

**CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA**

**Financial Report**

**Year Ended June 30, 2022**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Ryan Williams, Mayor,  
and Members of the City Council  
City of Ville Platte, Louisiana

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Ville Platte, Louisiana (City), as of and for the year ended June 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City 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.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City'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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedules, schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, and schedule of employer contributions, page 52 – 61, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The Utility Fund detailed statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and departmental statement of operating expenses, Justice System Funding Schedule, Section 8 Housing program financial data schedules, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Utility Fund detailed statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and departmental statement of operating expenses, Justice System Funding Schedule, Section 8 Housing program financial data schedules, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the detailed budgetary comparison schedules and schedule of number of utility customers 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 February 27, 2023, on our consideration of the City'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'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's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana  
February 27, 2023

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 4,843,902	\$ 997,062	\$ 5,840,964
Investments	2,376,280	-	2,376,280
Receivables, net	186,032	876,972	1,063,004
Due from other governmental units	157,464	-	157,464
Other receivables	-	25,070	25,070
Restricted assets:			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	-	2,501,084	2,501,084
Capital assets, net	<u>8,152,552</u>	<u>15,159,767</u>	<u>23,312,319</u>
Total assets	<u>15,716,230</u>	<u>19,559,955</u>	<u>35,276,185</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pension plans	1,277,048	258,577	1,535,625
Other postemployment benefit obligation	<u>332,853</u>	<u>76,065</u>	<u>408,918</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,609,901</u>	<u>334,642</u>	<u>1,944,543</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts and other payables	272,421	224,290	496,711
Contracts payable	615,879	-	615,879
Advance from grantors	-	3,926	3,926
Internal balances	8,243	(8,243)	-
Customers deposits payable	-	409,654	409,654
Accrued interest	-	37,893	37,893
Compensated absences payable	12,008	-	12,008
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year -			
Notes payable	66,802	79,729	146,531
Bonds payable	-	674,000	674,000
Due after one year -			
Compensated absences payable	253,595	138,369	391,964
Notes payable	-	61,378	61,378
Bonds payable	-	7,334,000	7,334,000
Net pension liability	2,917,164	912,394	3,829,558
Other postemployment benefit obligation payable	<u>1,434,017</u>	<u>389,384</u>	<u>1,823,401</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,580,129</u>	<u>10,256,774</u>	<u>15,836,903</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pension plans	2,041,523	134,704	2,176,227
Other postemployment benefit obligation	<u>101,649</u>	<u>19,623</u>	<u>121,272</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,143,172</u>	<u>154,327</u>	<u>2,297,499</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	8,085,750	7,684,676	15,770,426
Restricted for:			
Sales tax dedications	2,680,959	-	2,680,959
Street and drainage	689,480	-	689,480
Debt service	-	211,723	211,723
Water utility operations	-	1,167,799	1,167,799
Unrestricted	<u>(1,853,359)</u>	<u>419,298</u>	<u>(1,434,061)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,602,830</u>	<u>\$ 9,483,496</u>	<u>\$ 19,086,326</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
		Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 2,425,989	\$ 428,695	\$ 1,852,176	\$ -	\$ (145,118)	\$ -	\$ (145,118)
Public safety:							
Police	1,419,375	29,024	74,250	-	(1,316,101)	-	(1,316,101)
Fire	1,211,991	-	432,254	-	(779,737)	-	(779,737)
Streets	1,223,782	-	14,950	228,450	(980,382)	-	(980,382)
Culture and recreation	557,692	-	-	-	(557,692)	-	(557,692)
Interest on long-term debt	3,988	-	-	-	(3,988)	-	(3,988)
Total governmental activities	<u>6,842,817</u>	<u>457,719</u>	<u>2,373,630</u>	<u>228,450</u>	<u>(3,783,018)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,783,018)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Gas	2,149,240	2,030,329	-	-	-	(118,911)	(118,911)
Water	2,579,978	2,075,166	-	-	-	(504,812)	(504,812)
Sewer	1,037,027	1,145,085	-	-	-	108,058	108,058
Housing assistance	653,427	-	723,830	-	-	70,403	70,403
Total business-type activities	<u>6,419,672</u>	<u>5,250,580</u>	<u>723,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(445,262)</u>	<u>(445,262)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,262,489</u>	<u>\$ 5,708,299</u>	<u>\$ 3,097,460</u>	<u>\$ 228,450</u>	<u>(3,783,018)</u>	<u>(445,262)</u>	<u>(4,228,280)</u>
General revenues:							
Taxes -							
Ad valorem taxes, levied for general purposes					759,313	542,236	1,301,549
Sales and use taxes, levied for general purposes					3,360,926	-	3,360,926
Payment in lieu of taxes					547,646	-	547,646
Franchise taxes					394,530	-	394,530
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs -							
Beer taxes					10,349	-	10,349
Non-employer pension contribution					141,129	8,912	150,041
Interest and investment earnings					8,322	855	9,177
Miscellaneous					357,556	-	357,556
Transfers					90,539	(90,539)	-
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>5,670,310</u>	<u>461,464</u>	<u>6,131,774</u>
Change in net position					1,887,292	16,202	1,903,494
Net position, beginning					<u>7,715,538</u>	<u>9,467,294</u>	<u>17,182,832</u>
Net position, ending					<u>\$ 9,602,830</u>	<u>\$ 9,483,496</u>	<u>\$ 19,086,326</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)**

## **MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS**

### **General Fund**

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

### **Special Revenue Funds**

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

#### **1975 Sales Tax Fund**

To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the City's 1975 one percent sales and use tax. These taxes are dedicated to the following purposes: paying bonds; constructing, acquiring, improving and maintaining police and fire department stations and equipment; streets, sidewalks, and drainage facilities; sewer and sewerage disposal works; park and pool facilities; compensating firemen and policemen; and operating and maintaining the waterworks system.

#### **1984 Sales Tax Fund**

To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the City's 1984 one percent sales and use tax. These taxes are dedicated to the following purposes: constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating and/or maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal works, and at least five percent of such tax annually for constructing, extending, improving and/or maintaining streets and sidewalks; constructing, improving and maintaining public buildings; including the purchase and acquisition of the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforesaid; after making provision for annual debt service on bonds, which may be issued for the aforementioned purposes.

#### **City Court Fund**

To account for the City's portion of City Court fine income and expenditures paid directly from the City's funds.

### **Enterprise Funds**

#### **Utility Fund**

To account for the provision of gas, water, and sewerage services to residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

#### **Section 8 Housing Program**

To account for administration of grant funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide rental assistance to qualified low income individuals.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2022

	General Fund	1975 Sales Tax Special Revenue	1984 Sales Tax Special Revenue	City Court Special Revenue	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 2,170,485	\$ 144,332	\$ 2,524,767	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,843,902
Investments	2,376,280	-	-	-	2,376,280
Receivables	172,090	6,971	6,971	-	186,032
Due from other funds	6,718	-	-	-	6,718
Due from other governmental units	144,474	-	-	12,990	157,464
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,870,047</u>	<u>\$ 151,303</u>	<u>\$ 2,531,738</u>	<u>\$ 17,308</u>	<u>\$ 7,570,396</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 145,759	\$ 1,041	\$ 1,041	\$ 8,420	\$ 156,261
Accrued liabilities	115,844	-	-	12,324	128,168
Contracts payable	615,879	-	-	-	615,879
Due to other funds	14,961	-	-	-	14,961
Total liabilities	<u>892,443</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>20,744</u>	<u>915,269</u>
Fund balances:					
Restricted -					
Sales tax dedications	-	150,262	2,530,697	-	2,680,959
Street and drainage	689,480	-	-	-	689,480
Unassigned	3,288,124	-	-	(3,436)	3,284,688
Total fund balances	<u>3,977,604</u>	<u>150,262</u>	<u>2,530,697</u>	<u>(3,436)</u>	<u>6,655,127</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,870,047</u>	<u>\$ 151,303</u>	<u>\$ 2,531,738</u>	<u>\$ 17,308</u>	<u>\$ 7,570,396</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2022

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at June 30, 2022		\$ 6,655,127
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:		
Construction in progress	\$ 2,423,716	
Land	676,415	
Buildings, net of \$4,441,074 accumulated depreciation	3,528,173	
Infrastructure, net of \$4,025,781 accumulated depreciation	1,283,331	
Equipment, furniture and fixtures, net of \$1,519,211 accumulated depreciation	156,701	
Improvements, net of \$302,944 accumulated depreciation	<u>84,216</u>	8,152,552
Deferred outflows of expenditures are not a use of current resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Pension plans	1,277,048	
Other postemployment benefit obligation	<u>332,853</u>	1,609,901
Some liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated absences payable	(253,595)	
Notes payable	(66,802)	
Net pension liability	(2,917,164)	
Other postemployment benefit obligation payable	<u>(1,434,017)</u>	(4,671,578)
Deferred inflows of contributions are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Pension plans	(2,041,523)	
Other postemployment benefit obligation	<u>(101,649)</u>	<u>(2,143,172)</u>
Net position at June 30, 2022		<u>\$ 9,602,830</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -  
 Governmental Funds  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	1975 Sales Tax Special Revenue	1984 Sales Tax Special Revenue	City Court Special Revenue	Totals
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Taxes	\$ 1,701,489	\$ 1,680,463	\$ 1,680,463	\$ -	\$ 5,062,415
Licenses and permits	428,695	-	-	-	428,695
Intergovernmental	2,414,392	-	-	198,037	2,612,429
Fines and forfeits	-	-	-	29,024	29,024
Miscellaneous	350,294	25	655	14,904	365,878
Total revenues	<u>4,894,870</u>	<u>1,680,488</u>	<u>1,681,118</u>	<u>241,965</u>	<u>8,498,441</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current -					
General government	1,404,802	45,657	124,772	982,192	2,557,423
Public safety:					
Police	1,562,856	-	-	-	1,562,856
Fire	1,312,578	-	-	-	1,312,578
Streets and drainage	1,022,710	-	-	-	1,022,710
Culture and recreation	499,960	-	-	-	499,960
Capital outlay	2,439,166	-	-	-	2,439,166
Debt service -					
Principal retirement	64,837	-	-	-	64,837
Interest and fiscal charges	3,988	-	-	-	3,988
Total expenditures	<u>8,310,897</u>	<u>45,657</u>	<u>124,772</u>	<u>982,192</u>	<u>9,463,518</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(3,416,027)</u>	<u>1,634,831</u>	<u>1,556,346</u>	<u>(740,227)</u>	<u>(965,077)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>					
Transfers in	2,088,344	-	-	703,000	2,791,344
Transfers out	-	(1,660,667)	(1,037,698)	(2,440)	(2,700,805)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,088,344</u>	<u>(1,660,667)</u>	<u>(1,037,698)</u>	<u>700,560</u>	<u>90,539</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(1,327,683)	(25,836)	518,648	(39,667)	(874,538)
Fund balances, beginning	<u>5,305,287</u>	<u>176,098</u>	<u>2,012,049</u>	<u>36,231</u>	<u>7,529,665</u>
Fund balances (deficit), ending	<u>\$ 3,977,604</u>	<u>\$ 150,262</u>	<u>\$ 2,530,697</u>	<u>\$ (3,436)</u>	<u>\$ 6,655,127</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Total net change in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2022 per the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances		\$ (874,538)
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances	\$2,439,166	
Depreciation expense	<u>(491,268)</u>	1,947,898
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal on long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.		
Payment of notes payable		64,837
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Compensated absences payable	23,110	
Net pension liability	862,793	
Other postemployment benefit obligation payable	<u>(136,808)</u>	<u>749,095</u>
Change in net position for the year ended June 30, 2022 per the statement of activities		<u>\$1,887,292</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Net Position  
 Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds  
 June 30, 2022

