CITY OF HAMPTON WATER & SEWER SYSTEM

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2021 and 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the City Council of the City of Hampton Water & Sewer System

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Hampton, Arkansas Water and Sewer System, (the "Organization"), a component unit of the City of Hampton, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position, the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and cash flows of the Organization as of and for the years then ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Organization 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 opinions.

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 Organization'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 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 opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Organization'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 Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Contributions 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 have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information 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.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Budget to Actual Comparison required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be presented to

supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who consider it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information and other information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Operating Expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. 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 supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 7, 2022 on our consideration of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's 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 Organization's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cearing & Associates LLC

Searcy & Associates, LLC Monticello, Arkansas November 7, 2022

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2021 and 2020

	 2021	2020		
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 534,094	\$	607,848	
Accounts receivable (net)	 47,830		44,447	
Total current assets	581,924		652,295	
Restricted cash and investments				
Meter deposits	63,575		60,680	
Debt reserve funds	 213,207		189,980	
Total restricted cash and investments	276,782		250,660	
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	916,178		697,712	
Deferred outflow of resources related to pension	 40,058		57,906	
Total assets	\$ 1,814,942	\$	1,658,573	
Liabilities and Net Position				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 9,717	\$	7,198	
Accrued payroll	16,194		9,585	
Accrued compensating absences	5,514		5,514	
Due to city general fund	26,832		129,723	
Other accrued expenses	3,552		6,294	
Current portion of bonds payable	65,912		-	
Total current liabilities	 127,721		158,314	
Long term liabilities				
Bonds payable, net of current amount	702,141		512,154	
Pension liability	82,236		256,371	
Customer deposits	63,575		60,680	
Total long term liabilities	 847,952		829,205	
Deferred inflow of resources related to pension	171,945		14,385	
Net position				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	148,125		185,558	
Restricted	213,207		189,980	
Unrestricted	 305,992		281,131	
Total net position	 667,324		656,669	
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 1,814,942	\$	1,658,573	

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

		2021		2020
Operating revenues				
Sales and charges for services	\$	568,026	\$	594,853
Other operating revenue	Ŧ	2,298	Ŧ	1,072
Total operating revenue		570,324	-	595,925
Operating expenses				
Plant operations and distribution		317,355		328,968
General and administrative		83,925		66,404
Depreciation		102,277		101,666
Total operating expenses		503,557		497,038
Income / (loss) from operations		66,767		98,887
Other revenue / (expenses)				
Interest income		305		1,054
Pension expense		(32,940)		(114,897)
Interest expense		(23,477)	_	(18,397)
Total other revenue / (expenses)		(56,112)		(132,240)
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses		10,655		(33,353)
Change in net position		10,655		(33,353)
Net position, beginning of year		656,669		690,022
Change in net invested in capital assets		(37,433)		2,366
Change in restricted assets		23,227		20,046
Change in unrestricted assets		24,861		(55,765)
Change in net position		10,655		(33,353)
Net position, end of year	\$	667,324	\$	656,669

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

\$ 566,941 (249,201)	\$	597,407
		(295,983) (56,609)
 (320,743)		(55,773)
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(47,632)		89,263
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WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	 2020
Reconciliation of operating income to		
net cash from operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 66,767	\$ 98,887
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to		
net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	102,277	101,666
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(3,383)	1,482
Accounts payable	2,519	-
Accrued payroll	6,609	-
Solid waste payments due to city	(102,891)	79,561
Other accrued expenses	(2,742)	(36,781)
Total adjustments	2,389	145,928
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 69,156	\$ 244,815

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Water and Sewer System (the "Organization") is a component unit of the City of Hampton, Arkansas. The Organization is governed by the City Council. The Organization provides water and sewer services to the City of Hampton and certain surrounding areas. The City Council approves the rate changes of the Organization's services. The debt of the Organization is maintained in the name of the City of Hampton.

B. Fund Type

The Organization is an enterprise fund, used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

C. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Operating revenues and expenses are distinguished from other revenue (expense) items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the principal ongoing operations of the Organization. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as other revenues (expenses) but remain a major component of the overall revenues and expenses of the Organization.

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 62, the Organization applies accounting standards in accordance with the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which incorporates applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989.

