

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

BALLARD & COMPANY, LTD.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Yellville, Arkansas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Yellville water and wastewater fund as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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.

Basis for Opinion

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 City of Yellville water and wastewater fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Yellville water and wastewater fund'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 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 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 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 GAAS 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 of the effectiveness of the City of Yellville water and wastewater fund'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 no conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Yellville water and wastewater fund'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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Yellville as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of the Fund's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Fund 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 and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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 considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion of the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Yellville water and wastewater fund's basic financial statements. The Schedules of Operating Expenses and the Schedule of Usage Rates are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 Schedules of Operating Expenses and the Schedule of Usage Rates are 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 August 19, 2025 on our consideration of the City of Yellville, Arkansas water and wastewater fund'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 City of Yellville water and wastewater fund's 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 City of Yellville, Arkansas water and wastewater fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Ballard & Company, Ltd.

Ballard & Company, Ltd.
Mountain Home, Arkansas
August 19, 2025

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 75,505	\$ 81,244
Accounts receivable	76,607	74,999
Inventory	49,668	38,592
Total current assets	<u>201,780</u>	<u>194,835</u>
Restricted assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>475,345</u>	<u>488,272</u>
Capital assets:		
Nondepreciable assets	27,542	37,542
Depreciable assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>2,584,826</u>	<u>2,513,964</u>
Total capital assets	<u>2,612,368</u>	<u>2,551,506</u>
Total assets	<u>3,289,493</u>	<u>3,234,613</u>
 <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	<u>34,304</u>	<u>54,561</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current liabilities - payable from current assets:		
Accounts payable	38,424	31,676
Other current liabilities	<u>3,657</u>	<u>10,070</u>
Total from current assets	<u>42,081</u>	<u>41,746</u>
Current liabilities - payable from restricted assets:		
Accrued interest payable	10,702	11,082
Current maturities - bonds payable	80,000	90,000
Meter deposits refundable	<u>52,902</u>	<u>48,068</u>
Total from restricted assets	<u>143,604</u>	<u>149,150</u>
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds payable, net of current maturities and discount	1,425,523	1,503,387
Net pension liability	<u>147,368</u>	<u>175,543</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>1,572,891</u>	<u>1,678,930</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,758,576</u>	<u>1,869,826</u>
 <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>		
Deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>7,163</u>	<u>884</u>
 <u>NET POSITION</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	1,096,143	937,037
Restricted:		
Debt service	150,467	154,069
Replacement and renewal	258,988	273,145
Other - meter deposits	12,887	12,990
Unrestricted	<u>39,573</u>	<u>41,223</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,558,058</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,464</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>		
Water service fees	\$ 539,942	\$ 556,818
Wastewater service and treatment fees	235,756	239,043
Connection and related fees	9,040	42,131
Late penalties	13,084	13,199
Billing fees	6,617	-
Other	4,924	2,024
	809,363	853,215
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Water department	659,158	617,858
Wastewater department	183,238	251,389
Depreciation expense	228,309	216,426
	1,070,705	1,085,673
Total operating revenue	809,363	853,215
Total operating expenses	1,070,705	1,085,673
Operating income (loss)	(261,342)	(232,458)
<u>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u>		
Interest income	6,934	7,321
Interest expense	(34,075)	(35,164)
Gain (loss) on Asset Disposals	2,822	-
	(24,319)	(27,843)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(24,319)	(27,843)
Income (loss) before capital contributions and transfers	(285,661)	(260,301)
Capital contributions	239,501	355,699
Transfers in	185,754	193,464
	425,255	549,163
Total capital contributions and transfers in	425,255	549,163
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	139,594	288,862
<u>Net Position - Beginning of Year</u>	1,418,464	1,129,602
<u>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</u>	\$ 1,558,058	\$ 1,418,464