	Utility Fund	Section 8 Housing Program	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 893,764	\$ 103,298	\$ 997,062
Receivables -			
Accounts, net	679,598	-	679,598
Unbilled utility receivables	190,427	-	190,427
Ad valorem tax	6,947	-	6,947
Accounts receivable - HUD other projects	-	25,070	25,070
Due from other funds	14,961	-	14,961
Total current assets	<u>1,785,697</u>	<u>128,368</u>	<u>1,914,065</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets -			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	2,501,084	-	2,501,084
Capital assets, net	15,159,767	-	15,159,767
Total noncurrent assets	<u>17,660,851</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,660,851</u>
Total assets	<u>19,446,548</u>	<u>128,368</u>	<u>19,574,916</u>
Deferred outflows of resources:			
Pension plans	224,418	34,159	258,577
Other postemployment benefit obligation	76,065	-	76,065
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>300,483</u>	<u>34,159</u>	<u>334,642</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	103,732	-	103,732
Accrued liabilities	120,558	-	120,558
Due to other funds	6,718	-	6,718
Advance from grantors	-	3,926	3,926
Notes payable	79,729	-	79,729
Payable from restricted assets -			
Customers' deposits	409,654	-	409,654
Revenue bonds	674,000	-	674,000
Accrued interest payable	37,893	-	37,893
Total current liabilities	<u>1,432,284</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>1,436,210</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences payable	138,369	-	138,369
Notes payable	61,378	-	61,378
Revenue bonds payable	7,334,000	-	7,334,000
Net pension liability	781,757	130,637	912,394
Other postemployment benefit obligation payable	389,384	-	389,384
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>8,704,888</u>	<u>130,637</u>	<u>8,835,525</u>
Total liabilities	<u>10,137,172</u>	<u>134,563</u>	<u>10,271,735</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Pension plans	124,360	10,344	134,704
Other postemployment benefit obligation	19,623	-	19,623
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>143,983</u>	<u>10,344</u>	<u>154,327</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	7,684,676	-	7,684,676
Restricted for debt service	211,723	-	211,723
Restricted for water fund operations	1,167,799	-	1,167,799
Unrestricted	401,678	17,620	419,298
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,465,876</u>	<u>\$ 17,620</u>	<u>\$ 9,483,496</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
 Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Utility Fund	Section 8 Housing Program	Total
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services	\$4,870,218	\$ -	\$4,870,218
Connection and inspection fees	51,371	-	51,371
Federal grants	2,119	712,264	714,383
Other revenue	326,872	11,566	338,438
Total operating revenues	<u>5,250,580</u>	<u>723,830</u>	<u>5,974,410</u>
Operating expenses:			
Gas department expenses	2,133,160	-	2,133,160
Water department expenses	1,165,467	-	1,165,467
Sewerage department expenses	738,500	-	738,500
Housing assistance expenses	-	653,427	653,427
Depreciation expense	1,437,147	-	1,437,147
Total operating expenses	<u>5,474,274</u>	<u>653,427</u>	<u>6,127,701</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(223,694)</u>	<u>70,403</u>	<u>(153,291)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Nonemployer pension contribution	8,587	325	8,912
Interest income	820	35	855
Ad valorem taxes	542,236	-	542,236
Interest expense	(248,676)	-	(248,676)
Paying agent fees	(43,295)	-	(43,295)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>259,672</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>260,032</u>
Income before transfers	<u>35,978</u>	<u>70,763</u>	<u>106,741</u>
Transfers in (out):			
Transfers in	775,481	-	775,481
Transfers out	(866,020)	-	(866,020)
Total transfers in (out)	<u>(90,539)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(90,539)</u>
Change in net position	(54,561)	70,763	16,202
Net position, beginning	<u>9,520,437</u>	<u>(53,143)</u>	<u>9,467,294</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$9,465,876</u>	<u>\$ 17,620</u>	<u>\$9,483,496</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Cash Flows  
 Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Utility Fund	Section 8 Housing Program	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers	\$ 5,102,656	\$ -	\$ 5,102,656
Operating grant	2,119	712,264	714,383
Payments to suppliers	(5,046,950)	(69,247)	(5,116,197)
Payments to landlords/tenants	-	(601,810)	(601,810)
Payments to employees	740,084	(23,608)	716,476
Other receipts	326,872	11,566	338,438
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,124,781</u>	<u>29,165</u>	<u>1,153,946</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Cash received from other funds	(14,961)	-	(14,961)
Cash paid to other funds	(17,171)	-	(17,171)
Proceeds from ad valorem taxes levied	542,236	-	542,236
Net change in meter deposits	(146,757)	-	(146,757)
Transfers from other funds	775,481	-	775,481
Transfers to other funds	(866,020)	-	(866,020)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>272,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>272,808</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Principal paid on revenue bonds	(651,000)	-	(651,000)
Interest and fiscal charges	(295,805)	-	(295,805)
Principal paid on notes payable	(76,941)	-	(76,941)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,023,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,023,746)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest on investments	820	35	855
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	374,663	29,200	403,863
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>3,020,185</u>	<u>74,098</u>	<u>3,094,283</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 3,394,848</u>	<u>\$ 103,298</u>	<u>\$ 3,498,146</u>

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Cash Flows  
 Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds (Continued)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Utility Fund	Section 8 Housing Program	Total
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (223,694)	\$ 70,403	\$ (153,291)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	1,437,147	-	1,437,147
Provision for bad debt	29,665	-	29,665
Pension expense	(62,908)	(2,385)	(65,293)
Other postemployment benefit expense	24,654	-	24,654
Changes in current assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(181,067)	-	(181,067)
Unbilled utility receivables	(19,263)	-	(19,263)
Other receivables	1,989	(25,070)	(23,081)
Prepaid items	49,038	-	49,038
Accounts payable	14,053	-	14,053
Accrued liabilities	47,713	-	47,713
Advances from grantor	-	(13,783)	(13,783)
Compensated absences payable	7,454	-	7,454
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,124,781</u>	<u>\$ 29,165</u>	<u>\$ 1,153,946</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per the statement of cash flows to the statement of net position:			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted	\$ 449,859	\$ 74,098	\$ 523,957
Cash and interest-bearing deposits - restricted	<u>2,570,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,570,326</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>3,020,185</u>	<u>74,098</u>	<u>3,094,283</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted	729,531	103,298	832,829
Cash and interest-bearing deposits - restricted	<u>2,665,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,665,317</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>3,394,848</u>	<u>103,298</u>	<u>3,498,146</u>
Net increase	<u>\$ 374,663</u>	<u>\$ 29,200</u>	<u>\$ 403,863</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the City of Ville Platte (City) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The City was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The City operates under a Mayor - City Council form of government and provides the following services: public safety, streets and drainage, water, gas and sewer services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

This report includes all funds and activities that are controlled by the City as an independent political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. There are no component units required to be reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The government-wide financial statements provide operational accountability information for the City as an economic unit. The government-wide financial statements report the City's ability to maintain service levels and continue to meet its obligations as they come due. The statements include all governmental activities and all business-type activities of the City. Fiduciary funds are omitted from the government-wide financial statements. The City has no fiduciary funds.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activities of the City and for each function of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the City are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balance/net position, revenues, expenditures/expenses, and transfers. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The funds of the City are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The General Fund is always a major governmental fund. Other individual major governmental and enterprise funds are determined as funds whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets and deferred outflows of resources, or liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, are at least ten percent of the corresponding totals for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or enterprise fund) and at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds and enterprise funds combined or funds designated as major at the discretion of the City. Funds not classified as a major fund are aggregated and presented in a single column in the fund financial statements.

Governmental Funds -

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The City reports these major governmental funds and fund types:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of government grants or other specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects of the City. The City reports the following Special Revenue Funds:

The 1975 Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund accounts for the proceeds of a one percent sales and use tax that is legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

The 1984 Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund accounts for the proceeds of a one percent sales and use tax that is legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

The City Court Special Revenue Fund accounts for the City's portion of City Court fine income and expenditures paid directly from the City's funds.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Proprietary Funds -

Proprietary funds are used to account for ongoing organizations and activities that are similar to those often found in the private sector. The City's proprietary fund types are enterprise funds.

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The City's enterprise funds are the Utility Fund and Section 8 Housing Program.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

The measurement focus determines the accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund.

The governmental and business-type activities within the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The economic resources measurement focus meets the accounting objectives of determining net income, net position, and cash flows.

The fund financial statements use either the current financial resources measurement focus or the economic resources measurement focus as appropriate. Governmental funds use the current financial resources measurement focus. This measurement focus is based upon the receipt and disbursement of current available financial resources rather than upon net income. The measurement focus of the proprietary fund type, the flow of economic resources, is based upon determination of net income, net position, and cash flows.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. An exception to this is grants collected on a reimbursement basis. Those reimbursable grants are recognized as revenue when reimbursable expenditures are made. Property tax revenues are recognized in the period for which levied provided they are also available. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt and employee vacation and sick leave, which are recognized when due and payable.

Program revenues

Program revenues included in the statement of activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the City's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the City's general revenues.

Allocation of indirect expenses

The City reports all direct expenses by function in the statement of activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the statement of activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the statement of activities.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the City. For the purpose of the proprietary fund statement of cash flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

## CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

### Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

#### Investments

Under state law, the City may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The City may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, government backed agency securities, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana Law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section I50, investments meeting the criteria specified in the Statement are stated at fair value, which is quoted market prices.

#### Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include ad valorem taxes, franchise taxes and state or federal grants. Business-type activities report customer's utility service receivables as their major receivables. Uncollectible ad valorem taxes or utility service receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. At June 30, 2022, an allowance for ad valorem taxes was considered unnecessary due to immateriality. The allowance for uncollectibles for customers' utility receivables was \$794,798 at June 30, 2022. Unbilled utility service receivables resulting from utility services rendered between the date of meter reading and billing and the end of the month, are recorded at year-end.

#### Interfund receivables and payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net position.

#### Prepaid items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to the revenue bond accounts and utility meter deposits.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings and improvements, equipment and vehicles, utility system and improvements, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The City maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Equipment	5 years
Utility system and improvements	20-40 years
Infrastructure	20 years

In the fund financial statements, the acquisition of capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenues arise when resources are received before the City has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the City has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Compensated Absences

Municipal employees hired before June 30, 2000, earn sick leave at a rate of fourteen hours per month. Municipal employees hired after June 30, 2000 earn sick leave at a rate of 2.77 hours per pay period. Vacation leave is earned as follows:

	Employees of		
	Other Departments	Police	Fire
1 - 4 years services	10 days	10 days	5 days
5 - 9 years service	15 days	15 days	7 days
10 or more years services	20 days	20 days	10 days

Sick leave accumulates and is available for employees when needed; however, it does not vest nor is it payable at termination of employment. Vacation leave is earned over a calendar year basis. Municipal employees may not carry over or accumulate more than thirty days of vacation leave from one employment anniversary date to another. Police and fire department employees may not carry over vacation leave.

In the fund financial statements, vested or accumulated sick leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a current fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. In the government-wide statements, amounts of vested or accumulated sick leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are recorded as long-term liabilities.

Long-term debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of revenue bonds payable and notes payable.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures. For fund financial reporting, issuance costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expense. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Pensions

The net pension liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense (described in more detail in Note 14), has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Member's earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plan, and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when made.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense (described in more detail in Note 15), have been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and thus, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide statements are related to is pension plans and other post-employment benefit plan.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
- b. Restricted net position consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or laws through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets. It is the City's policy to use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when both restricted and unrestricted net position are available for an expense which has been incurred. At June 30, 2022, the City reported \$4,749,961 of restricted net position, of which \$2,680,959 was restricted by enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Mayor and City Council, which is the highest level of decision-making authority for the City.
- d. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the City's adopted policy, only the City Council may assign amounts for specified purposes.
- e. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

It is the City's policy to use restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless prohibited by legal or contractual provisions. Additionally, the City uses committed, assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of fund balance in that order when expenditures are made. Enterprise Fund equity at the fund level is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

E. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Interest income on deposits is recorded as revenues when earned. Sales taxes, franchise fees, and intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the City is entitled to the funds. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

In the propriety funds, operating revenues and expenses are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the statement of activities. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character for governmental funds and by operating and nonoperating for proprietary funds. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

F. Revenue Restrictions

The City has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Legal Restrictions on Use</u>
Sales tax	See Note 9
Gas, water and sewer revenue	Debt service and utility operations

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G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the City may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The City may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2022, the City has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) comprised as follows:

Demand deposits (interest and non-interest bearing)	\$8,277,934
Savings and certificates of deposit	<u>64,114</u>
Total	<u>\$8,342,048</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the City's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At June 30, 2022, bank balances were secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$10,007,855</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 564,114
Pledged securities	<u>9,443,741</u>
Total	<u>\$10,007,855</u>

Deposits in the amount of \$9,443,741 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institutions' trust department or agent, but not in the City's name. The City does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

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(3) Investments

The City participates in Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local governmental entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to the extent practical, invests in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: LAMP's pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable.