D. Use of Estimate

Management used estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 1 (continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. For the purpose of financial reporting, all demand accounts, savings accounts, cash on hand, certificates of deposits, and money market accounts are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable relate to water and sewer service billings and are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance is based upon historical losses and a review of the past-due accounts. Credit extended to customers is generally uncollateralized. Accounts are due ten days after the billing date. Past-due accounts are charged a late fee penalty. Customers are required to make a deposit, and deposits can be offset against the receivable. The estimated allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$19,116 and \$15,691, respectively.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost, including interest incurred during the construction period. Contributed property is recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Depreciation is recorded on each class of depreciable property utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The ranges of estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water Plant	20-40 years
Wells & Water Tanks	20-40 years
Buildings & Improvements	20-25 years
Vehicles & Equipment	5-10 years

The Organization's capitalization policy states that capital assets are defined as assets with an estimated useful life of greater than one year and over \$1,000.

Compensated Absences

The Organization's policies permit most employees to accumulate vacation and sick leave benefits that may be realized as paid time off. Vacation and sick leave benefits are recognized as an expense when incurred. Any portion of the incurred benefit not paid at the end of the accounting period is recorded as a liability in the financial statements. Accrued compensated absences as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$5,514.

Deferred Outflow / Inflow of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources(expense) until then. The Organization has gualifying items for reporting in this category. Deferred outflows of resources include those related to pension changes for the Organization.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 (continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an increase to net position that applies to a future period and is recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Organization has qualifying items for reporting in this category. Deferred inflows of resources include those related to pension changes for the Organization.

Pension

The Organization maintains one cost-sharing, multiple employer, defined benefit retirement plan. The plan is sponsored by the Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System.

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset or liability, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to pension, and pension expense have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the actuary. For this purpose, benefits (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms of the plan. Expenses of the plans, such as investment fees, trustee fees, and audit fees, are paid by the plan. However, certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Organization and are not reimbursed by the plan.

Net Position Classifications

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted net position Consists of net assets with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted net position All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "invested in capital assets, net of related debt" or "restricted."

F. Date of Management's Review

The Organization evaluated its December 31, 2021 financial statements for subsequent events through November 7, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Organization is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

NOTE 2 – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENTS

Arkansas Code Annotated 19-1-501 outlines the eligible investments allowed by a municipality along with Certificates of Deposits when secured in compliance with Arkansas Code 19-8-202. Deposits in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance (FDIC) are required to be secured by qualified pledged securities allowed by the Code to mitigate custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure a government's deposits may not be returned to it.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 2 (continued)

The schedule below is designed to disclose the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Organization based upon how its deposits were insured or secured by pledged securities, or unsecured at December 31, 2021.

Category 1 – Insured FDIC or secured with securities held by the Organization (or public trust) or by its agent in its name.

Category 2 – Uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' trust Organization in the Organization's name.

Category 3 – Unsecured and uncollateralized, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution, or by its trust Organization or agent in the Organization's name, or collateralized with no written or approved collateralized agreement.

The level of security for the Organization's bank deposits are as follows:

		(Category	C	Category	С	ategor	y
Depository	Total		1		2		3	
Bank A	\$ 711,518	\$	250,000	\$	461,518	\$		-
Bank B	62,563		62,563		-			-
Bank C	 40,003		40,003		-			-
Total	\$ 814,084	\$	352,566	\$	461,518	\$		-

The amounts shown are bank ledger balances of the referenced bank's deposits and may differ from the Organization's general ledger balances.

The Organization has certain amounts of its cash accounts restricted at December 31, 2021 and 2020 as follows:

	2021	 2020
Meter deposits	\$ 63,575	\$ 60,680
Debt reserve requirements	213,207	 189,980
Total restricted cash	\$ 276,782	\$ 250,660

The debt reserve cash requirements are restricted for use of replacement of certain equipment securing the bonded indebtedness or for their repairs during the term of the debt and for the use of annual debt service payments for the Organization's indebtedness.

Customers' meter deposits are restricted for the use of refunding a departing customers' refund upon leaving the Organization or for off-setting any amounts owed by the customer upon departure.

It is the Organization's policy to use other available cash for equipment replacement or repairs rather than the restricted amounts.

