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CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI

Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Aldermen and Honorable Mayor City of Waynesboro, Mississippi

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's 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 respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement, 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's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City'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.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, Schedule of Surety Bonds and corresponding notes but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 27, 2023, on our consideration of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi'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 Waynesboro, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Stephen D. Myrick, C.P.A., L.L.C. Quitman, Mississippi July 27, 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis September 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities			siness-type Activities		Total
ASSETS						
Cash	\$	4,758,546	\$	1,195,609	\$	5,954,155
Restricted cash		16,987		91,074		108,061
Total Assets	\$ 4,775,533		\$	\$ 1,286,683		6,062,216
NET POSITION Restricted for: Expendable: Public safety Public works Culture and recreation Unemployment compensation	\$	372,945 1,822,946 659,538 8,197	\$	- 1,286,683 -	\$	372,945 3,109,629 659,538 8,197
Unrestricted		1,911,907		-		1,911,907
Total Net Position	\$	4,775,533	\$	1,286,683	\$	6,062,216

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Activities - Cash Basis For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

			Program Cash Receipts			I	Net (Disbursen	nents)	Receipts					
						perating		Capital	-	and Changes i				
		Cash		Charges for		rants and	-	Frants and		vernmental		siness-type		
<u>Functions/Programs</u>	Dis	bursements		Services	Cor	ntributions	Co	ntributions		Activities	A	Activities		Total
Governmental Activities:														
General government	\$	1,084,381	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(1,084,381)	\$	-	\$	(1,084,381)
Public safety		2,043,991		359,417		340,201		-		(1,344,373)		-		(1,344,373)
Public works		1,692,649		677,989		590,643		305,534		(118,483)		-		(118,483)
Culture and recreation		448,152		-		360,255		-		(87,897)		-		(87,897)
Debt service:														
Principal		44,693		-		-		-		(44,693)		-		(44,693)
Interest		4,940		-		-		-		(4,940)		-		(4,940)
Total Governmental Activities		5,318,806		1,037,406		1,291,099		305,534		(2,684,767)		-		(2,684,767)
Business-type Activities:														
Water and sewer		1,156,637		1,368,602		-		-		-		211,965		211,965
Total Business-type Activities		1,156,637		1,368,602		-		-		-		211,965		211,965
Total Government	\$	6,475,443	\$	2,406,008	\$	1,291,099	\$	305,534		(2,684,767)		211,965		(2,472,802)
	~	15												
		eral Receipts:								1 210 112				1 210 112
	-	perty taxes								1,319,442		-		1,319,442
		id and bridge p		•						260,184		-		260,184
			oution	ns not restricte	d to s	pecific progra	ıms			75,677		-		75,677
		es tax								2,720,987		-		2,720,987
		enses and perr								322,048		-		322,048
		restricted inter	est in	come						22,654		9,005		31,659
	Mis	cellaneous								153,548		-		153,548
	То	tal General Re	ceipts	S						4,874,540		9,005		4,883,545
	C	hanges in Net	Posi	tion						2,189,773		220,970		2,410,743
	Net I	Position - Begi	nning	g, as previously	repoi	ted				2,616,307		1,065,713		3,682,020
		nd reclassifica		r	. 1					(30,547)		-		(30,547)
		Position - Begi		g, as restated						2,585,760		1,065,713	_	3,651,473
	Net I	Position - Endi	ng						\$	4,775,533	\$	1,286,683	\$	6,062,216

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis Governmental Funds September 30, 2022

				Major	Funds							
	Ge	General Fund		1% Special Tourism Tax Fund Fund		Mississippi Infrastructure Fund		American Rescue Plan Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS												
Cash	\$	1,911,907	\$	653,529	\$	635,343	\$	1,187,603	\$	370,164	\$	4,758,546
Restricted cash										16,987		16,987
Total Assets		1,911,907		653,529		635,343		1,187,603		387,151		4,775,533
FUND BALANCES												
Restricted for:												
Public safety		-		-		-		-		372,945		372,945
Public works		-		-		635,343		1,187,603		-		1,822,946
Culture and recreation		-		653,529		-		-		6,009		659,538
Unemployment compensation		-		-		-		-		8,197		8,197
Unassigned		1,911,907		-		-		-		-		1,911,907
Total Fund Balances	\$	1,911,907	\$	653,529	\$	635,343	\$	1,187,603	\$	387,151	\$	4,775,533