The investments in LAMP totaling \$2,376,280 are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares. LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

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(4) Receivables

Receivables consist of the following at June 30, 2022:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Accounts, net	\$ -	\$ 757,659	\$ 757,659
Unbilled utility	-	190,427	190,427
Ad valorem taxes	9,647	6,947	16,594
Franchise tax	95,667	-	95,667
Sales tax	13,942	-	13,942
Other	66,776	-	66,776
Totals	<u>\$ 186,032</u>	<u>\$ 955,033</u>	<u>\$ 1,141,065</u>

(5) Due from Other Governmental Units

Amounts due from other governmental units consist of the following at June 30, 2022:

Governmental Activities:

Evangeline Parish Ward One Fire District No. 2 - fire protection services	\$ 67,239
Evangeline Parish Police Jury - fire insurance rebate	65,236
State of Louisiana - inmate housing	6,888
State of Louisiana - beer tax	5,111
Ville Platte City Court - fines and forfeits	3,336
Ville Platte City Court - salaries reimbursement	9,654
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 157,464</u>

(6) Restricted Assets - Proprietary Fund Type (Enterprise Utility Fund)

Restricted assets consist of the following at June 30, 2022:

Bond and interest sinking fund	\$ 156,591
Bond reserve fund	467,024
Renewal and replacement fund	300,000
Customers' deposits	573,888
Phase II water construction	15
Water improvement taxes	1,167,799
	<u>\$ 2,665,317</u>

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(7) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 676,415	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 676,415
Construction in progress	-	2,423,716	-	2,423,716
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	7,969,247	-	-	7,969,247
Infrastructure	5,309,112	-	-	5,309,112
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	1,660,462	15,450	-	1,675,912
Improvements other than buildings	387,160	-	-	387,160
Totals	<u>16,002,396</u>	<u>2,439,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,441,562</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	4,251,169	189,905	-	4,441,074
Infrastructure	3,833,388	192,393	-	4,025,781
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	1,422,609	96,602	-	1,519,211
Improvements other than buildings	290,576	12,368	-	302,944
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>9,797,742</u>	<u>491,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,289,010</u>
Governmental activities, capitals assets, net	<u>\$ 6,204,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,947,898</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,152,552</u>
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 101,325	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,325
Other capital assets:				
Gas system	3,926,868	-	-	3,926,868
Water system	23,682,602	-	-	23,682,602
Sewer system	12,507,683	-	-	12,507,683
Machinery and equipment	745,363	-	-	745,363
Totals	<u>40,963,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,963,841</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Gas system	3,915,736	4,758	-	3,920,494
Water system	12,429,110	1,067,772	-	13,496,882
Sewer system	7,517,753	288,460	-	7,806,213
Machinery and equipment	504,328	76,157	-	580,485
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>24,366,927</u>	<u>1,437,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,804,074</u>
Business-type activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 16,596,914</u>	<u>\$ (1,437,147)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,159,767</u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 67,925
Public safety:	
Police	127,467
Fire	17,345
Streets	217,439
Culture and recreation	<u>61,092</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 491,268</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:

Gas	\$ 16,080
Water	1,122,540
Sewer	<u>298,527</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,437,147</u>

(8) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Taxes are levied by the City in October and billed to taxpayers in December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The City bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Evangeline Parish. Property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, taxes of 36.07 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$35,984,100 and were dedicated as follows:

General and corporate purposes	7.06	mills
Street and drainage maintenance	9.87	mills
Police and fire	4.04	mills
Water system	<u>15.10</u>	mills
Total	<u>36.07</u>	mills

Total taxes levied were \$1,297,958. Taxes receivable were \$16,594.

(9) Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds - 1 Percent Sales and Use Tax

A one percent perpetual sales and use tax levied by the City in 1975 (2022 collections \$1,680,463) is dedicated to the following purposes:

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Paying bonds; constructing, acquiring, improving, and maintaining police and fire department stations and equipment; streets, sidewalks, and drainage facilities; sewer and sewerage disposal works; park and pool facilities; compensating firemen and policemen; and operating and maintaining the waterworks system.

A one percent perpetual sales and use tax levied by the City beginning in 1984 (2022 collections \$1,680,463) is dedicated to these purposes:

Paying debt service on outstanding bonds; constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating, and maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal works; with at least 5 percent of the tax proceeds annually for constructing, improving and maintaining city streets and sidewalks; constructing, improving and maintaining public buildings; and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforesaid.

(10) Accounts and Other Payables

Accounts and other payables consist of the following at June 30, 2022:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Accounts	\$ 156,261	\$ 103,732	\$ 259,993
Other liabilities	<u>116,160</u>	<u>120,558</u>	<u>236,718</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 272,421</u>	<u>\$ 224,290</u>	<u>\$ 496,711</u>

(11) Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of long-term liability transactions for the year ended June 30, 2022:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Capital leases	\$ 131,639	\$ -	\$ 64,837	\$ 66,802	\$ 66,802
Compensated absences	<u>276,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,102</u>	<u>265,603</u>	<u>12,008</u>
Total	<u>\$ 408,344</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 75,939</u>	<u>\$ 332,405</u>	<u>\$ 78,810</u>
Business-type activities:					
Direct Placements:					
Revenue bonds	\$ 8,659,000	\$ -	\$ 651,000	\$ 8,008,000	\$ 674,000
Capital leases	218,047	-	76,940	141,107	79,729
Compensated absences	<u>130,915</u>	<u>7,454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,369</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,007,962</u>	<u>\$ 7,454</u>	<u>\$ 727,940</u>	<u>\$ 8,287,476</u>	<u>\$ 753,729</u>

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The revenue bonds are liquidated by the Utility Fund. Notes payable and compensated absences are liquidated by the General Fund and Utility Fund.

Bonds payable are comprised of the following individual issues:

Revenue bonds:

\$2,000,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, of which 50% of the principal of the bonds has been forgiven simultaneously with payments by the Department of Health & Hospitals. At the time of the debt forgiveness, these amounts were recognized as grant revenue. The remaining \$1,000,000 revenue bonds are due in annual installments of \$65,000 - \$79,000 through May 1, 2029; interest at 2.95 percent; secured by Utility Fund revenues and ad valorem taxes of 15.10 mills.	\$ 501,000
\$2,050,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B, due in annual installments of \$132,000 - \$162,000 through May 1, 2029; interest at 2.95 percent; secured by Utility Fund revenues and ad valorem taxes of 15.10 mills.	1,028,000
\$9,450,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2012, of which \$1,125,000 of the principal of the bonds has been forgiven simultaneously with payments by the Department of Health & Hospitals. At the time of the debt forgiveness, these amounts were recognized as grant revenue. The remaining \$8,248,000 revenue bonds are due in annual installments of \$427,000 - \$599,000 through May 1, 2033; interest at 2.95 percent; secured by Utility Fund revenues and ad valorem taxes of 15.10 mills.	5,591,000
\$1,000,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, due in annual installments of \$50,000 - \$69,000 through May 1, 2037; interest at 2.45%; secured by Utility Fund revenues and ad valorem taxes of 15.10 mills.	<u>888,000</u>
	<u>\$ 8,008,000</u>

The bonds are due as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Direct Placements Business-type Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2023	\$ 674,000	\$ 231,428
2024	696,000	211,820
2025	719,000	191,568
2026	743,000	170,641
2027	769,000	148,988
2028-2032	3,475,000	416,109
2033-2037	<u>932,000</u>	<u>42,122</u>
	<u>\$ 8,008,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,412,676</u>

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In the event of default on the direct placement revenue bonds, the investor may take actions as deemed necessary and appropriate as permitted by law to cause the City to comply with its obligations under the debt and compel performance.

Notes payable -

\$314,894 purchase agreement dated January 31, 2018, due in five annual installments of \$68,825 including interest of 2.988% through February 1,2023, secured by equipment.	\$ 66,802
\$104,065 purchase agreement dated March 9, 2021, due in (60) monthly installments of \$1,888 including interest of 3.39% through March 19,2026, secured by equipment.	<u>141,107</u>
	<u>\$ 207,909</u>

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the lease and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at June 30, 2022:

Year ending June 30,	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2023	\$ 66,802	\$ 2,024	\$ 79,729	\$ 4,307
2024	-	-	20,848	1,808
2025	-	-	21,566	1,090
2026	-	-	18,964	348
	<u>\$ 66,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,024</u>	<u>\$ 141,107</u>	<u>\$ 7,553</u>

(12) Flow of Funds; Restrictions on Use - Utilities Revenues

Under the terms of the \$2,000,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds Series 2010A, \$2,050,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds Series 2010B, \$9,450,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds Series 2012, and \$1,100,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds Series 2017 bond indentures, all income and revenues of every nature derived from the operation of the system are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds as well as the pledge of a 15.10 mills ad valorem tax for the 2010, 2012 and 2017 issues.

Bond and Interest Sinking Fund -

The City is required to set aside into a Utilities Revenue Bond Sinking Fund each month a sum equal to 1/6 of the interest falling due on the next interest payment date plus 1/12 of the principal falling due on the next principal payment date. Funds deposited in this account are available only for the retirement of maturing bonds and interest.

Reserve Fund –

The Utilities Revenue Bond Reserve Fund is maintained solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and the interest on bonds payable from the sinking fund as to which there would otherwise be default. The fund is required to be funded in an amount equal to the reserve fund requirement (\$467,025) at June 30, 2022.

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Capital Additions and Contingencies Fund -

The Utilities System Capital Additions and Contingencies Fund (Renewal and Replacement Fund) was established to care for extensions, additions, improvements, renewals, and replacements necessary to properly operate the system and to pay the principal of and the interest on the bonds, including any additional pari passu bonds issued hereafter in the manner provided by the bond resolution, for the payment of which there is not sufficient money in the sinking or reserve funds.

The maximum required balance of \$300,000 was deposited when the bonds were sold. The money in the fund shall never be used for the making of such extensions, additions, improvements, renewals and replacements if such use of said money will leave less than the sum of \$50,000. In the event that the City utilizes any monies in the fund so that the balance falls below \$300,000, a monthly deposit of 5 percent of the gross revenues of the system (excluding revenues derived from fuel adjustments) must be made until there is again on deposit the sum of \$300,000.

(13) On-behalf Payments for Salaries

The City of Ville Platte receives on-behalf payments from the State of Louisiana for police, fire, and City Marshal salaries. On-behalf payments to the City totaled \$186,033 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Such payments are recorded as intergovernmental revenues and as public safety and general government expenditures in the government-wide, General Fund and City Court Fund financial statements.

(14) Pension Plans

The City of Ville Platte participates in four cost-sharing defined benefit plans, each administered by separate public employee retirement systems. Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of all plans administered by these public employee retirement systems to the State Legislature. These plans are not closed to new entrants. Substantially all City employees participate in one of the following retirement systems:

**Plan Descriptions**

Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:1731. The City participates in Plan A.

State of Louisiana - Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:2211 - 11:2233.

State of Louisiana – Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:2251-2272 and 11.2256.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

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The systems' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. Interest income is recognized when earned. Ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing monies are recognized in the year collected by the tax collector.

A brief summary of eligibility and benefits of the plans are provided in the following table:

	MERS	MPERS	FRS	LASERS
Final average salary	Highest 60 months	Highest 36 months or 60 months <sup>2</sup>	Highest 36 months	Highest 36 months or 60 months <sup>5</sup>
Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits	25 years of any age 10 years age 60 20 years any age <sup>1</sup>	25 years of any age 20 years age 50 12 years age 55 20 years any age <sup>1</sup> 30 years any age <sup>3</sup> 25 years age 55 <sup>3</sup> 10 years age 60 <sup>3</sup>	25 years of any age 20 years age 50 12 years age 55	20 years of any age <sup>1</sup> 5 years age 60 <sup>6</sup>
Benefit percent per years of service	3.00%	2.50 - 3.33% <sup>4</sup>	3.33%	2.5% - 3.5% <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> With actuarial reduced benefits

<sup>2</sup> Membership commencing January 1, 2013

<sup>3</sup> Under non hazardous duty sub plan commencing January 1, 2013

<sup>4</sup> Membership commencing January 1, 2013 non hazardous duty plan 2.5%, hazardous duty plan 3.0%, membership prior to January 1, 2013 3.33%.

<sup>5</sup> Employees hired after a certain date use the revised benefit calculation based on the highest 60 months of service

<sup>6</sup> Five years of creditable service at age 62 if hired after 7/1/2015, for judges

<sup>7</sup> Members in regular plan 2.5%, hazardous duty plan 3.33%, and judges 3.5%

**Contributions**

Article X, Section 29(E)(2)(a) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the Legislature the authority to determine employee contributions. Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. In addition, MERS receives a percentage of ad valorem taxes and MPERS and FRS receives a percentage of insurance premium taxes collected by parishes. These entities are not participating employers in the pension systems and are considered to be nonemployer contributing entities.

