
Ozark

Strategic Plan

2023



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Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE), a program of the Alabama League of Municipalities, encourages cities to work toward achieving high standards across a range of topics including leadership, planning, economic development, and quality of life issues such as education, healthcare, and housing.

Using a comprehensive selection process, deserving Alabama communities with populations ranging from 2,000 to 18,000 are selected to participate based on the community's level of commitment to the ACE program and its capacity to meet ACE community standards. Ozark was selected as an ACE program participant in 2021. This strategic plan was conducted as a part of the ACE process and was supported by funding from the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Dr. Joe A. Sumners, Executive Director Emeritus, Government & Economic Development Institute, Auburn University, facilitated the strategic planning process. From January to April 2023, over 80 Ozark leaders and citizens participated in a series of online surveys to solicit their ideas about community vision, priorities, and strategies. The information gathered from the surveys, as well as from a community planning session on April 5, 2023, was used to develop the strategic plan.

Ozark Strategic Plan

2023

Vision

In Ozark, community leaders and citizens work together to make Ozark the best small city in Alabama, with:

- ♦ *A welcoming, safe, and family-oriented environment.*
 - ♦ *A strong, diverse economy with quality jobs and workforce.*
 - ♦ *An outstanding public education system.*
 - ♦ *Quality, accessible healthcare.*
 - ♦ *Abundant, varied housing options in safe and attractive neighborhoods.*
 - ♦ *Varied retail, recreational, artistic, and cultural amenities.*
 - ♦ *Transportation, utilities, and protective services that meet business and residents' needs.*
 - ♦ *And commitment to sustaining the city's natural environment and promoting its rich history.*
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Priority Issues/Goals

1. HOUSING

- ♦ *Expand and improve residential and rental housing.*

2. EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ♦ *Improve the quality of public education.*
- ♦ *Support a strong workforce training system.*

3. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- ♦ *Recruit new business, industries, and jobs.*
- ♦ *Support downtown and retail development.*
- ♦ *Support existing and small businesses.*
- ♦ *Promote tourism.*

4. HEALTHCARE

- ♦ *Expand Ozark healthcare access and services.*

5. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE & AESTHETICS

- ♦ *Improve community appearance, cleanliness, and aesthetics.*

6. PUBLIC SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE

- ♦ *Deliver quality government services to residents.*
- ♦ *Improve Ozark's physical infrastructure.*

7. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- ♦ *Enhance community leadership and citizen engagement.*

OZARK STRATEGIC PLAN

ISSUES, Goals & Strategies

1. HOUSING

◆ *Expand and improve residential and rental housing.*

1. Create a task force to explore opportunities and strategies for expanding residential housing in Ozark (include real estate developers).
 2. Provide a variety of housing alternatives for young people and families (apartments, starter homes, condos, townhouses, etc.).
 3. Identify locations for new housing development as part of a comprehensive plan; support strategic annexation of property contiguous to the city limits.
 4. Explore an incentive program that provides housing assistance for Ozark education and medical professionals.
 5. Expand rental housing (apartments/townhouses).
 6. Support housing for older residents, including retirement communities.
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2. EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

◆ *Improve the quality of public education.*

1. Recruit and retain teachers and other education professionals.
2. Expand and support pre-K and early learning programs.

◆ *Support a strong workforce training system.*

1. Develop a recruitment plan/program to attract young adults to move into the community.
2. Ensure that community college technical training meets the workforce needs of local healthcare providers (especially Dale County Medical Center).
3. Provide training in "soft skills" (attitude, dress, interviews, resumes, work ethic) to prepare young people for employment.

4. Ensure that Alabama Aviation College technical training curriculums meet the workforce needs of the region's aviation industry (especially Fort Novosel).
 5. Expand career tech and dual enrollment programs for Carroll High School.
 6. Develop programs to educate parents about opportunities for technical training and careers for their children.
 7. Establish and support apprenticeship programs to meet the needs of local businesses, develop skills in younger workers, and re-train existing workers.
 8. Expand access to childcare services to improve workforce participation.
 9. Market and support adult education programs for residents who lack high school degrees or GEDs.
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3. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

◆ *Recruit new business, industries, and jobs.*

1. Target the recruitment of knowledge-based industrial sectors (e.g., aviation, medical, pharmaceutical, etc.), small (20-50 employee) companies, and large (100-plus employee) manufacturing firms.
2. Ensure that industrial parks have necessary infrastructure, engineering studies, etc. to be ready and attractive for potential industry.
3. Increase the number of available industrial sites (including buildings).
4. Develop a reliable funding stream to support the Ozark-Dale County Economic Development Corporation (e.g., portion of tobacco, rent/lease, or diesel tax).

◆ *Support downtown and retail development.*

1. Implement the existing Ozark Downtown Revitalization Plan.
2. Recruit new retail businesses based on community needs/ retail gaps (e.g., restaurants, boutiques, specialty shops).
3. Identify investors/provide incentives to occupy and renovate vacant downtown properties.
4. Provide attractive way-finding signage on U.S 231 directing visitors to downtown.

5. Establish and staff an organization focused on developing/promoting Downtown Ozark - working in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce, Ozark business community, and other existing organizations.
6. Establish an incubator to provide short-term assistance to downtown businesses and entrepreneurs.

◆ *Support existing and small businesses.*

1. Inform small business owners and entrepreneurs of government-sponsored small business loans and grants.
2. Implement a strategy for regular outreach to local businesses (to express appreciation and better understand their needs).

◆ *Promote tourism.*

1. Develop a branding/identity and marketing strategy for tourism attractions.
 2. Support additional lodging in, or near, downtown (e.g., small hotel, bed and breakfast, or Airbnb's).
 3. Identify Ozark homes/buildings that may be eligible for Alabama Register and/or National Register of Historic Places; promote historic sites and celebrate historic events.
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4. HEALTHCARE

◆ *Expand Ozark healthcare access and services.*

1. Recruit and retain healthcare providers and professionals (doctors, dentists, nurses, etc.).
2. Expand access to mental health and substance abuse services.
3. Promote and expand drug awareness programs in schools and youth organizations.
4. Support programs and activities of the Dale County Medical Center.

5. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE & AESTHETICS

♦ *Improve community appearance, cleanliness, and aesthetics.*

1. Increase regulation/enforcement of landlords who do not maintain properties.
2. Upgrade the appearance of low-income neighborhoods.
3. Improve the appearance of the City's gateway corridors, with special emphasis upon US 231, Andrews Avenue, Roy Parker Road, Lakeview Road, and North Union Street.
4. Adopt architectural design guidelines for downtown buildings and along Highway 231.
5. Establish an educational program targeted to reducing roadside litter and aggressively enforce litter laws.
6. Increase demolition of substandard housing.
7. Enforce a strict sign ordinance, especially for signs on major routes through the city.

6. PUBLIC SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE

♦ *Deliver quality government services to Ozark residents.*

1. Increase support and funding for the training and development of EMT Paramedics.
2. Increase support and funding for the Police and Fire Departments (staffing, equipment, training).
3. Promote programs for senior citizens (Senior Center).
4. Develop community "branding" to provide a uniform appearance for all city communications and outreach.
5. Create park and recreation opportunities/access for residents with disabilities.

♦ *Improve Ozark's physical infrastructure.*

1. Implement the existing Ozark Public Works and Street Rehabilitation Strategic Plan.
2. Support the expansion of high-speed Internet and fiber optic service.

3. Expand the water and sewer distribution systems into potential growth areas.
 4. Upgrade the Blackwell airport/airfield (to accommodate corporate aircraft and have a better appearance).
 5. Improve and expand sports and recreation facilities, (baseball, softball, soccer fields, etc.).
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7. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

♦ *Enhance community leadership and citizen engagement.*

1. Maintain effective communication/collaboration between city government and Fort Novosel.
2. Promote a positive community image by communicating Ozark success stories to audiences within and outside the community.
3. Provide regular opportunities for public involvement through deliberative forums, town meetings, and community improvement projects.
4. Maintain effective collaboration between city government and the Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce.

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City of Ozark, Alabama

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September 30, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the City Council
City of Ozark, Alabama

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Ozark, Alabama (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, 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, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of September 30, 2023, 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.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Ozark City Board of Education (the "Board of Education"), which represents 100 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component unit as of September 30, 2023. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Board of Education, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

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 management's discussion and analysis (pages 5–16), budgetary comparison information (pages 68–70), schedule of changes in net pension liability (page 71), schedule of employer contributions (page 72), and schedule of changes in OPEB liability (page 73) 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.

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 combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedules of bond amortization requirements, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedules of bond amortization requirements, 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 also issued our report dated May 20, 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That

report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

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Enterprise, Alabama

May 20, 2024

City of Ozark, Alabama Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the City of Ozark, Alabama (the "City"), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

From the Government-wide Financial Statements:

- The City's combined governmental activities and business-type activities net position at September 30, 2023 was \$30,605,770. This represents an increase of \$3,398,743 from restated net position at September 30, 2022. The combined unrestricted (deficit) decreased \$2,467,007, the governmental activities deficit decreased \$2,514,820, and the restated business-type activities net position decreased \$47,813.
- The revenues at September 30, 2023 from governmental activities were \$23,255,656 and revenues from business-type activities were \$2,303,081, for a combined total of \$25,558,737. This is an overall increase in revenues from prior year (restated) of \$800,988.

From the Fund Financial Statements

- The governmental funds reported revenues of \$23,216,392 for fiscal year 2023, an increase of \$377,025 over \$22,839,367 reported last year. The majority of the increases were in taxes.
- The General Fund reported a total fund balance of \$11,179,829 at September 30, 2023. The spendable, unassigned portion of total fund balance was \$10,798,425, the nonspendable portion was \$331,776, and the restricted portion was \$49,628. The net result of operations is an increase of \$3,133,311. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the spendable, unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to operating expenditures. Spendable, unassigned fund balance represents 69.55% percent of the total general fund operating expenditures of \$15,526,493 (total expenditures less capital outlay). The GFOA's best practice target for the spendable, unassigned fund balance is 2 months operating expenditures, which calculates to approximately \$2,587,749. Total fund balance as a percentage of the general operating expenditures is 72% percent.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

Government-wide financial statements
Fund financial statements
Notes to financial statements

City of Ozark, Alabama Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the City's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and resulting net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes, earned but unused vacation and sick leave, and other postemployment benefits).

Both of the Government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include such functions as general government, education, police, fire, sanitation, street, and leisure services. The business-type activities of the City include the Union Central Shopping Center and the Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") program. All of these activities are collectively referred to in the financial statements as those of the primary government.

The Government-wide financial statements begin on page 17 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City are classified as either governmental funds or proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the Government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the Government-wide financial statements, governmental funds financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

City of Ozark, Alabama Management's Discussion and Analysis

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the Government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the Government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains seventeen individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and ARPA Fund that are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into an aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements in the other supplementary information section of this report.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for all its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for each major governmental fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements and the budgetary comparison statements can be found beginning on pages 21 and 68, respectively, of this report.

Proprietary Funds The City maintains two proprietary funds, one for the Union Central Shopping Center and one for the Fire Department's EMS Division. Both are enterprise funds. An enterprise fund is used to determine operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. These funds are presented as part of the primary government in the Government-wide financial statements in columns labeled "business-type activities". The City received the property now referred to as Union Central Shopping Center in a donation in December 2008, and there are business tenants who rent retail space in the shopping center. The City developed the trailer park property acquired in this fund in January 2010 as an extension of the Flowers Performing Arts Center and into a multi-use recreational, fitness and aquatic center during 2019.