Exhibit 4

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis **Governmental Funds**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Major Funds											
	Ger	neral Fund		• Special rism Tax Fund	Mississippi Infrastructure Fund		American Rescue Plan Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Gov	Total vernmental Funds
RECEIPTS												
Property taxes	\$	984,776	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	334,666	\$	1,319,442
Road and bridge privilege taxes		260,184		-		-		-		-		260,184
Sales tax		2,475,988		244,999		-		-		-		2,720,987
Licenses, commissions and other receipts		322,048		-		-		-		-		322,048
Fines and forfeitures		355,454		-		-		-		3,963		359,417
Intergovernmental receipts		288,155		-		360,255		590,643		433,257		1,672,310
Charge for services		677,989		-		-		-		-		677,989
Interest income		10,274		3,658		2,760		4,948		1,014		22,654
Miscellaneous receipts		68,911		-		-		-		80		68,991
Total Receipts		5,443,779		248,657		363,015		595,591		772,980		7,424,022
DISBURSEMENTS												
General government		772,795		-		-		-		311,586		1,084,381
Public safety		1,726,330		-		-		-		317,661		2,043,991
Public works		1,692,649		-		-		-		-		1,692,649
Culture and recreation		441,558		6,594		-		-		-		448,152
Debt service:												
Principal		17,409		-		-		-		27,284		44,693
Interest		128		-		-		-		4,812		4,940
Total Disbursements		4,650,869		6,594		-		-		661,343		5,318,806
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts												
over (under) Disbursements		792,910		242,063		363,015		595,591		111,637		2,105,216
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)												
Insurance recoveries		84,557		-		-		-		-		84,557
Transfers in		-		-		-		-		6,508		6,508
Transfers out		(6,508)		-		-		-		-		(6,508)
Total Other Cash Sources (Uses)		78,049		-		-		-		6,508		84,557
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash Sources												
Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Cash Uses		870,959		242,063		363,015		595,591		118,145		2,189,773
Fund Balances - Beginning, as previously reported		1,040,948		411,466		272,328		592,012		299,553		2,616,307
Fund reclassification		-		-		-		-		(30,547)		(30,547)
Fund Balances - Beginning, as restated		1,040,948		411,466		272,328		592,012		269,006		2,585,760
Fund Balances - Ending	\$	1,911,907	\$	653,529	\$	635,343	\$	1,187,603	\$	387,151	\$	4,775,533

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis Proprietary Fund September 30, 2022

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fu								
	Wate	er and Sewer Fund		Total					
ASSETS									
Cash	\$	1,195,609	\$	1,195,609					
Restricted cash		91,074		91,074					
Total Assets		1,286,683		1,286,683					
NET POSITION									
Restricted for:									
Public works		1,286,683		1,286,683					
Total Net Position	\$	1,286,683	\$	1,286,683					

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Net Position - Cash Basis Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Busi	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund						
	Wate	er and Sewer						
		Fund		Total				
Operating Receipts								
Charges for sales and services	\$	1,326,027	\$	1,326,027				
Other services		42,575		42,575				
Total Operating Receipts		1,368,602		1,368,602				
Operating Disbursements								
Personal services		416,674		416,674				
Contractual services		461,050		461,050				
Materials and supplies		141,353		141,353				
Miscellaneous		78,146		78,146				
Total Operating Disbursements		1,097,223		1,097,223				
Operating Income (Loss)		271,379		271,379				
Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)								
Interest income		9,005		9,005				
Principal paid		(39,444)		(39,444)				
Interest expense		(19,970)		(19,970)				
Net Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)		(50,409)		(50,409)				
Changes in Net Position		220,970		220,970				
Net Position - Beginning		1,065,713		1,065,713				
Net Position - Ending	\$	1,286,683	\$	1,286,683				

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis September 30, 2022

	P Tri	Custodial Funds		
Assets		25.220		5.51(
Cash	\$	25,329	\$	5,516
Total Assets		25,329		5,516
Net Position Restricted for: Individuals, organizations and other governments Total Net Position	\$	<u>25,329</u> 25,329	\$	5,516