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Contributions of employees, employers, and non-employer contributing entities effective for the year ended June 30, 2022 for the defined benefit pension plans in which the primary government is a participating employer were as follows:

Plan	Active Member Contribution Percentage	Employer Contribution Percentage	Amount from Nonemployer Contributing Entities	Amount of Government Contributions
MERS	10.00%	29.50%	\$ 51,114	\$ 489,814
MPERS	10.00%	29.75%	41,243	152,715
FRS	10.00%	33.75%	57,684	207,504
LASERS	13.00%	43.00%	-	35,522

**Net Pension Liability**

The City’s net pension liability at June 30, 2022 is comprised of its proportionate share of the net pension liability relating to each of the cost-sharing plans in which the City is a participating employer. The City’s net pension liability for each plan was measured as of the plan’s measurement date (June 30, 2021) and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for each of the plans in which it participates was based on the City’s required contributions in proportion to total required contributions for all employers.

As of the most recent measurement date, the City’s proportion for each plan and the change in proportion from the prior measurement date were as follows:

Plan	Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share (%) of Net Pension Liability	Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Measurement Date
MERS	\$ 1,905,314	0.684994%	-0.029587%
MPERS	983,779	0.184555%	0.033565%
FRS	715,571	0.201919%	-0.008303%
LASERS	224,894	0.004090%	0.000860%
Total	<u>\$3,829,558</u>		

Since the measurement date of the net pension liability was June 30, 2021, the net pension liability is based upon fiduciary net position for each of the plans as of that date. Detailed information about each pension plan’s assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the City’s net pension liability is available in the separately issued plan financial reports for fiscal year 2021. The financial report for each plan may be accessed on their website as follows:

- MERS - <http://www.mersla.com/>      FRS - <http://www.ffret.com/>  
 MPERS - <http://lampers.org/>      LASERS - <http://www.lasersonline.org/>

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**Actuarial Assumptions**

The following table provides information concerning actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability for each of the defined benefit plans in which the City is a participating employer:

	MERS	MPERS	FRS	LASERS
Date of experience study on which significant assumptions are based	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2018	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2019	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2019	2014 - 2018
Expected remaining service lives	3	4	7	2
Inflation Rate	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.30%
Projected salary increases	4.5% - 6.4%	4.70% - 12.30%	5.2% - 14.10%	2.60% - 5.10
Projected benefit changes including COLAs	None	None	None	None
Source of mortality assumptions	(1), (2), (3)	(4), (5), (6)	(4), (5), (6)	(7), (8)

- (1) PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective, male and female MP2018 scales.
- (2) PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective, male and female MP2018 scales.
- (3) PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with full generational MP2018 scale.
- (4) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.
- (5) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.
- (6) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.
- (7) RP-2014 Blue Collar and White Collar Healthy Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018.
- (8) RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with no projection for mortality improvement.

**Cost of Living Adjustments**

The pension plans in which the City participates have the authority to grant cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an ad hoc basis. COLAs may be granted to the state system (LASERS) if approved with a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature, provided the plan meets certain statutory criteria related to the funded status and interest earnings.

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Pursuant to LRS 11:242(B), the power of the Board of Trustees of the statewide systems (MERS, MPERS, FRS) to grant a COLA, is effective in calendar years that the legislature fails to grant a COLA, unless in the legislation granting a COLA, the legislature authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide an additional COLA. The authority to grant a COLA by the Board is subject to the funded status and interest earnings. The effects of the benefit changes made as a result of the COLAs is included in the measurement of the total pension liability as of the measurement date at which the ad hoc COLA was granted and the amount is known and reasonably estimable.

**Discount Rate**

The discount rates used to measure the City’s total pension liability for each plan and the significant assumptions used in the determination of the discount rate for each plan are as follows:

	<u>MERS</u>	<u>MPERS</u>	<u>FRS</u>	<u>LASERS</u>
Discount rate	6.85%	6.75%	6.90%	7.40%
Change in discount rate from prior valuation	-0.10%	-0.20%	-0.10%	-0.15%
Plan cash flow assumptions	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rates incorporated in the Discount Rate:				
Long-term Rate of Return	6.85%	6.75%	6.90%	7.40%
Periods applied	All	All	All	All
Municipal Bond Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Plan Cash Flow Assumptions:

- 1) Plan member contributions will be made at the current contributions rates and sponsor contributions will be made at the actuarially determined rates.

The discount rates used to measure the City’s total pension liability for each plan is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits. The long-term expected rate of return for each plan was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic/geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized for each plan in the following tables:

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Asset Class	MERS*		MPERS*	
	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	38%	1.65%	30.50%	0.59%
Equities	53%	2.31%	55.50%	3.48%
Alternative Investments	9%	0.39%	14.00%	1.01%
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>4.35%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>5.08%</u>
Inflation		<u>2.60%</u>		<u>2.22%</u>
Nominal return		<u>6.95%</u>		<u>7.30%</u>

Asset Class	FRS*		LASERS**	
	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	-0.29%
Domestic Fixed Income	21.00%	0.97%	3.00%	1.76%
International Fixed Income	5.00%	2.75%	18.00%	3.98%
Domestic Equity	27.50%	5.86%	31.00%	4.79%
International Equity	18.50%	6.44%	23.00%	5.83%
Global Equity	10.00%	6.40%	0.00%	0.00%
Allocation	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%	0.00%
Risk Parity	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%	4.20%
Alternative Investments	18.00%	14.84%	24.00%	6.69%
Total	<u>100%</u>		<u>100%</u>	

\* Arithmetic real rates of return

\*\*Geometric real rates of return

**Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense over a number of years. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the City recognized pension expense related to all defined benefit plans in which it participates. MERS recognized revenues for ad valorem taxes and MPERS and FRS recognized revenues for insurance premium taxes, collected from non-employee contributing entities. The pension expense (benefit) and revenues are summarized by plan in the following table:

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Plan	Pension Expense (Benefit)	Revenues
MERS	\$ 115,345	\$ 51,114
MPERS	(144,399)	41,243
FRS	50,191	57,684
LASERS	<u>77,461</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 98,598</u>	<u>\$ 150,041</u>

At June 30, 2022, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources				
	MERS	MPERS	FRS	LASERS	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 687	\$ -	\$ 10,212	\$ 222	\$ 11,121
Changes in assumptions	69,627	108,948	155,059	5,509	339,143
Changes in proportion and differences between actual contributions and proportionate share of contribution:	24,542	217,335	57,929	-	299,806
Employer contributions to the pension plans subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability	<u>489,814</u>	<u>152,715</u>	<u>207,504</u>	<u>35,522</u>	<u>885,555</u>
Total	<u>\$ 584,670</u>	<u>\$ 478,998</u>	<u>\$ 430,704</u>	<u>\$ 41,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,535,625</u>

	Deferred Inflows of Resources				
	MERS	MPERS	FRS	LASERS	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 21,786	\$ 30,297	\$ 64,260	\$ -	\$ 116,343
Changes in assumptions	-	28,063	-	-	28,063
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	536,825	459,347	434,250	52,446	1,482,868
Changes in proportion and differences between actual contributions and proportionate share of contributions:	<u>77,070</u>	<u>358,946</u>	<u>112,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>548,953</u>
Total	<u>635,681</u>	<u>876,653</u>	<u>611,447</u>	<u>52,446</u>	<u>2,176,227</u>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$885,555 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the subsequent year. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions to be recognized in pension expense are as follows:

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Year Ended June 30	MERS	MPERS	FRS	LASERS	Total
2023	\$ (84,925)	\$ (247,049)	\$ (91,460)	\$ (3,371)	\$ (426,805)
2024	(135,788)	(128,771)	(71,236)	(8,082)	(343,877)
2025	(138,397)	(16,298)	(94,296)	(11,915)	(260,906)
2026	(181,716)	(158,252)	(131,823)	(23,347)	(495,138)
2027	-	-	(2,614)	-	(2,614)
2028	-	-	3,183	-	3,183
	<u>\$ (540,826)</u>	<u>\$ (550,370)</u>	<u>\$ (388,246)</u>	<u>\$ (46,715)</u>	<u>\$ (1,526,157)</u>

**Sensitivity of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liabilities to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the City’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plans, calculated using their respective discount rates, as well as what the City’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

Plan	Current Discount Rate	Net Pension Liability		
		1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
MERS	6.85%	\$2,821,867	\$1,905,314	\$1,131,157
MPERS	6.75%	1,714,571	983,779	373,814
FRS	6.90%	1,372,770	715,571	167,474
LASERS	7.40%	<u>304,712</u>	<u>224,894</u>	<u>156,976</u>
Total		<u>\$6,213,920</u>	<u>\$3,829,558</u>	<u>\$1,829,421</u>

**Payables to the Pension Plans**

The City recorded accrued liabilities to each of the pension plans for the year ended June 30, 2022 for the contractually required contributions for the month of June 2022. The amounts are included in liabilities under the amounts reported as accounts and other payables. The amounts due to each plan are as follows:

MERS	\$ 26,434
MPERS	7,930
FRS	10,072
LSERS	<u>2,563</u>
	<u>\$ 46,999</u>

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(15) Post-Retirement Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

**Plan Description:** In accordance with the City of Ville Platte’s group health plan, the City provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The plan is a single employer defined benefit health care plan administered by the City. The City has the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan. The plan does not issue a publicly available financial report. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement no. 75.

**Benefits Provided:** The City provides medical and life insurance benefits for retirees and their spouses. The benefit terms provide for payment of 50% of retiree insurance premiums. The plan also provides for payment of 100% of retiree life insurance premiums. The City recognizes the cost of providing these benefits as an expenditure when the monthly premiums are due. The benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

**Employees Covered by Benefit Terms:** At June 30, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees currently receiving benefits payments	7
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>70</u>
	<u><u>77</u></u>

**Total OPEB Liability**

The City’s total OPEB liability of \$1,823,401 was measured as of June 30, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs:** The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases, including inflation	3.00%
Discount rate	3.54%
Health care cost trend rates	
Medical	5.60% for 2021, varying gradually until an ultimate rate of 3.70% for 2073 and beyond.

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Bond Municipal Index.

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Mortality rates for active employees were based on the PUB-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Table with Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021 on a generational basis. Mortality rates for retirees and surviving spouses were based on the PUB-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Table with Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021 on a generational basis.

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

The following presents changes in the total OPEB liability.

Beginning balance	<u>\$ 1,513,608</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	112,313
Interest	34,823
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	290,610
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	(100,280)
Benefit payments	<u>(27,673)</u>
Net changes	<u>309,793</u>
Ending balance	<u><u>\$ 1,823,401</u></u>

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	<u>2.54%</u>	<u>3.54%</u>	<u>4.54%</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 1,971,820</u>	<u>\$ 1,823,401</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,666</u>

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rate: The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 1,649,713</u>	<u>\$ 1,823,401</u>	<u>\$ 2,027,060</u>

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**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the City recognized an OPEB expense of \$189,135. At June 30, 2022, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 314,170	\$ -
Change of assumptions or other inputs	<u>94,748</u>	<u>121,272</u>
Total	<u>\$ 408,918</u>	<u>\$ 121,272</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
2023	\$ 41,999
2024	41,999
2025	41,999
2026	41,999
2027	41,999
Thereafter	<u>77,651</u>
	<u>\$ 287,646</u>

(16) Advance from Grantors

Advances from grantors in the amount of \$3,926 in the business-type activities at June 30, 2022 consist of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers program HCV CARES Act revenue received that will be used in the subsequent year to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

(17) Enterprise Fund Contracts

The City purchases its natural gas from Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority, under a contract commencing December 23, 2012. The contract shall continue for successive periods of one year unless terminated by either party upon at least six months prior written notice. The City purchased natural gas during fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,220,310, of which \$107,984 was owed for purchases for the month of June 2022.

