# THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Directors City of Barling Barling, Arkansas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Barling, Arkansas Water and Sewer System, which comprise the Combined Statements of Net Position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related Combined Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and Cash Flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Barling, Arkansas Water and Sewer System, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedules of Maintenance and Administrative Expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information in such schedules has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and in our opinion is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the City of Barling, Arkansas Water and Sewer System and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Barling, Arkansas as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, 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.

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Fort Smith, Arkansas November 8, 2016

# <u>CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS</u> <u>WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM</u> Combined Statements of Net Position December 31, 2015 and 2014

# ASSETS

		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>
Current Assets		· · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Cash in bank	\$	373,120	\$	542,296
Certificate of deposit		765,355		763,826
Accounts receivable – customers (Note 1)		115,813		116,843
Interest receivable	•	67		67
Parts and supplies inventories (Note 1)	· . ·	47,495	•	30,962
Total Current Assets		1,301,850	t.	1,453,994
Restricted Funds (Note 2)			• • •	
Cash in bank		236,205		265,359
Interest receivable		5		248
Total Restricted Funds		236,210	, .	265,607
Property and Equipment (Note 1)	•			
Land		127,000		127,000
Water plant in service		2,948,894		2,856,399
Sewage collection system		13,132,015	-	13,046,560
Maintenance equipment		314,561		312,717
Office equipment		12,774	- -	12,774
Trucks		35,108		35,108
Capitalized costs (Note 6)		112,374		112,374
		16,682,726		16,502,932
Less: Accumulated depreciation	•	(_5,375,404)		(_4,964,753)
Net Property and Equipment	· ··· · ·	11,307,322		<u>11,538,179</u>
Other Assets				
Construction in progress		265,813		104,749
Contribution to General Fund		35,801		35,801
Total Other Assets		301,614		140,550
Total Assets		<u>13,146,996</u>		<u>13,398,330</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		•	•	
Unamortized bond discounts, fees and		1		
refunding loss (Note 1)		264,151		275,273
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	13,411,147	\$	<u>13,673,603</u>

# <u>CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS</u> <u>WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM</u> Combined Statements of Net Position December 31, 2015 and 2014

# LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	• *	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u> (Payable from current assets)	•	60 <b>60</b> 4		24 720
Accounts payable	\$	60,524	\$	34,730 29,423
Due to City of Barling Payroll taxes payable		31,501 1,505	•	1,521
Sales tax payable		7,298	in Line en	<u> </u>
Total Current Liabilities (Payable from current assets)		100,828	19 11 - 11	72,114
Total Current Liabilities (rayable from current assets)		100,020		
Current Liabilities (Payable from restricted assets)				
Revenue bonds due within one year:				
2004 water and sewer revenue bonds (Note 3)		100,000		100,000
Accrued interest		11,716		11,881
Customer meter deposits		66,249		66,182
Total Current Liabilities (Payable from restricted assets)		177,965		178,063
Long-term Debt				
Revenue bonds (Note 3)		3,635,000		3,735,000
Less: Current maturities		( <u>100,000</u> )		( <u>100,000</u> )
Total Long-term Debt		3,535,000		3,635,000
Total Liabilities		3,813,793	•	3,885,177
Net Position				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		7,938,135		7,907,928
Restricted		236,210		265,607
Unrestricted		1,423,009		1,614,891
Total Net Position		9,597,354		9,788,426
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	<u>13,411,147</u>	\$	<u>13,673,603</u>

# <u>CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS</u> <u>WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM</u> Combined Statements of Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position For the Years Ending December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Water and Sewer Revenue	\$ 1,219,859	\$ 1,128,162
Sewer Fees and Water Purchased	402,930	368,315
Gross Profit	816,929	759,847
Operating Expenses		
Maintenance Administrative	395,416 	384,056 <u>42,355</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>    440,143 </u>	426,411
Operating Income Before Depreciation Expense	376,786	333,436
Depreciation Expense	<u>    418,563 </u>	418,434
Operating Income (Loss)	( 41,777	) ( 84,998)
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		
Gain on Sale of equipment Interest income	-0 2,619	2,910
Tower lease income	16,770	16,628 ) (149,163)
Interest and paying agent's fees Amortization of bond discounts and fees (Note 1	( 147,053 ( 11,122	
Transfer to street fund	(	
Net Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	( <u>149,295</u>	) ( <u>141,146</u> )
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	( 191,072	) ( 226,144)
Beginning Net Position	<u>_9,788,426</u>	<u>10,014,570</u>
Ending Net Position	\$ <u>9,597,354</u>	\$ <u>9,788,426</u>

