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CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
SPECIAL REPORT OF AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR SMALL MUNICIPALITIES
AND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S SPECIAL REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR SMALL MUNICIPALITIES (TOWNS)

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons
City of Raymond, Mississippi

We have applied the procedures, enumerated below, to the accounting records of the City of Raymond, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2023, and for the year then ended, as required by the Office of the State Auditor, under the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). It is understood the report is solely for the use of the governing body of the City of Raymond, Mississippi, and the Office of the State Auditor and should not be used for any other purpose. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings are as follows:

1. We reconciled cash on deposit with the following banks to balances in the respective general ledger accounts and obtained confirmation of the related balances from the bank:

Bank	Fund	General Ledger Balance
Merchants and Planters Bank	Pooled Cash	\$ 2,728,013
Merchants and Planters Bank	Pooled Cash	141,708
Merchants and Planters Bank	General - Police	112,846
Merchants and Planters Bank	Water/Sewer - ARPA	472,735
Merchants and Planters Bank	General - Police	250,065
Total Available Funds		<u>\$ 3,705,367</u>

2. All investment transactions were in compliance with Section 21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).
3. We performed the following procedures with respect to taxes on real and personal property (including motor vehicles) levied during the fiscal year:
 - a. Traced levies to governing body minutes;
 - b. Traced distribution of taxes collected to proper funds; and
 - c. Analyzed increase in taxes for most recent period for comparison with increase limitations of Sections 27-39-320 to 27-39-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The distribution of taxes to funds was found to be in accordance with prescribed tax levies. The City of Raymond contracts with Hinds County, Mississippi for the collection of all property taxes. The County allocates tax collections as to real, personal, and motor vehicle, mobile home current and prior in their office's judgment and reports this information in monthly settlements to the City of Raymond.

Ad valorem tax collections were found to be within the limitations of Sections 27-39-320 to 27-39-323, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972).

4. We obtained a statement of payments made by the Department of Finance and Administration to the municipality. Payments indicated were traced to deposits in the respective bank accounts and recorded in the general ledger without exception. Payments traced were as follows:

<u>Payment Purpose</u>	<u>Receiving Fund</u>	<u>General Ledger Amount</u>
Sales Tax Allocation	General Fund	\$ 242,641
General Municipal Aid	General Fund	980
Gasoline Tax	General Fund	5,145
Homestead Exemption	General Fund	19,829
Utilities	General Fund	252
Modernization Use Tax	General Fund	134,170
Fire Protection	General Fund	16,969
State Local Improvement Grants	General Fund	350,000
Nuclear Plant - In Lieu Tax	General Fund	17,647
MS Law Enforcement & Fire	General Fund	7,000
MS Dept of Archives & History	General Fund	1,300
Total		<u>\$ 795,933</u>

5. We selected a sample of purchases made by the municipality during the fiscal year. Each sample item was evaluated for compliance with purchasing requirements set forth in Title 31, Chapter 7, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), as applicable.

The sample consisted of the following:

Number of Sample Items	19
Total Dollar Value of Sample	\$240,577.68

We found the municipality's purchasing procedures to be in agreement with the requirements of the above-mentioned sections.

6. We selected a sample of collection of fines and forfeitures and verified that the municipal court clerk had settled daily with the municipal clerk. We also selected a sample of state-imposed court assessments collected and determined that the municipal clerk had settled monthly with the Department of Finance and Administration.
7. We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the municipality. The completed survey indicated no instances of noncompliance with state requirements.

Because the above procedures do not constitute an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on any of the specific accounts or classes of transactions referred to above. Had we performed additional procedures or had we conducted an audit of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. This report should not be associated with the financial statements of the City of Raymond, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Price & Co." in a cursive script.

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Forest, Mississippi

September 28, 2024

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons
City of Raymond, Mississippi

Management is responsible for the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements - Governmental and Business-type Activities of the City of Raymond, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2023, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statement nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on this financial statement.