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(18) Departmental Information for the Enterprise Fund

The City of Ville Platte maintains one enterprise fund with three departments which provide gas, water, and sewerage services. Departmental information for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 2,030,329	\$ 2,075,166	\$ 1,145,085	\$ 5,250,580
Operating expenses:				
Depreciation	16,080	1,122,540	298,527	1,437,147
Other	<u>2,133,160</u>	<u>1,165,467</u>	<u>738,500</u>	<u>4,037,127</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>2,149,240</u>	<u>2,288,007</u>	<u>1,037,027</u>	<u>5,474,274</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ (118,911)</u>	<u>\$ (212,841)</u>	<u>\$ 108,058</u>	<u>\$ (223,694)</u>

(19) Compensation of City Officials

A detail of compensation paid to the City Council for the year ended June 30, 2022 follows:

Bryant Riggs	\$ 14,663
Jerry Joseph	14,003
Donald Sam	6,781
Christina Sam	6,799
Michael Perron	14,063
Faye Lemoine	14,649
Lionel Anderson	5,843
Jordan Anderson	<u>7,966</u>
	<u>\$ 84,767</u>

(20) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

A detail of compensation, benefits, and other payments to Mayor Jennifer Vidrine, for the year ended June 30, 2022 follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 70,000
Phone allowance	720
Benefits - insurance	8,055
Benefits - retirement	20,950
Dues	1,388
Lodging	6,207
Travel	<u>49</u>
	<u>\$ 107,369</u>

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(21) Interfund Transactions

A. Interfund receivables and payables consist of the following at June 30, 2022:

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
Major governmental funds:		
General Fund	\$ 6,718	\$ 14,961
Proprietary funds:		
Enterprise fund	<u>14,961</u>	<u>6,718</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,679</u>	<u>\$ 21,679</u>

Interfund receivables and payables arise as a result of transactions between funds when there is an expectation that the disbursing fund will be repaid or reimbursed by the recipient fund.

B. Interfund transfers consist of the following at 6/30/2022:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Major governmental funds:		
General Fund	\$ 2,088,344	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds:		
1975 Sales Tax	-	1,660,667
1984 Sales Tax	-	1,037,698
City Court	<u>703,000</u>	<u>2,440</u>
Total major governmental funds	2,791,344	2,700,805
Proprietary fund - Utility Fund	<u>775,481</u>	<u>866,020</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,566,825</u>	<u>\$ 3,566,825</u>

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund or utility fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

(22) Deficit in Individual Fund

The City Court Fund reflected a deficit fund balance in the amount of \$3,436 at June 30, 2022. It is anticipated that the deficit will be funded by excess revenues in subsequent periods.

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(23) Risk Management

The City is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general and auto liability, property hazards, and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

(24) Subsequent Event

In September of 2022 the City entered into a service concession arrangement to build a new sewer system. This contract paid off all outstanding bonds of the utility system. This contract would also allow the City to comply with a compliance order issued by the State of Louisiana, Department of Environmental Quality.

(25) Litigation and Claims

There is no litigation pending against the City at June 30, 2022.

(26) New Accounting Pronouncements

In May of 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. The provisions of GASB statement No. 96 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The effect of implementation of these statements on the City's financial statements has not yet been determined.

**REQUIRED  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 1,573,500	\$ 1,680,054	\$ 1,701,489	\$ 21,435
Licenses and permits	367,500	295,750	428,695	132,945
Intergovernmental	2,900,165	1,788,418	2,414,392	625,974
Miscellaneous	<u>454,305</u>	<u>364,352</u>	<u>350,294</u>	<u>(14,058)</u>
Total revenues	<u>5,295,470</u>	<u>4,128,574</u>	<u>4,894,870</u>	<u>766,296</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	1,345,760	1,425,520	1,404,802	20,718
Public safety:				
Police	1,776,160	1,604,119	1,562,856	41,263
Fire	1,300,700	1,340,200	1,312,578	27,622
Streets and drainage	854,170	1,100,390	1,022,710	77,680
Culture and recreation	443,400	512,270	499,960	12,310
Capital outlay	3,995,782	1,980,119	2,439,166	(459,047)
Debt service	<u>94,025</u>	<u>68,825</u>	<u>68,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>9,809,997</u>	<u>8,031,443</u>	<u>8,310,897</u>	<u>(279,454)</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(4,514,527)	(3,902,869)	(3,416,027)	486,842
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	<u>2,620,000</u>	<u>1,938,020</u>	<u>2,088,344</u>	<u>150,324</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,894,527)	(1,964,849)	(1,327,683)	637,166
Fund balance, beginning	<u>4,700,849</u>	<u>5,305,287</u>	<u>5,305,287</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 2,806,322</u>	<u>\$ 3,340,438</u>	<u>\$ 3,977,604</u>	<u>\$ 637,166</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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1975 Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,680,463	\$ 30,463
Miscellaneous	20	25	25	-
Total revenues	<u>1,550,020</u>	<u>1,650,025</u>	<u>1,680,488</u>	<u>30,463</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	25,000	20,000	12,362	7,638
Sales tax collection fees	<u>31,000</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,295</u>	<u>(295)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>56,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>	<u>45,657</u>	<u>7,343</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,494,020</u>	<u>1,597,025</u>	<u>1,634,831</u>	<u>37,806</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfer to General Fund	(1,400,000)	(1,400,000)	(1,550,663)	(150,663)
Transfer to Utility Fund	<u>(110,000)</u>	<u>(110,000)</u>	<u>(110,004)</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Total other financing uses	<u>(1,510,000)</u>	<u>(1,510,000)</u>	<u>(1,660,667)</u>	<u>(150,667)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(15,980)	87,025	(25,836)	(112,861)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>268,457</u>	<u>176,098</u>	<u>176,098</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 252,477</u>	<u>\$ 263,123</u>	<u>\$ 150,262</u>	<u>\$ (112,861)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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1984 Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,680,463	\$ 30,463
Miscellaneous	1,200	650	655	5
Total revenues	<u>1,551,200</u>	<u>1,650,650</u>	<u>1,681,118</u>	<u>30,468</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government:				
Professional fees	50,000	120,000	85,340	34,660
Sales tax collection fees	31,000	33,000	33,295	(295)
Sewer improvements	150,000	150,000	6,137	143,863
Total expenditures	<u>231,000</u>	<u>303,000</u>	<u>124,772</u>	<u>178,228</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,320,200</u>	<u>1,347,650</u>	<u>1,556,346</u>	<u>208,696</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfer to General Fund	(320,000)	(375,000)	(381,021)	(6,021)
Transfer to Utility Fund	<u>(600,000)</u>	<u>(650,000)</u>	<u>(656,677)</u>	<u>(6,677)</u>
Total other financing uses	<u>(920,000)</u>	<u>(1,025,000)</u>	<u>(1,037,698)</u>	<u>(12,698)</u>
Net change in fund balance	400,200	322,650	518,648	195,998
Fund balance, beginning	<u>1,960,294</u>	<u>2,012,049</u>	<u>2,012,049</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 2,360,494</u>	<u>\$ 2,334,699</u>	<u>\$ 2,530,697</u>	<u>\$ 195,998</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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City Court Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 121,477	\$ 35,477
Fines and forfeits	35,000	29,000	29,024	24
Salaries from Police Jury	46,000	46,000	42,994	(3,006)
On-behalf payments	30,000	34,765	33,566	(1,199)
Miscellaneous	<u>3,800</u>	<u>15,005</u>	<u>14,904</u>	<u>(101)</u>
Total revenues	200,800	210,770	241,965	31,195
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	<u>805,700</u>	<u>982,100</u>	<u>982,192</u>	<u>(92)</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>(604,900)</u>	<u>(771,330)</u>	<u>(740,227)</u>	<u>31,103</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfer from Utility Fund	605,000	740,000	703,000	(37,000)
Transfer to General Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,440)</u>	<u>(2,440)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>605,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>700,560</u>	<u>(39,440)</u>
Net change in fund balance	100	(31,330)	(39,667)	(8,337)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>2,230</u>	<u>36,231</u>	<u>36,231</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance (deficit), ending	<u>\$ 2,330</u>	<u>\$ 4,901</u>	<u>\$ (3,436)</u>	<u>\$ (8,337)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 112,313	\$ 78,031	\$ 75,419	\$ 71,000	\$ 74,810
Interest on total OPEB liability	34,823	33,780	46,932	45,566	46,767
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	290,610	-	9,256	-	91,536
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	(100,280)	(34,037)	77,892	66,699	(12,827)
Benefit payments	<u>(27,673)</u>	<u>(29,129)</u>	<u>(19,873)</u>	<u>(28,399)</u>	<u>(78,640)</u>
Net change in OPEB liability	309,793	48,645	189,626	154,866	121,646
Total OPEB liability, beginning	<u>1,513,608</u>	<u>1,464,963</u>	<u>1,275,337</u>	<u>1,120,471</u>	<u>998,825</u>
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>\$ 1,823,401</u>	<u>\$ 1,513,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,464,963</u>	<u>\$ 1,275,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,471</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 3,216,379</u>	<u>\$ 3,212,994</u>	<u>\$ 2,711,608</u>	<u>\$ 3,259,848</u>	<u>\$ 2,779,763</u>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>56.69%</u>	<u>47.11%</u>	<u>54.03%</u>	<u>39.12%</u>	<u>40.31%</u>

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Year ended June 30,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
<b><i>Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana*</i></b>					
2022	0.684994%	\$ 1,905,314	\$ 1,356,401	140.5%	77.82%
2021	0.714581%	3,089,426	1,365,955	226.2%	64.52%
2020	0.695003%	2,904,182	1,286,585	225.7%	64.68%
2019	0.764220%	3,164,389	1,395,239	226.8%	63.94%
2018	0.781751%	3,270,395	1,418,797	230.5%	62.49%
2017	0.832974%	3,414,118	1,488,981	229.3%	62.11%
2016	0.814196%	2,908,435	1,394,010	208.6%	66.18%
2015	0.750734%	1,926,717	1,227,877	156.9%	73.99%
<b><i>Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System*</i></b>					
2022	0.184555%	\$ 983,779	\$ 563,046	174.7%	84.09%
2021	0.150990%	1,395,499	466,366	299.2%	70.94%
2020	0.205283%	1,864,313	681,520	273.6%	71.01%
2019	0.273812%	2,314,823	805,839	287.3%	71.89%
2018	0.287081%	2,506,339	854,697	293.2%	70.08%
2017	0.237861%	2,229,428	664,496	335.5%	66.04%
2016	0.264622%	2,073,037	704,025	294.5%	70.73%
2015	0.267745%	1,675,035	694,651	241.1%	75.10%
<b><i>Firefighters' Retirement System*</i></b>					
2022	0.201919%	\$ 715,571	\$ 506,471	141.3%	83.78%
2021	0.210222%	1,457,164	518,368	281.1%	72.61%
2020	0.221574%	1,387,476	535,518	259.1%	73.96%
2019	0.210611%	1,211,451	501,429	241.6%	74.76%
2018	0.200203%	1,147,533	467,448	245.5%	73.55%
2017	0.200020%	1,308,312	451,000	290.1%	68.16%
2016	0.233345%	1,259,389	495,022	254.4%	72.45%
2015	0.227814%	1,013,754	462,773	219.1%	76.02%
<b><i>Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System*</i></b>					
2022	0.004090%	\$ 224,894	\$ 83,241	270.2%	72.80%
2021	0.003230%	267,061	62,288	428.8%	58.00%
2020	0.003060%	221,477	58,931	375.8%	62.90%
2019	0.003130%	213,668	58,931	362.6%	64.30%
2018	0.003300%	232,493	58,931	394.5%	62.50%
2017	0.003210%	252,302	58,931	428.1%	57.70%
2016	0.003280%	223,090	29,363	759.8%	62.66%

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Year ended June 30,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
<b><i>Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana</i></b>					
2022	\$ 489,814	\$ 489,814	\$ -	\$ 1,660,387	29.50%
2021	400,138	400,138	-	1,356,401	29.50%
2020	379,053	379,053	-	1,365,955	27.75%
2019	334,512	334,512	-	1,286,585	26.00%
2018	345,322	345,322	-	1,395,239	24.75%
2017	322,776	322,776	-	1,418,797	22.75%
2016	294,074	294,074	-	1,488,981	19.75%
2015	275,317	275,317	-	1,394,010	19.75%
<b><i>Municipal Police Employees Retirement System</i></b>					
2022	\$ 152,715	\$ 152,715	\$ -	\$ 513,327	29.75%
2021	190,028	190,028	-	563,046	33.75%
2020	151,569	151,569	-	466,366	32.50%
2019	219,790	219,790	-	681,520	32.25%
2018	247,795	247,795	-	805,839	30.75%
2017	272,105	272,105	-	854,697	31.84%
2016	196,558	196,558	-	664,496	29.58%
2015	221,768	221,768	-	704,025	31.50%
<b><i>Firefighters' Retirement System</i></b>					
2022	\$ 207,504	\$ 207,504	\$ -	\$ 614,826	33.75%
2021	163,337	163,337	-	506,471	32.25%
2020	143,847	143,847	-	518,368	27.75%
2019	141,912	141,912	-	535,518	26.50%
2018	132,879	132,879	-	501,429	26.50%
2017	118,031	118,031	-	467,448	25.25%
2016	122,898	122,898	-	451,000	27.25%
2015	144,794	144,794	-	495,022	29.25%
<b><i>Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System</i></b>					
2022	\$ 35,522	\$ 35,522	\$ -	\$ 82,610	43.00%
2021	36,293	36,293	-	83,241	43.60%
2020	26,161	26,161	-	62,288	42.00%
2019	22,983	22,983	-	58,931	39.00%
2018	23,337	23,337	-	58,931	39.60%
2017	21,628	21,628	-	58,931	36.70%
2016	23,160	23,160	-	58,931	39.30%

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

(1) Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Mayor prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Council for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
6. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the City.