# <u>CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS</u> <u>WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM</u> Combined Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ending December 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	<u>2014</u>
Cash Flows From Operations		
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,220,956 \$	1,127,283
Payments to suppliers	( 593,622)	( 574,844)
Payments to employees	( 192,543)	( 181,376)
Payments for other administration costs	( <u>44,727</u> )	( <u>42,355</u> )
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>390,064</u>	328,708
Cash Flows From Non-capital Financing Activities		
(Addition) Deletion to certificates of deposit	( <u>1,529</u> )	469,067
Net Cash Used by Non-capital		
Financing Activities	(1,529)	469,067
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activit	<u>ties</u>	
Proceeds from Sale of equipment	-0-	10,125
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	( 348,771)	( 337,373)
Principal payment of notes and bonds payable	( 100,000)	( 95,000)
Interest paid on notes and bonds payable	( 144,550)	( 146,604)
Agent fees paid on bonds payable	( 2,668)	( 2,715)
Transfer to street fund and general fund	( <u>10,508</u> )	( <u>10,524</u> )
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related		
Financing Activities	( <u>606,497</u> )	( <u>582,091</u> )
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Interest received	2,862	3,088
Miscellaneous income	<u>    16,770</u>	16,628
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>    19,632</u>	<u> </u>
Increase (decrease) in Cash	( 198,330)	235,400
Cash, at Beginning of Year	<u>    807,655</u>	572,255
Cash, at End of Year	\$ <u>609,325</u> \$	807,655

# Reconciliation of Cash to the Statement of Net Assets

Unrestricted cash	\$	373,120	\$ 542,296
Restricted cash		236,205	265,359
	\$	609,325	\$ 807,655

# <u>CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS</u> <u>WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM</u> Combined Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ending December 31, 2015 and 2014

			<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>
econciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash			•		· . · ·
Provided by Operating Activities	-				
Operating income (loss)		\$ (	41,777)	\$	( 84,998
Adjustment to reconcile operating income					
to cash provided by operating activities:					•
Depreciation and amortization	$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)$	-	418,563		418,434
Decrease (Increase) in receivables		•	1,030	. **	( 469
Decrease (Increase) in inventory		(	16,533)		3,06
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable			25,794		( 7,02
Increase (Decrease) in Due to City of Ba			2,078		1,92
Increase (Decrease) in payroll taxes paya		(	16)		( 63.
Increase (Decrease) in sales tax payable			858		( 1,182
Increase (Decrease) in customer meter d	eposits	- 	67		(41(
Total Adjustments			431,841	-	413,70
Net Cash Provided by Operating Ac	tivities	\$	<u>390,064</u>	\$	328,70

# NOTE 1 - NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Barling provides water and sewer service to the residents and businesses of Barling, Arkansas and surrounding areas. The revenue to finance the system is provided through user charges based on usage and monthly service charges.

## USE OF ESTIMATES

The System's management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

# CRITERIA USED IN DETERMINING THE SCOPE OF THE REPORTING ENTITY FOR FINANCIAL PURPOSES

The City of Barling Water and Sewer System is a component unit of the City of Barling. As such, a presentation of financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the City of Barling would require inclusion of the City of Barling Water and Sewer System in the financial statements of the City of Barling. The City of Barling exercises oversight responsibility over the City of Barling Water and Sewer System. Factors considered in determining this relationship were as follows:

- a. Financial interdependency
- b. Selection of governing authority
- c. Designation of management
- d. Ability to significantly influence operations
- e. Accountability for fiscal matters

These financial statements present only the City of Barling Water and Sewer System and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the City of Barling in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The City of Barling Water and Sewer System maintains its books on a modified cash basis. The books have been converted to an accrual basis for audited financial statement presentation. Under the accrual basis of accounting, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with the activities of the water and sewer system are recorded on its statement of net position.

Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. The system implemented GASB Statement No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989, FASB and AICPA Pronouncements. This pronouncement incorporates the FASB, APB and ARB pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, which do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The implementation of this pronouncement had no significant effect on the financial statements.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The accompanying financial statements include the following funds of the Water and Sewer System:

Revenue Fund Operating and Maintenance Fund Deposits Fund 2011 Water and Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bond Fund 2011 Depreciation Fund

Transfers between funds have been eliminated in combining these funds.

