Financial Report

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Oakdale, Louisiana, (City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of June 30, 2024, 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 judgment 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 employer's share of net pension liability, and schedule of employer contributions on pages 51 - 57 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 of Oakdale, Louisiana 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 omitted 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 accompanying justice system funding schedule 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, included in other supplementary information 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 justice system funding schedule and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated October 22, 2024, 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 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 of Oakdale, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana October 22, 2024 BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS	Activities	Activities	Total
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 3,233,882	\$ 897,958	\$ 4,131,840
Receivables, net	359,854	213,130	572,984
Due from other governmental units	44,061	256,589	300,650
Prepaid items	36,873	-	36,873
Inventories	907	-	907
Internal balances	524,761	(524,761)	-
Restricted assets:		(= 1,1 = 1)	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	304,765	400,110	704,875
Capital assets:	,	, .	,
Land	532,583	1,241,174	1,773,757
Capital assets, net	5,094,083	12,889,805	17,983,888
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Total assets	10,131,769	15,374,005	25,505,774
DEEEDDED OUTELOWS OF DESOLIDOES			
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1 100 450		1 100 450
Pension plans	1,199,459	-	1,199,459
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts and other payables	134,580	283,585	418,165
Accrued interest payable	24,614	35,080	59,694
Customer deposits	-	104,878	104,878
Long-term liabilities:		,	,
Due within one year	164,987	461,000	625,987
Due after one year	1,724,983	6,959,681	8,684,664
Net pension liability	2,764,358	-	2,764,358
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Total liabilities	4,813,522	7,844,224	12,657,746
DEFENDED INITIOWS OF DESCRIPCES			
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	146 550		146 550
Pension plans	146,558	<u> </u>	146,558
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	3,736,696	6,983,718	10,720,414
Restricted	3,426,473	190,982	3,617,455
Unrestricted	(792,021)	355,081	(436,940)
Total net position	\$ 6,371,148	\$ 7,529,781	\$13,900,929
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Program Revenues			Net	(Expense) Revenues	s and
			Operating	Capital		hanges in Net Position	on
		Fees, Fines, and	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-Type	
Activities	Expenses	Charges for Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Governmental activities:	* 1 (15 055	A 220 140	Φ.	A 25.000	A (1.2 (2.02 P)		A (1.0(0.00E)
General government	\$ 1,617,977	\$ 230,140	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ (1,362,837)	\$ -	\$ (1,362,837)
Public safety:	1 522 749	261 201	75 220		(1.10(.217)		(1.10(.217)
Police	1,532,748	261,301	75,230	-	(1,196,217)	-	(1,196,217)
Fire	462,471	-	86,656	771.202	(375,815)	-	(375,815)
Public works	691,412	-	-	771,203	79,791	-	79,791
Health and recreation	156,637	-	-	-	(156,637)	-	(156,637)
Interest on long-term debt	74,604	-	-		(74,604)		(74,604)
Total governmental activities	4,535,849	491,441	161,886	796,203	(3,086,319)		(3,086,319)
Business-type activities:							
Water	629,694	1,067,077	-	-	-	437,383	437,383
Sewer	1,164,210	1,024,649	817,257	1,570		679,266	679,266
Total business-type activities	1,793,904	2,091,726	817,257	1,570		1,116,649	1,116,649
Total	\$ 6,329,753	\$ 2,583,167	\$ 979,143	\$ 797,773	(3,086,319)	1,116,649	(1,969,670)
	General revenues	:					
	Taxes -						
	Property taxe	s, levied for general purpose	S		189,984	-	189,984
	Property taxes, levied for fire protection			118,770	-	118,770	
	Property taxes, levied for debt service			175,255	-	175,255	
	Sales and use	taxes, levied for general pur	rposes		1,625,092	-	1,625,092
	Franchise tax	es			281,381	-	281,381
	Payment in li	eu of taxes			19,055	-	19,055
	Grants and con	tributions not restricted to sp	ecific programs -				
	State sources	_			7,841	-	7,841
	Community g	grant revenue			187,269	-	187,269
	Interest and inv	estment earnings			4,892	1,825	6,717
		ension contribution			71,262	-	71,262
	Miscellaneous				218,105	-	218,105
	Transfers				481,995	(481,995)	-
	Total gen	eral revenues and transfers			3,380,901	(480,170)	2,900,731
	Change in	n net position			294,582	636,479	931,061
	Net position - beg	ginning, as restated			6,076,566	6,893,302	12,969,868
	Net position - end	ding			\$ 6,371,148	\$ 7,529,781	\$13,900,929

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 Fund

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

Sales Tax Fund

To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the City's restricted 1.0% and 0.3% sales and use taxes. These taxes are dedicated to the to constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating and maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal works, waterworks, facilities, streets, alleys, bridges, drains and drainage facilities; public buildings, purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforesaid public works, buildings, improvements and facilities; and for the purpose of paying principal and interest on any bonded or funded indebtedness of the City incurred for any of said purposes; and to improving, maintaining, and operating the police and fire departments of the City, and for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition of equipment for the public works department.

Enterprise Fund

<u>Utility System Fund</u> -

To account for the provision of water and sewer 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 related debt service, and billing and collection.

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2024

	General	Sales Tax	Other Governmental	Total
ACCETTO	General	Sales Tan		1000
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 948,396	\$1,703,625	\$ 886,626	\$3,538,647
Receivables -				
Taxes	94,666	265,188	-	359,854
Due from other funds	77,945	477,000	148,453	703,398
Due from other governmental units	36,936	-	7,125	44,061
Inventories	907	-	-	907
Prepaid items	36,873			36,873
Total assets	<u>\$1,195,723</u>	\$2,445,813	\$1,042,204	\$4,683,740
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 30,467	\$ -	\$ 2,192	\$ 32,659
Accrued liabilities	101,921	-	-	101,921
Due to other funds	147,559		31,078	178,637
Total liabilities	279,947		33,270	313,217
Fund balances -				
Nonspendable	36,873	-	-	36,873
Restricted	-	2,445,813	1,005,274	3,451,087
Unassigned	878,903		3,660	882,563
Total fund balances	915,776	2,445,813	1,008,934	4,370,523
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$1,195,723	\$2,445,813	\$1,042,204	\$4,683,740

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

Total fund balances for governmental funds at June 30, 2024		\$ 4,370,523
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:		
Land	\$ 532,583	
Buildings, net of \$4,775,012 accumulated depreciation	1,096,840	
Improvements, net of \$842,355 accumulated depreciation	1,711,662	
Infrastructure, net of \$871,210 accumulated depreciation	1,404,672	
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures, net of \$1,476,399 accumulated depreciation	405,110	
Vehicles, net of \$1,530,584 accumulated depreciation	411,127	
Intangible assets, net of \$1,530,584 accumulated amortization	64,672	5,626,666
Deferred outflows of resources are not available resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds: Pension plans		1,199,459
Deferred inflows of resources are not payable from current expendable		
resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Pension plans		(146,558)
Some liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and are, therefore not reported in the funds. These liabilities consist of the following:		
Compensated absences	(28,607)	
Bonds payable	(1,595,000)	
Notes payable	(213,137)	
Subscription liability	(53,226)	
Accrued interest payable	(24,614)	
Net pension liability	(2,764,358)	(4,678,942)
Total net position of governmental activities at June 30, 2024		\$ 6,371,148

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

			Other	
	 General	Sales Tax	Governmental	Total
Revenues:	 		_	
Taxes	\$ 471,365	\$ 1,625,092	\$ 294,025	\$ 2,390,482
Licenses and permits	232,043	-	-	232,043
Intergovernmental	898,292	-	281,050	1,179,342
Fines and forfeits	261,301	-	-	261,301
Miscellaneous	 188,970	19	25,017	214,006
Total revenues	 2,051,971	1,625,111	600,092	4,277,174
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	1,491,159	32,713	102	1,523,974
Public safety:				
Police	1,326,167	-	-	1,326,167
Fire	-	-	373,126	373,126
Public works	457,724	-	-	457,724
Health and recreation	140,031	-	-	140,031
Capital outlay	367,695	-	104,772	472,467
Debt service	 48,395		176,957	225,352
Total expenditures	 3,831,171	32,713	654,957	4,518,841
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	 1,779,200)	1,592,398	(54,865)	(241,667)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	1,279,306	-	280,730	1,560,036
Transfers out	 -	(650,103)	(427,938)	(1,078,041)
Total other financing sources (uses)	 1,279,306	(650,103)	(147,208)	481,995
Net change in fund balance	(499,894)	942,295	(202,073)	240,328
Fund balances, beginning, as restated	 1,415,670	1,503,518	1,211,007	4,130,195
Fund balances, ending	\$ 915,776	\$ 2,445,813	\$1,008,934	\$ 4,370,523

