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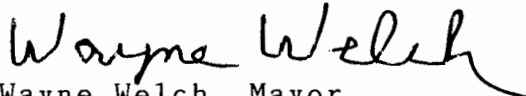
December 6, 2017

Office of the State Auditor  
P.O. Box 956  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Re: Annual Municipal Audit

Accompanying this letter is a copy of the annual audit of the City of Union, Mississippi, the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. In connection with this audit a separate management letter was written to the city. Enclosed you will find a copy of this management letter along with the audit reports.

Sincerely,

  
Wayne Welch, Mayor

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Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Union, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Union, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the City of Union, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Union, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Union, Mississippi's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the following deficiency in the City of Union, Mississippi's internal control to be a material weakness:

The City does not maintain an adequate segregation of duties as to cash and investments receipting and depositing; posting of general ledger; purchases and purchase approval; goods receiving and subsequent disbursements.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Aldermen, and others within the City of Union, Mississippi, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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November 29, 2017

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Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Union, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statement of the City of Union, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 20, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City of Union, Mississippi are described in Note 1 to the financial statement. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended September 30, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the City of Union, Mississippi during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statement in the proper period.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of

management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statement taken as a whole.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statement or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 29, 2017.

#### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City of Union, Mississippi's financial statement or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on that statement, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the City of Union, Mississippi's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Schedules of Investments, Capital Assets, Changes in Long-Term Debt, and Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statement. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statement, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statement. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Aldermen and management of the City of Union, Mississippi and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Price & Co.*

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**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (ALL FUNDS) AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Union, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and the major fund of the City of Union, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the major fund of the City of Union, Mississippi as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

## **Other Matters**

### *Omission of Required Supplementary Information*

The City of Union, Mississippi omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statement. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statement, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statement in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statement is not affected by this missing information.

### *Other Required Supplementary Information*

The Schedule of Investments - All Funds, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Changes in Long-Term Debt, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.



Price & Co.  
Forest, Mississippi

November 29, 2017

**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (ALL FUNDS)**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>T o t a l s</u> (Memorandum Only)	
				<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Taxes					
General Property Taxes	\$ 297,136	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,136	\$ 311,435
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,134	-	-	2,134	3,969
Rail Car Tax	4,357	-	-	4,357	4,376
Mississippi Housing Authority	-	-	-	-	7,693
Licenses and Permits					
Franchise charges - utilities	84,626	-	-	84,626	88,147
Other	3,820	-	-	3,820	5,215
Intergovernmental Revenues:					
Federal Receipts					
Grants	-	-	40,000	40,000	-
TVA	676	-	-	676	276
General Municipal Aid (From State)	991	-	-	991	991
State Shared Revenues:					
Sales Taxes	309,735	-	-	309,735	402,717
Gasoline Tax	-	6,088	-	6,088	6,088
Motor Vehicle Tax	55,211	-	-	55,211	55,648
Fire Insurance Premium Distribution	-	11,131	-	11,131	12,750
Law Enforcement Grants	2,720	-	-	2,720	2,746
MEMA Grant	-	-	-	-	1,561
County Grants and Shared Receipts					
Road Taxes	30,930	-	-	30,930	30,075
Fire Calls	-	6,958	-	6,958	8,192
Interest income	2,819	80	2,525	5,424	5,442
Rent	66,670	-	-	66,670	61,435
Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,000	-	-	1,000	4,350
Sale of Vehicles	-	-	-	-	606
Contribution from Businesses and Individuals	2,109	-	-	2,109	2,320
Charges For Services:					
Water Utility	-	-	701,815	701,815	657,886
Garbage Collection	126,474	-	-	126,474	125,665
Summer Recreation Program	8,115	-	-	8,115	9,135
Fines and Forfeits	49,474	-	-	49,474	50,439
Miscellaneous Receipts	922	-	1,278	2,200	716
Utility Refund	-	-	-	-	12,293
Drug Seized Funds	-	-	-	-	847
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,049,919</b>	<b>\$ 24,257</b>	<b>\$ 745,618</b>	<b>\$ 1,819,794</b>	<b>\$ 1,873,013</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (ALL FUNDS)**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<b>T o t a l s</b> <b>(Memorandum Only)</b>	
				<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
General Government (Executive and Financial)	\$ 262,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262,772	\$ 251,043
Public Safety					
Police	531,735	-	-	531,735	509,293
Fire	17,261	2,996	-	20,257	18,695
Highways and Streets	134,174	-	-	134,174	92,924
Sanitation	107,891	-	-	107,891	105,647
Culture and Recreation:					
Parks	16,622	-	-	16,622	14,321
Library	17,963	-	-	17,963	14,878
Enterprise:					
Water Utility	-	-	733,388	733,388	675,902
Bonds Retired	37,106	-	-	37,106	42,294
Bank Loans and Capital Lease Payments Repaid	29,509	-	65,302	94,811	126,403
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>1,155,033</u>	<u>2,996</u>	<u>798,690</u>	<u>1,956,719</u>	<u>1,851,400</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over disbursements</b>	<u>(105,114)</u>	<u>21,261</u>	<u>(53,072)</u>	<u>(136,925)</u>	<u>21,613</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Loan Proceeds	34,213	-	48,000	82,213	74,363
Transfers	1,295	(6,088)	4,793	-	-
<b>Total other financing resources (uses)</b>	<u>35,508</u>	<u>(6,088)</u>	<u>52,793</u>	<u>82,213</u>	<u>74,363</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses</b>	<u>(69,606)</u>	<u>15,173</u>	<u>(279)</u>	<u>(54,712)</u>	<u>95,976</u>
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>1,059,439</u>	<u>155,116</u>	<u>529,994</u>	<u>1,744,549</u>	<u>1,648,573</u>
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 989,833</u>	<u>\$ 170,289</u>	<u>\$ 529,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,837</u>	<u>\$ 1,744,549</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
September 30, 2017**

**Note 1    Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A.    General Information**

The city operates under the mayor/board of alderman form of government and provides services as authorized by law.