## **REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**

The quality of water emitted from the sewer treatment plant is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. The quality of water furnished to customers is subject to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency under the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

#### DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS

The City of Barling Water and Sewer System maintains depository accounts in excess of \$250,000 with two local banks. The FDIC insures up to \$250,000 for all time and savings accounts, all demand deposit accounts, and all funds deposited in bond and interest sinking funds. The banks have pledged securities which provide adequate collateral for these deposits. The amount of deposits over FDIC coverage as of December 31, 2015 amounted to \$758,232.

## **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Uncollectible accounts receivable are charged directly against income in the year they are determined to be uncollectible. Use of this method does not result in a material difference from the valuation method required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **INVENTORIES**

Inventories were stated at average cost at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

#### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Additions and major renewals and improvements which have the effect of extending the useful lives of property are carried at cost. Depreciation of property and equipment of the Water and Sewer System is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>NOTE 1</u> - NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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Water plant in service	15 - 40 years
Sewage collection system	10 - 40 years
Meters and meter boxes	20 years
Maintenance equipment	5 - 7 years
Office equipment	5 years
Leasehold improvements	10 years
Maintenance building	20 - 31.5 years
Trucks	5 years
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Additions and deletions to the major groups of property and equipment are as follows:

	Balance <u>12-31-14</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12-31-15
Land	\$ 127,000	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 127,000
Water plant in service	2,856,399	92,495	-0-	2,948,894
Sewer collection system	13,046,560	85,455	-0-	13,132,015
Maintenance equipment	312,717	9,756	( 7,912)	314,561
Office equipment	12,774	-0-	-0-	12,774
Trucks	35,108	-0-	-0-	35,108
Capitalized costs		-0-		112,374
Total	\$ <u>16,502,932</u>	\$ <u>187,706</u>	\$ ( <u>7,912</u> )	\$ <u>16,682,726</u>

Depreciation expense for 2015 and 2014 was \$418,563 and \$418,434, respectively.

## AMORTIZATION OF BOND DISCOUNTS AND FEES

Bond discounts, fees and refunding losses are amortized over the life of the bonds on the straight-line method. Amortization expense for 2015 and 2014 was \$11,122 and \$11,122. At December 31, 2015, Unamortized Bond Discounts, Fees and Refunding Losses consisted of the following:

	Unamortized	Unamortized	Unamortized	
	Bond Discounts	Bond Issue Fees	<u>Refunding Loss</u>	
2011 Revenue and Refunding Bonds	\$89,498	\$26,586	\$148,067	

# **INCOME TAX**

The System is municipally owned and is exempt from federal and state income tax.

#### **ADVERTISING**

The System follows the policy of charging advertising to expense as incurred.

# NOTE 1 - NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## CASH FLOWS

For the purpose of the Statements of Cash Flows, the System considers cash equivalents to be all highly liquid securities with an original maturity of three months or less. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the System had no cash equivalents.

# NONOPERATING REVENUE

Revenue derived from sources other than customers of the Water and Sewer System are classified as nonoperating and reported under the nonoperating revenues/expenses section of the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position.

### NOTE 2 - RESTRICTED FUNDS

#### WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE FUND

The Water and Sewer System Revenue Fund is a restricted fund into which all income and revenues arising from the operation or ownership of the water and sewer system are to be paid. Payment is to be made from this fund monthly in the amount of 1/12 of the next installment of principal and interest due on the 2011 Water and Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds. The remainder of the water and sewer revenue is to be paid into the Water and Sewer System Operating and Maintenance Fund to pay the reasonable and necessary monthly expenses of operations, repairs, maintenance and insurance of the Water and Sewer System.

#### 2011 WATER AND SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS

The 2011 Bond Fund is a restricted fund to be used solely for the payment of principal and interest on the 2011 Refunding Revenue Bonds and for the establishment of a debt service reserve.

#### **DEPOSITS FUND**

The Deposits Fund is a restricted fund used to hold customer meter deposits.

#### 2011 DEPRECIATION FUND

The 2011 Depreciation Fund is a restricted fund used to hold 3% of gross customer billings that are set aside to fund needed repairs to the water and sewer system.