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, 2024

Total net changes in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2024 per the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances		\$ 240,328
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 Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024	\$ 409,273 (462,102) (27,263)	(80,092)
Amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 The issuance of long term debt provides current financial resources to	(27,203)	(80,092)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts, are amortized in the statement of activities over multiple periods.		
Repayment of long-term debt		150,071
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	2,100	
Accrued interest	677	
Net pension liability	(18,502)	 (15,725)
Total changes in net position for the year ended June 30, 2024 per the		
statement of activities		\$ 294,582

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
ASSETS	
Current assets:	¢ 907.059
Cash and interest-bearing deposits Receivables -	\$ 897,958
Accounts, net	213,130
Due from other governmental units	256,589
Due from other funds	874,800
Total current assets	2,242,477
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted assets-	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	400,110
Land	1,241,174
Capital assets, net	12,889,805
Total noncurrent assets	14,531,089
Total assets	16,773,566
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities (payable from current assets):	
Accounts and other payables	26,996
Construction and retainage payable	256,589
Due to other funds	1,399,561
Total	1,683,146
Current liabilities (payable from restricted assets):	
Customer deposits	104,878
Revenue bonds	461,000
Accrued interest payable	35,080
Total	600,958
Total current liabilities	2,284,104
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Revenue bonds	6,959,681
Total liabilities	9,243,785
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	6,983,718
Restricted	190,982
Unrestricted	355,081
Total net position	\$ 7,529,781

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services -	
Water charges	\$1,067,077
Sewer charges	1,024,649
Total operating revenues	2,091,726
Operating expenses:	
Water department	629,694
Sewer department	1,047,445
Total operating expenses	1,677,139
Operating income	414,587
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Interest income	1,825
Interest and fiscal charges	(116,765)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(114,940)
Income before contributions and transfers	299,647
Capital contributions	818,827
Income before transfers	1,118,474
Transfers:	
Transfers in (out)	(481,995)
Change in net position	636,479
Net position, beginning, as restated	6,893,302
Net position, ending	\$7,529,781

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from customers	\$ 2,128,119
Payments to suppliers	(1,191,814)
Payments to employees	(232,960)
Net cash provided by operating activities	703,345
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Net increase in customer deposits payable	4,390
Net transfers to other funds	(742,466)
Net cash used by noncapital financing activities	(738,076)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Principal paid on revenue bond maturities	(483,301)
Interest paid on revenue bonds	(110,172)
Capital contributions	1,273,908
Net purchase of capital assets	(1,289,803)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(609,368)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Net maturities (purchases) of investments	(1,810)
Interest received on interest-bearing deposits	1,825
Net cash provided by investing activities	15
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(644,084)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,858,029
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 1,213,945

Statement of Cash Flows (Continued) Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	\$ 414,587
Adjustments to reconcile operating income	
to net cash provided by operating activities -	
Depreciation	669,012
Changes in current assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in accounts receivable	36,393
Decrease in accounts payable	(416,647)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 703,345
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per	
statement of cash flows to the balance sheet:	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted	\$ 1,549,303
Interest-bearing deposits - restricted	391,039
Less: Certificates of deposit with a maturity greater	
than three months when purchased	(82,313)
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,858,029
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits - unrestricted	897,958
Interest-bearing deposits - restricted	400,110
Less: Certificates of deposit with a maturity greater	
than three months when purchased	(84,123)
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,213,945
Net decrease	\$ (644,084)

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the City of Oakdale, Louisiana (City) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 of Oakdale, Louisiana was incorporated in the year 1890 under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The City operates the Mayor-City Council form of government. The City is located in the parish of Allen and has a population of approximately 6,359.

As the municipal governing authority, for reporting purposes, the City of Oakdale, Louisiana is considered a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (municipality), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete, and (d) organizations that are closely related to, or financially integrated with the primary government.

Section 2100 of the 2011 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, "Defining the Financial Reporting Entity" establishes criteria for determining which entities should be considered a component unit and, as such, part of the reporting entity for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria are as follows:

- 1. Legal status of the potential component unit including the right to incur its own debt, levy its own taxes and charges, expropriate property in its own name, sue and be sued, and the right to buy, sell and lease property in its own name.
- 2. Whether the primary government's government authority (Mayor and Council) appoints a majority of board members of the potential component unit and is able to impose its will on the potential component unit or whether the potential component unit is fiscally dependent on the primary government.
- 3. Financial benefit/burden relationship between the primary government and the potential component unit.
- 4. The nature and significance of the relationship between the potential component unit with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The City of Oakdale is a primary government and has no component units. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the City and do not present information on any other governmental unit.

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 primary government. The City has no fiduciary funds.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the City's governmental and business-type 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 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.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be an independent fiscal and accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for within separate sets of self-balancing accounts, which comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balance/net position, revenues, and expenditures/expenses, and transfers. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the City. The various funds of the City are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column.

Major 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 funds) and at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined or funds designated as major at the discretion of the City. The General Fund is always a major fund. Funds not classified as a major fund are aggregated and presented in a single column in the fund financial statements. The City uses the following funds, grouped by fund type.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds -

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the City are financed. The acquisition, use, and balance of the City's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities (except those accounted for in proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds.

General Fund

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 following is the City's major Special Revenue Fund:

The Sales Tax Fund is used to account for the proceeds of a one percent and 0.3 percent sales and use tax that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital Projects Funds are used to report resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for major capital acquisition and construction separately from ongoing operational activities. The City has no major capital projects funds.

Debt Service Funds

Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest. The City has no major debt service funds.

Governmental fund financial statements include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for all major governmental funds and nonmajor funds aggregated. A reconciliation is presented to summarize the differences in fund balances of the governmental fund financial statements and the net position of the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Proprietary Funds -

Proprietary funds are used to account for the City's ongoing operations and activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector where the intent is that costs of providing goods and services be recovered through user charges. The proprietary funds maintained by the City are enterprise funds.

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds are proprietary funds that are used to report activities for which a fee is charged to external users. These funds 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 fund is the Utility System Fund.

Enterprise fund financial statements include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position, and a statement of cash flows. The enterprise fund financial information is presented under the business-type activities column.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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. The 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 types, the flow of economic resources, is based upon determination of net income, net position and cash flows.

The accrual basis of accounting is used throughout the government-wide statements; conversely, the financial statements of the governmental funds have been prepared in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when considered both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. An exception to this is grant revenue collected on a reimbursement basis.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Those reimbursable grants are recognized as revenue when reimbursable expenditures are made. The City considers reimbursement amounts received within one year as available. The City accrues intergovernmental revenue, ad valorem and sales tax revenue, franchise fees, charges for services, and investment income based upon this concept. Expenditures generally are recognized when the related fund liabilities are incurred and become payable in the current period. Proceeds of debt are reported as other financing sources, and principal and interest on long-term debt, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded as expenditures when paid.

Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned. Intergovernmental revenues that are reimbursement for specific purposes or projects are recognized in the period in which the expenditures are recorded. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City. Transfers between governmental funds are recorded when the related liability is incurred. These transfers do not represent revenues (expenditures) to the City and are, therefore, reported as other financing sources (uses) in the governmental fund financial statements.

Since the fund level statements are presented using a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statements, a reconciliation is presented on the page following each fund level statement that summarizes the adjustments necessary to convert the fund level statements into the government-wide presentations. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

The financial statements of the enterprise funds have been prepared in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses and related liabilities are recorded when incurred.

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

Cash, interest-bearing deposits, and investments

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all cash on hand, demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the City. 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 of America. The City may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana laws and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

For the purpose of the proprietary funds 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.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include sales and use taxes and franchise taxes. Business-type activities report customers' utility service receivables as their major receivables. Uncollectible ad valorem taxes or utility service receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The City did not report an allowance for customers' utility receivables at June 30, 2024 due to immateriality. 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 are reported as "advances to and from other funds." Interfund receivables and payables, advances to and from other funds, as well as due to and from other funds are eliminated in the statement of net position.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024 are recorded as prepaid items. The City utilizes the consumption method to account for prepaid items.