Exhibit 8

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Cash Basis For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Pı	rivate urpose st Fund	Custodial Funds		
Cash Additions					
Investment income:					
Interest and dividends	\$	298	\$	-	
Restitution collections		-		575	
Total Cash Additions		298		575	
Cash Deductions					
Restitution disbursements		-		575	
Total Cash Deductions		-		575	
Changes in Fiduciary Net Position		298			
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported		-		-	
Fund reclassification		25,031		5,516	
Net Position - Beginning, as restated		25,031		5,516	
Net Position - Ending	\$	25,329	\$	5,516	

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

The City of Waynesboro, Mississippi (the City) is a municipal corporation governed by a mayor elected from the citizens of the City at-large and a five-member board of aldermen. Four aldermen are elected by the citizens from a specific district and one alderman is elected by the citizens of the City at-large. The financial statements of the City are presented on a cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. These accounting principles require the City to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component units which have significant operational or financial relationships with the City. There are no outside organizations that should be included as component units of the City's reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation.

The City's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and a Statement of Activities – Cash Basis, fund financial statements and accompanying note disclosures which provide a detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Cash Basis display information concerning the City as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts and other nonexchange receipts and are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents the financial condition of the governmental activities and business-type activities of the City at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities – Cash Basis presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each function or program of the City's governmental activities and business-type activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other receipts not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the City with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business-type activity or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the City.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the City are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, fund balances, receipts and disbursements. Funds are organized into governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Major individual Governmental Funds and major individual Enterprise Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.

The Government-wide, Governmental Funds, Proprietary Funds and Fiduciary Funds financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This basis of accounting involves the reporting of only cash and cash equivalents and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (cash receipts) and cash outflows (cash disbursements) reported in the period in which they occurred. This cash basis of accounting differs from

GAAP primarily because revenues (cash receipts) are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned and susceptible to accrual, and expenditures or expenses (cash disbursements) are recognized when paid rather than when incurred or subject to accrual.

The City reports the following major Governmental Funds:

<u>General Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

<u>1% Special Tourism Tax Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for monies from specific revenue sources that are restricted for 1% Special Tourism Tax.

<u>Mississippi Infrastructure Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for monies from state sources that are restricted for public works infrastructure.

<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for monies from federal sources that are restricted for public works infrastructure.

The City reports the following major Enterprise Fund:

<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for the activities associated with the City's water distribution and sewage collection systems.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – These funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific cash sources that are restricted or committed to disbursement for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

<u>Debt Service Funds</u> – These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to disbursement for principal and interest.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> – These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to disbursement for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> – These funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises or where the City has decided that periodic determination of receipts collected, disbursements paid and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES

<u>Private-purpose Trust Funds</u> - These funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, under which the principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

<u>Custodial Funds</u> - Custodial Funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria.

D. Account Classifications.

The account classification used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* as issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association.

E. Deposits.

State law authorizes the City to invest in interest bearing time certificates of deposit for periods of fourteen days to one year with depositories and in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, State of Mississippi, or any county, municipality or school district of this state. Further, the City may invest in certain repurchase agreements.

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits, all certificates of deposit, and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (generally twelve months or less).

F. Restricted Cash.

In Other Governmental Funds, the City maintains unreleased seized funds that are representative of restricted cash.

In the Water and Sewer Fund, the City maintains meter deposits that it requires new users of its water and sewer system to pay up front in order to use the City's water and sewer systems. The City is required to maintain these deposits in a separate bank account and return this deposit less any outstanding balance owed the City to the customer upon discontinuation of service. Additionally, the City maintains a separate bank account as required by the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development in its loan covenant which requires a debt service reserve in a separate bank account in an amount equivalent to one year's maintenance cost for the City's notes payable with the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development.

G. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted".

Net Position Flow Assumption:

When a disbursement is paid for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the City's general policy to use restricted resources first. When disbursements are paid for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the City's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund balances for governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the City:

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if disbursements paid for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

Fund Balance Flow Assumption:

When a disbursement is paid for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the City's general policy to use restricted resources first. When disbursements are paid for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the City's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

H. Property Tax Receipts.

Numerous statutes exist under which the Board of Aldermen may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the City. Restrictions associated with property tax levies vary with the statutory authority. The amount of increase in certain property taxes is limited by state law. Generally, this restriction provides that these tax levies shall produce no more than 110% of the amount which resulted from the assessments of the previous year.