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers	\$ 812,589	\$ 856,995
Cash received from other funds	79,978	-
Cash paid to and/or for employees	(199,721)	(246,350)
Cash paid to suppliers	(719,811)	(613,542)
Cash paid to other funds	(2,400)	(2,400)
	<u>(29,365)</u>	<u>(5,297)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities		
	<u>(29,365)</u>	<u>(5,297)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers in	185,754	193,464
	<u>185,754</u>	<u>193,464</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Principal paid on bonds payable	(90,000)	(90,000)
Interest paid on bonds payable	(32,319)	(33,331)
Proceeds from grant received	239,501	355,699
Cash paid to purchase and construct assets	(299,171)	(543,493)
	<u>(181,989)</u>	<u>(311,125)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Capital and Related Financing Activities		
	<u>(181,989)</u>	<u>(311,125)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from interest earned	6,934	7,321
	<u>6,934</u>	<u>7,321</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(18,666)	(115,637)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>569,516</u>	<u>685,153</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 550,850</u>	<u>\$ 569,516</u>

Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided

(Used In) Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (261,342)	\$ (232,458)
Depreciation expense	228,309	216,426
(Increase) Decrease in Assets and Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(1,608)	(774)
Inventory	(11,076)	9,105
Deferred outflows of resources	20,257	(15,033)
Accounts payable	6,748	(13,443)
Other current liabilities	(6,413)	(155)
Net pension liability	(15,353)	26,908
Deferred inflows of resources	6,279	(427)
Meter deposits refundable	4,834	4,554
	<u>4,834</u>	<u>4,554</u>
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>\$ (29,365)</u>	<u>\$ (5,297)</u>

Reconciliation of Total Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending

Current assets - cash and cash equivalents	\$ 75,505	\$ 81,244
Restricted assets - cash and cash equivalents	475,345	488,272
	<u>\$ 550,850</u>	<u>\$ 569,516</u>

Reconciliation of Total Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning

Current assets - cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,244	\$ 91,465
Restricted assets - cash and cash equivalents	488,272	593,688
	<u>\$ 569,516</u>	<u>\$ 685,153</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Reporting Entity

The City of Yellville, Arkansas, (the "City") was incorporated on April 5, 1946 and operates under an elected mayor-council form of government. The water and wastewater fund (the "Fund") is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the City's water distribution system and its sewer treatment system.

The Fund is operated as an enterprise fund of the City. An enterprise fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs, including depreciation, of providing goods or services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The City's comprehensive financial report does not include the water and wastewater fund, which is separately reported herein. These financial statements are intended to present only the financial position, results of operations and cash flows attributable to the Fund and are not intended to, and do not, reflect the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the City of Yellville as a whole.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Fund are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applicable to enterprise funds of governmental entities using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net position, and the operating statement presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

Basis of Presentation

The presentation of the Fund's financial statements follows the requirement of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* (GASB Statement No. 34) – applicable to enterprise funds, as amended. In accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, the Department's net position is categorized into net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted, as applicable. In addition, operating income reported in the financial statements includes revenues and expenses related to the primary continuing operations of the fund. Principal operating revenues are charges to customers for water, sewer, and related services. Operating expenses include the costs of providing these services, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses in the financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash accounts are displayed separately on the Statement of Net Position as "current" and "restricted." Restricted assets consist of amounts set aside under the various debt agreements and by the City Council to fulfill the requirements of the debt agreements and for other specific uses. Cash, including restricted cash, includes all demand accounts of the fund. Cash equivalents consist of money market funds investing in U.S. Treasury Securities and are stated at cost.

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts, money market funds, and any certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: – Continued

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable reflects the balances due from the individuals and businesses using the water and sewer services provided by the City. Management closely monitors outstanding balances and evaluates collectability of its accounts receivable on a per-customer basis. Customer accounts are typically collected within a short period of time, and, based on its assessment of current conditions, management believes realization losses on the amount outstanding at the end of 2024 and 2023 will be immaterial. Accordingly, the account balances are reported at the full amounts outstanding.

Inventories

Inventories of the materials and supplies used in the operation of the system are stated at average cost.

