

**CITY OF NEWARK
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**Independent Accountant's Report on
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

As of December 31, 2024



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Mayor, City Council and Management
City of Newark Water and Sewer Department
P.O. Box 315
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on compliance with Ark. Code Ann. 14-234-119 to 122 of the City of Newark Water and Sewer Department, as of December 31, 2024. City of Newark Water and Sewer Department's management is responsible for the Department's accounting records.

City of Newark Water and Sewer Department has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of compliance with Ark. Code. Ann. 14-234-119 to 122. Additionally, the Mayor, City Council, and management of the City of Newark Water and Sewer Department have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purpose. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

1. Cash and Investments

We obtained confirmation of the cash on deposit from the banks, and we agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts shown on the bank reconciliations maintained by the Department. We performed a proof of cash for the year and agreed the ending balances to the book balances within the greater of 5% or \$500. We reconciled the year-end bank balances to the book balances.

We noted no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

2. Receipts

We agreed the deposits per the proof of cash for the year with the deposits per the journal within 5% or \$500, whichever was greater. We agreed ten customer payments on the accounts receivable subledger to deposit and billing documents. For ten deposits, we agreed the cash/check composition of the deposit with the receipt information.

We noted no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

3. Accounts Receivable

We agreed ten customer billings to the accounts receivable subledger. We selected five customer adjustments to verify proper authorization.

We noted no exceptions as a result of our procedures.

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4. **Disbursements**

We agreed the disbursements per the proof of cash for the year with the disbursements per the journal within 5% or \$500, whichever was greater. We analyzed all property, plant and equipment disbursements. We selected all disbursements paid to employees other than payroll and ten other disbursements to determine if they were adequately documented.

We noted no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

5. **Property, Plant and Equipment**

We determined that property, plant, and equipment additions and disposals were properly accounted for in the records, at a level of materiality equal to 5% of total property, plant, and equipment or \$500, whichever was greater.

We noted no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

6. **Long-Term Debt**

We scheduled long-term debt and verified changes in all balances for the year. We obtained confirmation of the loan balances with the lender. We determined that appropriate debt service accounts had been established and that monthly deposits had been made to these accounts.

We noted no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

7. **General**

Determine that any items of financial significance were approved and documented in the minutes of the governing body's meetings.

We noted no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

We were engaged by the Mayor, City Council, and management of City of Newark Water and Sewer Department to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the City of Newark Water and Sewer Department and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, City Council, and management of the City of Newark Water and Sewer Department, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Batesville, Arkansas
February 19, 2025

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WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**Independent Accountant's Compilation Report
and Financial Statements**

December 31, 2024

CITY OF NEWARK WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

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Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the City of Newark Water and Sewer Department (proprietary funds of the City of Newark, Arkansas) which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and net position – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position – modified cash basis for the year then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the City of Newark, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department's assets, liabilities, and net position, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a required 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.

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Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Position – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2024

<u>Assets</u>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,409
Total current assets	<u>101,409</u>
Restricted assets	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	308,446
Total restricted assets	<u>308,446</u>
Capital assets , net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,162,306	<u>891,728</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,301,583</u></u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Position</u>	
Current liabilities	
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 28,548
Total current liabilities	<u>28,548</u>
Long-term debt , net of current maturities	<u>760,938</u>
Other noncurrent liabilities	
Meter deposits	67,074
Total other noncurrent liabilities	<u>67,074</u>
Total liabilities	856,560
Net position	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	102,242
Restricted expendable:	
Equipment reserve	193,440
Debt service reserve	47,932
Unrestricted	101,409
Total net position	<u>445,023</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u><u>\$ 1,301,583</u></u>

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CITY OF NEWARK WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Modified Cash Basis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenues			
Service revenue	\$ 310,800	\$ 139,998	\$ 450,798
Other revenue	52,352	18,892	71,244
Total operating revenues	<u>363,152</u>	<u>158,890</u>	<u>522,042</u>
Operating expenses			
Salaries	184,506	79,074	263,580
Payroll taxes	9,869	4,230	14,099
Employee benefits	14,208	6,330	20,538
Office supplies	9,114	3,548	12,662
Utilities	31,967	16,779	48,746
Supplies	37,371	11,054	48,425
Fees	4,745	5,050	9,795
Repairs and maintenance	20,416	5,111	25,527
Vehicle and fuel expense	3,824	1,638	5,462
Insurance	4,696	2,013	6,709
Depreciation expense	14,387	39,201	53,588
Professional fees	6,055	2,595	8,650
Total operating expenses	<u>341,158</u>	<u>176,623</u>	<u>517,781</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>21,994</u>	<u>(17,733)</u>	<u>4,261</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)			
Interest expense	(13,113)	(15,247)	(28,360)
Interest income	6,240	2,440	8,680
Capital expense - street - ARPA	(97,825)	-	(97,825)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(104,698)</u>	<u>(12,807)</u>	<u>(117,505)</u>
Decrease in net position	<u>\$ (82,704)</u>	<u>\$ (30,540)</u>	<u>\$ (113,244)</u>
Net position - beginning of year			<u>558,267</u>
Net position - end of year			<u>\$ 445,023</u>

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