**Reporting Entity**

The financial statement of the city consists of all the funds of the city.

**Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the city are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity.

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statement is prepared on a cash receipts and disbursements basis, as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

**B.    Report Classifications**

Receipts and disbursements were classified according to requirements for small cities in the State of Mississippi as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor.

**Note 2    Interfund Assets/Liabilities**

The following is a summary of due from/to other funds:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$     3,881	\$       -
Special Revenue Fund	-	12,400
 <b>Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund</b>		
General Fund	-	3,881
 <b>Special Revenue Fund</b>		
General Fund	12,400	-
	<u>\$    16,281</u>	<u>\$    16,281</u>

**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**September 30, 2017**

**Note 3    Commitments and Contingencies**

Over the past seventeen years, the City has collected \$29,547 more than it spent on the revenue raised from the Library millage. This amount must be spent in the future on the Library.

Several water meters are broken and are not read each month. Each water customer is charged the minimum bill each month. In the opinion of management, the cost of replacing these meters exceeds any potential revenue enhancements.

CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - ALL FUNDS  
 September 30, 2017

<u>OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>ACQUISITION DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>OTHER INFORMATION</u>	<u>INVESTMENT COST/VALUE</u>
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.75%	12/15/2016	12/15/2017	The Citizens Bank	\$ 53,810
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.75%	12/15/2016	12/15/2017	The Citizens Bank	53,810
Water and Sewer Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.85%	5/8/2017	11/8/2018	The Citizens Bank	<u>279,636</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>						<u><u>\$ 387,256</u></u>

**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

		Transactions		
	Beginning	During Fiscal Year		Ending
	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 1,693,401	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,693,401
Buildings	868,242	-	-	868,242
Machinery and Equipment	1,264,148	37,746	-	1,301,894
Infrastructure	2,322,843	32,000	-	2,354,843
Construction in process	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental activities capital assets	\$ 6,148,634	\$ 69,746	\$ -	\$ 6,218,380
Business-type activities:				
Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 50,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,700
Buildings	533,273	-	-	533,273
Machinery and Equipment	560,535	26,365	-	586,900
Infrastructure	4,240,010	-	-	4,240,010
Construction in process	-	40,000	-	40,000
Total Business-type activities capital assets	\$ 5,384,518	\$ 66,365	\$ -	\$ 5,450,883

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.



**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN LONG TERM DEBT**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

	Balance Outstanding October 1, 2016	Transactions During Fiscal Year		Balance Outstanding September 30, 2017
		<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	
<b>DEFINITION AND PURPOSE:</b>				
<b>General Obligation Bonds:</b>				
Street Improvements, 2011	\$ 430,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 410,000
<b>Other Long-term Debt:</b>				
Wastewater Treatment Improvements	51,109	-	27,405	23,704
Bank Loan	57,917	-	12,917	45,000
Police Car	3,376	-	3,376	-
Tractor and Cutter	7,614	-	7,614	-
Excavator	26,335	-	24,265	2,070
2016 Ford Police Interceptor	18,050	-	14,564	3,486
2017 Ford Police Interceptor	-	34,213	6,042	28,171
2017 Ford F350	-	26,365	2,199	24,166
Bank Loan	-	48,200	-	48,200
	<u>164,401</u>	<u>108,778</u>	<u>98,382</u>	<u>174,797</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 594,401</u>	<u>\$ 108,778</u>	<u>\$ 118,382</u>	<u>\$ 584,797</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

**CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**  
**September 30, 2017**

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>P o s i t i o n</u>	<u>S u r e t y</u>	<u>B o n d A m o u n t</u>
Cheryl A. Chaney	City Clerk	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Joan Mulford	Secretary	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Wayne Welch	Mayor	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	\$ 50,000
Paul Lowery	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	\$ 50,000
Billy McCune	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	\$ 50,000
Rex Germany	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	\$ 50,000
Harvey Hickmon	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	\$ 50,000
H. Stanley Walker	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	\$ 50,000
Billy Pat Walker	Police Chief	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
David Gilmore	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Police Department Part-time Employees	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	\$ 100,000
Timothy Munn	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
James David Boatner	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Shawn M. Shoemake	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Lawrence Edward Card	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Tammy	Drug Dog	JGA	\$ 4,500

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Union, Mississippi

We have audited the combined statement of cash receipts and disbursements (all funds) of the City of Union, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2017, and have issued our report dated November 29, 2017. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the financial statement disclosed the following material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your response are as follows:

**Finding:** An itemized report of all revenues, cost and expenses incurred during the immediately preceding year in operating the garbage collection system was not published. The finding was noted in the previous year's audit.

**Recommendation:** This report should be published in the local newspaper

**Response:** In future years, this report will be published.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on a subsequent year's audit engagement, the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken.

This report is intended for the information of the City's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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November 29, 2017