Capital Assets

Capital assets which are purchased or constructed are reported at historical cost. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not materially extend an asset's life are expensed as incurred. Capital assets are depreciated by the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives:

Buildings and Improvements	20 - 40 Years
System and Improvements	25 - 40 Years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 – 7 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5 – 10 Years
Vehicles	5 Years

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable consists of various trade accounts which are typically payable within thirty (30) days.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources are financial statement elements distinct from assets and liabilities and represent a consumption or production of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow or inflow of resources until then. The Fund's deferred outflows and inflows of resources consist of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the Fund's pension plan activities, as further discussed in Note 11.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by APERS.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and is classified into the following categories:

- *Net Investment in Capital Assets* - Consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
- *Restricted net position*– net position is considered restricted if its use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or buyers of the City's bonds. Restricted net position is restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: – Continued

Net Position - Continued:

- *Unrestricted net position* – consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the Fund.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use unrestricted resources first, and then restricted resources as they are needed.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

Enterprise fund service delivery levels are determined by the extent of consumer demand. Because enterprise fund revenues and expenses fluctuate with the changing service delivery levels, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America do not require the financial statements to include budgetary comparisons. Accordingly, such comparisons have not been included.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates based on management's knowledge and experience. Due to their prospective nature, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Legal Provisions for Deposits and Investments

State law generally provides that municipal funds be deposited in federally insured banks located in the State of Arkansas. These deposits may be in the form of checking accounts, savings accounts, and/or certificates of deposit. Public funds may also be invested in direct obligations of the United States of America and obligations on which the principal and interest are fully guaranteed by the United States of America.

Deposits and Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities. The City's policy is to place deposits only in collateralized or insured accounts. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Fund's bank balances were fully covered by Federal Depository Insurance and pledged collateral held by the pledging financial institution in the City of Yellville's name.

Cash equivalents consist of funds invested in the Northern Institutional Treasury Portfolio Money Market Fund, and are held by First Security Bank, trustee for the Series 2020 Refunding Revenue Bonds. The funds as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$150,467 and \$154,069, respectively.

NOTE 3: RESTRICTED ASSETS:

These assets consist of cash restricted by various bond and loan agreements and the City Council for debt service and other specific uses. Restricted assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	2024	2023
Debt service and reserve deposits	\$ 150,467	\$ 154,069
Repair and replacement funds	259,088	273,145
Meter deposit funds	65,790	61,058
Total restricted assets	\$ 475,345	\$ 488,272

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS:

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING BALANCE
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land and land rights	\$ 27,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,542
Construction in progress	10,000	-	-	10,000
	<u>37,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,542</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Vehicles	111,573	-	-	111,573
Machinery and equipment	345,420	5,700	-	351,120
Building improvements	151,179	-	-	151,179
Furniture and fixtures	15,596	-	-	15,596
System and improvements	6,907,523	293,471	-	7,200,994
	<u>7,531,291</u>	<u>299,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,830,462</u>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Vehicles	(54,156)	(15,587)	-	(69,743)
Machinery and equipment	(246,462)	(22,038)	-	(268,500)
Building improvements	(55,511)	(9,401)	-	(64,912)
Furniture and fixtures	(15,596)	-	-	(15,596)
System and improvements	(4,645,602)	(181,283)	-	(4,826,885)
	<u>(5,017,327)</u>	<u>(228,309)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,245,636)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>2,513,964</u>	<u>70,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,584,826</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,551,506</u>	<u>\$ 70,862</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,622,368</u>

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS - Continued:

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land and land rights	\$ 27,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,542
Construction in progress	-	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>27,542</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,542</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Vehicles	111,573	-	-	111,573
Machinery and equipment	329,948	15,472	-	345,420
Building improvements	151,179	-	-	151,179
Furniture and fixtures	15,596	-	-	15,596
System and improvements	6,389,501	518,022	-	6,907,523
	<u>6,997,797</u>	<u>533,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,531,291</u>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Vehicles	(34,879)	(19,277)	-	(54,156)
Machinery and equipment	(223,415)	(23,046)	-	(246,462)
Building improvements	(46,111)	(9,400)	-	(55,511)
Furniture and fixtures	(15,596)	-	-	(15,596)
System and improvements	(4,480,899)	(164,703)	-	(4,645,602)
	<u>(4,800,900)</u>	<u>(216,426)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,017,327)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>2,196,897</u>	<u>317,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,513,964</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,224,439</u>	<u>\$ 327,068</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,551,506</u>