NOTE 3 – CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

	_	Balance ember 31, 2019	Trar	nsfers	A	dditions	Dis	sposals		Balance cember 31, 2020
Land	\$	14,250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,250
Buildings & improvements		102,583		-		-		-		102,583
Machinery & equipment		213,547		-		3,634		-		217,181
Water & sewer system		1,996,276		-		52,139		(8,787)		2,039,628
	2	2,326,656		-		55,773		(8,787)		2,373,642
Accumulated depreciation	(1,583,051)				(101,666)		8,787	(1,675,930)
	\$	743,605	\$		\$	(45,893)	\$	_	\$	697,712

	E	Balance							E	Balance
	Dec	ember 31,							Dec	ember 31,
		2020	Tra	Insfers	Α	dditions	Disp	osals		2021
Land	\$	14,250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,250
Buildings & improvements		102,583		-		-		-		102,583
Machinery & equipment		217,181		-		3,306		-		220,487
Water & sewer system	2	2,039,628		-		317,437		-		2,357,065
		2,373,642		-		320,743		-		2,694,385
Accumulated depreciation	(*	1,675,930)				(102,277)		-	(1,778,207)
	\$	697,712	\$		\$	218,466	\$	-	\$	916,178

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT

Series 2021 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

In 2021, the Organization issued \$334,214 in Water & Sewer Revenue bonds in order to finance the construction of the lift station improvements. The Arkansas Natural Resource Commission ("ANRC") simultaneously purchased the bond and issued a 20-year note. The interest rate on the note payable is 2.55%. The proceeds of were used to pay bond issuance costs, loan servicing fee to ANRC, engineering fees, and construction costs. System revenues and assets are pledged to the note payable. The Organization is required to establish rates sufficient to pay the expenses and operation and maintenance of the water system, making monthly deposits in an amount equal to 3% of gross water system revenues for the preceding month into the depreciation fund. The Organization was in compliance with all debt covenants for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 4 (continued)

Series 2016 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

In 2016, the Organization issued \$232,000 in Water & Sewer Revenue bonds in order to finance the repairs and renovation to a water tank. The United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") simultaneously purchased the bond and issued a 40-year note. The interest rate on the note payable is 2.50%. The proceeds of were used to pay bond issuance costs, engineering fees, and construction costs. System revenues and assets are pledged to the note payable. The Organization is required to establish rates sufficient to pay the expenses and operation and maintenance of the water system, making monthly deposits into a debt service account of \$77 a month until a total of \$44,796 has accumulated for repayment obligations, and monthly deposits into a short-lived asset account of \$1,873 a month until a total of \$224,760 has accumulated for expected future costs of repairs to the water tank. The Organization was in compliance with all debt covenants for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Series 2002 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

In 2001, the Organization issued \$905,361 in Water & Sewer Revenue bonds in order to pay off the 1990 Bond issue and for capital improvements to the water and sewer system. The Arkansas Natural Resource Commission ("ANRC") simultaneously purchased the bond and issued a 30-year note. The interest rate on the note payable was 5.15% initially and was lowered to 4.50% in 2005. The proceeds of were used to pay the remaining balance on the 1990 Bond issue, bond issuance costs, loan servicing fee to ANRC, engineering fees, and construction costs. System revenues and assets are pledged to the note payable. The Organization is required to establish rates sufficient to pay the expenses and operation and maintenance of the water system and to hold an amount equal to 12 months of debt service costs – equivalent to \$59,588. The Organization was in compliance with all debt covenants for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

The following is a summary of changes in bonds payable:

	-	Balance cember 31, 2019	Inc	creases	De	ecreases	_	Balance ember 31, 2020	Du	mounts e Within ne Year
2002 Water & Sewer Revenue Bonds 2016 USDA Note Payable 2021 Water & Sewer Revenue Bonds	\$	347,299 213,216 -	\$		\$	(44,454) (3,907) -	\$	302,845 209,309 -	\$	46,477 4,005 -
	\$	560,515	\$		\$	(48,361)	\$	512,154	\$	50,482
	-	Balance cember 31, 2020	Inc	creases	De	ecreases	_	Balance ember 31, 2021	Du	mounts e Within ne Year
2002 Water & Sewer Revenue Bonds 2016 USDA Note Payable 2021 Water & Sewer Revenue Bonds	\$	302,845 209,309 -	\$	- - 334,214	\$	(46,477) (4,005) (27,833)	\$	256,368 205,304 306,381	\$	48,592 4,093 13,226
	\$	512,154	\$	334,214	\$	(78,315)	\$	768,053	\$	65,911

NOTE 4 (continued)

