

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Independent Auditors' Report

Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

December 31, 2023 and 2022

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Beebe, Arkansas City Council
City of Beebe, Arkansas

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System which comprise the statements of net position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the related statements of income and expense and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

As discussed in note 1, the financial statements present only the City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System and are not intended to present fairly the net position of the City of Beebe, Arkansas, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net position of the City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and changes in net position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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. 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 Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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.

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 City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 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, including omissions, 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, 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 City of Beebe, Arkansas Water 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 doubt about the City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System'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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System's basic financial statements. The supplemental information, disclosed in compliance with requirements for audits of Revolving Loan Funds for Municipalities' Accounting Records, 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing 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 as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 9, 2023 on our consideration of the System's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, 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 the System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

April 9, 2024

Shoptis Hobbs-Carson, P.A.

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Statements of Net Position

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets:		
Unrestricted cash	\$ 1,240,735	836,897
Restricted cash	<u>7,835,160</u>	<u>11,072,610</u>
Total cash	9,075,895	11,909,507
Accounts receivable	257,961	264,970
Prepaid expenses	4,396	4,440
Prepaid bond insurance	50,601	53,699
Deposits	10,446	10,446
Net utility plant	<u>19,507,817</u>	<u>16,292,844</u>
Total assets	<u>28,907,116</u>	<u>28,535,906</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	65,067	78,743
Accrued interest	145,590	139,575
Customer deposits	310,177	293,560
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	390,546	380,498
Due in more than one year	16,167,330	16,557,780
Unamortized premium on bonds	<u>586,570</u>	<u>622,483</u>
Total liabilities	<u>17,665,280</u>	<u>18,072,639</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	9,646,497	9,268,814
Restricted for debt service and depreciation	406,445	396,304
Unrestricted	<u>1,717,930</u>	<u>798,149</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 11,241,836</u>	<u>10,463,267</u>

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Statements of Income and Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating revenue:		
Water sales	\$ 1,637,324	1,570,887
Sewer service	1,048,399	1,025,933
Other revenue	131,203	116,301
Total operating revenue	<u>2,816,926</u>	<u>2,713,121</u>
Operating expenses:		
Supervisory salaries	118,405	109,432
Office salaries	172,904	159,570
Other labor	219,342	198,705
Employees' group insurance	108,102	99,222
Utilities	97,114	97,514
Payroll taxes	38,810	35,599
Operating supplies and expense	104,559	132,027
Chemicals	41,781	46,744
Maintenance and repairs	15,350	10,438
Employee benefit plan	72,739	69,114
Truck and machinery expense	22,003	23,577
Office supplies and expense	102,996	99,119
Bad debts	1,984	5,810
Legal and accounting	8,500	8,425
Insurance	16,446	15,420
Licenses and permits	6,244	6,244
Depreciation	745,017	743,201
Amortization of bond insurance	3,098	3,133
Lonoke/White Public Water Authority fees	192,000	192,000
Water purchased	75,351	90,523
Total operating expenses	<u>2,162,745</u>	<u>2,145,817</u>
Income from operations	654,181	567,304

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Statements of Income and Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Continued

Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Nonoperating income (expense):		
Interest income	573,940	30,234
Interest expense	<u>(449,552)</u>	<u>(399,225)</u>
Total nonoperating income (expense)	<u>124,388</u>	<u>(368,991)</u>
Increase in net position	778,569	198,313
Net position, beginning of year	<u>10,463,267</u>	<u>10,264,954</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 11,241,836</u>	<u>10,463,267</u>

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,692,732	2,573,657
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(878,801)	(900,068)
Cash paid to employees for services	(549,461)	(503,306)
Other revenue collected	131,203	116,301
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,395,673</u>	<u>1,286,584</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:		
Customer deposits received	<u>16,617</u>	<u>9,907</u>
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>16,617</u>	<u>9,907</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Principal payments of long term debt	(380,402)	(390,097)
Interest paid	(477,525)	(468,747)
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(3,961,915)</u>	<u>(613,181)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(4,819,842)</u>	<u>(1,472,025)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	<u>573,940</u>	<u>30,234</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>573,940</u>	<u>30,234</u>
Net decrease in cash	(2,833,612)	(145,300)
Cash at beginning of year	<u>11,909,507</u>	<u>12,054,807</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 9,075,895</u>	<u>11,909,507</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows, Continued

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Income from operations	\$ 654,181	567,304
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	748,115	746,334
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	7,009	(23,163)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	44	7,804
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>(13,676)</u>	<u>(11,695)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>741,492</u>	<u>719,280</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 1,395,673</u></u>	<u><u>1,286,584</u></u>

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Beebe accounts for its financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units. The City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System is a proprietary fund type used to account for activities conducted for the public (enterprise fund). The System applies all Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

(a) Nature of Operations

City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System is engaged in providing water and sewer services to the general public located in Beebe, Arkansas.