Restricted Assets

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

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide or fund financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at acquisition value at the date of donation. The City maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 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. Prior to July 1, 2001, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. These assets have been valued at estimated historical cost.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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 and improvements	40 years
Infrastructure	20-50 years
Equipment and furniture	3-20 years
Vehicles	5 years
Utility system and improvements	20-50 years

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

Long-term debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets acquired or constructed with the proceeds of the debt 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 the general obligation and revenue bonds payable, capital leases payable, and compensated absences.

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. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Compensated Absences

Sick leave is earned at the rate of 40 to 200 hours per year depending upon length of service. Sick leave cannot be accumulated for use in future years nor is it payable at termination of employment. Vacation leave is earned over a calendar year basis at an amount dependent upon years of service. Accumulated vacation time is payable at termination of employment. Compensated absences liabilities are computed using the regular pay rates in effect at the statement of net position date plus an additional amount for compensation-related payments such as social security and medicare taxes and retirement contributions compiled using rates in effect at that date. All compensated absences liabilities are accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. On the governmental

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

fund statements, compensated absences are only accrued if the obligation has matured, in other words, the obligation becomes due and payable because of employee resignations or retirements.

Pensions

The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense (See Note 13), have 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 plans, and additions to/deductions from the plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. 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 financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when made.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate section represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, the deferred outflow of resources attributable to its pension plans.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate section represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, the deferred inflow of resources attributable to its pension plans.

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 capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

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- b. Restricted net position consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups, such as creditors, grantors, and contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. At June 30, 2024, the City reported \$3,617,455 of restricted net position, \$2,445,813 of which was restricted by enabling legislation. 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.
- c. Unrestricted net position consists of all other assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balances for governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily upon the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The categories and their purposes are:

- a. Nonspendable includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints requiring they remain intact.
- b. Restricted includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors, grantors, donors, or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed includes fund balance amounts that can be used only for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the City through formal legislative action of the Mayor and Council and does not lapse at year end. A committed fund balance constraint can only be established, modified, or rescinded by passage of an Ordinance (Law) by the Mayor and Council.
- d. Assigned includes fund balance amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes, that are neither restricted nor committed. The assignment of fund balance is authorized by a directive from the City Clerk and approval of a Resolution by the Mayor and Council.

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e. Unassigned includes fund balance amounts which have not been classified within the above-mentioned categories.

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.

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

E. <u>Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses</u>

Revenues

The City considers revenue to be susceptible to accrual in the governmental funds as it becomes measurable and available, as defined under the modified accrual basis of accounting. The City generally defines the availability period for revenue recognition as received within sixty (60) days of year end. The City's major revenues sources that meet this availability criterion are intergovernmental revenues, franchise fees, tax revenue, and charges for services.

There are three classifications of programmatic revenues for the City, program specific grant and contributions revenue (operating and capital) and charges for services. Grant revenues are revenues from federal, state, and private grants. These revenues are recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements are met and are reported as intergovernmental revenues. Charges for services are revenues 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. The primary sources of program revenues are fees, fines, and charges paid by recipients of goods and services, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and earned income in connection with the operation of the City's utility system.

Interest income is recorded as earned in the fund holding the interest-bearing asset.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Operating Revenues and Expenses

In the proprietary funds, operating revenues are those revenues produced as a result of providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. Nonoperating revenues are funds primarily provided by investing activities, such as financial institution interest income, gains on disposal of assets, and insurance recoveries on property loss. Operating expense are those expenses related to the production of revenue. Nonoperating expenses are those expenses not directly related to the production of revenue and include items such as interest expense and losses on disposal of assets.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character Proprietary Fund - By Operating and Nonoperating

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:

Revenue Source	Legal Restrictions of Use		
Ad valorem taxes	See Note 2		
Sales tax	See Note 3		
Sewer and water revenue	Utility operations		

G. Use of Estimates

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

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(2) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the City in September or October and are actually billed to taxpayers in December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The City bills and collects its own property taxes. Property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, taxes of 19.61 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$22,325,340 and were dedicated as follows:

General maintenance	6.44	mills
Street improvements	7.85	mills
Fire department maintenance	5.32	mills
Total	19.61	mills

Total taxes levied were \$438,401. Taxes receivable at June 30, 2024 totaled \$29,234.

(3) Sales and Use Tax

A. Proceeds of the 1% sales and use tax levied by the City of Oakdale, Louisiana, (2024 collections \$1,251,321) are dedicated for the following purposes in the following order:

Constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating and maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal works, waterworks, facilities, streets, alleys, bridges, drains and drainage facilities; public buildings, purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforesaid public works, buildings, improvements and facilities; and for the purpose of paying principal and interest on any bonded or funded indebtedness of the City incurred for any of said purposes.

B. Proceeds of the 0.3% sales and use tax levied by the City of Oakdale, Louisiana, (2024 collections \$373,771) are dedicated to the following purposes:

For improving, maintaining, and operating the police and fire departments of the City, and for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition of equipment for the department of public works.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(4) <u>Cash, Interest-Bearing Deposits</u>

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 direct obligations of the United States government, bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and/or the United States government, and time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2024, the City had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) as follows

Money market accounts	\$ 3,935,892
Time deposits	84,123
Total	\$ 4,836,715

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 fair value. Under state law, 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. Deposit balances (bank balances) at June 30, 2024, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$ 4,872,803
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 300,781
Pledged securities	4,572,022
Total	\$ 4,872,803

Deposits in the amount of \$4,572,022 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the City's name. The City does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) <u>Receivables</u>

Receivables at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
Accounts, net	\$ -	\$ 213,130	\$ 213,130
Ad valorem tax	29,234	-	29,234
Sales tax	265,188	-	265,188
Franchise tax	48,554	-	48,554
Licenses and permits	16,878	<u> </u>	16,878
Totals	\$ 359,854	\$ 213,130	\$ 572,984

(6) <u>Due from Other Governmental Units</u>

Amounts due from other governmental units at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

Governmental activities:	
City Court of Oakdale - fees and fines	
Oakdale Housing Authority - PILOT	

\$ 25,006 19,055

Business-type activities:

State of Louisiana - Division of Administration	 204,250
Total	\$ 248,311

(7) <u>Restricted Assets</u>

Restricted assets consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

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Bond reserve and sinking funds	\$ 304,765
Business-type activities:	
Construction	67,747
Customer deposits	104,878
Revenue bond reserve and sinking funds	 227,485
Total restricted assets	\$ 704,875

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(8) <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being				
depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 532,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 532,583
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	5,871,852	-	-	5,871,852
Improvements	2,449,643	104,374	-	2,554,017
Infrastructure	2,275,882	-	-	2,275,882
Vehicles	1,785,173	156,538	-	1,941,711
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures	1,877,472	148,361	144,324	1,881,509
Intangible assets - RTU, SBITA	119,198	-	-	119,198
Totals	14,911,803	409,273	144,324	15,176,752
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	4,708,842	66,170	-	4,775,012
Improvements	743,657	98,698	-	842,355
Infrastructure	794,579	76,631	-	871,210
Vehicles	1,411,465	119,119	-	1,530,584
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures	1,519,239	101,484	144,324	1,476,399
Intangible assets - RTU, SBITA	27,263	27,263	<u> </u>	54,526
Total accumulated				
depreciation/amortization	9,205,045	489,365	144,324	9,550,086
Governmental activities,				
capital assets, net	\$ 5,706,758	\$ (80,092)	\$ -	\$ 5,626,666

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 96,704
Police	90,445
Fire	55,772
Public works	229,838
Health and recreation	16,606
Total depreciation expense	\$ 489,365

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 70,543	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,543
Construction in progress	7,571,377	960,272	7,361,018	1,170,631
Other capital assets:				
Water system	4,288,266	4,340,782	-	8,629,048
Sewer system	13,474,802	3,293,815		16,768,617
Totals	25,404,988	8,594,869	7,361,018	26,638,839
Less accumulated depreciation				
Water system	2,857,374	245,169	-	3,102,543
Sewer system	8,981,474	423,843	<u> </u>	9,405,317
Total accumulated depreciation	11,838,848	669,012		12,507,860
Business-type activities,				
capital assets, net	\$ 13,566,140	\$ 7,925,857	\$ 7,361,018	\$ 14,130,979
Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:				
Water				\$ 245,169
Sewer				423,843
Total depreciation expense				\$ 669,012

(9) Accounts and Other Payables

Accounts and other payables at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
Accounts payable	\$ 32,659	\$ 26,996	\$ 59,655	
Accrued liabilities	101,921	-	101,921	
Construction and retainage payable		256,589	256,589	
Totals	\$ 134,580	\$ 283,585	\$ 418,165	

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(10) Subscription-Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs)

In July 2022, the City entered into a 52 month subscription for the use of Edmunds GovTech Software. An initial subscription liability is recorded in the amount of \$105,573. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the subscription liability is \$53,226. The City is required to make annual fixed payments of \$27,525. The subscription has an interest rate of 2.2750%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of June 30, 2024 of \$119,198, net of accumulated amortization of \$54,526, is included in Intangible assets – subscriptions class as shown below.