Total principal and interest maturities of the Organization's bonds are as follows:

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202368,56821,56290,130202471,33618,79490,130202574,22215,90890,130202667,49412,90180,3952027-2031103,50349,210152,7132032-2036117,50935,204152,7132037-204199,12219,234118,3562042-204635,51410,42945,9432047-205140,2485,69645,944Thereafter24,62689025,516	December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
202471,33618,79490,130202574,22215,90890,130202667,49412,90180,3952027-2031103,50349,210152,7132032-2036117,50935,204152,7132037-204199,12219,234118,3562042-204635,51410,42945,9432047-205140,2485,69645,944Thereafter24,62689025,516	2022	\$ 65,911	\$ 24,219	\$ 90,130
202574,22215,90890,130202667,49412,90180,3952027-2031103,50349,210152,7132032-2036117,50935,204152,7132037-204199,12219,234118,3562042-204635,51410,42945,9432047-205140,2485,69645,944Thereafter24,62689025,516	2023	68,568	21,562	90,130
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2027-2031103,50349,210152,7132032-2036117,50935,204152,7132037-204199,12219,234118,3562042-204635,51410,42945,9432047-205140,2485,69645,944Thereafter24,62689025,516	2025	74,222	15,908	90,130
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2037-204199,12219,234118,3562042-204635,51410,42945,9432047-205140,2485,69645,944Thereafter24,62689025,516	2027-2031	103,503	49,210	152,713
2042-204635,51410,42945,9432047-205140,2485,69645,944Thereafter24,62689025,516	2032-2036	117,509	35,204	152,713
2047-2051 40,248 5,696 45,944 Thereafter 24,626 890 25,516	2037-2041	99,122	19,234	118,356
Thereafter 24,626 890 25,516	2042-2046	35,514	10,429	45,943
	2047-2051	40,248	5,696	45,944
\$768,053 \$214,047 \$982,100	Thereafter	24,626	890	25,516
		\$768,053	\$214,047	\$ 982,100

NOTE 5 – PENSION

Plan Description

The following brief description of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS or the System) is provided for general information purposes 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. The plan was established by the authority of the Arkansas General Assembly with the passage of Act 177 of 1957. The costs of administering the plan are paid out of investment earnings.

The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the System is vested in the nine members of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (the Board). Membership includes three state and three non-state employees, all appointed by the Governor, and three ex-officio trustees, including the Auditor of the State, the Treasurer of the State and the Director of the Organization of Finance and Administration.

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapters 5 and 6 and may only be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. APERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as a percentage of the member's highest 3-year average compensation times the member's years of service. The percentage used is based upon whether a member is contributory or non-contributory as follows:

Contributory, prior to 7/1/2005	2.07%
Contributory, on or after 7/1/2005, but prior to 7/1/2007	2.03%
Contributory on or after 7/1/2007	2.00%
Non-Contributory	1.72%

NOTE 5 (continued)

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

- at age 65 with 5 years of service,
- at any age with 28 years actual service,
- 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 25 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, 2021. In some cases, an additional 2.5% of member and employer contributions are required for elected officials.

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.

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

The collective Net Pension Liability of \$768,832,303 was measured as of June 30, 2021, 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.

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NOTE 5 (continued)

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions for your employer are as follows:

	 red Outflow esources	 erred Inflow Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,614	\$ (7,325)
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contribution	22,524	(30,199)
Changes of assumptions	-	(800)
Contributions subsequent to measurement date	30,499	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	 (200,489)
Total for City Department pro-rata allocation	\$ 55,637 72%	\$ (238,813) 72%
Total for Department	\$ 40,059	\$ (171,945)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense in your financial statements as follows:

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2	2026	The	reafter
Total for City	\$(54,513)	\$(42,413)	\$(55,907)	\$(60,842)	\$	-	\$	-
Department pro-rata allocation	72%	72%	72%	72%		72%		72%
Total for Department	\$(39,249)	\$(30,537)	\$(40,253)	\$(43,806)	\$	-	\$	-

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level of Percent of Payroll, Closed (Level Dollar, Closed for District Judges New Plan and Paid Off Old Plan and District Judges Still Paying Old Plan)
Remaining Amortization Period	26 years (7.6 years for District Judges New Plan/Paid Off Old Plan and 16 years for District Judges Still Paying Old Plan)
Asset Valuation Method	4-year smoothed market; 25% corridor (Market Value for Still Paying Old Plan)
Investment Rate of Return	7.15%