The Board of Aldermen, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins on October 1. Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 of the current year, and personal property taxes become a lien as of March 1 of the current year. Taxes on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase. All property taxes are recognized as receipts when collected. The Wayne County Tax Collector serves as the collector for the City's property taxes and remits the collections monthly to the City.

I. Changes in Accounting Standards.

GASB 87, *Leases*, was implemented during fiscal year 2022. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. It established a single model for lease accounting based on the foundations principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments. These financial statements do not reflect leases in accordance with GASB 87 as these financial statements were prepared using the cash basis of accounting.

Note 2: Deposits.

The carrying amount of the City's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2022 was \$5,985,000 (which included \$1,309 in petty cash), and the bank balance was \$6,077,303. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*. Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool

administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Companies (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Deposits above FDIC coverage are collaterized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the City.

Note 3: Restricted Cash.

The restricted cash amount included in Other Governmental Funds represents seized funds unreleased for use in the amount of \$16,987. The restricted cash amount in the Water and Sewer Fund represents customer meter deposits in the amount of \$65,476 and a debt service reserve of \$25,598 required by the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development in its loan covenants requiring the City to maintain a debt service reserve in a separate bank account.

Note 4: Interfund Transfers.

The following is a summary of interfund transfers at September 30, 2022:

Transfers In/Out:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	\$ 6,508
Total		\$ 6,508

The purpose of the transfers was to reimburse funds for related expenses. All interfund transfers were routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.

Note 5: Claims and Judgements.

Risk Financing.

The City finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The City pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool's retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2022, to January 1, 2023. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

Note 6: Contingencies.

<u>Federal Grants</u> – The City has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the disbursements of resources for allowable purposes. The City may be responsible for any disallowances.

<u>Litigation</u> - The City is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate ultimate outcome or liability, if any, of the City with respect to the various proceedings. However, the City's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the City.

Note 7: Related Party.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, the City of Waynesboro paid the brother of an Alderman approximately \$342,305 for bushhogging, street right-of-way repair services as well as various other repair and maintenance projects. It is the representation of management with the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi that these services were consummated on terms equivalent to those that prevail in other arm's-length transactions by requiring competitive quotes where applicable in accordance with Mississippi Purchasing Laws.

Note 8: Related Organization.

The City's Board of Aldermen are responsible for appointing five members to the board of trustees of the Waynesboro-Wayne County Library System, one from the respective ward of the Alderman who appoints them, but the City's accountability for this organization does not extend beyond making the appointments. The City appropriated \$115,676 for an operating grant to the Waynesboro-Wayne County Library System for the 2022 fiscal year.

Note 9: Joint Ventures.

The City participates in the following joint venture:

<u>Chickasawhay Natural Gas District</u> - The City is a participant with the City of Quitman and the City of Shubuta in a joint venture to operate Chickasawhay Natural Gas District ("The District"), a special governmental unit established by state statute to provide natural gas service to the residences of the three cities' citizens and as well as to citizens of certain areas of Clarke and Wayne counties. The District is governed by a seven-member board of trustees composed of the mayor of each of the three participating cities, four members elected by the customers, two each from Clarke and Wayne counties. Each of the three cities is not presently obligated by contract to supplement the District's operating revenues. The District's board minutes are silent to a specific formula outlining each participant's claim to joint venture assets, and there is no written joint venture agreement among the participants. Therefore, no explicit and measurable equity interest is deemed to exist. Complete financial statements for the District can be obtained from the District's administrative office at 306 S. Archusa Avenue, Quitman, MS 39355 or call (601) 776-8887.

Note 10: Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

<u>Plan Description</u>. The City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

<u>Funding Policy</u>. At September 30, 2022, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate at September 30, 2021 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The City's contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 were \$312,928, \$299,110, and \$289,879, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 11: Tax Abatements.

Tax abatements are available to manufacturers and other new enterprises as authorized in Sections 27-31-101 and 27-31-105 of Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) and are granted by the Board of Aldermen to encourage businesses to locate or expand operations in the City and to create new job opportunities for City residents.