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being amortized: RTU SBITA - Software subscriptions	\$ 119,198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,198
Less accumulated amortization RTU SBITA - Software subscriptions	27,263	27,263		54,526

The City's schedule of future minimum payments for this SBITA liability is as follows:

	 Governmental Activities					
Year ending June 30,	Principal payments		Interest payments		Total Payments	
2025 2026	\$ 26,314 26,912	\$	1,211 612	\$	27,525 27,524	
Total	\$ 53,226	\$	1,823	\$	55,049	

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(11) Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of long-term liability transactions of the City for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Beginning				Ending	Ar	nount due				
		Balance	A	Additions		Reductions		Balance		in one year	
Long-term debt:											
Direct placements:											
Revenue bonds	\$	7,903,982	\$	-	\$	483,301	\$	7,420,681	\$	461,000	
General obligation bonds		1,680,000		-		85,000		1,595,000		90,000	
Notes payable		252,479		-		39,342		213,137		48,673	
SBITAs payable		78,955		-		25,729		53,226		26,314	
Other liabilities:											
Compensated absences		30,707		31,031		33,131		28,607			
	\$	9,946,123	\$	31,031	\$	666,503	\$	9,310,651	\$	625,987	

Bonds payable at June 30, 2024 are comprised of the following individual issues:

Governmental activities:

General obligation bonds:

\$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018, due in annual installments of \$75,000 - \$140,000 through March 1, 2038; interest at 1.25% - 4.50%, secured by ad valorem tax collections	\$ 1,595,000
Notes payable:	
\$241,071 purchase agreement dated October 10, 2013, due in annual installments of \$20,917, including interest at 3.50 %, through September 15, 2028, secured by fire equipment	94,395
\$36,779 purchase agreement dated February 5, 2021, due in quarterly installments of \$2,084, including interest at 4.89 %, through February 5, 2026, secured by fire equipment	13,900
\$143,557 purchase agreement dated May 17, 2022, due in monthly installments of \$2,319, including interest at 4.825 %, through July 17, 2028, secured by police vehicles	104,842
Total bonds and notes payable applicable to governmental activities	\$ 1,808,137

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Business-type activities

Revenue bonds:

\$3,146,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, due in annual installments of \$143,000 - \$172,000 through October 1, 2031; interest at 0.450%; secured by sewer system revenues

\$ 1,330,000

\$3,800,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, due in annual installments of \$149,000 - \$238,000 through September 1, 2040; interest at 2.45%, for the purpose of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions and replacements to the waterworks system of the City. The bonds were sold to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

3,559,386

\$3,140,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, due in annual installments of \$100,000 - \$142,000 through October 1, 2041; interest at 0.45%, for the purpose of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions and replacements to the sewer system of the City. The bonds were sold to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund. Ten percent (10%) of the City's obligation to repay the principal of the bonds will be forgiven simultaneously with the payment by the Department of each installment of the purchase price of the bonds. At the time of the debt forgiveness, these amounts are recognized as grant revenue.

2,531,295

Total bonds payable applicable to business-type activities

\$ 7,420,681

Annual debt service requirements of bonds outstanding are as follows:

	Govern	menta	al Activities	Business-Type Activities				Total		
Year ending June 30,	Princip paymen		Interest payments	Principal payments		Interest ayments		Principal payments		Interest ayments
2025	\$ 90,	000	\$ 62,570	\$ 461,000	\$	108,891	\$	551,000	\$	171,461
2026	95,	000	60,320	467,000		102,846		562,000		163,166
2027	95,	000	57,470	475,000		96,683		570,000		154,153
2028	100,	000	53,670	481,000		90,399		581,000		144,069
2029	105,	000	48,670	488,000		84,001		593,000		132,671
2030 - 2034	575,	000	184,220	2,200,000		321,224		2,775,000		505,444
2035 - 2039	535,	000	59,828	1,859,000		155,904		2,394,000		215,732
2040 - 2042				 989,681		40,603		989,681		40,603
Total	\$ 1,595,	000	\$ 526,748	\$ 7,420,681	\$	1,000,551	\$	9,015,681	\$ 1	1,527,299

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity of notes outstanding are as follows:

	G	overnmenta	al Act	l Activities		
Year ending	Pı	rincipal	Iı	nterest		
June 30,	pa	payments		payments		yments
2025	\$	49,050	\$	8,029		
2026		48,945		5,880		
2027		44,798		3,945		
2028		50,138		2,002		
2029		20,206		711		
Total	\$	213,137	\$	20,567		

Compensated absences payable is not amortizable because the timing of the payouts is based on factors outside the City's control.

(12) Flow of Funds; Restrictions on Use

Business-type activities:

Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010

Under the terms of the \$3,146,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, the City is required to maintain sinking fund in an amount to pay promptly and fully the principal of and interest on the bonds by transferring monthly payments on or before the 20th day of each month commencing in November 2010 a sum equal to 1/6th of the next interest payment due and 1/12th of the next principal due.

Under the terms of the \$3,146,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, the City is required to maintain a reserve fund to be retained solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds by transferring on or before the 20th day of each month a sum at least equal to 25% of the amount to be paid into the sinking fund until such time as there has been accumulated a sum equal to \$172,774.

Under the terms of the \$3,146,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, the City is required to maintain a depreciation and contingency fund. The City is required to set aside into this fund monthly in advance on or before the 20^{th} of each month a sum at least equal to 5% of the net revenues of the preceding month until such time as there has been accumulated a sum equal to \$150,000.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the monthly sinking, reserve, and depreciation and contingency fund transfers were made as required by the agreement.

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Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2021

Under the terms of the \$3,800,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, the City is required to maintain a sinking fund in an amount to pay promptly and fully the principal of and interest on the bonds by transferring monthly payments on or before the 20^{th} day of each month commencing in March 2021 a sum equal to $1/6^{th}$ of the next interest payment due and $1/12^{th}$ of the next principal due.

Under the terms of the \$3,800,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, the City is required to maintain a reserve fund to be retained solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds by transferring on or before the 20th day of each month a sum at least equal to 25% of the amount to be paid into the sinking fund until such time as there has been accumulated a sum equal to \$120,458.

Under the terms of the \$3,800,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, the City is required to maintain a depreciation and contingency fund. The City is required to set aside into this fund monthly in advance on or before the 20th of each month a sum at least equal to 5% of the net revenues of the preceding month until such time as there has been accumulated a sum equal to \$250,000.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the monthly sinking, reserve, and depreciation and contingency fund transfers were made as required by the agreement.

Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021

Under the terms of the \$3,140,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, the City is required to maintain a sinking fund in an amount to pay promptly and fully the principal of and interest on the bonds by transferring monthly payments on or before the 20th day of each month commencing in April 2021 a sum equal to 1/6th of the next interest payment due and 1/12th of the next principal due.

Under the terms of the \$3,140,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, the City is required to maintain a reserve fund to be retained solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds by transferring on or before the 20th day of each month a sum at least equal to 25% of the amount to be paid into the sinking fund until such time as there has been accumulated a sum equal to \$168,147.

Under the terms of the \$3,140,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, the City is required to maintain a depreciation and contingency fund. The City is required to set aside into this fund monthly in advance on or before the 20th of each month a sum at least equal to 5% of the of the net revenues of the preceding month until such time as there has been accumulated a sum equal to \$250,000.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the monthly sinking, reserve, and depreciation and contingency fund transfers were made as required by the agreement.

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(13) Pension Plans

The City 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

<u>Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:1731 and 11:1781. The City participates in Plan B.

<u>State of Louisiana – Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in the LRS 11:2211 and 11:2220.

<u>State of Louisiana – Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in the LRS 11:2251-2254 and 11:2256.

<u>Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in the Louisiana Revised Statutes. The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by LRS 11:441 and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification.