In May 2010, the City approved the Fire Department implementing the EMS Division to provide ambulance services to the City's residents and to replace the current ambulance service provider. Statistics related to EMS are as follows:

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<i>Years ended September 30,</i>	2023	2022	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
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Number of patients transported	4,230	3,745	485	13.0%
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Eight year average:

Gross charge per trip	\$ 704
Net charge per trip	\$ 451
Cash collection per trip	\$ 334
Cash collection per trip as a percent of net charge per trip	74.1%

Average cost per transport:

FY2022-23	\$ 456
FY2021-22	\$ 346
FY2020-21	\$ 294
FY2019-20	\$ 319
FY2018-19	\$ 247
FY2017-18	\$ 259
FY2016-17	\$ 270
FY2015-16	\$ 276

Number of patients transported by payer type:

	FY2022-23	% of total	FY2021-22	% of total
Medicare	1,176	27.8%	1,272	34.0%
Medicaid	641	15.2%	550	14.7%
Other Insurance	2,011	47.5%	1,620	43.3%

The EMS program increased the net position by \$212,378 in fiscal year 2023.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found beginning on page 26 of this report.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to financial statements can be found beginning on page 30 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City, governmental activities assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$27,747,824 for fiscal year 2023, as compared to \$24,707,299 for fiscal year 2022.

City of Ozark, Alabama Management's Discussion and Analysis

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Primary Government Total	
<i>September 30,</i>	2023	2022	2023	(Restated) 2022	2023	(Restated) 2022
Assets						
Current and other assets	\$ 15,199,965	\$ 12,321,916	\$ 1,586,895	\$ 1,541,265	\$ 16,786,860	\$ 13,863,181
Capital assets	36,076,125	36,475,219	2,997,284	2,619,949	39,073,409	39,095,168
Total assets	51,276,090	48,797,135	4,584,179	4,161,214	55,860,269	52,958,349
Deferred outflows of resources						
	4,719,633	3,575,694	503,933	407,163	5,223,566	3,982,857
Liabilities						
Current liabilities	3,082,474	3,611,454	80,552	59,059	3,163,026	3,670,513
Long-term liabilities	21,664,286	20,816,684	1,609,815	1,440,883	23,274,101	22,257,567
Total liabilities	24,746,760	24,428,138	1,690,367	1,499,942	26,437,127	25,928,080
Deferred inflows of resources						
	3,501,139	3,237,392	539,799	568,707	4,040,938	3,806,099
Net Position (Deficit)						
Net investment in capital assets	28,544,961	28,046,664	2,839,320	2,433,289	31,384,281	30,479,953
Restricted	444,553	417,145	-	-	444,553	417,145
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,241,690)	(3,756,510)	18,626	66,439	(1,223,064)	(3,690,071)
Total net position	\$ 27,747,824	\$ 24,707,299	\$ 2,857,946	\$ 2,499,728	\$ 30,605,770	\$ 27,207,027

By far, the largest portion of the City's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations. The City, at September 30, 2023 and 2022, reported unrestricted deficits in governmental activities. The unrestricted deficit in governmental activities was the result of the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75 in prior years.

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	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Primary Government Total	
			(Restated)	(Restated)		
<i>Years ended September 30,</i>	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 6,062,244	\$5,885,060	\$ 1,973,553	\$1,654,631	\$8,035,797	\$7,539,691
Operating grants and contributions	427,912	526,022	-	-	427,912	526,022
Capital grants and contributions	1,946,486	2,511,149	108,771	66,265	2,055,257	2,577,414
General Revenues:						
Property taxes	866,486	825,731	-	-	866,486	825,731
Sales tax	10,607,523	10,095,223	-	-	10,607,523	10,095,223
Motor fuel tax	1,423,182	1,406,831	-	-	1,423,182	1,406,831
Other taxes	1,225,757	1,243,526	-	-	1,225,757	1,243,526
Other	696,066	422,263	220,757	121,048	916,823	543,311
Total revenues	23,255,656	22,915,805	2,303,081	1,841,944	25,558,737	24,757,749
Functions/Program Expenses:						
General government	1,414,024	1,330,324	-	-	1,414,024	1,330,324
Police	3,577,525	3,454,833	-	-	3,577,525	3,454,833
Fire	3,048,370	3,007,900	1,851,820	1,465,053	4,900,190	4,472,953
Street	2,144,518	2,016,304	-	-	2,144,518	2,016,304
Sanitation	1,674,151	1,685,202	-	-	1,674,151	1,685,202
Leisure services	2,165,691	2,135,367	-	-	2,165,691	2,135,367
Engineering and inspections	249,124	243,349	-	-	249,124	243,349
Vehicle maintenance	305,412	361,095	-	-	305,412	361,095
Airport	932,512	996,091	-	-	932,512	996,091
Judicial	222,159	255,799	-	-	222,159	255,799
Appropriations	140,753	141,753	-	-	140,753	141,753
Non-departmental	353,359	1,245,432	-	-	353,359	1,245,432
Economic development	622,584	888,500	93,043	112,446	715,627	1,000,946
Ozark technology center	153,428	157,767	-	-	153,428	157,767
Information technology	223,388	203,559	-	-	223,388	203,559
Education	3,034,526	2,843,937	-	-	3,034,526	2,843,937
Interest	166,608	196,971	-	-	166,608	196,971
Fees on long term debt	23,973	8,079	-	-	23,973	8,079
Amortization	(205)	(205)	-	-	(205)	(205)
Total functions/program expenses	20,451,900	21,172,057	1,944,863	1,577,499	22,396,763	22,749,556
Special items: donations of property	236,769	-	-	-	236,769	-
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 3,040,525	\$1,743,748	\$ 358,218	\$ 264,445	\$3,398,743	\$2,008,193

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, spendable fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds report combined ending fund balances of \$12,806,138, an increase of \$3,343,843 in comparison with the prior year. Spendable, unassigned fund balances of \$10,798,425 represents 84 percent of the ending total fund balances and are available to meet the City's short-term spending needs. The remainder of fund balance that is nonspendable is \$331,776, and the restricted amount is \$1,675,937 to indicate that it was not available for new spending because it has already been committed to grants accounted for in the general and special revenue funds.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, spendable, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$10,798,425, the nonspendable portion was \$331,776, and the restricted portion was \$49,628. The net result of operations is an increase of \$3,133,311. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the spendable, unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to operating expenditures. Spendable, unassigned fund balance represents 69.55% percent of the total general fund operating expenditures of \$15,526,493 (total expenditures less capital outlay). The GFOA's best practice target for the spendable, unassigned fund balance is 2 months operating expenditures, which calculates to approximately \$2,587,749. Total fund balance as a percentage of the general operating expenditures is 72% percent.