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NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	BALANCE <u>12/31/23</u>	ADDITIONS	PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	BALANCE <u>12/31/24</u>	AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR
Series 2020 Bond	\$ 1,645,000	\$ -	\$ (90,000)	\$ 1,555,000	\$ 80,000

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	BALANCE <u>12/31/22</u>	ADDITIONS	PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	BALANCE <u>12/31/23</u>	AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR
Series 2020 Bond	\$ 1,735,000	\$ -	\$ (90,000)	\$ 1,645,000	\$ 90,000

2020 Bonds Payable

Under the authority of Ordinance 2020-4, dated August 13, 2020, the City issued refunding revenue bonds in the amount of \$1,850,000, bearing interest from 1.000% - 2.625% per annum through March 1, 2048, in order to refund the Series 1992 Bonds, the Series 1998 Bonds, the 2008 Bonds, and the loan with Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. The net proceeds of \$1,791,446 (after discount) were deposited with an escrow agent to immediately refund the outstanding principal, plus accrued interest, of the prior indebtedness, to pay the costs of issuance, and to fund the Series 2020 Bond's debt service reserve.

The Series 2020 Bonds are secured by a pledge of the system revenues and were issued at a discount of \$58,554 with total issuance costs of \$31,516. The discount is being amortized over the life of the bonds. The issuance costs were expensed during the year ended December 31, 2020.

Maturities of the Series 2020 Bonds after December 31, 2024, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2025	\$ 80,000	\$ 31,756	1.250%
2026	85,000	30,756	1.250%
2027	85,000	29,694	1.500%
2028	90,000	28,419	1.500%
2029	95,000	27,069	1.500%
2030-2034	425,000	110,725	1.500% - 2.125%
2035-2039	320,000	71,669	2.125% - 2.375%
2040-2044	195,000	39,156	2.375% - 2.625%
2045-2048	180,000	11,813	2.625%
	<u>\$ 1,555,000</u>	<u>\$ 381,057</u>	

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NOTE 6: FUND REQUIREMENTS:

Various ordinances authorized the issuance of the 2020 Series of Water and Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds, and established certain funds and the manner in which revenues are to be deposited and transferred between the various funds.

The cash funds required and their uses are as follows:

Water and Sewer Revenue Fund

Ordinance 98-1, for the 1998 bond issue and Ordinances 5-1 (amended), 1-WS-2008-B for the 2008 bond issues, and 2020-04 for the 2020 bond issue confirmed and continued the 1993 bond ordinance requirement that all revenues of the system shall be paid into the Water and Sewer Revenue Fund (the Revenue Fund), and that the revenues in this fund are pledged and shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of operation and maintenance of the system, to the payment of the principal of and interest on all outstanding bonds, to the establishment and maintenance of any required debt service reserves and to the providing of a depreciation fund.

Water and Sewer Operations and Maintenance Fund

The ordinances also confirmed and continued the requirement that a special fund titled the "Water and Sewer Operations and Maintenance Fund" (the Operating Fund) be established. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, funds sufficient for that month's operating requirements are to be transferred from the Revenue Fund into the Operating Fund and disbursed as needed for the operation and maintenance of the system.

2020 Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Fund

Ordinance 2020-4 set forth the requirement that a special fund be established titled the "2020 Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Fund." Commencing in October 2020 and continuing on the fifteenth day of each month after until all outstanding bonds with interest thereon have been paid in full or provision made for such payment, a sum equal to 1/6 of the next installment on the bonds, plus 1/12 of the next installment of principal should be transferred into the Bond Fund. The City will also pay into this Bond Fund such additional sums as necessary to provide for the Trustee's fees and expenses.

As part of the 2020 Bond Fund, a debt service reserve is to be maintained in an amount equal to ½ of the maximum annual principal and interest requirement on the bonds. This amount, \$61,891, has been set aside in a separate account.