The system's 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.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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 ²	Highest 36 months	Highest 36 months or 60 months ⁶
Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits	25 years any age 10 years age 60 20 years any age ¹	25 years any age 20 years age 55 12 years age 55 20 years any age ¹ 30 years any age ³ 25 years age 55 ³ 10 years age 60 ³	25 years any age 20 years age 50 12 years age 55	30 years of any age 25 years age 55 20 years of any age ¹ 5- 10 years age 60 ⁶
Benefit percent per years of service	3.00%	2.5% - 3.33%4	3.33%	2.5% - 3.5%

¹ With actuarial reduced benefits

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 collected parishes. Also, MPERS and FRS receive a percentage of insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. These entities are not participating employers in the pension systems and are considered to be nonemployer contributing entities. Contributions of employers, and nonemployer contributing entities effective for the year ended June 30, 2024 for the defined benefit pension plans in which the City is a participating employer were as follows:

² Membership commencing January 1, 2013

Under non hazardous duty sub plan commencing January 1, 2013

Membership commending January 1, 2013 non hazardous duty plan 2.5%, hazardous duty plan 3.0%, membership prior to January 1, 2013 3.33%

Employees hired after 6/30/06 use the revised benefit calculation based on the highest 60 months

^o Five to ten years of creditable service at age 60 depending upon the plan or when hired

Members in regular plan 2.5%, hazardous duty plan 3.33%, and judges 3.5%

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

		Amount from						
	Active Member	Employer	Non	employer	A	mount of		
	Contribution	Contribution	Con	tributing	Go	vernment		
Plan	Percentage	Percentage	Entities		Co	ntributions		
MERS	10.00%	29.50%	\$	20,432	\$	178,355		
MPERS	10.00%	34.35%		27,772		114,200		
FRS	10.00%	33.25%		19,820		53,427		
LASERS	13.00%	44.70%		3,238		8,083		

Net Pension Liability

The City's net pension liability at June 30, 2024 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 plans' measurement date (June 30, 2023 for all plans) 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	\$ 992,694	0.271609%	-0.015281%
MPERS	1,272,212	0.120418%	0.031718%
FRS	441,754	0.067683%	0.002356%
LASERS	57,698	0.000862%	-0.000059%
Total	\$ 2,764,358		

Since the measurement date of the net pension liability was June 30, 2023, 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 that fiscal year. The financial report for each plan may be accessed on their website as follows:

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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

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	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.300%
Projected salary increases	4.5% - 6.4%	4.7% - 12.3%	5.2% - 14.1%	2.6% - 13.8%
Projected benefit changes including COLAs	None	None	None	None
Source of mortality assumptions	(1), (2), (3)	(4), (5), (6)	(7), (8), (9)	(10), (11)

- PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females using respective male and female MP2018 scales.
- (2) PubG-2010(B) Employee Talbe set equal to 120% for males and femails using respective male and female MP2018 scales.
- (3) PubNS-2010(B) Disablesd Retiree Tables set equal to 120% for makles and femails with full generational MP2018 scale.
- (4) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Health Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.
- (5) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan 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 Plan 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) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.
- (8) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.
- (9) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.
- (10) RP-2014 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2018.
- (11) RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with no projection for mortality improvement.

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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. Pursuant to LRS 11:242(B), the power of the Board of Trustees of the statewide systems (MERS, MPERS, and 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:

	MERS	MPERS	FRS	LASERS
Discount rate	6.85%	6.75%	6.90%	7.25%
Change in discount rate from prior valuation	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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%	7.25%
Periods applied	All	All	All	All
Municipal Bond Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*}Plan Cash Flow Assumptions:

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. For MERS, MPERS, FRS, and LASERS, 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.

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

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

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:

	MERS*		MPERS*		FR	LASERS**	
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Fixed Income	-				22.0%	1.80%	2.04%
International Fixed							
Income	-	-	-	-	4.0%	4.30%	5.33%
Fixed Income	29%	1.26%	34.0%	1.12%	-	-	-
Domestic Equity	-	-	-	-	29.5%	6.24%	4.45%
International Equity	-	-	-	-	11.5%	6.49%	5.44%
Global Equity	-	-	-	-	10.0%	6.49%	-
Equities	56%	2.44%	52.0%	3.29%	5.0%	8.37%	-
Global Tactical Asset							
Allocation	-	-	-	-	-	4.02%	-
Risk Parity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alternative Investments	15%	0.65%	14.0%	0.95%	-	-	8.19%
Other/Cash	-	-	-	-	3.0%	5.62%	0.80%
Private Equity	-	-	-	-	9.0%	9.57%	-
Real Estate					6.0%	4.41%	
Total	100%	4.35%	100%	5.36%	100%		5.75%
Inflation/Rebalancing		2.50%		2.54%			
Expected Return		6.85%		7.90%			

^{*}Arithmetic 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, 2024, the City recognized \$89,764 in pension expense (benefit) related to all defined benefit plans in which it participates. MERS, MPERS, and FRS recognized revenues in the amount of \$71,262 in ad valorem taxes and insurance premium tax monies collected from nonemployer contributing entities

^{**}Geometric real rates of return

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

At June 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 105,323	\$ 24,745		
Changes of assumptions	47,959	-		
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on				
pension plan investments	311,620	-		
Change in proportion and differences between employer				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	380,492	121,813		
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	354,065			
Total	\$ 1,199,459	\$ 146,558		

Deferred outflows of resources of \$354,065 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:

Year Ended June 30	Net Amount Recognized in Pension Expense
2025	\$ 217,815
2026	138,417
2027	352,606
2028	(10,667)
2029	(2,965)
Thereafter	3,630
	\$ 698,836

Sensitivity of the City's Proportional 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:

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

			Net Pension Liability	•
	Current	1%	Current	1%
Plan	Discount Rate	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
MERS	6.85%	\$ 1,376,243	\$ 992,694	\$ 668,710
MPERS	6.75%	1,790,103	1,272,212	839,583
FRS	6.90%	681,494	441,754	241,800
LASERS	7.25%	75,551	57,698	42,573
Total		\$ 3,923,391	\$ 2,764,358	\$ 1,792,666

Payables to Pension Plans

At June 30, 2024, the City reported payables of \$35,081 for the outstanding amount of contributions due to the retirement systems for the year.

(14) <u>Litigation and Claims</u>

At June 30, 2024, the City of Oakdale was a defendant in several lawsuits. The City's legal counsel has reviewed the claims and lawsuits, in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the City and to arrive at an estimate, if any, of the amount or range of potential loss to the City not covered by insurance. As a result of the review, no additional claims payable was required to be recorded as a liability to the City, which are not considered covered by insurance.

(15) Risk Management

The City is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of health care, 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.

(16) On-Behalf Payment of Salaries

The State of Louisiana paid the City's policemen and firemen \$117,830 of supplemental pay during the year ended June 30, 2024. Such payments are recorded as intergovernmental revenues and public safety expenditures in the government-wide, General Fund, and Other Governmental Funds financial statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(17) <u>Interfund Receivables/Payables</u>

A. A summary of interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2024:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables	
Major governmental funds:			
General Fund	\$ 77,945	\$ 147,559	
Sales Tax Fund	477,000	-	
Non major governmental funds:			
Gaming Fund	20,334	-	
Fire Department Fund	36,930	31,078	
Bonded Debt Fund	91,189		
Total governmental funds	703,398	178,637	
Proprietary funds:			
Utility Fund	874,800	1,399,561	
Total	\$ 1,578,198	\$ 1,578,198	

The amounts due to various other funds are for short-term loans.

B. Transfers consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major governmental funds:		
General Fund	\$ 1,279,306	\$ -
Sales Tax Fund	-	650,103
Non major governmental funds:		
Gaming Fund	-	100,000
Fire Department Fund	217,535	-
Street Improvement Capital Projects Fund	63,195	-
Bonded Debt Fund	150,103	478,041
Total governmental funds	1,710,139	1,228,144
Proprietary funds:		
Utility Fund	2,650,653	3,132,648
Total	\$ 4,360,792	\$ 4,360,792

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 to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(18) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Mayor

A detail of compensation, benefits, and other payments paid to Mayor Gene Paul for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 45,000
Benefits - insurance	4,722
Benefits - retirement	13,275
Reimbursements	3,993
Travel	2,450
	\$ 69,440

(19) Compensation of City Officials

A detail of compensation paid to the Mayor and Council Members for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

Gene Paul, Mayor	\$ 45,000
Council Members:	
George Ashy II	10,200
Jeremy Smith	8,400
Cassandra Allison	8,400
Frederick Douglas	8,400
Ervin Willis	8,400
Total	\$ 88,800

(20) New Accounting Pronouncements

The following accounting standard adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, scheduled to be implemented in the future, may affect the City's financial statements:

GASB Statement 101, Compensated Absences. This standard updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences by aligning the guidance under a unified model and by amending certain disclosures. This standard is effective for reporting period beginning after December 15, 2023. The City will include the requirements of this standard, as applicable, in its June 30, 2025, financial statements. The effect of this standard or its applicability to the City are unknown at this time.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(21) <u>Beginning Net Position Adjustment</u>

The City has determined that certain transactions were recorded incorrectly in a prior year resulting in a net overstatement of accounts payable. These errors resulted in a restatement of previously reported net position, as follows:

	-	Governmental Activities			ess-type ivities
Net position/fund balance, previously rep	ported	\$ 6,0	33,824	\$ 6,8	41,576
Prior period adjustment:					
Correction of an error			42,742		51,726
Total		\$ 6,0	76,566	\$ 6,8	93,302
	Gene Fun		Otho Governm		Enterprise Fund
Net position/fund balance, previously reported	\$ 1,369	,413	\$ 1,214	,522	\$ 6,841,576
Prior period adjustment:					
Correction of an error	46	5,257	(3	,515)	51,726
Total	\$ 1,415	5,670	\$ 1,211	,007	\$ 6,893,302

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF OAKDALE, LOUISIANA General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

				Variance with
	Bud	loet		Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 765,400	\$ 844,601	\$ 471,365	\$ (373,236)
Licenses and permits	238,700	204,627	232,043	27,416
Intergovernmental	340,300	692,938	898,292	205,354
Fines and forfeits	125,000	229,658	261,301	31,643
Miscellaneous	295,552	163,160	188,970	25,810
Total revenues	1,764,952	2,134,984	2,051,971	(83,013)
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	938,000	1,383,971	1,491,159	(107,188)
Public safety:				
Police	1,189,400	1,334,372	1,326,167	8,205
Public works	570,300	471,495	457,724	13,771
Health and recreation	142,130	144,337	140,031	4,306
Capital outlay	-	350,225	367,695	(17,470)
Debt service	27,827	20,870	48,395	(27,525)
Total expenditures	2,867,657	3,705,270	3,831,171	(125,901)
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(1,102,705)	(1,570,286)	(1,779,200)	(208,914)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	1,456,500	1,330,962	1,279,306	(51,656)
Net change in fund balance	353,795	(239,324)	(499,894)	(260,570)
Fund balance, beginning, as restated	1,415,670	1,415,670	1,415,670	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 1,769,465	\$ 1,176,346	\$ 915,776	\$ (260,570)

CITY OF OAKDALE, LOUISIANA Sales Tax Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

				Variance with		
				Final Budget		
	Buc	Budget				
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)		
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$1,275,000	\$1,533,928	\$ 1,625,092	\$ 91,164		
Miscellaneous - interest	25	25	19	(6)		
Total revenues	1,275,025	1,533,953	1,625,111	91,158		
Expenditures:						
Current -						
General government:						
Collection fees	25,000	33,000	32,713	287		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,250,025	1,500,953	1,592,398	91,445		
Other financing uses:						
Transfers out	(550,103)	(550,103)	(650,103)	(100,000)		
Net change in fund balance	699,922	950,850	942,295	(8,555)		
Fund balance, beginning	1,503,518	1,503,518	1,503,518			
Fund balance, ending	\$2,203,440	\$2,454,368	\$ 2,445,813	\$ (8,555)		

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability For the Year Ended June 30, 2024 *

	Employer		Employer oportionate		Employer's	DI E.1 .
	Proportion of the		hare of the		Proportionate Share of the Net Pension	Plan Fiduciary Net Position
37						
Year	Net Pension	N	let Pension	C 1	Liability (Asset) as a	as a Percentage
ended	Liability		Liability	Covered	Percentage of its	of the Total
June 30,	(Asset)		(Asset)	 Payroll	Covered Payroll	Pension Liability
	loyees' Retirement Sy				400.007	-2 4607
2024	0.271609%	\$	992,694	\$ 527,896	188.0%	72.46%
2023	0.286890%		1,191,521	532,343	223.8%	67.87%
2022	0.237070%		659,411	458,466	143.8%	77.82%
2021	0.274546%		1,186,975	500,020	237.4%	64.52%
2020	0.291864%		1,219,601	523,646	232.9%	64.68%
2019	0.291401%		1,206,598	513,968	234.8%	63.94%
2018	0.282155%		1,180,373	508,133	232.3%	62.49%
2017	30.442200%		1,247,738	541,947	230.2%	62.11%
2016	0.355219%		1,268,898	596,083	212.9%	66.18%
2015	0.355441%		912,220	612,943	148.8%	73.99%
Municipal Polic	e Employees' Retiren	nent Syst	em of Louisiana			
2024	0.120418%	\$	1,272,212	\$ 407,932	311.9%	71.30%
2023	0.088700%		906,671	273,827	331.1%	70.80%
2022	0.071956%		383,565	219,524	174.7%	84.09%
2021	0.090734%		838,594	253,279	331.1%	70.94%
2020	0.100987%		917,131	268,297	341.8%	71.01%
2019	0.082063%		693,766	291,545	238.0%	71.89%
2018	0.136121%		1,188,394	412,690	288.0%	70.08%
2017	0.147320%		1,380,803	373,969	369.2%	66.04%
2016	0.122289%		958,006	394,627	242.8%	70.73%
2015	0.136625%		854,737	387,367	220.7%	75.10%
Firefighters' Re	etirement System of L	ouisiana	:			
2024	0.067683%	\$	441,754	\$ 181,689	243.1%	77.69%
2023	0.065327%		460,640	165,259	278.7%	74.68%
2022	0.072399%		256,571	181,596	141.3%	86.78%
2021	0.061191%		424,138	152,342	278.4%	72.61%
2020	0.056299%		352,539	136,067	259.1%	73.96%
2019	0.053170%		305,838	126,588	241.6%	74.76%
2018	0.065821%		377,276	153,682	245.5%	73.55%
2017	0.072197%		472,234	162,787	290.1%	68.16%
2016	0.067254%		362,977	136,935	265.1%	72.45%
2015	0.058989%		262,496	132,173	198.6%	76.02%
Louisiana State	Employees' Retireme	ent Syste	m:			
2024	0.000862%	\$	57,698	\$ 18,083	319.1%	68.40%
2023	0.000921%		69,625	18,083	385.0%	63.70%
2022	0.000931%		51,242	17,827	287.4%	72.80%
2021	0.000843%		69,722	18,083	385.6%	58.00%
2020	0.000874%		63,321	18,083	350.2%	62.90%
2019	0.000913%		62,266	18,083	344.3%	64.30%
2018	0.000947%		66,658	17,388	383.4%	62.50%
2017	0.000940%		73,971	16,692	443.2%	57.70%
2016	0.001050%		71,484	17,388	411.1%	62.70%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Schedule of Employer Contributions For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Year ended June 30,	Contractually Required Contribution	Employer Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	De	tribution ficiency (xcess)		Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
Municipal Emplo	yees' Retirement System o	of Louisiana - Plan A:					
2024	\$ 178,355	\$ 178,355	\$	_	\$	604,594	29.50%
2023	155,729	156,024	•	(295)	•	527,896	29.56%
2022	157,041	157,042		(1)		532,343	29.50%
2021	135,247	135,248		(1)		458,466	29.50%
2020	138,756	138,756		-		500,020	27.75%
2019	136,148	136,148		_		523,646	26.00%
2018	127,207	127,207		_		513,968	24.75%
2017	115,600	115,600		_		508,133	22.75%
2016	107,035	107,035		_		541,947	19.75%
2015	117,726	117,726		_		596,083	19.75%
2013	117,720	117,720				270,003	17.7570
Municipal Police	Employees' Retirement S	ystem of Louisiana:					
2024	\$ 114,200	\$ 114,200	\$	-	\$	332,460	34.35%
2023	127,479	127,479		-		407,932	31.25%
2022	81,464	81,464		-		273,827	29.75%
2021	74,089	74,090		(1)		219,524	33.75%
2020	82,316	82,316		-		253,279	32.50%
2019	86,526	86,526		-		268,297	32.25%
2018	89,650	89,650		-		291,545	30.75%
2017	131,029	131,029		-		412,690	31.75%
2016	110,321	110,321		-		373,969	29.50%
2015	124,308	124,308		-		394,627	31.50%
Finafiahtanal Dati	wamant Crestani of Lauisia						
2024	rement System of Louisian \$ 53,428	\$ 53,427	\$	1	\$	160,685	33.25%
2023	60,412	60,412	Ф	1	Þ	181,689	33.25%
2023	55,775	56,414		(639)		165,259	34.14%
2022	58,565	58,565		` ′		181,596	32.25%
2021	42,275	42,275		-		152,342	27.75%
2019	36,058	36,058		-		132,342	26.50%
2019	33,546	37,339		(3,793)		126,588	29.50%
2018	38,805	38,805		(3,793)		153,682	25.25%
2017	44,359	44,360				162,787	27.25%
2015	40,053	40,054		(1) (1)		136,935	29.25%
2013	40,033	40,034		(1)		130,933	29.2370
Louisiana State I	Employees' Retirement Sys	stem:					
2024	\$ 8,083	\$ 8,083	\$	-	\$	18,083	44.70%
2023	7,920	7,920		-		18,083	43.80%
2022	7,776	7,776		-		18,083	43.00%
2021	7,576	7,572		4		17,827	42.47%
2020	7,667	7,667		-		18,083	42.40%
2019	7,251	7,251		-		18,083	40.10%
2018	7,251	7,251		-		18,083	40.10%
2017	6,973	6,607		366		17,388	38.00%
2016	6,360	6,360		-		16,692	38.10%