(2) Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following funds incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2022:

General Fund	\$ 279,454
City Court Special Revenue Fund	92

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Required Supplementary Information (Continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

(3) Other Postemployment Benefit Plan

Changes in Benefit Terms – There were no changes in benefit terms.

Changes of Assumptions –

Year Ended June 30,	Discount Rate
2022	3.54%
2021	2.16%
2020	2.21%
2019	3.50%
2018	3.87%
2017	3.87%

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of GASB No. 75, paragraph 4, to pay related benefits.

(4) Pension Plans

Changes in Benefit Terms – There were no changes in benefit terms.

Changes of Assumptions –

Year Ended June 30,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
<b><i>Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana - Plan A*</i></b>					
2022	6.85%	6.85%	2.50%	3	4.50% - 6.40%
2021	6.95%	6.95%	2.50%	3	4.50% - 6.00%
2020	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	3	4.50% - 6.40%
2019	7.275%	7.275%	2.60%	3	5.00%
2018	7.40%	7.40%	2.775%	3	5.00%
2017	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	3	5.00%
2016	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	3	5.00%
2015	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	5.75%

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Required Supplementary Information (Continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Investment Rate of Return</u>	<u>Inflation Rate</u>	<u>Expected Remaining Service Lives</u>	<u>Projected Salary Increase</u>
<b><i>Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System*</i></b>					
2022	6.750%	6.750%	2.50%	4	4.70% - 12.30%
2021	6.950%	6.950%	2.50%	4	4.70% - 12.30%
2020	7.125%	7.125%	2.50%	4	4.25% - 9.75%
2019	7.20%	7.20%	2.60%	4	4.25% - 9.75%
2018	7.325%	7.325%	2.70%	4	4.25% - 9.75%
2017	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	4	4.25% - 9.75%
2016	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	4	4.25% - 9.75%
2015	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	4	4.00% - 10.00%
<b><i>Firefighters' Retirement System*</i></b>					
2022	6.90%	6.90%	2.50%	7	5.20% - 14.10%
2021	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	7	5.20% - 14.10%
2020	7.15%	7.15%	2.50%	7	4.50% - 14.75%
2019	7.30%	7.30%	2.70%	7	4.75% - 15.00%
2018	7.40%	7.40%	2.775%	7	4.75% - 15.00%
2017	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	7	4.75% - 15.00%
2016	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	7	4.75% - 15.00%
2015	7.50%	7.50%	3.00%	7	5.50% - 15.00%
<b><i>Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System*</i></b>					
2022	7.40%	7.40%	2.30%	2	2.6%- 5.1%
2021	7.55%	7.55%	2.30%	2	2.6%- 5.1%
2020	7.60%	7.60%	2.75%	3	2.8% - 5.3%
2019	7.65%	7.65%	2.75%	3	2.8% - 5.3%
2018	7.70%	7.70%	2.75%	3	2.8% - 5.3%
2017	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	3.0% - 5.5%
2016	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	3.0% - 5.5%
2015	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	3.0% - 5.5%

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**OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive (Negative)
<b>Taxes:</b>				
Ad valorem	\$ 256,000	\$ 256,000	\$ 254,105	\$ (1,895)
Street and drainage maintenance	356,000	356,000	356,506	506
Police and fire tax	145,000	145,250	145,860	610
City adjudicated taxes	28,000	14,250	2,842	(11,408)
PILOT - Housing Authority	28,000	28,554	38,460	9,906
Franchise taxes	300,000	385,000	394,530	9,530
Utility Fund - payment in lieu of taxes	<u>460,500</u>	<u>495,000</u>	<u>509,186</u>	<u>14,186</u>
	<u>1,573,500</u>	<u>1,680,054</u>	<u>1,701,489</u>	<u>21,435</u>
<b>Licenses and permits:</b>				
Occupational licenses	360,000	288,000	417,114	129,114
Building permits	3,500	5,000	8,230	3,230
Electrical permits	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>3,351</u>	<u>601</u>
	<u>367,500</u>	<u>295,750</u>	<u>428,695</u>	<u>132,945</u>
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
State of Louisiana -				
Beer tax	20,000	20,000	10,349	(9,651)
Evangeline Council on Aging	250,000	360,000	353,553	(6,447)
State grants	1,350,115	914,000	228,450	(685,550)
Fire insurance rebate	35,000	35,468	65,236	29,768
Highway maintenance	14,950	14,950	14,950	-
Fire salary reimbursement	260,000	290,000	288,801	(1,199)
On-behalf payments	174,000	154,000	152,467	(1,533)
Federal grants	<u>796,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300,586</u>	<u>1,300,586</u>
	<u>2,900,165</u>	<u>1,788,418</u>	<u>2,414,392</u>	<u>625,974</u>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>				
Rental income -				
Gas department	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Park and civic center	20,000	20,000	-	(20,000)
Section 8 rent	7,800	7,800	7,150	(650)
Swamp Pop revenues	14,500	16,450	16,768	318
Interest income	8,500	4,500	7,636	3,136
Inmate housing	40,000	65,000	70,679	5,679
Law enforcement revenue	10,100	5,615	5,003	(612)
Local grants	104,405	6,887	7,447	560
Insurance claims	1,000	-	-	-
Archon fees	65,000	38,000	37,778	(222)
Ville Platte Girls-Boys Place	6,000	100	4,965	4,865
Park security	2,000	-	-	-
Other sources	<u>160,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>177,868</u>	<u>(7,132)</u>
	<u>454,305</u>	<u>364,352</u>	<u>350,294</u>	<u>(14,058)</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,295,470</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,128,574</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,894,870</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 766,296</u></b>

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
General government:				
Executive -				
Mayor salary	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 72,692	\$ (2,692)
Phone allowance	720	720	720	-
Council salaries	51,600	53,000	52,907	93
Auto allowance	21,600	21,600	21,600	-
Per diem	9,360	10,000	10,260	(260)
Retirement	22,000	22,000	21,748	252
Payroll taxes	7,500	7,500	7,663	(163)
Workman's compensation	800	700	598	102
Group insurance	16,000	13,000	12,881	119
Dues and conventions	25,000	15,000	20,095	(5,095)
Miscellaneous	2,420	1,500	1,607	(107)
Total executive	<u>227,000</u>	<u>215,020</u>	<u>222,771</u>	<u>(7,751)</u>
Administrative -				
Salaries	338,000	338,000	341,414	(3,414)
Per diem	3,600	3,000	2,520	480
Auto allowance	1,200	1,200	1,200	-
Phone allowance	5,760	5,000	5,040	(40)
Contract services	1,200	1,200	1,200	-
Uniforms	200	200	93	107
Utilities	30,000	30,000	29,885	115
Telephone	20,000	25,000	21,462	3,538
Insurance	30,000	30,000	48,092	(18,092)
Workman's compensation	5,000	5,000	5,146	(146)
Advertising and publicity	15,000	12,000	10,492	1,508
Group insurance	65,000	50,000	44,401	5,599
Office	25,000	28,000	28,099	(99)
Postage	3,500	2,800	2,158	642
Professional fees	134,040	136,240	109,578	26,662
Repairs and maintenance	30,000	30,000	31,879	(1,879)
Evangeline Council on Aging	250,000	360,000	353,553	6,447
Dues, conventions and travel	7,000	6,000	5,216	784
Auto allowance - Engineer	2,760	2,760	2,760	-
Retirement contributions	92,000	100,000	98,138	1,862
Payroll taxes	7,000	8,000	8,126	(126)
Demolition of property	20,000	5,100	5,100	-
Miscellaneous	32,500	31,000	26,479	4,521
Total administrative	<u>1,118,760</u>	<u>1,210,500</u>	<u>1,182,031</u>	<u>28,469</u>
Total general government	<u>1,345,760</u>	<u>1,425,520</u>	<u>1,404,802</u>	<u>20,718</u>

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (Continued)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Public safety:				
Police department -				
Salaries	742,500	650,000	637,853	12,147
State supplemental pay	90,000	70,000	74,250	(4,250)
Phone allowance	2,160	1,680	1,680	-
Gas and oil	40,000	45,000	49,322	(4,322)
Auto repairs	30,000	40,000	44,891	(4,891)
Equipment and building repairs and maintenance	55,000	35,000	28,225	6,775
Feeding prisoners	24,000	10,000	5,676	4,324
Supplies	20,000	91,610	89,664	1,946
Telephone	30,000	28,000	24,522	3,478
Insurance	125,000	90,000	81,939	8,061
Workman's compensation	70,000	55,000	53,117	1,883
Advertising and publicity	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Office	12,000	10,000	14,610	(4,610)
Uniforms	22,000	22,000	25,404	(3,404)
Retirement contributions	220,000	180,000	170,338	9,662
Group insurance	140,000	120,000	125,060	(5,060)
Professional fees	5,000	10,000	13,486	(3,486)
Dues, conventions and travel	6,000	8,000	6,349	1,651
Officer training	32,500	28,000	5,000	23,000
Utilities	17,000	18,000	18,179	(179)
Payroll taxes	20,000	17,000	16,163	837
Dare, K-9 and DWI expenditures	12,000	15,900	15,069	831
Medical	55,000	35,000	36,595	(1,595)
Computer	-	17,929	22,929	(5,000)
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	2,535	2,465
Total police department	<u>1,776,160</u>	<u>1,604,119</u>	<u>1,562,856</u>	<u>41,263</u>
Fire department -				
Salaries	620,600	620,600	597,536	23,064
State supplemental pay	84,000	84,000	78,217	5,783
Phone allowance	3,600	3,600	3,600	-
Gas and oil	6,000	6,500	6,918	(418)
Equipment and building repairs and maintenance	30,000	41,000	39,745	1,255
Supplies	27,000	27,000	26,940	60
Telephone	14,000	14,000	11,846	2,154
Insurance	36,000	36,000	41,097	(5,097)

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (Continued)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Fire department (continued) -				
Workman's compensation	90,000	90,000	87,567	2,433
Uniforms	7,000	7,000	6,276	724
Retirement contributions	205,000	220,000	215,190	4,810
Group insurance	115,000	125,000	137,527	(12,527)
Utilities	13,000	16,000	16,163	(163)
School training	10,000	10,000	11,071	(1,071)
Payroll taxes	14,000	14,000	12,984	1,016
Professional fees	12,000	12,000	9,715	2,285
Service call fees	8,500	8,500	5,479	3,021
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	4,707	293
Total fire department	<u>1,300,700</u>	<u>1,340,200</u>	<u>1,312,578</u>	<u>27,622</u>
Total public safety	<u>3,076,860</u>	<u>2,944,319</u>	<u>2,875,434</u>	<u>68,885</u>
Streets and drainage:				
Salaries	308,000	400,000	389,081	10,919
Phone allowance	720	1,440	1,440	-
Gas, oil and fuel	45,000	85,000	87,718	(2,718)
Truck and equipment repairs	50,000	72,000	65,907	6,093
Tools and supplies	15,000	20,000	23,027	(3,027)
Telephone	5,000	8,000	7,059	941
Insurance	40,000	40,000	32,143	7,857
Workman's compensation	62,000	65,000	61,265	3,735
Retirement contributions	34,000	65,000	61,055	3,945
Group insurance	35,000	35,000	34,982	18
Uniforms	12,000	12,000	11,496	504
Utilities - street lights	125,000	160,000	153,251	6,749
Payroll taxes	18,000	18,000	16,681	1,319
Sand, gravel, cement and dirt	12,000	12,000	13,940	(1,940)
Street improvement, repairs and overlay	50,000	50,000	21,315	28,685
Professional fees	12,000	12,000	4,995	7,005
Dog pound	5,500	15,000	14,996	4
Grass and tree cutting	14,950	14,950	9,425	5,525
Miscellaneous	10,000	15,000	12,934	2,066
Total streets and drainage	<u>854,170</u>	<u>1,100,390</u>	<u>1,022,710</u>	<u>77,680</u>