September 30,	Total Governmental Funds		Change
	2023	2022	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,887,105	\$ 10,346,434	\$ 2,540,671
Receivables, net	1,704,619	1,532,462	172,157
Due from other funds	331,045	217,708	113,337
Other assets	14,595	14,595	-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	425,927	392,116	33,811
Total assets	\$ 15,363,291	\$ 12,503,315	\$ 2,859,976

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<i>September 30,</i>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>		
	2023	2022	Change
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 467,329	\$ 599,099	\$ (131,770)
Due to other funds	163,326	181,399	(18,073)
Accrued payroll	431,581	379,832	51,749
Unearned revenue	957,476	1,504,451	(546,975)
Other accrued expenses	235,783	229,353	6,430
Total liabilities	2,255,495	2,894,134	(638,639)
Deferred inflows of resources	301,658	146,886	154,772
Fund balances			
Nonspendable	331,776	256,841	74,935
Restricted	1,675,937	1,433,234	242,703
Unassigned	10,798,425	7,772,220	3,026,205
Total fund balances	12,806,138	9,462,295	3,343,843
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 15,363,291	\$ 12,503,315	\$ 2,859,976

Revenues for fiscal year 2023 from governmental funds were more than fiscal year 2022 revenues by \$377,025. The majority of the increases were attributable to an increase in taxes.

Expenditures for fiscal year 2023 from governmental funds were less than fiscal year 2022 by \$327,259. The majority of the decrease was related to spending of ARPA funds.

<i>Years ended September 30,</i>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>		
	2023	2022	Change
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 15,700,914	\$ 15,026,495	\$ 674,419
Licenses and permits	1,748,199	1,641,046	107,153
Intergovernmental	2,360,198	3,115,767	(755,569)
Charges for services	2,160,320	2,189,050	(28,730)
Fines and forfeitures	564,151	490,076	74,075
Investment earnings	23,921	14,586	9,335
Miscellaneous	658,689	362,347	296,342
Total revenues	23,216,392	22,839,367	377,025

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<i>Years ended September 30,</i>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>		Change
	2023	2022	
Expenditures			
General government	\$ 1,188,080	\$ 1,139,211	\$ 48,869
Education	3,034,528	2,843,935	190,593
Vehicle maintenance	283,491	347,934	(64,443)
Police	3,170,291	3,016,193	154,098
Information technology	204,504	181,984	22,520
Fire	2,631,613	2,585,597	46,016
Airport	411,045	476,684	(65,639)
Sanitation	1,488,897	1,510,594	(21,697)
Street	1,314,487	1,214,848	99,639
Leisure services	1,898,014	1,865,667	32,347
Appropriations	140,753	141,753	(1,000)
Judicial	213,916	246,990	(33,074)
Economic development	488,123	759,987	(271,864)
Engineering and inspections	236,367	229,254	7,113
Ozark technology center	121,326	124,085	(2,759)
Non-departmental	353,359	1,234,430	(881,071)
Debt service	1,087,767	1,089,190	(1,423)
Capital outlay	1,907,768	1,493,252	414,516
Total expenditures	20,174,329	20,501,588	(327,259)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	3,042,063	2,337,779	704,284
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers in (out), net	(95,729)	(49,500)	(46,229)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	7,456	-	7,456
Loss recoveries	96,724	17,444	79,280
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	56,560	51,445	5,115
Total other financing sources (uses)	65,011	19,389	45,622
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures	3,107,074	2,357,168	749,906
Special item: donations of property	236,769	-	236,769
Fund balances - beginning	9,462,295	7,105,127	2,357,168
Fund balances - ending	\$ 12,806,138	\$ 9,462,295	\$ 3,343,843

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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Budget to actual statements and schedules are provided in the financial statements for all major funds. Budget columns are provided for both the original budget adopted as well as the final budget. A column for actual expenditures and a column for differences between final budget and actual expenditures follow these columns.

General Fund revenues came in above budgeted amounts by \$2,381,439. Tax revenues were higher by \$1,101,668.

General Fund operating expenditures were over the final amended budget by \$751,971. The overage related primarily to capital outlay.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ACTIVITY

Capital Assets

The City's investment in capital assets for governmental activities as of September 30, 2023 amounts to \$36,076,125 (net of accumulated depreciation). The City's investment in capital assets for business-type activities as of September 30, 2023 amounts to \$2,997,284 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land; improvements and infrastructure; buildings; equipment; and construction in progress. Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 3 of this report.

Capital Assets (net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Primary Government Total	
				(Restated)		(Restated)
	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2023	9/30/2022
Land	\$ 5,841,423	\$5,862,945	\$ 698,045	\$ 573,045	\$ 6,539,468	\$6,435,990
Construction in progress	490,493	119,095	-	85,869	490,493	204,964
Improvements and infrastructure	18,940,707	19,522,287	197,122	117,311	19,137,829	19,639,598
Buildings	7,956,873	7,902,895	1,555,956	1,477,945	9,512,829	9,380,840
Equipment	2,846,629	3,067,997	546,161	365,779	3,392,790	3,433,776
Total	\$36,076,125	\$36,475,219	\$2,997,284	\$2,619,949	\$ 39,073,409	\$39,095,168

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Long-Term Debt

No new debt was issued in the current year. The Net Pension Liability reflects compliance with GASB Statement Nos. 68 and 71, which were implemented in prior years. The Total OPEB Liability reflects compliance with GASB Statement No. 75, which was also implemented in prior years. Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 3 of this report.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Primary Government Total	
	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2023	9/30/2022
Notes payable and other	\$ 795,080	\$ 1,082,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 795,080	\$ 1,082,266
Bonds payable, net	6,797,739	7,420,597	-	-	6,797,739	7,420,597
Compensated absences	325,638	280,168	21,891	31,354	347,529	311,522
Net pension liability	8,471,508	5,195,513	677,990	353,990	9,149,498	5,549,503
Total OPEB liability	6,264,626	7,736,859	909,934	1,055,539	7,174,560	8,792,398
Total	\$ 22,654,591	\$21,715,403	\$ 1,609,815	\$ 1,440,883	\$ 24,264,406	\$ 23,156,286

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Mayor and City Council considered many factors when developing the fiscal year 2023-24 budget. A budget of \$18 million was adopted for the General Fund, \$4.3 million in Special Revenue Funds, and \$2.7 million in Enterprise Funds on August 1, 2023.