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budget and Budgetary Accounting

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

- 1. The City Clerk prepares a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year and submits it to the Mayor and Council not later than May 15th of each fiscal year.
- 2. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public 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 the hearing.
- 4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted but no later than June 15th of each fiscal year.
- 5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Council.
- 6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 7. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Council. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

(2) Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The General Fund incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations totaling \$125,901 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(3) <u>Pension Plans</u>

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

Changes of assumptions – Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the plans. These assumptions include the rate of investment return, mortality of plan members, rate of salary increase, rates of retirement, rates of termination, rates of disability, and various other factors that have an impact on the cost of the plan. Amounts reported in fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 for the various pension plans reflect the following changes used to measure the total pension liability:

*		Investment		Expected	Projected
Year ended	Discount	Rate	Inflation	Remaining	Salary
June 30,	Rate	of Return	Rate	Service Lives	Increase
Municipal Em	ployees' Reti	rement Systen	n of Louisia	na - Plan A:	
2024	6.85%	6.85%	2.50%	3	4.5-6.4%
2023	6.85%	6.85%	2.50%	3	4.5-6.4%
2022	6.85%	6.85%	2.50%	3	4.5-6.4%
2021	6.95%	6.95%	2.50%	3	4.5-6.4%
2020	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	3	4.5-6.4%
2019	7.275%	7.275%	2.60%	3	5.00%
2018	7.40%	7.40%	2.775%	4	5.00%
2017	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	4	5.00%
2016	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	4	5.00%
2015	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	4	5.75%
Municipal Pol	lice Employee	s' Retirement	System of L	ouisiana:	
2024	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	4.70-12.30%
2023	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	4.70-12.30%
2022	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	4.70-12.30%
2021	6.95%	6.95%	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	7.50%	7.50%	3.00%	4	4.0-10.0%

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

*		Investment		Expected	Projected
Year ended	Discount	Rate	Inflation	Remaining	Salary
June 30,	Rate	of Return	Rate	Service Lives	Increase
Firefighters' I	Retirement Sy	stem of Louis	iana:		
2024	6.90%	6.90%	2.50%	7	5.2-14.10%
2023	6.90%	6.90%	2.50%	7	5.2-14.10%
2022	6.90%	6.90%	2.50%	7	5.2-14.10%
2021	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	7	4.5-14.75%
2020	7.15%	7.15%	2.50%	7	4.5-14.75%
2019	7.30%	7.30%	2.70%	7	4.75-15.0%
2018	7.40%	7.40%	2.775%	7	4.75-15.0%
2017	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	7	4.75-15.0%
2016	7.50%	7.50%	2.875%	7	4.75-15.0%
2015	7.50%	7.50%	3.00%	7	5.5-14.0%
Louisiana Sta	te Employees'	Retirement S	System:		
2024	7.25%	7.25%	2.30%	2	2.6-13.8%
2023	7.25%	7.25%	2.30%	2	2.6-13.8%
2022	7.40%	7.40%	2.30%	2	2.6-13.8%
2021	7.55%	7.55%	2.30%	2	3.0-13.8%
2020	7.60%	7.60%	2.50%	2	3.2-13.0%
2019	7.65%	7.65%	2.75%	3	3.8-12.8%
2018	7.70%	7.70%	2.75%	3	3.8-12.8%
2017	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	4.0-13.0%
2016	7.75%	7.75%	3.00%	3	4.0-13.0%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session Cash Basis Presentation For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2023	Second Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2024
Receipts from:		
City Court of Oakdale and Ward 5 of Allen Parish, Louisiana -		
Criminal fines	\$ 140,217	\$ 135,946
Witness fees	100	250
Allen Parish Police Jury - Witness fees	1,050	1,100
Total	\$ 141,367	\$ 137,296
Ending balance of amounts assessed but not received	<u>\$ - </u>	<u>\$ -</u>

INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE

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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 Gene Paul, Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Oakdale, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Oakdale, Louisiana (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 22, 2024.

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.

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-002 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 of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-003.

City of Oakdale, Louisiana'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. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana October 22, 2024

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INEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON

COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND

ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Oakdale, 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, 2024. The City's major federal programs are 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 each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit on 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 the 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 judgement 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 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.

Purpose of this Report

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; however, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana October 22, 2024

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor / Pass-Through	Assistance Listing		
Grantor / Program Name	Number	Expenditures	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Passed-through State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster - Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	66.468	\$ 38,164	
U.S. Department of Homeland Security Passed-through State of Louisiana Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	07.02.6		
(Presidentially Declared Disasters) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Passed-through State of Louisiana Division of Administration CDBG - Entitlement/Special Purpose Grants Cluster	97.036	749,781	
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants <u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u>	14.218	7,125	
Passed-through State of Louisiana Division of Administration Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - COVID-19	21.027	817,257	
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,612,327	

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(1) <u>Basis of Accounting</u>

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the City of Oakdale, Louisiana (the City). The City's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. 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, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. 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.

The City of Oakdale, Louisiana has not elected to use the 10 percent *de minimus* indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(3) Subrecipients

The City provided no federal awards to subrecipients.

(4) Loan Balances

Loan balance outstanding at June 30, 2024 under the Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (66.468) was \$3,559,386.

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(5) Relationship to the Financial Statements

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) was prepared from the same accounting records as were used to prepare the financial statements. Differences between amounts reported in the SEFA and the financial statement may exist due to different accounting bases used for financial reporting. A reconciliation of the federal expenditures to the federal revenues presented in the financial statements is outlined below:

Federal expenditures per the Schedule of Federal Awards	\$ 1,612,327
Principal forgiveness - Assistance Listing Number 66.458	1,570
Expenditures of loan proceeds - Assistance Listing Number 66.468	(38,164)
Federal revenue per financial statements	\$ 1,575,733
Revenue from federal sources:	
General Fund	\$ 756,906
Enterprise Fund	818,827
Federal revenue per financial statements	\$ 1,575,733

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Part I. Summary of Auditor's Results

Other

9. Management letter issued?

Financial Statements				
1. Type of auditor's opinion issued on financial statements:				
				Type of
Opinion Unit				Opinion
Governmental activities				Unmodified
Business-type activities				Unmodified
Major funds:				
General				Unmodified
Sales Tax Fund				Unmodified
Aggregate remaining fund information				Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness(es) identified?	X	yes		no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	X	yes		_no
3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?	X	yes		_no
Federal Awards				
4. Internal control over major federal programs:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	X	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		yes	X	no
5. Major programs and type of auditor's report issued:				
CFDA				Type of
Number Federal Agency and Name of Major Program			Opinion	
U.S. Department of Treasury 21.027 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover	ery Fund	s -		
COVID-19				Unmodified
6. Audit findings required to be reported in accordance				
with 2 CFR §200.516(a)?		yes	X	_no
7. Threshold for distinguishing type A and B programs?				\$ 750,000
8. Qualified as a low-risk auditee?		yes	X	_no

yes

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Part II. Findings reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards

A. Internal Control over Financial Reporting –

2024-001 <u>Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions</u>

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: Unknown

CONDITION: The City did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

CRITERIA: AU-C§315.04, Understanding the Entity and its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement, defines internal control as follows:

"Internal control is a process, effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations."

CAUSE: The cause of the condition is the fact that the City does not have a sufficient number of individuals performing administrative and financial duties so as to provide adequate segregation of accounting and financial duties.