(b) Use of Estimates

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

(c) Depreciation

The cost of the utility plant is being depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line depreciation method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Sewer treatment plant	40 years
Sewer collection	15 - 40 years
Water wells	40 years
Water treatment plant	40 years
Water distribution	40 years
Office furniture and equipment	3 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 years

The cost of improvements are capitalized and expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(d) Organization

City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System was governed by the Beebe City Council. Rates for services are established by ordinances approved by the City Council.

(e) Cash

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the System considers cash to be all cash on hand and in banks.

(f) Debt Issuance Cost

The costs of issuing bonds is expensed in the year incurred pursuant to Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

(g) Regulatory Environment

The quality of water emitted from the sewer treatment plant is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Arkansas Health Department and the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology. 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 Health Department.

(h) Income Tax

City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System is municipally owned and is exempt from federal and state income tax.

(i) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated amount that is expected to be uncollectible. The System, in most instances, collects a deposit when initiating service and the deposit may be applied to unpaid balances at termination of service.

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(2) UTILITY PLANT

The components of utility plant included in the accompanying statements of net position are presented below:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 293,757	293,757
Water system	14,529,855	14,425,531
Sewer system	13,933,259	13,434,859
Vehicles and equipment	711,090	658,932
Construction in progress	<u>3,793,534</u>	<u>488,427</u>
	33,261,495	29,301,506
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>13,753,678</u>	<u>13,008,662</u>
Net utility plant	<u>\$ 19,507,817</u>	<u>16,292,844</u>

(3) RESTRICTED ASSETS

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the System had restricted assets shown as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash:		
Water Works and Sewer Depreciation Fund	\$ 105,742	125,268
City of Beebe Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, held in ADFA escrow	18,885	18,508
City of Beebe Water and Sewer ARPA Grant for WWTP	50	-
City of Beebe Water and Sewer 2021 Bond Construction Account, held at First Security Bank	7,428,765	10,676,356
City of Beebe Water and Sewer Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, Bond Fund	249,413	220,831
City of Beebe Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, held in ADFA escrow	<u>32,305</u>	<u>31,647</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 7,835,160</u>	<u>11,072,610</u>

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(4) LONG-TERM NOTES AND BONDS PAYABLE

Long-term notes and bonds payable collateralized by pledge of water and sewer revenue consisted of the following at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
City of Beebe Water and Sewer Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021. Interest ranges from 2.375% to 4.00% and is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1. The bonds are subject to optional redemption on or after August 1, 2028. Bonds maturing on August 1 of 2041, 2046, 2051 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.	14,015,000	14,130,000
City of Beebe 1.25% Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2013. The bonds are payable in semi-annual installments of \$187,000 including interest and 1% service fee beginning in 2015 with the final installment due April 15, 2035.	1,886,551	2,028,799
City of Beebe 2.25% Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003. The bonds are payable in semi-annual installments of \$54,712 including interest and 1% service fee with the final installment due April 15, 2024.	<u>53,813</u>	<u>158,919</u>
Total long term bonds payable collateralized by pledge of water and sewer revenue	<u>15,955,364</u>	<u>16,317,718</u>
Mid Arkansas Water Alliance payable. This debt is payable in annual installments of \$33,589 which includes interest of 2.875%. The final installment is due April 7, 2049.	<u>602,512</u>	<u>620,560</u>
	16,557,876	16,938,278
Less current installments	<u>390,546</u>	<u>380,498</u>
	<u>\$ 16,167,330</u>	<u>16,557,780</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

At December 31, 2023, the City of Beebe, Arkansas was obligated on the Water and Sewer Refunding and Improvement Bond, Series 2021. The bond was issued in the amount of \$14,245,000 with the proceeds to refund approximately \$3,350,000 of previously issued water and sewer revenue bonds and to finance improvements to the water and sewer system of approximately \$11,600,000. The bond was issued at a premium of \$670,149 which will be amortized over the life of the bond using the interest method. In the issuance of the bond, costs of issue of \$97,452 were incurred and have been charged to expense in 2021. Costs of insurance related to the bond in the amount of \$57,811 has been capitalized and will be amortized over the life of the bond.