- The local government health insurance carrier (Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama) continues to offer an annual health screening to all employees and again if the City has 80 percent of its enrolled employees participate the City will receive a wellness discount of \$10 per employee per month. The City reached the required employee participation in 2023 and expects to meet that level of participation for 2024. The estimated savings in health insurance premiums is approximately \$19,000. The City did receive a health rate increase of 3.5 percent for calendar year 2024.
- The 2023-24 budget does include a step increase adjustment of approximately 2.5% for all qualifying employees.
- The City projected slight increases in revenues in sales and use tax. The City did not pass any ordinances increasing any taxes.
- Dale County unemployment rate for September 2023 was 2.7 percent, and the rate for September 2022 was 2.5 percent.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Financial Officer, City of Ozark, Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 1987, Ozark, Alabama 36361.

Under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, the Ozark City Board of Education (the "BOE") is reported as a discretely presented component unit of the City's financial statements in a separate column in the Government-wide statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the City. Complete financial statements for the BOE may be obtained from the entity's administrative office, Chief School Financial Officer, 1044 Andrews Avenue, Ozark, AL 36360.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Net Position

	Primary Government			Component
	Governmental	Business-type	Total	Unit
<i>September 30, 2023</i>	Activities	Activities		Board of Education
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,887,105	\$ 1,262,171	\$ 14,149,276	\$ 24,612,485
Investments	-	-	-	44,535
Receivables, net	1,535,350	334,479	1,869,829	5,820,413
Leases receivable	169,269	157,964	327,233	-
Prepaid items	13,378	-	13,378	221,216
Internal balances	167,719	(167,719)	-	-
Inventories	1,217	-	1,217	70,043
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	425,927	-	425,927	-
Capital assets				
Non-depreciable	6,331,916	698,045	7,029,961	2,660,276
Depreciable, net	29,744,209	2,299,239	32,043,448	28,351,228
Total assets	51,276,090	4,584,179	55,860,269	61,780,196
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred outflows on refunding	61,655	-	61,655	-
Deferred outflows related to pension	3,127,943	344,217	3,472,160	9,229,934
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	1,530,035	159,716	1,689,751	6,105,728
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,719,633	503,933	5,223,566	15,335,662

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Net Position (Continued)

<i>September 30, 2023</i>	Primary Government			Component
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Unit Board of Education
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	467,329	26,265	493,594	5,676
Accrued liabilities	667,363	54,287	721,650	1,801,625
Unearned revenue	957,477	-	957,477	64,789
Non-current liabilities				
Due within one year				
Notes payable	134,217	-	134,217	243,023
Direct - vehicle and equipment financing arrangements	226,088	-	226,088	-
Bonds payable	630,000	-	630,000	204,730
Due in more than one year				
Compensated absences	325,638	21,891	347,529	-
Notes payable	51,100	-	51,100	1,490,676
Direct - vehicle and equipment financing arrangements	383,675	-	383,675	-
Bonds payable	6,167,739	-	6,167,739	25,903,826
Other postemployment benefits	6,264,626	909,934	7,174,560	3,703,516
Net pension liability	8,471,508	677,990	9,149,498	25,973,000
Total liabilities	24,746,760	1,690,367	26,437,127	59,390,861
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred inflows related to leases	148,881	157,964	306,845	-
Deferred inflows of settlement revenue	152,777	-	152,777	-
Deferred inflows of property tax revenue	-	-	-	2,235,557
Deferred inflows related to pension	178,537	57,971	236,508	14,108,749
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	3,020,944	323,864	3,344,808	799,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,501,139	539,799	4,040,938	17,143,306
Net Position (Deficit)				
Net investment in capital assets	28,544,961	2,839,320	31,384,281	3,169,249
Restricted for				
Capital projects	49,628	-	49,628	-
Debt service	394,878	-	394,878	-
Education	47	-	47	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,241,690)	18,626	(1,223,064)	(2,587,558)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ 27,747,824	\$ 2,857,946	\$ 30,605,770	\$ 581,691

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Activities

For the year ended September 30, 2023

For the year ended September 30, 2023		Program Revenues			
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services and Fines	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Primary Government					
Governmental activities					
General government	\$ 1,414,024	\$ 1,934,813	\$ 64,800	\$ 1,437,826	
Police	3,577,525	197,873	48,296	-	
Fire	3,048,370	-	-	-	
Street	2,144,518	-	-	-	
Sanitation	1,674,151	1,552,308	-	-	
Leisure services	2,165,691	291,396	79,279	-	
Engineering and inspections	249,124	-	-	-	
Vehicle maintenance	305,412	-	-	-	
Airport	932,512	348,716	-	508,660	
Judicial	222,159	-	-	-	
Appropriations	140,753	-	-	-	
Non-departmental	353,359	-	-	-	
Economic development	622,584	-	235,537	-	
Ozark technology center	153,428	-	-	-	
Information technology	223,388	-	-	-	
Education	3,034,526	1,737,138	-	-	
Interest	166,608	-	-	-	
Fees on long term debt	23,973	-	-	-	
Amortization (accretion)	(205)	-	-	-	
Total governmental activities	20,451,900	6,062,244	427,912	1,946,486	
Business-type activities					
Emergency medical services	1,851,820	1,859,670	-	108,771	
Ozark Square Shopping Center	93,043	113,883	-	-	
Total business-type activities	1,944,863	1,973,553	-	108,771	
Total primary government	\$ 22,396,763	\$ 8,035,797	\$ 427,912	\$ 2,055,257	
Component Unit					
Ozark City Board of Education	\$ 28,684,973	\$ 2,325,133	\$ 22,348,572	\$ 924,447	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
Primary Government			Component Unit	
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Board of Education	
\$ 2,023,415	\$ -	\$ 2,023,415	\$ -	-
(3,331,356)	-	(3,331,356)	-	-
(3,048,370)	-	(3,048,370)	-	-
(2,144,518)	-	(2,144,518)	-	-
(121,843)	-	(121,843)	-	-
(1,795,016)	-	(1,795,016)	-	-
(249,124)	-	(249,124)	-	-
(305,412)	-	(305,412)	-	-
(75,136)	-	(75,136)	-	-
(222,159)	-	(222,159)	-	-
(140,753)	-	(140,753)	-	-
(353,359)	-	(353,359)	-	-
(387,047)	-	(387,047)	-	-
(153,428)	-	(153,428)	-	-
(223,388)	-	(223,388)	-	-
(1,297,388)	-	(1,297,388)	-	-
(166,608)	-	(166,608)	-	-
(23,973)	-	(23,973)	-	-
205	-	205	-	-
(12,015,258)	-	(12,015,258)	-	-
-	116,621	116,621	-	-
-	20,840	20,840	-	-
-	137,461	137,461	-	-
(12,015,258)	137,461	(11,877,797)	-	-
-	-	-	(3,086,821)	-