Water and Sewer Depreciation Fund

The bond ordinances set forth the requirement that a special fund be established titled the "Water and Sewer Depreciation Fund." On or before the fifteenth day of each month, 5% of the gross system revenues of the preceding month (excluding the Fund's portion of the sales tax collections) are to be transferred to this fund from the Revenue Fund. The monies in this fund are to be used solely for the purpose of paying the cost of replacements or repairs to the system made necessary by the depreciation of the system. If in any fiscal year a surplus is accumulated in the Depreciation Fund over and above the amount which is necessary to defray the cost of the probable replacements during the current fiscal year and the next ensuing fiscal year, the excess can be transferred back into the Revenue Fund. This fund has been established and the required transfers have been made.

Meter Deposits

Meter deposits are refundable customer deposits for which reserves in an amount sufficient to refund the deposits in total must be held. Meter deposit reserves on December 31, 2024, were \$65,790, an excess of \$12,888 over the total customer deposits of \$52,902. Meter deposit reserves on December 31, 2023, were \$61,058, an excess of \$12,990 over the total customer deposits of \$48,068.

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NOTE 7: DEBT SERVICE RATIO:

Various debt covenants require that the net revenues of the system shall equal not less than a certain percentage of the maximum annual debt service requirements of all outstanding bonds plus other indebtedness of the system, including any additional bonds proposed, should the City desire to issue additional bonds secured on a senior or parity basis to the outstanding bonds.

The actual percentages on December 31, 2024 and 2023 were 129% and 149%, respectively, computed as follows:

	2024	2023
Operating income (loss)	\$ (261,342)	\$ (232,458)
Plus Depreciation Expense	228,309	216,426
Plus Transferred Sales Tax Revenues	185,754	193,464
Plus Interest Income	6,934	7,321
 Funds Available for Debt Service	 \$ 159,655	 \$ 184,753
 Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements: 2020 – Series 2020 Bonds	 \$ 123,781	 \$ 123,781
 Debt Service Coverage Percentage	 129%	 149%

NOTE 8: TANK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS:

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the City of Yellville entered into agreements for the maintenance of four of its water tanks. Annual payments totaling \$53,712 were due for the first eight years of the contracts. Beginning in the ninth year, annual payments are \$27,274, with cost adjustments applied every three years.

NOTE 9: TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:

Authorized through a special election by the vote of the electors of the City of Yellville, an additional 1% sales and use tax was levied within the City beginning January 01, 2013. Under the City Council's authorization, ½ of the 1% is distributed from the City's sales tax monies for the water and wastewater fund. Transfers and payments within the City of Yellville's funds are substantially for the purpose of subsidizing operating functions.

NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Fund has purchased insurance coverage to cover potential losses due to the various risks related to the damage to and/or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The amount of settlements has not exceeded the insurance coverage in the past three years. Further, there were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the major categories of risk from coverage in the prior three years.

NOTE 11: ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APERS):

Plan Description

The Fund provides pension benefits for its eligible employees through the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined-benefit pension plan that covers municipal employees whose municipalities have elected coverage under this system. 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.

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NOTE 11: ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APERS) – Continued:

Plan Description - Continued

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 Department of Finance and Administration.

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions are established by state law 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.

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 01, 2005), or
- at age 55 with 35 credited service as an elected or public safety officials.

Members may retire with a reduced benefit at age 55 with at least 5 years of actual service or at any age with at least 25 years of service.

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 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 on or before 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% for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. In some cases, an additional 2.5% of member and employer contributions are required for elected officials. The Fund contributed 15.32% of compensation for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, which totaled \$25,719 and \$22,308, respectively.

APERS Fiduciary Net Position

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

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NOTE 11: ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APERS): - Continued

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

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Fund reported a liability of \$147,368 and \$175,543, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of each date. The water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas' proportion of the net pension liability was based on its share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating employers. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Fund's proportion was .0068% and .0055%, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the water and wastewater fund recognized pension expense of \$24,079 and \$34,756, respectively. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Fund reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Deferred Outflows:</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,617	\$ 9,089
Changes of assumptions	5,942	7,570
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	4,947	20,041
Changes in proportion and differences between Fund contributions and proportionate share of contributions	4,261	6,963
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	12,537	10,898
Total	<u>\$ 34,304</u>	<u>\$ 54,561</u>