In 2023, the restricted funds related to the 2021 Bond received interest income totaling \$551,443. Tax exempt bonds of municipals are subject to interest rebates, whereby "excess investment earnings" are required to be paid to the United States Treasury. Investment earnings in excess of the interest rate reflected in the 2021 Bond issue are subject to this provision. At December 31, 2023, any rebate has not been determined.

A summary of the notes, bond principal maturities and interest requirements for the years succeeding December 31, 2023 is shown below:

<u>Year ending</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Requirement</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	390,549	467,715	858,264
2025	400,495	456,082	856,577
2026	414,339	442,837	857,176
2027	428,276	429,100	857,376
2028	442,305	414,872	857,177

(5) CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System services water and sewer customers in or adjacent to Beebe, Arkansas. All of the accounts receivable reported herein are from these customers.

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(6) RETIREMENT PLAN

The System contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) on behalf of all full time employees of the System. During 2023 and 2022, the System contributed \$72,738 and \$69,114, respectively, to APERS.

(7) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has considered subsequent events through April 9, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(8) WATER PURCHASE CONTRACTS

In 2010, the City of Beebe joined with several other communities in a water purchase contract which would allow the construction of water impoundment and treatment facility to be known as the Lonoke/White Public Water Authority (LWPWA). The System is obligated to purchase a minimum of 4,380,000 gallons per month from the Authority.

The contract is for a 40 year period beginning from the completion of the facility in August, 2014. To assist the Authority in the construction of the facility, the System was required to pay an amount monthly to pay the interest on the indebtedness incurred to construct the facility. The System also incurred costs to construct the water line from the metering point to the city. The debt service payments to the Authority subsequent to the completion of the facility and commencement of water purchases is expensed as fees to the LWPWA and totaled \$192,000 in 2023 and 2022, respectively. In 2023 and 2022, the System purchased water from the Authority at a cost of \$75,351 and \$90,523, respectively.

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Supplemental Information Disclosed in Compliance

with Requirements for Audits of Revolving Loan

Funds for Municipalities' Accounting Records

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CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Departmental Schedule of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Operating revenue:			
Water sales	\$ 1,637,324	-	1,637,324
Sewer service	-	1,048,399	1,048,399
Other revenue	<u>82,034</u>	<u>49,169</u>	<u>131,203</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>1,719,358</u>	<u>1,097,568</u>	<u>2,816,926</u>
Operating expenses:			
Supervisory salaries	71,043	47,362	118,405
Office salaries	103,742	69,162	172,904
Other labor	131,605	87,737	219,342
Employees' group insurance	64,861	43,241	108,102
Utilities	41,881	55,233	97,114
Payroll taxes	23,286	15,524	38,810
Operating supplies and expense	99,248	5,311	104,559
Chemicals	41,781	-	41,781
Maintenance and repairs	9,210	6,140	15,350
Employee benefit plan	43,643	29,096	72,739
Truck and machinery expense	13,202	8,801	22,003
Office supplies	61,798	41,198	102,996
Bad debts	1,190	794	1,984
Legal and audit	5,000	3,500	8,500
Insurance	9,578	6,868	16,446
Licenses and permits	-	6,244	6,244
Depreciation and amortization	390,788	354,229	745,017
Amortization of bond insurance	1,549	1,549	3,098
Lonoke/White Public Water Authority fees	192,000	-	192,000
Water purchased	<u>75,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,351</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,380,756</u>	<u>781,989</u>	<u>2,162,745</u>
Income from operations	<u>\$ 338,602</u>	<u>315,579</u>	<u>654,181</u>

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Departmental Schedule of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2022

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Operating revenue:			
Water sales	\$ 1,570,887	-	1,570,887
Sewer service	-	1,025,933	1,025,933
Other revenue	<u>75,198</u>	<u>41,103</u>	<u>116,301</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>1,646,085</u>	<u>1,067,036</u>	<u>2,713,121</u>
Operating expenses:			
Supervisory salaries	65,659	43,773	109,432
Office salaries	95,742	63,828	159,570
Other labor	119,223	79,482	198,705
Employees' group insurance	59,533	39,689	99,222
Utilities	38,443	59,071	97,514
Payroll taxes	21,359	14,240	35,599
Operating supplies and expense	125,691	6,336	132,027
Chemicals	46,744	-	46,744
Maintenance and repairs	6,263	4,175	10,438
Employee benefit plan	41,468	27,646	69,114
Truck and machinery expense	14,146	9,431	23,577
Office supplies and expense	59,471	39,648	99,119
Bad debts	3,486	2,324	5,810
Legal and audit	5,055	3,370	8,425
Insurance	9,252	6,168	15,420
Licenses and permits	-	6,244	6,244
Depreciation and amortization	385,402	357,799	743,201
Amortization of bond insurance	1,566	1,567	3,133
Lonoke/White Public Water Authority fees	192,000	-	192,000
Water purchased	<u>90,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,523</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,381,027</u>	<u>764,790</u>	<u>2,145,817</u>
Income from operations	<u>\$ 265,058</u>	<u>302,246</u>	<u>567,304</u>