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City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Activities (Continued)

For the year ended September 30, 2023

General revenues

Taxes

Property taxes, levied for general purposes

Property taxes, levied for specific purposes

Gas tax

Sales tax

Franchise fees

Alcoholic beverage taxes

Lodging taxes

Tobacco taxes

Other taxes

Investment earnings

Miscellaneous

Rental income

Transfers in (out), net

Total general revenues

Special item: donations

Change in net position

Net position, beginning of year

Prior period adjustment (see Note 2)

Net position, beginning of year

Net position, end of year

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
Primary Government			Component Unit
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Board of Education
866,486	-	866,486	2,126,771
-	-	-	888,279
1,423,182	-	1,423,182	-
10,607,523	-	10,607,523	2,843,582
148,492	-	148,492	-
191,661	-	191,661	-
195,288	-	195,288	-
233,460	-	233,460	-
605,348	-	605,348	9,029
23,920	28	23,948	499,482
528,700	125,000	653,700	821,162
90,683	-	90,683	-
(95,729)	95,729	-	-
14,819,014	220,757	15,039,771	7,188,305
236,769	-	236,769	-
3,040,525	358,218	3,398,743	4,101,484
24,707,299	2,359,159	27,066,458	(3,519,793)
-	140,569	140,569	-
24,707,299	2,499,728	27,207,027	(3,519,793)
\$ 27,747,824	\$ 2,857,946	\$ 30,605,770	\$ 581,691

City of Ozark, Alabama
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

<i>September 30, 2023</i>	General	ARPA	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,756,736	\$ 956,296	\$ 1,174,073	\$ 12,887,105
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	49,628	-	376,299	425,927
Accounts receivable	1,495,006	-	40,344	1,535,350
Leases receivable	169,269	-	-	169,269
Due from other funds	256,641	-	74,404	331,045
Inventories	1,217	-	-	1,217
Prepaid items	13,378	-	-	13,378
Total assets	\$ 12,741,875	\$ 956,296	\$ 1,665,120	\$ 15,363,291
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 426,985	\$ -	\$ 40,344	\$ 467,329
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	431,581	-	-	431,581
Due to other funds	163,326	-	-	163,326
Other accrued expenses	235,783	-	-	235,783
Unearned revenue	2,713	954,763	-	957,476
Total liabilities	1,260,388	954,763	40,344	2,255,495
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred inflows of settlement revenue	152,777	-	-	152,777
Deferred inflows related to leases	148,881	-	-	148,881
Total deferred inflows of resources	301,658	-	-	301,658
Fund balances				
Nonspendable	331,776	-	-	331,776
Restricted	49,628	1,533	1,624,776	1,675,937
Unassigned	10,798,425	-	-	10,798,425
Total fund balances	11,179,829	1,533	1,624,776	12,806,138
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 12,741,875	\$ 956,296	\$ 1,665,120	\$ 15,363,291

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2023

Total fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 12,806,138
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Governmental capital assets	84,316,527	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(48,240,402)</u>	36,076,125
Deferred outflow of resources related to OPEB earnings are not recognized in the governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		1,530,035
Deferred outflow of resources related to pension earnings are not recognized in the governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		3,127,943
Deferred charges on refunding are reported as deferred outflows of resources and are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.		61,655
Deferred inflow of resources related to pension earnings are not recognized in governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		(178,537)
Deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB earnings are not recognized in governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		(3,020,944)
Long-term liabilities, including other postemployment benefits, net pension liability and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Net pension liability	(8,471,508)	
Bonds payable	(6,797,739)	
Direct - vehicle and equipment financing arrangements	(609,763)	
Notes payable	(185,317)	
Compensated absences	(325,638)	
Other postemployment benefits	<u>(6,264,626)</u>	(22,654,591)
Net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 27,747,824</u>

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City of Ozark, Alabama

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances –
Governmental Funds**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	General	ARPA	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 13,673,081	\$ -	\$ 2,027,833	\$ 15,700,914
Licenses and permits	1,748,199	-	-	1,748,199
Intergovernmental	1,679,081	546,974	134,143	2,360,198
Charges for services	2,160,320	-	-	2,160,320
Fines and forfeitures	564,151	-	-	564,151
Interest and other	9,229	730	13,962	23,921
Miscellaneous revenue	657,583	-	1,106	658,689
Total revenues	20,491,644	547,704	2,177,044	23,216,392
Expenditures				
General government	1,188,080	-	-	1,188,080
Education	1,297,390	-	1,737,138	3,034,528
Vehicle maintenance	283,491	-	-	283,491
Police	3,170,291	-	-	3,170,291
Information technology	204,504	-	-	204,504
Fire	2,631,613	-	-	2,631,613
Airport	411,045	-	-	411,045
Sanitation	1,488,897	-	-	1,488,897
Street	1,225,922	-	88,565	1,314,487
Leisure services	1,898,014	-	-	1,898,014
Appropriations	140,753	-	-	140,753
Judicial	204,002	-	9,914	213,916
Economic development	488,123	-	-	488,123
Engineering and inspections	236,367	-	-	236,367
Ozark technology center	121,326	-	-	121,326
Non-departmental	349,452	3,907	-	353,359
Capital outlay	1,318,033	78,792	510,943	1,907,768
Debt service				
Principal	177,279	-	719,907	897,186
Interest	-	-	166,608	166,608
Fiscal agent fees	9,944	-	14,029	23,973
Total expenditures	16,844,526	82,699	3,247,104	20,174,329
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	3,647,118	465,005	(1,070,060)	3,042,063