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NOTE 11: ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APERS): - Continued

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

<u>Deferred Inflows:</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ (6,972)	\$ (884)
Changes of assumptions	0	0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	0
Changes in proportion and differences between Fund contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>(191)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ (7,163)</u>	<u>\$ (884)</u>

\$12,537 reported as deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from the Fund's contributions subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2024 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows</u>
2025	\$ 3,967
2026	58,827
2027	(18,221)
<u>2028</u>	<u>(9,953)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 34,620</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability amounts in the June 30, 2024 and 2023 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Discount Rate	7.00%	7.00
Inflation Rate	3.25%	3.25%
Investment Rate of Return (net of investment and administrative expenses)	7.15%	7.00%
Salary Increases	3.25 – 9.85%	3.25% - 11.00%

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
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NOTE 11: ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APERS): - Continued

Actuarial Assumptions - Continued

For the plan year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the healthy retiree mortality tables, for post-retirement mortality, used in evaluating allowances to be paid were 114% and 132% of the PubG-2010 Amount-Weighted Below-Median Income General Mortality tables males and females, respectively. The rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2021 mortality improvement scale to the above-described table. The tables applied credibility adjustments of 135% for males and 125% for females and were adjusted for fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2017.

Long-term Rate of Return

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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the current asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for the 10-year period from 2024 – 2033 (for June 30, 2024) and 2023 – 2032 (for June 30, 2023) were based upon capital market assumptions provided by the plan’s investment consultant.

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, 2024 and 2023 are summarized in the table below:

Asset Class	Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return – 2024	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return - 2023
Broad Domestic Equity	39%	5.03%	6.19%
International Equity	17%	6.34%	6.77%
Real Assets	16%	4.51%	3.34%
Absolute Return	7%	3.63%	3.36%
Domestic Fixed	21%	3.38%	1.79%
Total	<u>100%</u>		

Discount Rate

For each of the June 30, 2024 and 2023 valuations, a single discount rate of 7.00% and 7.15%, respectively, was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 of 7.00% and 7.15%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine these single discount rates 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.

CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
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NOTE 11: ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APERS): - Continued

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

The following presents the Fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 of 7.00% and 7.15%, respectively, as well as what the water and wastewater fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage point-higher than the current rate.

Amounts are reported as of the measurement date of June 30, 2024:

	<u>1% Lower (6.00%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Higher (8.00%)</u>
Water and wastewater fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>248,378</u>	<u>147,368</u>	<u>60,794</u>

Amounts are reported as of the measurement date of June 30, 2023:

	<u>1% Lower (6.15%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.15%)</u>	<u>1% Higher (8.15%)</u>
Water and wastewater fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>272,199</u>	<u>175,543</u>	<u>87,210</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
SCHEDULE OF THE FUND'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Last 10 Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fund's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0057%	0.0055%	0.0060%	0.0056%	0.0057%	0.0058%	0.0058%	0.0040%	0.0055%	0.0068%
Fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 97,269	\$ 137,887	\$ 155,040	\$ 122,866	\$ 137,815	\$ 166,991	\$ 44,338	\$ 148,635	\$ 175,543	\$ 147,368
Fund's covered payroll	\$ 101,381	\$ 102,415	\$ 104,782	\$ 106,320	\$ 113,527	\$ 118,100	\$ 96,154	\$ 84,216	\$ 152,138	\$ 167,878
Fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	95.94%	134.64%	147.96%	115.56%	121.39%	141.40%	46.11%	176.49%	115.38%	87.78%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.39%	75.50%	75.65%	79.59%	78.55%	75.38%	93.57%	78.31%	77.94%	81.61%

