000	55,500	2,510,000
12/1/2044		50,200	2,510,000
6/1/2045	275,000	50,200	2,235,000
12/1/2045		44,700	2,235,000
6/1/2046	285,000	44,700	1,950,000
12/1/2046		39,000	1,950,000
6/1/2047	295,000	39,000	1,655,000
12/1/2047		33,100	1,655,000
6/1/2048	305,000	33,100	1,350,000
12/1/2048		27,000	1,350,000
6/1/2049	320,000	27,000	1,030,000
12/1/2049		20,600	1,030,000
6/1/2050	330,000	20,600	700,000
12/1/2050		14,000	700,000
6/1/2051	345,000	14,000	355,000
12/1/2051		7,100	355,000
6/1/2052	355,000	7,100	-

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM Schedule of Rates DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sewer Customer base rate per month \$ 19.75 Unit rate per 1000 gal \$ 7.25

Water Rates:

\$ 16.41 for first 2,000 gallons, \$ 5.47 for every 1000 thereafter

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM Schedule of Usage- (Gallons) DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023	2022
January	22,240,400	18,193,300
February	18,980,200	19,043,200
March	16,659,300	15,763,200
April	17,615,200	16,245,500
May	29,241,600	18,337,000
June	20,339,500	19,059,600
July	31,613,500	25,648,400
August	23,778,200	22,378,200
September	23,496,800	21,279,900
October	20,488,400	22,868,600
November	19,572,600	19,024,000
December	18,097,600	17,017,900
	262,123,300	234,858,800

Schedule V

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM Schedule of Insurance Coverage DECEMBER 31, 2023

Type of Coverage	Effective Dates	Liability Limits
Vehicle	10-31-23 - 10-31-24	\$ 500,000
Commercial Pkg	01-20-23 - 01-20-24	\$ 9,000,000

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM Schedule of Other Information DECEMBER 31, 2023

All financial records of the City of Wynne, Arkansas, Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System are public records and are open for public inspection during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Wynne Water Utilities office in Wynne, Arkansas.

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CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM BUDGETARY COMPARISON FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	
REVENUES:				
Water sales	\$ 1,588,450	\$ 1,593,097	\$ 4,647	
Sewer sales	1,682,831	1,606,414	(76,417)	
Connections	26,490	46,530	20,040	
Collection fees	30,500	44,828	14,328	
Other operating revenues	80,844	84,958	4,114	
Total Revenues	3,409,115	3,375,827	(33,288)	
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Accounting and auditing	7,200	7,200	-	
Advertising	175	228	53	
Contract labor		135	135	
Depreciation and Amortization	1,577,000	661,216	(915,784)	
Dues and Subscriptions	4,395	7,059	2,664	
Heat, light and power	301,733	207,356	(94,377)	
Insurance	195,807	168,472	(27,335)	
Laboratory fees	19,375	14,790	(4,585)	
Legal and professional	8,290	4,145	(4,145)	
Miscellaneous	4,872	6,487	1,615	
Office supplies and postage	81,145	87,639	6,494	
Operating maintenance and supplies	266,355	339,264	72,909	
Permits and fees	8,000	11,368	3,368	
Rentals	19,200	23,676	4,476	
Repairs and maintenance	48,280	57,834	9,554	
Retirement	128,857	170,667	41,810	
Salaries	843,980	901,377	57,397	
Payroll taxes	64,359	69,031	4,672	
City franchise fees	12,000	12,000	-	
Telephone	36,885	28,748	(8,137)	
Truck expense	69,308	103,144	33,836	
Total Operating Expenses	3,697,216	2,881,836	(815,380)	
OPERATING INCOME	(288,101)	493,991	782,092	
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):				
Interest expense	(514,099)	(280,487)	233,612	
Gain on sale of assets	(314,033)	(280,487) 45,097	45,097	
Loss from tornado damanage		(1,423,604)	(1,423,604)	
Interest income	21,000	(1,423,004) 75,239	54,239	
Net Other Income (Expense)	(493,099)	(1,583,755)	(1,090,656)	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$ (781,200)	\$ (1,089,764)	\$ (308,564)	
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CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

			Actual	Net Pension				tributions ∕Iade in	
	Proportionate	Proportionate	Covered		Fiduciary Net Position	Contractually		lation to	
	Net Pension	Net Pension	Membe	Percentage of	as a Percentage of	Required	Re	Required	
Year ended	Liability	Liability	Payroll	Covered Payroll	of Total Pension Liability	Contribution	Contributions		
6/30/2015	0.03912575%	\$ 720,592	\$ 805,2	80 89%	80.39%	\$ 110,807	\$	110,807	
6/30/2016	0.04235657%	1,012,893	753,9	134%	75.50%	111,277		111,277	
6/30/2017	0.04233701%	1,094,048	727,4	56 150%	75.65%	110,641		110,641	
6/30/2018	0.04078077%	899,597	763,8	118%	79.59%	112,670		112,670	
6/30/2019	0.04019844%	969,799	769,2	256 126%	78.55%	117,850		117,850	
6/30/2020	0.03942285%	1,128,907	769,2	147%	75.38%	117,843		117,843	
6/30/2021	0.03899921%	299,839	778,7	40%	93.57%	119,307		119,307	
6/30/2022	0.03838094%	1,031,771	799,8	129%	78.31%	122,536		122,536	
6/30/2023	0.03707491%	1,080,432	834,9	129%	77.28%	125,890		125,890	

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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 Board of Directors City of Wynne, Arkansas Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the activities of the City of Wynne, AR Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Wynne, AR Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Wynne, AR Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System' 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 City of Wynne, AR Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City of Wynne, AR Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System's financial statements are free of 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 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 result 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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October 28, 2024

CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM DECEMBER 31, 2023

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS:

No findings noted.