The City negotiates property taxes on an individual basis and approves all abatements for up to ten years. The City has one type of abatement under Section 27-31-102, Miss. Code Annotated (1972) for all allowable property tax levies, which does not provide for the abatement of school or state tax levies. Current agreements do not have any provisions for recapturing abated taxes.

The City had a total of thirty ad valorem tax abatement agreements with seven different industries as of September 30, 2022. The amount of taxes abated during fiscal year 2022 totaled \$120,835.

Note 12: Insurance Recoveries.

The City received \$84,557 in insurance loss recoveries related to property damage during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities – Cash Basis, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as miscellaneous receipts.

Note 13: Subsequent Events.

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position-Cash Basis date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position-Cash Basis date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position-Cash Basis date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the City evaluated the activity of the City through July 27, 2023, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) and determined that no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

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OTHER INFORMATION

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CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) General Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Property taxes	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 985,000	\$ 984,776	\$ (224)
Road and bridge taxes	280,000	255,000	260,184	5,184
State shared revenues	2,300,000	2,400,000	2,551,665	151,665
Licenses and permits	34,500	37,300	41,796	4,496
Fines and forfeitures	220,000	270,000	355,454	85,454
Loan/grant proceeds	500,000	250,000	212,478	(37,522)
Franchise taxes	272,300	272,800	280,252	7,452
Charges for services	658,000	655,000	677,989	22,989
Other sources	132,400	201,138	163,478	(37,660)
Total Receipts	5,472,200	5,326,238	5,528,072	201,834
DISBURSEMENTS				
Current:				
General government	800,120	858,920	772,685	86,235
Public safety	1,979,900	2,217,350	1,726,330	491,020
Public works	2,453,150	2,484,450	1,692,649	791,801
Culture and recreation	430,164	550,950	441,558	109,392
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	17,537	(17,537)
Total Disbursements	5,663,334	6,111,670	4,650,759	1,460,911
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts				
over (under) Disbursements	(191,134)	(785,432)	877,313	1,662,745
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers out	-	-	(6,508)	(6,508)
Total Other Cash Sources (Uses)			(6,508)	(6,508)
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash Sources over (under)				
Disbursements and other Cash Uses	(191,134)	(785,432)	870,805	1,656,237
Fund Balances - Beginning	200,000	1,039,264	1,052,308	13,044
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 8,866	\$ 253,832	\$ 1,923,113	\$ 1,669,281

The accompanying notes to the Other Information are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) 1% Special Tourism Tax Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

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Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual (Budgetary Basis)		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
\$	230,000	\$	240,000	\$	244,999	\$	4,999
	5,000		3,500		3,658		158
	235,000		243,500		248,657		5,157
	50,000 50,000		30,000 30,000		6,594 6,594		23,406 23,406
	185,000		213,500		242,063		28,563
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\$	185,000	\$	624,967	\$	653,529	\$	28,562
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The accompanying notes to the Other Information are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) Mississippi Infrastructure Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

	UNAUDITED			
	Original	Final	Actual (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Budget	Budget	Basis)	(Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental receipts	\$ 200,000	\$ 360,255	\$ 360,255	\$ -
Interest income	5,000	2,500	2,760	260
Total Receipts	205,000	362,755	363,015	260
DIS BURS EMENTS Current: Public works Total Disburs ements	200,000 200,000	200,000 200,000		200,000 200,000
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over (under) Disbursements	5,000	162,755	363,015	200,260
Fund Balances - Beginning		272,328	23,705	(248,623)
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 5,000	\$ 435,083	\$ 386,720	\$ (48,363)

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) American Rescue Plan Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental receipts	\$ 590,643	\$ 590,643	\$ 590,643	\$ -
Interest income	5,000	4,000	4,948	948
Total Receipts	595,643	594,643	595,591	948
DISBURSEMENTS Current: Public works Total Disbursements	500,000 500,000	<u> </u>		
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over (under) Disbursements	595,643	594,643	595,591	948
Fund Balances - Beginning		592,012	1,369	(590,643)
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 595,643	\$ 1,186,655	\$ 596,960	\$ (589,695)

City of Waynesboro, Mississippi Notes to Other Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Budgetary Comparison Information.