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**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
SCHEDULE OF FUND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Last 10 Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 14,834	\$ 14,850	\$ 15,225	\$ 16,072	\$ 17,389	\$ 18,093	\$ 14,687	\$ 12,902	\$ 23,308	\$ 25,719
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(14,834)</u>	<u>(14,850)</u>	<u>(15,225)</u>	<u>(16,072)</u>	<u>(17,389)</u>	<u>(18,093)</u>	<u>(14,687)</u>	<u>(12,902)</u>	<u>(23,308)</u>	<u>(25,719)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>									
Fund's covered payroll	\$ 101,381	\$ 102,415	\$ 104,782	\$ 106,320	\$ 113,527	\$ 118,100	\$ 95,854	\$ 84,216	\$ 152,138	\$ 167,878
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	14.63%	14.50%	14.53%	15.12%	15.32%	15.32%	15.32%	15.32%	15.32%	15.32%

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
SCHEDULE OF WATER OPERATING EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Dues and fees	\$ 15,291	\$ 18,228
Education and related expenses	116	922
Insurance - general	390	322
Insurance - health	8,333	11,825
Miscellaneous	2,044	4,285
Professional services	5,425	5,155
Pension expense	13,324	28,500
Repairs and maintenance	116,075	61,229
Salaries	81,116	80,837
Supplies - office	8,243	14,213
Supplies - operating	65,953	50,722
Taxes - payroll	6,244	6,855
Utilities	18,165	13,645
Water purchases	318,439	321,120
	<u>318,439</u>	<u>321,120</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 659,158</u>	<u>\$ 617,858</u>

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**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER OPERATING EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Dues and fees	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,029
Eduction and related expenses	520	388
Insurance - general	2,862	1,615
Insurance - health	12,170	9,849
Miscellaneous	9	1,153
Professional fees	5,285	5,027
Pension expense	10,755	6,256
Repairs and maintenance	32,589	38,963
Salaries	48,171	105,539
Supplies - office	1,534	1,805
Supplies - operating	12,844	27,391
Taxes - payroll	9,851	8,137
Utilities	44,438	43,237
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 183,238</u>	<u>\$ 251,389</u>

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**CITY OF YELLVILLE, ARKANSAS
WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND
SCHEDULE OF USAGE RATES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Effective with the January 2020 billing, water and wastewater rates were as follows:

Water Rate Schedule

<u>Residential & Housing (3/4" 1" 2" Meter)</u>	(Inside City)	(Outside City)	(Rural)
First 1,000 gallons	\$15.55	\$19.45	\$24.30
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.45	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.75
<u>Commercial & Industrial 3/4" Meter</u>			
First 1,000 gallons	\$17.30	\$21.65	
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.45	\$ 6.75	
<u>Commercial & Industrial 1" Meter</u>			
First 1,000 gallons	\$20.05	\$23.05	
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.45	\$ 6.75	
<u>Commercial & Industrial 2" Meter</u>			
First 1,000 gallons	\$22.55	\$26.05	
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.45	\$ 6.75	

Wastewater Rate Schedule

<u>Residential & Housing/Commercial & Industrial</u>	
First 1,000 gallons	\$16.00
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 3.95
<u>Industrial and Wholesale</u>	
First 1,000 gallons	\$30.00
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 3.45

Effective with the January 2023 billing, water and wastewater rates were as follows:

Water Rate Schedule

<u>Residential & Housing (3/4" 1" 2" Meter)</u>	(Inside City)	(Outside City)	(Rural)
First 1,000 gallons	\$15.86	\$19.84	\$24.79
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.56	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.89
<u>Commercial & Industrial 3/4" Meter</u>			
First 1,000 gallons	\$17.54	\$22.08	
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.56	\$ 6.89	
<u>Commercial & Industrial 1" Meter</u>			
First 1,000 gallons	\$20.45	\$23.51	
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.56	\$ 6.89	
<u>Commercial & Industrial 2" Meter</u>			
First 1,000 gallons	\$23.00	\$26.57	
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.56	\$ 6.89	

Wastewater Rate Schedule

<u>Residential & Housing/Commercial & Industrial</u>	
First 1,000 gallons	\$16.48
All over 1,000 (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 4.07
<u>Industrial and Wholesale</u>	
First 1,000 gallons	\$30.00

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Yellville, Arkansas

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Yellville, Arkansas water and wastewater fund's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 19, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas' 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas' 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 may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the water and wastewater fund of the City of Yellville, Arkansas' 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 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.

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August 19, 2025