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NOTE 5 (continued)

Inflation	3.25% wage inflation, 2.50% price inflation
Salary Increases	3.25 – 9.85% including inflation (3.25% - 6.96% including inflation for District Judges)
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition
Mortality Table	Based on RP-2000 Combined Healthy mortality table, projected to 2021 using Projection Scale BB, set-forward 2 years for males and 1 year for females
Average Service Life of All Members	3.9676

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 target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the table below:

	Target	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Broad Domestic Equity	37%	6.22%
International Equity	24%	6.69%
Real Assets	16%	4.81%
Absolute Return	5%	3.05%
Domestic Fixed	18%	0.57%
Total	100%	
Total Real Rate of Return		4.93%
Plus: Price Inflation- Actuary Assumption		2.50%
Net Expected Return		7.43%

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.15% 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 7.15%. 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. 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.

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NOTE 5 (continued)

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 discount rate of 7.15%, as well as what the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1percentage-point lower (6.15%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.15%) than the current rate:

	Sensitivity of Discount Rate								
	1 ⁰	% Lower 6.15%	Dise	count Rate 7.15%	1% Higher 8.15%				
Total for City Department pro-rata allocation	\$	341,668 72%	\$	114,217 72%	\$ (73,625) 72%				
Department pro-rata allocation		1270		12/0	1270				
Total for Department	\$	246,001	\$	82,236	\$ (53,010)				

NOTE 6 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Organization is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

NOTE 7 – DEPARTURE FROM GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

Management has elected to omit the Budget to Actual Comparison and the Management Discussion and Analysis of the Organization from the financial statements which are required by GAAP.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 through 2015

	 2021	 2020	 2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015 *
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.015%	0.016%	0.014%	0.016%	0.014%	0.013%	0.012%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 82,236	\$ 328,033	\$ 244,569	\$ 251,092	\$ 266,149	\$ 221,203	\$ 153,781
Covered - employee payroll	\$ 213,423	\$ 252,977	\$ 160,953	\$ 209,683	\$ 208,958	\$ 190,349	\$ 163,503
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as percentage of covered - employee payroll	38.53%	129.67%	151.95%	119.75%	127.37%	116.21%	94.05%
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	93.57%	75.38%	78.55%	79.59%	75.65%	75.50%	80.39%

* Fiscal Year 2015 was the first year of implementation, and is based on actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014, therefore only seven years are shown.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 through 2015

	 2021	 2020	 2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015 *
Contractually required contribution	\$ 32,723	\$ 34,242	\$ 29,720	\$ 31,448	\$ 26,916	\$ 24,301	\$ 21,866
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ (32,723)	\$ (34,242)	\$ (29,720)	\$ (31,448)	\$ (26,916)	\$ (24,301)	\$ (21,866)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -						
Department's covered - employee payroll	\$ 213,423	\$ 252,977	\$ 160,953	\$ 209,683	\$ 208,958	\$ 190,349	\$ 163,503
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	15.33%	13.54%	18.47%	15.00%	12.88%	12.77%	13.37%

* Fiscal Year 2015 was the first year of implementation, therefore only seven years are shown. Information in this schedule has been determined as of the most recent fiscal year-end.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021		2020
Plant operations and distributions			
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 191,927	\$	218,068
Payroll taxes	12,721		18,718
Repairs and maintenance	21,774		494
Utilities	40,446		38,103
Insurance	2,654		1,239
Travel expenses	7,079		6,080
License, permits, fees	11,427		9,569
Operating supplies and other	29,327		36,697
Total plant operations and distributions	317,355		328,968
General and adminitrative			
Salaries, wages, and benefits	47,982		54,517
Payroll taxes	3,180		4,680
Office supplies	5,009		1,855
Professional fees	19,000		1,806
Communication	5,329		-
Bad debt	3,425		3,546
Total general and administrative	83,925		66,404
Depreciation	 102,277		101,666
Total operating expenses	\$ 503,557	\$	497,038

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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 City Council of the City of Hampton Water & 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 Hampton, Arkansas Water & Sewer System, (the "Organization"), a component unit of the City of Hampton, Arkansas, which comprise the statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and statement of cash flows as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 7, 2022.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organization's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Cearing & Associates LLC

Searcy & Associations, LLC Monticello, Arkansas November 7, 2022