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (Continued)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Culture and recreation:				
Salaries	182,000	225,000	214,825	10,175
Phone allowance	1,920	1,920	1,920	-
Gas, oil and diesel	1,000	1,000	1,492	(492)
Building and equipment repairs	40,000	80,000	66,610	13,390
Tools and supplies	7,000	7,000	4,415	2,585
Telephone	8,500	9,500	8,809	691
Insurance	40,000	30,000	39,921	(9,921)
Workman's compensation	17,000	18,000	16,353	1,647
Retirement contributions	32,000	32,000	30,606	1,394
Group insurance	32,000	30,000	30,073	(73)
Uniforms	5,500	5,500	5,528	(28)
Utilities	25,000	28,000	30,605	(2,605)
Payroll taxes	8,500	12,000	11,321	679
Professional fees	2,000	2,000	612	1,388
Swamp Pop	12,000	12,000	8,474	3,526
Ville Platte Girls-Boys Place	23,400	10,350	27,136	(16,786)
Miscellaneous	5,580	8,000	1,260	6,740
Total culture and recreation	<u>443,400</u>	<u>512,270</u>	<u>499,960</u>	<u>12,310</u>

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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (Continued)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Capital outlay:				
Administration -				
Telephone system	25,000	7,000	-	7,000
HVAC project	25,000	-	-	-
Public Safety -				
Police:				
Laptops for units	20,000	-	-	-
Axon cameras and tasers	20,000	-	-	-
Kitchen renovations	50,000	-	-	-
Vehicle - Chief	30,000	-	-	-
Fire:				
Fence	12,000	-	-	-
Vehicle - Chief	-	15,450	15,450	-
HVAC project	15,000	-	-	-
Fire Truck	370,000	-	-	-
PPE - 14 SCBA Breathing App	168,000	-	-	-
Streets and drainage -				
Sidewalk/Infrastructure	1,438,667	1,957,669	2,423,716	(466,047)
Street lighting/street signs	50,000	-	-	-
Entrance project	11,115	-	-	-
Cameras	50,000	-	-	-
Trash cans	5,000	-	-	-
Equipment	753,000	-	-	-
Building improvements	178,000	-	-	-
Culture and recreation -				
HVAC project	25,000	-	-	-
Renovations and repairs	100,000	-	-	-
Parks project	650,000	-	-	-
Total capital outlay	<u>3,995,782</u>	<u>1,980,119</u>	<u>2,439,166</u>	<u>(459,047)</u>
Debt Service:				
Principal	88,837	64,837	64,837	-
Interest	<u>5,188</u>	<u>3,988</u>	<u>3,988</u>	<u>-</u>
Total debt service	<u>94,025</u>	<u>68,825</u>	<u>68,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 9,809,997</u>	<u>\$ 8,031,443</u>	<u>\$ 8,310,897</u>	<u>\$ (279,454)</u>

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

General Fund  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Other Financing Sources (Uses)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers from (to) other funds -				
Utility Fund	\$ 900,000	\$ 163,020	\$ 154,220	\$ (8,800)
City Court Fund	-	-	2,440	2,440
1975 Sales Tax Fund	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,550,663	150,663
1984 Sales Tax Fund	<u>320,000</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>381,021</u>	<u>6,021</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$2,620,000</u>	<u>\$1,938,020</u>	<u>\$2,088,344</u>	<u>\$150,324</u>

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Enterprise Fund - Utility Fund  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services -	
Customer service charges	\$4,870,218
Connection and inspection fees	51,371
Federal grants	2,119
Miscellaneous	<u>326,872</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>5,250,580</u>
Operating expenses:	
Gas department	2,149,240
Water department	2,288,007
Sewerage department	<u>1,037,027</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>5,474,274</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(223,694)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Nonemployer pension contribution	8,587
Interest income	820
Ad valorem taxes	542,236
Interest expense	(248,676)
Paying agent fees	<u>(43,295)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>259,672</u>
Income before transfers	<u>35,978</u>
Transfers in (out):	
Transfers in	775,481
Transfers out	<u>(866,020)</u>
Total transfers in (out)	<u>(90,539)</u>
Change in net position	(54,561)
Net position, beginning	<u>9,520,437</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$9,465,876</u>

<u>Gas</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Water</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Sewer</u> <u>Department</u>
\$ 1,871,271	\$ 1,905,166	\$ 1,093,781
13,259	25,281	12,831
2,119	-	-
<u>143,680</u>	<u>144,719</u>	<u>38,473</u>
<u>2,030,329</u>	<u>2,075,166</u>	<u>1,145,085</u>
2,149,240	-	-
-	2,288,007	-
-	-	<u>1,037,027</u>
<u>2,149,240</u>	<u>2,288,007</u>	<u>1,037,027</u>
<u>\$ (118,911)</u>	<u>\$ (212,841)</u>	<u>\$ 108,058</u>

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Enterprise Fund - Utility Fund  
 Departmental Statement of Operating Expenses  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Salaries	\$ 248,877	\$ 269,470	\$ 118,467	\$ 636,814
Phone allowance	-	720	400	1,120
Retirement contributions	39,340	35,795	17,436	92,571
Payroll taxes	3,761	4,594	2,344	10,699
Group insurance	33,536	46,218	32,311	112,065
Uniforms	6,971	3,575	5,203	15,749
Insurance	48,091	25,440	32,670	106,201
Workman's compensation insurance	5,876	25,044	11,748	42,668
General Fund - payment in lieu of taxes	183,187	205,147	120,851	509,185
Natural gas purchased	1,220,310	-	-	1,220,310
Dues and conventions	1,587	7,214	3,100	11,901
Equipment repairs and maintenance	110,474	154,585	185,809	450,868
Materials and supplies	16,260	9,435	8,527	34,222
Chemicals	-	38,407	13,710	52,117
Testing and inspection fees	-	-	18,767	18,767
Professional fees	111,830	54,177	35,763	201,770
Utilities and telephone	29,476	227,705	95,862	353,043
Rent	15,000	-	550	15,550
Gas, oil and fuel	7,075	3,228	1,797	12,100
Office supplies	18,289	11,240	8,949	38,478
Depreciation	16,080	1,122,540	298,527	1,437,147
Miscellaneous	2,776	12,985	272	16,033
Sand, gravel and dirt	-	825	6,010	6,835
Bad debt expense	30,444	29,663	17,954	78,061
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 2,149,240</u>	<u>\$ 2,288,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,027</u>	<u>\$ 5,474,274</u>

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity  
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session

Entity Name: City of Ville Platte  
LLA Entity ID#: 2328  
Date that reporting period ended: 6/30/2022

<b>Cash Basis Presentation</b>	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/2021</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>6/30/2022</u>
Receipts From:		
Ville Platte City Court, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	\$ 247	\$ 447
Ville Platte City Court, Criminal Fines - Other	14,303	14,022
Ville Platte City Court, Civil Fees	<u>9,230</u>	<u>13,399</u>
	<u>\$23,780</u>	<u>\$27,868</u>

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Section 8 Housing Program  
 Financial Data Schedule - Balance Sheet  
 June 30, 2022

Line Item #	Account Description	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	97.109 Housing Assistance Grant	14.HCC HCV CARES ACT Funding	Total
111	Cash - unrestricted	\$ 99,372	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,372
113	Cash - other restricted	-	-	3,926	3,926
100	Total cash	<u>99,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>103,298</u>
122	Accounts Receivable - HUD other projects	25,070	-	-	25,070
120	Total receivables, net of allowance	<u>25,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,070</u>
144	Inter program due from	-	206,227	-	206,227
150	Total current assets	<u>124,442</u>	<u>206,227</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>334,595</u>
164	Furniture, equipment & machinery - administration	5,925	-	-	5,925
166	Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,925)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,925)</u>
160	Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
200	Deferred outflows of resources	34,159	-	-	34,159
190	Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 158,601</u>	<u>\$ 206,227</u>	<u>\$ 3,926</u>	<u>\$ 368,754</u>
342	Unearned revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,926	\$ 3,926
347	Inter Program - Due to	206,227	-	-	206,227
310	Total current liabilities	<u>206,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>210,153</u>
357	Accrued pension liability	130,637	-	-	130,637
350	Total non-current liabilities	<u>130,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,637</u>
300	Total liabilities	<u>336,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>340,790</u>
400	Deferred inflows of resources	10,344	-	-	10,344
511.4	Restricted net position	-	-	-	-
512.4	Unrestricted net position	<u>(188,607)</u>	<u>206,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,620</u>
513	Total equity - net position	<u>(188,607)</u>	<u>206,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,620</u>
600	Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and equity	<u>\$ 158,601</u>	<u>\$ 206,227</u>	<u>\$ 3,926</u>	<u>\$ 368,754</u>

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Section 8 Housing Program  
 Financial Data Schedule - Income Statement  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Line Item #	Account Description	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	97.109 Housing Assistance Grant	14.HCC HCV CARES ACT Funding	Total
70600	HUD PHA operating grants	\$ 698,481	\$ -	\$ 13,783	\$ 712,264
71100	Investment income -unrestricted	35	-	-	35
71500	Other revenue	11,891	-	-	11,891
70000	Total revenue	<u>710,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,783</u>	<u>724,190</u>
91100	Administrative salaries	19,972	-	-	19,972
91500	Employee benefit contributions- administrative	3,823	-	-	3,823
91600	Office Expenses	344	-	13,783	14,127
91900	Other	6,500	-	-	6,500
91000	Total Operating - Administrative	<u>30,639</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,783</u>	<u>44,422</u>
96130	Workmen's compensation	89	-	-	89
96100	Total insurance premiums	<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89</u>
96900	Total operating expenses	<u>30,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,783</u>	<u>44,511</u>
	Excess of operating revenue over				
97000	operating expenses	<u>679,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>679,679</u>
97300	Housing assistance payments	<u>601,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>601,810</u>
97350	HAP Portability-In	<u>7,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,106</u>
90000	Total expenses	<u>639,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,783</u>	<u>653,427</u>
10000	Excess of total revenue over total expenses	<u>70,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,763</u>
11030	Beginning equity	(259,370)	206,227	-	(53,143)
11170	Administrative Fee Equity	(163,537)	-	-	(163,537)
11180	Housing Assistance Payments Equity	-	-	-	-
11190	Unit Months Available	1,716	-	-	1,716
11210	Unit Months Leased	1,519	-	-	1,519

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Enterprise Fund - Utility Fund  
Schedule of Number of Utility Customers  
(Unaudited)  
June 30, 2022

Records maintained by the City indicated the following number of customers were being served during the month of June, 2022:

<u>Department</u>	
Gas (metered)	1,558
Water (metered)	2,695
Sewerage	2,696

**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE,  
AND OTHER MATTERS**

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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 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

The Honorable Ryan Williams, Mayor  
and Members of the City Council  
City of Ville Platte, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Ville Platte, Louisiana (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2023.

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City'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'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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City’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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-002, 2022-003, 2022-004 and 2022-005.

## **City of Ville Platte’s Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City’s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The City’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana  
February 27, 2023

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

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### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### *Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

We have audited the City of Ville Platte Louisiana's (City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The City's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2022.

#### *Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for Compliance*

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to City's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

***Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana  
February 27, 2023

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Name	Pass-through Identifying Number	Assistance Listing Number	Expenditures
Direct Programs:			
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Housing Voucher Cluster -			
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	-	14.871	\$ 698,481
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers - COVID-19			
HCV CARES Act Funding	-	14.871	<u>13,783</u>
Total Housing Voucher Cluster			<u>712,264</u>
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			712,264
Pass-through Programs:			
United States Department of Treasury			
Passed through the State of Louisiana Division of Administration			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	-	21.027	<u>1,302,705</u>
Total			<u>\$2,014,969</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Ville Platte under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2022. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of Ville Platte, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City of Ville Platte.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting which is described in Note 1 to the City of Ville Platte's basic financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

The City of Ville Platte has elected not to use the 10 percent *de minimus* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(4) Subrecipients

The City of Ville Platte provided no federal awards to subrecipients.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Part I. Summary of Auditor's Results

*Financial Statements*

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

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental activities	Unmodified
Business-type activities	Unmodified
Major funds:	
General	Unmodified
1975 Sales Tax Fund Special Revenue	Unmodified
1984 Sales Tax Fund Special Revenue	Unmodified
City Court Special Revenue	Unmodified
Utility Fund Enterprise	Unmodified
Section 8 Housing Program Enterprise	Unmodified

2. Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?	<u>      </u> yes	<u>  x  </u> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<u>  x  </u> yes	<u>      </u> no

3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?