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Ozark, Alabama

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances –
Governmental Funds (Continued)**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	General	ARPA	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in (out)	(911,316)	(464,275)	1,279,862	(95,729)
Other	7,456	-	-	7,456
Loss recoveries	96,724	-	-	96,724
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	56,560	-	-	56,560
Net other financing sources (uses)	(750,576)	(464,275)	1,279,862	65,011
Special item: donations	236,769	-	-	236,769
Net change in fund balances	3,133,311	730	209,802	3,343,843
Fund balances, beginning of year	8,046,518	803	1,414,974	9,462,295
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 11,179,829	\$ 1,533	\$ 1,624,776	\$ 12,806,138

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City of Ozark, Alabama

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund
Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

<i>For the year ended September 30,</i>	<i>2023</i>
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 3,343,843
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are 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 as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeds capital outlay in the current period.	(372,906)
In the statement of activities, the gain or loss on the disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, disposals are not reported. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the disposed capital assets.	(25,548)
Issuance of long-term debt is an other financing source in the governmental funds, but increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	
Repayment of note principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	897,186
Compensated absences are reported in the statement of activities when earned. As they do not require the use of current financial resources, they are not reported as expenditures on governmental funds until they have matured. This is the amount of compensated absences reported in the statement of activities in the prior year that has matured in the current year.	(288,250)
Other postemployment benefits obligation expense reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	(133,520)
Net pension liability expense reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, is not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds.	(623,060)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,797,745

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City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds

<i>September 30, 2023</i>	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Emergency Medical Services	Union Central Shopping Center	Total
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 961,494	\$ 300,677	\$ 1,262,171
Accounts receivable, net	333,481	998	334,479
Leases receivable	-	157,964	157,964
Total current assets	1,294,975	459,639	1,754,614
Noncurrent assets			
Capital assets			
Land	-	698,045	698,045
Construction in progress	-	-	-
Building	115,438	2,160,407	2,275,845
Improvements and infrastructure	-	207,473	207,473
Equipment	1,245,732	12,003	1,257,735
Less accumulated depreciation	(712,085)	(729,729)	(1,441,814)
Total capital assets, net	649,085	2,348,199	2,997,284
Total assets	1,944,060	2,807,838	4,751,898
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Deferred outflows related to pension	344,217	-	344,217
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	159,716	-	159,716
Total deferred outflows of resources	503,933	-	503,933
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	26,265	-	26,265
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	54,287	-	54,287
Due to other funds	167,719	-	167,719
Total current liabilities	248,271	-	248,271
Noncurrent liabilities			
Compensated absences	21,891	-	21,891
Total OPEB liability	909,934	-	909,934
Net pension liability	677,990	-	677,990
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,609,815	-	1,609,815
Total liabilities	1,858,086	-	1,858,086
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Deferred inflows related to leases	-	157,964	157,964
Deferred inflows related to pension	57,971	-	57,971
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	323,864	-	323,864
Total deferred inflows of resources	381,835	157,964	539,799
Net Position (Deficit)			
Net investment in capital assets	649,085	2,190,235	2,839,320
Unrestricted	(441,013)	459,639	18,626
Total net position (deficit)	\$ 208,072	\$ 2,649,874	\$ 2,857,946

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position –
Proprietary Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		Total
	Emergency Medical Services	Union Central Shopping Center	
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services, net of provision for bad debts of \$350,330	\$ 1,859,670	\$ -	\$ 1,859,670
Rental income	-	113,883	113,883
Total operating revenues	1,859,670	113,883	1,973,553
Operating Expenses			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	1,331,872	-	1,331,872
Contractual, materials, and supplies	239,445	1,943	241,388
Utilities	11,919	4,540	16,459
Legal	5,040	1,243	6,283
Insurance claims and expense	5,855	9,673	15,528
Depreciation	128,521	75,644	204,165
Repairs and maintenance	129,168	-	129,168
Total operating expenses	1,851,820	93,043	1,944,863
Operating income (loss)	7,850	20,840	28,690
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
Miscellaneous revenues	108,771	125,000	233,771
Interest income	28	-	28
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	108,799	125,000	233,799
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	116,649	145,840	262,489
Transfers in	95,729	-	95,729
Change in net position (deficit)	212,378	145,840	358,218
Net position (deficit), beginning of year previously reported	(73,375)	2,432,534	2,359,159
Prior period adjustment (see Note 2)	69,069	71,500	140,569
Net position (deficit), beginning of year as restated	(4,306)	2,504,034	2,499,728
Net position (deficit), end of year	\$ 208,072	\$ 2,649,874	\$ 2,857,946

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City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Emergency	Union Central	Total
	Medical Services	Shopping Center	
Operating Activities			
Cash received from customers for sales and services	\$ 1,847,123	\$ 113,883	\$ 1,961,006
Cash payments to employees	(1,248,426)	-	(1,248,426)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(381,432)	(17,399)	(398,831)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	217,265	96,484	313,749
Noncapital Financing Activities			
Receipts from local grants	108,771	71,502	180,273
Cash transfers in from other funds	95,729	-	95,729
Advances from other funds	131,410	-	131,410
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	335,910	71,502	407,412
Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Acquisition of capital assets	(354,627)	(101,873)	(456,500)
Investing Activities			
Investment income	28	-	28
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	198,576	66,113	264,689
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	762,918	234,564	997,482
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 961,494	\$ 300,677	\$ 1,262,171

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City of Ozark, Alabama
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds (Continued)