### COMPLIANCE WITH COVENANTS OF BOND ORDINANCES

The above restricted funds were created by various ordinances of the City. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the City of Barling Water and Sewer System was in substantial compliance with all covenants of the bond ordinances.

# NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term notes and bonds payable collateralized by pledge of water and sewer revenue consisted of the following at December 31, 2015:

City of Barling, Arkansas 2011 Water and Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds with principal payment due each December 1 in amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$235,000. Interest	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Balance 2015
is payable each June 1 and December 1. These bonds mature serially through 2039	2.00%-4.60%	\$ 3,635,000
Less: Current Maturities		<u>100,000</u> \$_ <u>3,535,000</u>

The repayment schedule for the revenue bonds is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 100,000	\$ 142,550
2017	105,000	140,550
2018	105,000	138,398
2019	110,000	135,930
2020	110,000	133,015
2021-2025	605,000	610,518
2026-2030	725,000	490,242
2031-2035	895,000	325,163
2036-2039	880,000	103,295

Activity of the long-term notes and bonds payable consists of the following:

	Balance at	Loan	Loan	Balance at	
	<u>01/01/2015</u>	Advances	<b>Repayments</b>	<u>12/31/2015</u>	
City of Barling, Arkansas, Series					
2011 Water and Sewer					
Refunding Revenue Bonds	\$ 3,735,000	\$-0-	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,635,000	

The above liability is not a general obligation of the City, but a special obligation that is secured and is payable solely from revenues derived from operation of the City of Barling, Arkansas Water and Sewer System.

# **NOTE 4** - RESTRICTION OF NET ASSETS

The following details the amount of all restrictions on net assets by the Water and Sewer System at December 31, 2015:

a. Restricted for repayment of bonds	\$	145,235
b. Restricted for system repairs	- 15	49,667
c. Restricted for customer meter deposits		41,308
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$	<u>236,210</u>

NOTE 5 - WATER AND SEWER COMMITMENTS

The City of Barling has a contract with the City of Fort Smith in which the City of Barling is committed to purchase water from the City of Fort Smith, and is therefore subject to rate changes for water services.

The City of Barling has outstanding construction commitments at the end of 2015 in the amount of \$203,935 for capital improvement projects.

## **NOTE 6 - CAPITALIZED COSTS**

The System incurred construction and engineering costs during 1995, 1993 and 1992, relating to improvements to the water system, water tank, and pump station. These costs of \$112,374 have been capitalized to reflect their long-term nature.

## NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT PLAN

Eligible employees of the System may elect to participate in the Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan maintained by the City. Participating employees may defer up to \$7,500 of wages. The City matches up to 3% of participating employees' wages. For 2015 and 2014, the System's matching expense was \$3,493 and \$3,296, respectively. Employee deferrals made for 2015 and 2014 were \$4,364 and \$4,088, respectively.

# **NOTE 8** - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As various employees of the City perform duties that benefit funds other than the fund from which they are paid, reimbursements are paid from fund to fund to more closely match expenses. For 2015 and 2014, the Water and Sewer System paid other funds \$44,926 and \$42,646, respectively, to reimburse them for work that employees of those funds performed that benefitted the Water and Sewer System. This amount is included under maintenance expense in salaries and payroll transfers.

# **NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 8, 2016 - the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

# <u>CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS</u> <u>WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM</u> Supplemental Information Schedules of Maintenance and Administrative Expenses For the Years Ending December 31, 2015 and 2014

		0010		0014
Maintenance Expenses		<u>2015</u>	•	<u>2014</u>
Salaries and payroll transfers	\$	192,543	\$	181,376
Payroll taxes and retirement	Ψ	192,943	Ψ	131,570
Repairs and maintenance		69,760		73,042
Vehicle expense		5,599		4,437
Utilities and telephone		29,060		27,397
Miscellaneous	-	29,000		7,110
Insurance		2,043		30,523
Materials and supplies		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Chemicals		25,984		23,218
		444		374
Water sampling and testing		16,061		12,958
Licenses and permits		10,400		10,200
Total Maintenance Expenses	\$	<u>395,416</u>	\$	384,056
Administrative Expenses				
Office supplies	\$	6,264	\$	4,245
Professional fees	Ψ	9,783	÷	9,138
Postage		8,059		7,624
Insurance				
		20,621		21,348
Total Administrative Expenses	\$	44,727	\$	42,355