<u>  x  </u> yes	<u>      </u> no
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*Federal Awards*

4. Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?	<u>      </u> yes	<u>  x  </u> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<u>      </u> yes	<u>  x  </u> no

5. Major programs and type of auditor's report issued:

<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Federal Agency and Name of Major Program</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
21.027	<u>U.S. Department of the Treasury</u> Covid-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Unmodified

6. Audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR §200.516(a)?

<u>      </u> yes	<u>  x  </u> no
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7. Threshold for distinguishing type A and B programs?

\$ 750,000

8. Qualified as a low-risk auditee?

<u>  x  </u> yes	<u>      </u> no
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*Other*

9. Management letter issued?

<u>  x  </u> yes	<u>      </u> no
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CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30,2022

Part II. Findings reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*:

A. Internal Control Findings

**2022-001 Maintenance of Police Department Ticket Log**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2017

CONDITION: The police department ticket log was not maintained properly for all tickets.

CRITERIA: A ticket log must be maintained properly in order to account for all issued, voided, and skipped tickets.

CAUSE: Policies and procedures for maintaining the log were not followed.

EFFECT: Fees for tickets may not be collected and misappropriation of assets or fraud could occur.

RECOMMENDATION: Police department personnel should question officers about all voided and skipped tickets and enter the appropriate documentation on the log so that all tickets will be accounted for.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Police department personnel will be trained properly to ensure all voided and skipped tickets are documented and the log will be reviewed by a supervisor to ensure procedures are followed.

B. Compliance Findings

**2022-002 Compliance with Utility Collection Policies and Procedures**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2019

CONDITION: During a test of delinquent utility customer accounts, it was noted that the City is not following the disconnect policy which is a violation of the City's adopted ordinance. The City's aged receivable report at June 30, 2022 revealed that 78% of the City's outstanding balances are past due. Forty seven percent of the total amount due is over 90 days delinquent.

CRITERIA: The City's Ordinance No. 6-17-20-1 states that "Payments on accounts shall be due on or before 4:00 pm of the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of the month billed. The account shall remain delinquent until the total past due account balance is paid. The City shall terminate the delivery of water and gas to those accounts that remain delinquent as of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the succeeding month".

CAUSE: The City did not disconnect services as required by the adopted ordinance.

EFFECT: Failure to collect user fees in a timely manner, results in a loss of revenue and jeopardizes continuity of operations. When utility balances are allowed to remain outstanding, it may be difficult for the customer to return to nondelinquent status.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30,2022

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the City disconnect customers for non-payment of services in accordance with the adopted ordinance.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The City will enforce the utility collection policy in accordance with the adopted ordinance.

**2022-003 Compliance with RS 42:20(B)(2) Written Minutes**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2020

CONDITION: The City did not post the written minutes on the City's website for the May and June 2022 meetings.

CRITERIA: LRS 42:20(B)(2) states that "All public bodies shall post their written minutes on the website within 10 days of publishing in the official journal".

CAUSE: The City failed to follow the requirements of LRS 42:20(B)(2).

EFFECT: Members of the public were not informed of details of the meetings on the City's website.

RECOMMENDATION: The City should post all information required under the Open Meeting Law on the website.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: A copy of the minutes of meetings will be published on the City's website as required by state statute.

**2022-004 Compliance with RS 42:19(A)(s)(a) Notice of Meetings**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2021

CONDITION: The City did not post notice of council meetings on the City's website 24 hours prior to the meeting for the May and June 2022 meetings.

CRITERIA: LRS 42:19(A)(2)(a) *Notice of Meetings*, states that "notice of the meeting must be provided via the Internet on the website of the public body for no less than 24 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, immediately preceding the meeting".

CAUSE: The City failed to follow the requirements of LRS 42:19(A)(2)(a).

EFFECT: Members of the public were not informed of upcoming meetings and the topics for discussion at each meeting via the Internet.

CITY OF VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30,2022

RECOMMENDATION: The City should post all information required under the Open Meeting Law on the website.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: All information required under the Open Meeting Law will be posted on the City's website.

**2022-005 Late Report Issuance**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2022

CONDITION: The City's annual audit report was not complete until after the deadline imposed by state law.

CRITERIA: LRS 24:514 requires audited financial statements to be filed with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office within six months after the fiscal year end of government entities.

CAUSE: The City was unable to provide documentation for the audit in a timely manner because an employee from the accounting department was out for an extended period of time due to an illness.

EFFECT: The City is not in compliance with LRS 24:514.

RECOMMENDATION: The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure that all financial records are readily available for audit in a timely manner.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The City will implement policies and procedures to ensure that all financial records are readily available for audit in a timely manner.

C. Management Letter

A management letter was issued relating to operating losses in the Gas and Water Utility Department.

Part III. Findings and questioned costs for Federal awards defined in the Uniform Guidance:

There are no findings to be reported under this section.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS**

**APPENDIX A**

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### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

February 27, 2023

The City of Ville Platte respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC

434 E. Main Street

P.O. Box 588

Ville Platte, LA 70586

Audit period: June 30, 2022

The findings from the June 30, 2022 schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

### FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

#### INTERNAL CONTROL

##### 2022-001

*Recommendation:* Police department personnel should question officers about all voided and skipped tickets and enter the appropriate documentation on the log so that all tickets will be accounted for.

*Action Taken:* Police department personnel will be trained properly to ensure all skipped tickets are documented and the log will be reviewed by a supervisor to ensure procedures are followed.

#### COMPLIANCE

##### 2022-002

*Recommendation:* We recommend the City disconnect customers for non-payment of services in accordance with the adopted ordinance.

*Action Taken:* The City will enforce the utility collection policy in accordance with the adopted ordinance.

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2022-003

*Recommendation:* The City should post all information required under the Open Meeting Law on the website.

*Action Taken:* A copy of the minutes of meetings will be published on the City's website as required by state statute.

2022-004

*Recommendation:* The City should post all information required under the Open Meetings Law on the website.

*Action Taken:* All information required under the Open Meeting Law will be posted on the City's website.

2022-005

*Recommendation:* The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure that all financial records are readily available for audit in a timely manner.

*Action Taken:* The City will implement policies and procedures to ensure that all financial records are readily available for audit in a timely manner.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please call Ryan Williams, Mayor, at (337) 363-2939.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Williams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan Williams, Mayor  
City of Ville Platte

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUIDT FINDINGS**

**APPENDIX B**

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### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

#### Part I. Findings reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*:

##### A. Internal Control

#### **2021-001 Maintenance of Police Department Ticket Log**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2017

CONDITION: The police department ticket log was not maintained properly for all tickets.

RECOMMENDATION: Police department personnel should question officers about all skipped tickets and enter the appropriate documentation on the log so that all tickets will be accounted for.

CURRENT STATUS: See finding 2022-001.

#### **2021-002 Inadequate Segregation of Duties in Utility Department Collections**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2020

CONDITION: Collection procedures and processes within the City's utility department were not adequately segregated.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the City disconnect customers for non-payment of services in accordance with the adopted ordinance.

CURRENT STATUS: Resolved.

#### **2021-003 Collection of Occupational Licenses**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2021

CONDITION: Several businesses within the City of Ville Platte did not pay occupational licenses during the year.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the City run a delinquent occupational license report annually to ensure all occupational licenses have been collected.

CURRENT STATUS: Resolved.

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B. Compliance

**2021-004 Compliance with Utility Collection Policies and Procedures**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2019

CONDITION: During a test of delinquent utility customer accounts, it was noted that the City is not following the disconnect policy which is a violation of the City's adopted ordinance. The City's aged receivable report at June 30, 2020 revealed that 73% of the City's outstanding balances are past due. Fifty four percent of the total amount due is over 90 days delinquent.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend the City disconnect customers for non-payment of services in accordance with the adopted ordinance.

CURRENT STATUS: See finding 2022-002.

**2021-005 Compliance with RS 42:20(B)(2) Written Minutes**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2020

CONDITION: The City did not post the written minutes on the City's website during the year ending June 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: The City should post all information required under the Open Meeting Law on the website.

CURRENT STATUS: See finding 2022-003.

**2021-006 Compliance with RS 42:19(A)(s)(a) Notice of Meetings**

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2021

CONDITION: The City did not post notice of council meetings on the City's website 24 hours prior to the meeting.

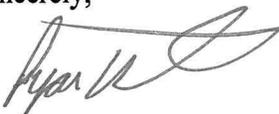
RECOMMENDATION: The City should post all information required under the Open Meeting Law on the website.

CURRENT STATUS: See finding 2022-004.

**2021-007 Collection of Occupational Licenses**

See internal control finding 2021-003.

Sincerely,



Ryan Williams, Mayor  
City of Ville Platte

**CITY OF VILLE PLATTE**

**Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report  
Year Ended June 30, 2022**

# KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Members of the City Council  
of the City of Ville Platte  
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The City of Ville Platte's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The City of Ville Platte has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:

a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

*The policy did not include the standard terms and conditions, the approval process or the monitoring process.*

- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- h) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

*The policy did not indicate a system to monitor possible ethics violations or a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethic policy.*

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

*The entity did not have a policy for this category.*

- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

*The policy did not contain R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for agency responsibilities and prohibitions, annual employee training and annual reporting.*

### ***Board or Finance Committee***

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2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.
  - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures a – c.*

### ***Bank Reconciliations***

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3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

*Obtained the listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

*Bank reconciliations did not include a member of management's review.*

- c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

*Two of the bank reconciliations selected did not have documentation reflecting management researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than twelve months from the statement closing date.*

### ***Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)***

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4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

*Obtained the listing of deposit sites and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
  - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
  - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
  - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures a – d.*

6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures a – e.*

***Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)***

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8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

*Obtained the listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.  
*The employees responsible for processing payments can add/modify vendor files.*
  - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
  - a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
  - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.  
*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures a – b.*

#### ***Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

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11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.  
*Obtained the listing of credit cards and management's representation that the listing is complete.*
12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
  - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]  
*One of the credit card statements selected was not reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.*

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

*Observed that finance charges were assessed on one of the selected statements.*

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*One of the transactions selected did not have written documentation of the business/public purpose or documentation of the individuals participating in meals.*

#### **Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)**

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14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

*Obtained the listing of travel and travel-related reimbursements and management’s representation that the listing is complete.*

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).

*Two of the reimbursements selected used rates that were more than those rates established by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration.*

- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- c) Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

#### **Contracts – N/A the City did not have contracts that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period.**

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15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner’s contract, and:

- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
- b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
- c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

### ***Payroll and Personnel***

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16. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

*Obtained the listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
  - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
  - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
  - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

*No exceptions were found as a result of procedures a – d.*

18. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## ***Ethics***

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20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

*One of the employees selected did not have documentation demonstrating that one hour of ethics training was completed during the fiscal period.*

- b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity’s ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## ***Debt Service***

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21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## ***Fraud Notice***

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23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

24. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

## ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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25. Perform the following procedures:

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

*We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

### ***Sexual Harassment***

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- 26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

*One of the employees selected did not have documentation demonstrating at least one hour of sexual harassment training was completed during the calendar year.*

- 27. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- 28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*The annual report was not prepared.*

## ***Management's Response***

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Management of the City of Ville Platte concurs with the exceptions and are working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the City of Ville Platte to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Ryan Williams, Mayor  
and Members of the City Council  
City of Ville Platte, Louisiana

We have completed our audit of the basic financial statements of the City of Ville Platte, Louisiana, for the year ended June 30, 2022, and submit the following recommendation for your consideration:

Significant water losses continue to occur in the Water Utility Department. Despite the implementation of Phases I through III of the water improvement projects. Phase IV has yet to be implemented and, therefore, this loss has increased from the prior year. The City should investigate possible reasons for the significant water loss and continue efforts to implement Phase IV of the water improvement project.

A loss occurred in the Gas Utility Department due to the increase in the cost of natural gas purchases during the year. The City should adjust gas charges to customers to reflect the changes in the cost of natural gas purchases on a monthly basis.

In conclusion, we express our appreciation to you and your staff, particularly to your office staff, for the courtesies and assistance rendered to us during the performance of our audit. Should you have any questions or need assistance in implementing our recommendations, please feel free to contact us.

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