A. Budgetary Information.

Statutory requirements dictate how and when the City's budget is to be prepared. Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Aldermen of the City, using historical and anticipated fiscal data and proposed budgets submitted by the department managers for their departments, prepares an original budget for each of the Governmental Funds for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes for each fund every source of receipt, each general item of disbursement, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When, during the fiscal year, it appears to the Board of Aldermen that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The City's budget is prepared principally on the cash basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year end, and there are no encumbrances to budget because state law does not require that funds be available when goods or services are ordered, only when payment is made.

B. Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget and Actual presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary basis and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

C. Unbudgeted Funds.

The following funds were not budgeted for the year ended September 30, 2022:

Cemetery Fund Court Restitution Fund Narcotics Non-Cleared Forfeiture Fund Narcotics Cleared Forfeiture Fund Fire Protection Fund 2022 Fire Assistance Fund Parks and Recreation Fund Municipal Airport Grant Fund Transportation and Infrastructure Fund

The unbudgeted funds are in violation of state law. However, the City has no obligation associated with the violation.

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Investments - All Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

	Type of	Interest	Original Acquisition	Renewal	Maturity	Investment
Fund	Investment	Rate	Date	Date	Date	Cost/Value
ENTERPRISE FUND						
Water and Sewer Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.35%	8/26/1988	8/26/2022	8/26/2023	\$ 10,000
	Certificate of Deposit	0.35%	8/26/1988	8/26/2022	8/26/2023	10,000
	Certificate of Deposit	1.51%	8/23/1990	8/23/2022	8/23/2023	27,150
	Certificate of Deposit	1.51%	8/23/1990	8/23/2022	8/23/2023	27,150
	Certificate of Deposit	1.51%	8/23/1990	8/23/2022	8/23/2023	54,300
	Certificate of Deposit	1.24%	1/12/1989	12/2/2021	12/2/2022	11,250
Total Water and Sev	ver Fund					\$ 139,850
FIDUCIARY FUND						
Cemetery Trust Fund	Certificate of Deposit	2.00%	4/23/1986	1/22/2022	1/22/2023	\$ 22,884
Total Fiduciary Fund	1s					\$ 22,884

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Capital Assets For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

Governmental Activities:

	Balance							Balance
	(October 1,					Se	ptember 30,
		2021	Additions		Deletions			2022
Land	\$	224,332	\$	-	\$	-	\$	224,332
Construction in progress		458,278		-		-		458,278
Infrastructure		5,814,512		305,534		-		6,120,046
Buildings		4,023,192		-		-		4,023,192
Improvements other than buildings		644,445		-		-		644,445
Mobile equipment		2,023,939		38,639		-		2,062,578
Furniture and equipment		495,072		-		-		495,072
Leased property under capital leases		1,640,898		_		-		1,640,898
Total Capital Assets	\$	15,324,668	\$	344,173	\$	-	\$	15,668,841

Business-type Activities:

Balance							Balance	
	(October 1,					Se	ptember 30,
		2021	Additions		Deletions			2022
Infrastructure	\$	14,744,313	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,744,313
Buildings		1,398,914		-		-		1,398,914
Improvements other than buildings		103,348		-		-		103,348
Mobile equipment		374,480		-		-		374,480
Furniture and equipment		379,239		-		-		379,239
Leased property under capital leases		29,292		-		-		29,292
Total Capital Assets	\$	17,029,586	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,029,586

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

Description and Purpose Governmental Activities:	Issue Date	Original Amount	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance October 1, 2021	Issued	Principal Payments	Balance September 30, 2022	Interest Paid
A. Other Loans 2018 Western Star Knuckleboom Truck	4/3/2017	\$ 142,500	4/3/2022	2.17%	\$ 17,409	\$ -	\$ 17,409	\$-	\$ 128
2018 Fire Truck	11/16/2017	279,000	11/15/2027	2.85%	181,310		27,284	154,026	4,812
Total Governmental Activities Debt					\$ 198,719	\$ -	\$ 44,693	\$ 154,026	\$ 4,940

Business-type Activities

A. Other Loans Jones Branch Project	3/5/2004	\$ 422,300	3/5/2039	4.50%	\$ 293,726	\$ -	\$ 11,970	\$ 281,756	\$ 12,846
Big Well	3/21/2014	556,326	8/21/2033	2.00%	364,932		27,474	 337,458	7,124
Total Business-type Activities Debt					\$ 658,658	\$ -	\$ 39,444	\$ 619,214	\$ 19,970