We draw attention to Note A of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statement, they might influence the user's conclusions about the City's cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, the financial statement is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison that the cash basis of accounting requires 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 and for placing the basic financial statement in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

The supplementary information has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on such supplementary information.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), we have issued a separate report dated September 28, 2024 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.



Price & Co.
Forest, Mississippi

September 28, 2024

CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>T o t a l s</u> (Memorandum Only)	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fire Protection Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
RECEIPTS						
Taxes						
General Property Taxes	\$ 290,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,843	\$ 305,777
Liquor Tax	2,475	-	-	-	2,475	1,350
Licenses and Permits	6,266	-	-	-	6,266	9,101
Franchise Charges	77,709	-	-	-	77,709	81,168
Utility	58,604	-	-	-	58,604	48,934
General Municipal Aid (From State)	980	-	-	-	980	962
State Shared Revenues:						
Sales Taxes	274,870	-	-	-	274,870	255,392
Gasoline Tax	5,145	-	-	-	5,145	5,145
Fire Insurance Premium Distribution	-	16,969	-	-	16,969	24,773
Homestead Exemption	19,829	-	-	-	19,829	17,224
Grand Gulf in Lieu of Taxes	17,647	-	-	-	17,647	17,086
Use Tax	-	-	-	134,170	134,170	103,327
FEMA/MEMA	-	-	-	-	-	3,321
Premium Pay Program	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	-
State Settlement Funds	-	-	350,000	-	350,000	250,000
Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History	1,300	-	-	-	1,300	-
Police Department Security Detail	4,375	-	-	-	4,375	-
Federal ARPA Funds	-	-	-	-	-	259,981
Interest income	4,103	-	224	5,636	9,963	3,888
Cemetery Charges	20,575	-	-	-	20,575	31,475
Rent	49,788	-	-	3,000	52,788	58,055
Asset Sales	-	-	-	-	-	1,002
Charges For Services:						
Water and Sewer	-	-	-	1,048,229	1,048,229	854,264
Sanitation	-	-	-	71,523	71,523	54,655
Fines and Forfeits	64,392	-	-	-	64,392	71,240
Miscellaneous Receipts	23	-	-	-	23	515
Total Receipts	\$ 905,924	\$ 16,969	\$ 350,224	\$ 1,262,558	\$ 2,535,675	\$ 2,458,635

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>T o t a l s</u> (Memorandum Only)	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fire Protection Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government (Executive and Financial)	\$ 241,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 241,345	\$ 264,255
Public Safety:						
Police	508,169	-	-	-	508,169	458,298
Fire	-	8,922	-	-	8,922	8,020
Streets	187,253	-	-	-	187,253	161,637
Cemetery	15,156	-	-	-	15,156	8,950
Enterprise:						
Water and Sewer Utility	-	-	-	669,347	669,347	727,608
Sanitation	-	-	-	76,258	76,258	49,618
Bond and Notes Repaid	8,153	-	-	84,068	92,221	91,301
Total Disbursements	<u>960,076</u>	<u>8,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>829,673</u>	<u>1,798,671</u>	<u>1,769,687</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(54,152)</u>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>350,224</u>	<u>432,885</u>	<u>737,004</u>	<u>688,948</u>
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers	150,000	-	-	(150,000)	-	-
Capital Outlay	(38,444)	-	(110,572)	-	(149,016)	(58,525)
Loan Proceeds	38,444	-	-	-	38,444	22,825
Total other Cash sources (uses)	<u>150,000</u>		<u>(110,572)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(110,572)</u>	<u>(35,700)</u>
Net Changes in Cash	<u>95,848</u>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>239,652</u>	<u>282,885</u>	<u>626,432</u>	<u>653,248</u>
CASH - BEGINNING	<u>852,460</u>	<u>62,108</u>	<u>917,243</u>	<u>1,973,471</u>	<u>3,805,282</u>	<u>3,152,034</u>
CASH - ENDING	<u>\$ 948,308</u>	<u>\$ 70,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,156,895</u>	<u>\$ 2,256,356</u>	<u>\$ 4,431,714</u>	<u>\$ 3,805,282</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
September 30, 2023