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Supplemental Information

Year ended December 31, 2023

Insurance on Deposit Funds

All funds are deposited in financial institutions insured by the FDIC. Deposits in excess of the insured amount are collateralized by pledge of securities by the financial institution.

Insurance Coverage

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Self Insured Bond Program administered by Arkansas Insurance Department	Surety Bond	\$ 250,000
Arkansas Municipal League	Worker's Compensation	100,000
Arkansas Municipal League	Vehicles - Liability - Physical damage	\$25,000/50,000 Actual cash value less \$1,000 deductible
Arkansas Municipal League	Water and Sewer buildings, storage tanks, lift stations, and other property	\$ 4,373,092

Federal Income Tax

As the City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System is a municipally owned system, it is exempt from federal and state income tax.

CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Supplemental Information, Continued

Accounts receivable

An age analysis of accounts receivable at December 31, 2023 is presented below:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current	\$ 336,495
Past due:	
0-30 days	21,559
31-60 days	2,039
61-90 days	<u>9,373</u>
	369,466
Less amount included as billing for sanitation for the City of Beebe	90,265
Less overpayments/prepayments	<u>21,240</u>
Net accounts receivable	<u>\$ 257,961</u>

Accrual Basis of Accounting

The accounting records are maintained on the accrual basis.

Sewer Rates

The rate charged for sewer service for the users of the System is as follows at December 31, 2023:

First 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.50
Each 1,000 gallons above 1,000 used	4.51 per 1,000 gallons

The rates are applied to winterized usage determined annually using November through April water usage.

Water Rates

The rate charged customers for water usage is as follows at December 31, 2023:

First 1,000 gallons	\$20.84 for 5/8" meter
Each 1,000 gallons above 1,000 used	4.34 per 1,000 gallons

Meter charges vary for the size of meter, but the usage charge remains at \$4.34 per 1,000 gallons.

Annual billable water in gallons - 222,927,660 gallons

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Five year amortization schedule of long-term notes and bonds payable:

Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>	<u>Principal Retirement</u>	<u>Interest Requirement (1)</u>	<u>Remaining Principal</u>
2024	\$ 54,687	53,813	874	-

(1) Includes 1% service fee.

Water and Sewer Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>	<u>Principal Retirement</u>	<u>Interest Requirement</u>	<u>Remaining Principal</u>
2024	\$ 582,888	175,000	407,888	13,840,000
2025	635,888	235,000	400,888	13,605,000
2026	636,488	245,000	391,488	13,360,000
2027	636,688	255,000	381,688	13,105,000
2028	636,488	265,000	371,488	12,840,000
Past 2027	17,742,506	12,840,000	4,902,506	-

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Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2013:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>	<u>Principal Retirement</u>	<u>Interest Requirement (1)</u>	<u>Remaining Principal</u>
2024	\$ 187,100	145,466	41,634	1,741,085
2025	187,100	148,757	38,342	1,592,328
2026	187,100	152,124	34,976	1,440,204
2027	187,100	155,566	31,534	1,284,638
2028	187,100	159,084	28,015	1,125,554
Past 2028	1,125,554	1,125,554	90,620	-

(1) Includes 1% service fee.

Mid Arkansas Water Alliance:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>	<u>Principal Retirement</u>	<u>Interest Requirement</u>	<u>Remaining Principal</u>
2024	\$ 33,589	16,267	17,322	586,245
2025	33,588	16,734	16,854	569,511
2026	33,588	17,215	16,373	552,296
2027	33,588	17,710	15,878	534,586
2028	33,589	18,220	15,369	516,366
Past 2028	691,405	516,366	175,039	-

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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**

Board of Commissioners
City of Beebe Water and Sewer System:

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 City of Beebe, Arkansas Water and Sewer System, component unit of the City of Beebe, Arkansas, which comprise the statement of net position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the System'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the System'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 System'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 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 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 that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 System'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.

April 9, 2024

Shirley Cohen & Company, P.A.