EFFECT: Failure to adequately segregate accounting and financial functions increases the risk that errors and/or irregularities including fraud and/or defalcations may occur and not be prevented and/or detected.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the cost vs. benefit of complete segregation and whenever possible, reassign incompatible duties among different employees to ensure that a single employee does not have control of more than one of the following responsibilities: (1) authorization; (2) custody; (3) record keeping; and (4) reconciliation.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The City has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties within the accounting department.

2024-002 Cutoff Policy

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

CONDITION: During a test of utility accounts of the City's customers, it was noted that some accounts are not being paid in full or timely, and the customers, including employees and city officials, continue to receive service in violation of the City's cutoff policy.

CRITERIA: The City's cutoff policy states that a utility customer will be considered delinquent if the account balance is not paid by the 15th of the month. A 10% penalty should be applied to all accounts delinquent after the 15th of the month. Accounts are to be cut off after the 25th of the second month of being delinquent.

CITY OF OAKDALE, LOUISIANA

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

CAUSE: The City has not properly followed its written policies and procedures regarding delinquent accounts and the proper cut-off procedures to disconnect services relating to nonpayment by customers.

EFFECT: Failure to follow written policies and procedures increases the risk of not having continuity of operations and the risk of long outstanding collections of utility service revenue.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should consistently comply with its established cutoff policy and cut off utility services of customers, including employees and city officials, who do not pay within the time limited stated int eh cutoff policy.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The City will adhere to the established cutoff policy in the future.

B. <u>Compliance</u> –

2024-003 Noncompliance with Budget Act

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2024

CONDITION: The City did not comply with the provisions of LSA-RS 39:1306-1307. The City did not publish the required notice of a public hearing for the fiscal year 2024 operating budget.

CRITERIA: LSA-RS 39:1306-1307 requires that the proposed budget be made available for public inspection not later than 15 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year and that a notice of a public hearing be given at least 10 days prior to the public hearing and may be published in the same advertisement as the availability of the proposed budget.

CAUSE: The City did not publish a notice of when a public hearing on the fiscal year 2024 budget would take place.

EFFECT: Members of the public were not provided with information regarding a public hearing on adoption of the budget in a timely manner.

RECOMMENDATION: The City should comply with the provisions of LSA-RS 1306-1307 and publish all required notices when adopting and amending budgets in accordance with state law.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The City has implemented policies and procedures to ensure that all required notices are published within the prescribed time frame.

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

There were no findings reported under this section.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS

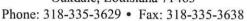
APPENDIX A



City of Oakdale

Mayor Gene Paul

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS

U.S. Department of Treasury

City of Oakdale, Louisiana respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm: Kolder, Slaven, & Company, LLC 434 East Main Street Ville Platte, LA 70586

Audit period: June 30, 2024

The findings from the June 30, 2024 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:

2024-001 – Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Recommendation: Management should evaluate the cost vs. benefit of complete segregation and whenever possible, reassign incompatible duties among different employees to ensure that a single employee does not have control of more than one of the following responsibilities: (1) authorization; (2) custody; (3) recording keeping, and (4) reconciliation.

Action Taken: The City has determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties within the accounting department.

2024-002 - Cutoff Policy

Recommendation: Management should consistently comply with its established cutoff policy and cut off utility services of customers, including employees and city officials, who do not pay within the time limit stated in the cutoff policy.

Action Taken: The City will adhere to the established cutoff policy in the future.

COMPLIANCE:

2024-003 - Noncompliance with Budget Act

Recommendation: The City should comply with the provisions of LSA-RS 1306-1307 and publish all required notices when adopting and amending budgets in accordance with state law.

Action Taken: The City has implemented policies and procedures to ensure that all required notices are published within the prescribed time frame.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury has questions regarding this plan, please call Gene Paul, Mayor, at 337-335-1111.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Paul, Mayor City of Oakdale, Louisiana

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

APPENDIX B



City of Oakdale

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Part I. Findings reported in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards:

Internal Control -

2023-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

CONDITION: The City did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the cost vs. benefit of complete segregation and whenever possible, reassign incompatible duties among different employees to ensure that a single employee does not have control of more than one of the following responsibilities: (1) authorization; (2) custody; (3) record keeping; and (4) reconciliation.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See item 2024-001.

2023-002 Written Policies and Procedures

CONDITION: The Town does not have written policies and procedures for budgeting, purchasing, disbursement, receipts/collections, payroll/personnel, contracting, use of credit cards, travel and expense reimbursements, ethics, debt service, capital asset management, and the safeguarding of traffic tickets.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should adopt formal written policies and procedures for budgeting, purchasing, disbursements, receipts/collections, payroll/personnel, contracting, use of credit cards, travel and expense reimbursements, ethics, debt service, capital asset management, and the safeguarding of traffic tickets.

CURRENT STATUS: Resolved.

2023-003 Cutoff Policy

CONDITION: During a test of utility accounts of the City's customers, it was noted that some accounts are not being paid in full or timely, and the customers, including employees and city officials, continue to receive service in violation of the City's cutoff policy.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should consistently comply with its established cutoff policy and cut off utility services of customers, including employees and city officials, who do not pay within the time limited stated in the cutoff policy.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See 2024-002.

Compliance Findings -

There were no findings reported under this section.

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

There were no findings to be reported under this section.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Paul, Mayor City of Oakdale, Louisiana

CITY OF OAKDALE, LOUISIANA

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report
Year Ended June 30, 2024

KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Gene Paul, Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Oakdale, Louisiana 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The City of Oakdale, Louisiana's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The City of Oakdale, Louisiana 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024. 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:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. 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:
 - i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.
 - ii. **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.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

iii. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

iv. **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).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

v. **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 rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

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

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

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

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

viii. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

ix. *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.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

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

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

xi. 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.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

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

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. 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:
 - i. 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.
 - *No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
 - ii. 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 comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
 - It was noted that the minutes do not reference or include monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.
- iii. 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 this procedure.
- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.
 - It was noted that the board/finance committee did not receive written updates on the progress of resolving audit finding(s).

3) Bank Reconciliations

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

- i. 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.*
- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
 - *No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

iii. 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. 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 a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. 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 (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then 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:
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - Observed that employees responsible for cash collections do not share the same cash drawers/registers.
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - Observed that employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.
- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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; and
 - Observed that employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers.
- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
 - Observed that employees responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, are also responsible for collecting cash. However, another employee verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
 - Obtained and reviewed a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash, noting no exceptions.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (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). Alternatively, 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
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - *No exceptions were found as a result of the procedure.*
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- iv. Observe that 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).
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. 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 a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - Observed that there are at least two employees involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase, noting no exceptions.
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - Observed that at least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors, noting no exceptions.
- iii. 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;
 - Observed that the employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, noting no exceptions.

- iv. 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; and
 - Observed that the employee responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments, noting no exceptions.
- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
 - Observed that only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means, noting no exceptions.
- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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:
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity; and
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements*.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase 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 a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. 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

i. 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 (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B 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 (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

N/A – This procedure is not applicable to the entity.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

A. 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 and 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 a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that 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);

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that 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.

iii. Observe that 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 Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

8) Contracts

NOTE: The following procedures were not applicable due to management's assertion that the City of Oakdale, Louisiana did not have any agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period.

- A. 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:
 - i. 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;
 - N/A This procedure is not applicable to the entity.
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - N/A This procedure is not applicable to the entity.
- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that 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, the documented approval); and
 - N/A This procedure is not applicable to the entity.
- iv. 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 that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.
 - N/A This procedure is not applicable to the entity.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. 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 a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Obtained related paid salaries and personnel files and agreed to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files, noting no exceptions.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - *No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - *No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - *No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*
- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- C. 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 and 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's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- D. 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.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that 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.*
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

11) Debt Service

A. 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 that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Per discussion with management and review of the official minutes, there were no bonds/notes or other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period.

B. 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 balance 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.

12) Fraud Notice

A. 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 as required by R.S. 24:523.

Per discussion with management, there were no misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period.

B. Observe that 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.

It was noted that the entity does not have the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds on its website.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

A. Perform the following procedures:

i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then 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.

iii. 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.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedures #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
 - No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
 - Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
 - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

It was noted that 5 out of the 5 employees selected for testing did not have documentation demonstrating the completion of cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

B. Observe that 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.

- C. 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 that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

The entity did not comply with the above reporting requirements for the fiscal year.

Management's Response

Management of the City of Oakdale, Louisiana concurs with the exceptions and are working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the City of Oakdale, Louisiana 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 Oakdale, Louisiana 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.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Ville Platte, Louisiana October 22, 2024