CITY OF WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

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			Bond
Name	Position	Company	Amount
Richard E. Johnson	Mayor	RLI Surety	\$ 50,000
Kevin Stevens	Alderman	Western Surety Company	100,000
George Timothy Cochran	Alderman	RLI Surety	100,000
Albert D. Busby	Alderman	Western Surety Company	100,000
Tammie Wilson	Alderman	Western Surety Company	100,000
Michael Norsworthy	Alderman	Western Surety Company	100,000
Dwayne Rawson	Municipal Clerk	RLI Surety	50,000

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SPECIAL REPORTS

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

Members of the Board of Aldermen and Honorable Mayor City of Waynesboro, Mississippi

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Stephen D. Myrick, C.P.A., L.L.C. Quitman, Mississippi July 27, 2023

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

Members of the Board of Aldermen and Honorable Mayor City of Waynesboro, Mississippi

We have audited the cash basis financial statements of the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report dated July 27, 2023. We have 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*.

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 cash basis financial statements disclosed the following instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations:

1.	Officials and employees are not properly bonded as required by Section 21 of the Mississippi Code Ann. (1972) and the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide.
Repeat Finding:	Yes
Criteria:	Various general state statutes within Section 21 of the Mississippi Code Ann. (1972) and the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide requires the Municipal Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Chief of Police, anyone handling money, and Board or Council to be bonded with a surety bond.
Condition:	We observed that the municipal clerk, deputy municipal clerk, chief of police and others handling money were not properly bonded for the entire year as prescribed in the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide and Section 21 of the Mississippi Code Ann. (1972).
Cause:	The City did not comply with state statutes.
Effect:	Failure to comply with state law would limit the amount available for recovery if a loss occurred.
Recommendation:	The City should implement additional internal controls to ensure that all City officials and employees be properly bonded.
View of Respective Official(s):	Bonds were reissued mid-year 2022 and all mentioned under the condition paragraph are now covered appropriately as required.

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2.	Budgets for all special revenue funds were not adopted. Budgets were not adopted at the appropriate level as required by the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide. Adopted budgets were exceeded in certain expenditure categories.					
Repeat Finding:	Yes					
Criteria:	The Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide as prepared by the Office of State Auditor Mississippi requires municipalities to budget funds which receive money for the municipali funds which require approval from the board of aldermen for expenditures, proprietary fun municipal reserve funds and funds confiscated and forfeited in connection with drug and liqu cases at the appropriate minimum expenditure level (Personnel Services, Supplies, Contract Services, Capital Outlay & Debt Service) for each department. It also requires that final amend budgets not be exceeded.					
Condition:	As a part of our audit procedures on budgetary compliance, we observed the following:					
	1. The City did not adopt a budget for all special revenue funds.					
	2. Of the adopted budgets, the City did not budget expenditures at the appropriate minimum level.					
	3. In one expenditure category, the City's actual expenditures exceeded its final amended budget.					
Cause:	The municipal clerk was unaware that budgets were required for all funds of the City, that the budget for individual funds should be categorized by department into the following groups as applicable: Personnel Services, Supplies, Contractual Services, Capital Outlay and Debt Service and that actual expenditures should not exceed the final amended budget.					
Effect:	Failure to properly budget all funds and the appropriate expenditure level could result in an over- expenditure of funds by the City and result in noncompliance with state statutes.					
Recommendation:	We recommend that the City implement additional internal controls to ensure that the City budgets for all individual funds at the appropriate expenditure level and that it doesn't exceed its budget as required by the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide prepared by the Office of State Auditor of Mississippi.					
View of Respective Official(s):	All revenue funds are now adopted in accordance with the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide and final amended budgets closely monitored in order to not be exceeded.					

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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Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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1. Type of auditor's report issued on the financial statements:

Governmental activities	Unmodified
Business-type activities	Unmodified
General Fund	Unmodified
1% Special Tourism Tax Fund	Unmodified
Mississippi Infrastructure Fund	Unmodified
American Rescue Plan Fund	Unmodified
Water and Sewer Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
a. Material weaknesses identified?	No
b. Significant deficiencies identified?	No
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	No

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.