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Certificate of Deposit	.25%	11/4/2022	11/4/2023	\$ 118,482
Certificate of Deposit	.25%	12/7/2022	12/7/2024	148,207
Certificate of Deposit	.25%	8/7/2023	8/7/2024	105,238
Certificate of Deposit	.25%	12/7/2022	12/7/2023	<u>354,420</u>
				<u>\$ 726,347</u>

CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Balance</u> <u>October 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>September 30, 2023</u>
Governmental activities:				
<u>Non-depreciable Capital Assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 71,541	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,541
<u>Depreciable Capital Assets:</u>				
Buildings	723,921	-	-	723,921
Improvements	880,964	-	-	880,964
Machinery and Equipment	424,931	38,444	-	463,375
Construction in Progress	-	34,170	-	34,170
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	2,029,816	72,614	-	2,102,430
Total Governmental activities capital assets	\$ 2,101,357	\$ 72,614	\$ -	\$ 2,173,971
Business-type activities:				
Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 46,985	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,985
Buildings	349,146	-	-	349,146
Improvements	4,880,618	-	-	4,880,618
Machinery and Equipment	398,893	-	-	398,893
Construction in Progress	135,668	47,652	-	183,320
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	5,764,325	47,652	-	5,811,977
Total Business-type activities capital assets	\$ 5,811,310	\$ 47,652	\$ -	\$ 5,858,962

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN LONG TERM DEBT
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Balance Outstanding September 30, 2022	Transactions During Fiscal Year		Balance Outstanding September 30, 2023
		<u>Borrowed</u>	<u>Retired</u>	
State of Mississippi				
- Clean Water SRF Loans	\$ 164,774	\$ -	\$ 25,393	\$ 139,381
State of Mississippi				
- Water Pollution Loan	49,582	-	5,958	43,624
Cadence Equipment Finance				
- 2020 Dodge Charger	6,294	-	6,294	-
Government Capital Corporation				
- Wastewater System Improvements	171,445	-	16,856	154,589
Inframark				
- Wastewater System Improvements	159,261	-	19,304	139,957
Cadence Equipment Finance				
- 2021 Dodge 1500	17,890	-	7,548	10,342
Cadence Equipment Finance				
- 2022 Ford F150	-	38,444	1,431	37,013
TOTAL	\$ 569,246	\$ 38,444	\$ 82,784	\$ 524,906

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

**CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR CITY OFFICIALS
Year Ended September 30, 2023**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Surety</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
Isla O. Tullos	Mayor	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 25,000
Jennifer Benton	City Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 50,000
Reagan Hataway	Police Chief	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 50,000
Lisa Raney	Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 50,000
Brenda A. Hubbard	Deputy Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 50,000
Reagan Hataway	Deputy Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 50,000
Al Barlow	Deputy Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 50,000
Kimberly Seagraves	Office Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	\$ 50,000
Joey Jamison	Alderman	MS Municipalities Bond Program	\$ 50,000
Aubrey C. Barnette	Alderman	MS Municipalities Bond Program	\$ 50,000
Lou Anne Askew	Alderwoman	MS Municipalities Bond Program	\$ 50,000
Randall Harris	Alderman	MS Municipalities Bond Program	\$ 50,000
Bridget Smith	Alderwoman	MS Municipalities Bond Program	\$ 50,000

CITY OF RAYMOND, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2023

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. General Information

The City operates under the alderman/mayor 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 the cash basis of accounting, 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 Economic Dependency

Four customers provided 43% of the water and sewer revenue in the Water and Sewer Fund.

Note 3 Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 28, 2024, which is the date the financial statement was available to be issued.

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

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons
City of Raymond, Mississippi

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements - Governmental and Business-type Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for City Officials of the City of Raymond, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2023. In accordance with Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statement has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

We have performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations as described in the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire that is prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the City's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures and our compilation of the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements - Governmental and Business-type Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for City Officials of the City of Raymond, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2023 disclosed no instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Office of 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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September 28, 2024