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Emergency Medical Services	Union Central Shopping Center	Total
<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>			
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 7,850	\$ 20,840	\$ 28,690
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation	128,521	75,644	204,165
Change in assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources			
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows of resources			
Accounts receivable	(12,547)	-	(12,547)
Leases receivable	-	(28,696)	(28,696)
Deferred outflows related to pension	(121,070)	-	(121,070)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	24,300	-	24,300
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources			
Accounts payable	9,995	-	9,995
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	11,496	-	11,496
Compensated absences	(9,463)	-	(9,463)
Total OPEB liability	(145,605)	-	(145,605)
Net pension liability	324,000	-	324,000
Deferred inflows related to leases	-	28,696	28,696
Deferred inflows related to pension	(124,406)	-	(124,406)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	124,194	-	124,194
Total adjustments	209,415	75,644	285,059
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 217,265	\$ 96,484	\$ 313,749
Noncash Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Acquisition of capital assets through contributions from property owners, developers and other governments	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The City is a municipal corporation governed by an elected mayor and five-member governing council (the "Council"). The accompanying financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units are, in substance, part of the primary government's operations even though they are legally separate entities. Thus, blended component units are appropriately presented as funds of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the City. The accounting policies of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The more significant accounting policies used by the City are described below.

In evaluating the City as a reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units in accordance with Section 2100: *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity* of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification.

Blended Component Units

The Public Building Authority of the City of Ozark (the "PBA") is a non-profit organization. The City appoints the PBA's governing body and the PBA provides services entirely to the City. The PBA is reported within the City's General Fund and does not issue separate financial statements.

The City of Ozark Volunteer Fire Department (the "VFD") does not have separate governing powers than that of the City. The City receives a portion of tobacco tax revenues due to the VFD staffing. The VFD is reported within the City's General Fund and does not issue separate financial statements.

The Industrial Development Board (the "IDB") is a non-profit organization. The City appoints the IDB's governing body and the IDB provides services entirely to the City. The IDB is reported within the City's General Fund and does not issue separate financial statements.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

The Ozark City Board of Education (the "BOE") is the governing body of the Ozark City School System. The BOE is governed by five members who are appointed by the City. The Dale County Revenue Commissioner remits to the City 14 mills of property taxes and the City distributes the millage to the BOE. The City also remits 12.5% (½ cent of its 4 cent tax) of the net proceeds of the gross receipts license tax levied to the BOE. A resolution adopted by the Council pledges to and commits itself to the BOE, the State of Alabama Department of Education and holders of the Qualified School Construction Bonds ("QSCB") allocated to the BOE that it will take no action to rescind, change or otherwise alter the distribution of taxes levied under Article X, Sec 11-191, Code of Ordinances of the City to the BOE. The pledge is in full force and effect for such period of time as the BOE is obligated for repayment of its allocation of the QSCB. The BOE is reported as a governmental activity.

Separately issued financial reports are available for the BOE. These reports may be obtained by contacting the following office.

The Ozark City Board of Education
1044 Andrews Avenue
Ozark, Alabama 36360

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility and timing requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

The proprietary funds are reported using the *economic resources measurement* focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the City's enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

As discussed earlier, the City has one discretely presented component unit. The BOE is considered to be a major component unit, and it is shown in separate column in the government-wide financial statements.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the City's funds, including its blended component units. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental and proprietary are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds (the City currently does not report any nonmajor enterprise funds). Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those accounted for in another fund.

The *ARPA Fund* is used to account for funds received and expended under American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) initiatives.

The City reports the following major enterprise funds:

The *Union Central Shopping Center* accounts for charges to tenants for rent.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (continued)

The *Emergency Medical Services ("EMS")* accounts for charges to patients for emergency transports.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes other than capital projects.

The *Debt service fund* is used to account for the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned for the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations of governmental funds.

Budgetary Information

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Annual budgets were adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP for all funds. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function, and department. The City's department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments require the approval of the Council. The legal level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the department level.

Appropriations in all budgeted funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The City does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The City's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables and Payables

Allowance for doubtful accounts – The City considered all governmental fund receivables at year end to be collectible and as such, no allowance for uncollectibles is reported. Proprietary fund receivables are due primarily from ambulance service third-party payers or transports. A contractual and uncollectible allowance has been recorded based on contractual and historical experience. Accounts receivable for EMS have been reported net of the allowances. Accounts receivable for EMS for all payer types in excess of 180 days are reserved at 100%, amounts turned over to a collection agency are reserved 100%, and accounts receivable for EMS related to patient payers less than 180 days are reserved at an amount equal to the current fiscal year's patient payer collection rate.

Leases receivable - The City's leases receivable are measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. Under the lease agreement, the City may receive variable lease payments that are dependent upon the lessee's revenue. The variable payments are recorded as an inflow of resources in the period the payment is received.

Unearned revenue – Unearned revenue recorded on the governmental fund balance sheet represents amounts received before eligibility requirements are met.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Interfund Activities and Transactions

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as “due from other funds” or “due to other funds” within the fund financial statements. Long-term borrowings between funds are classified as “advances to other funds” or “advances from other funds” in the fund financial statements. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statement of net position, except for any residual balance outstanding between the governmental and business-type activities at the end of the fiscal year, which are reported in the government-wide financial statements as internal balances.

Interfund transactions are reflected as services provided, reimbursements, or transfers. Services provided, deemed to be at or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefitting fund, and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or business-type funds are funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide presentation.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method and consist of gas and diesel. The cost of such inventories is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

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

Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the City are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is limited by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments. Special restricted asset accounts have been established to account for the sources and uses of these limited use assets as follows:

Capital projects – Includes funds received by the State of Alabama that are restricted by law for capital improvements.

Bond debt service accounts – Includes certain proceeds from issuance of revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for the repayment of bond obligations.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$2,500 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

In the case of the initial capitalization of general infrastructure assets (i.e., those reported by governmental activities), the City chose to include all such items with an acquisition date after October 1, 2003. As the City constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, including infrastructure assets, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or increase its estimated useful life. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure of the primary government are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Capital asset classes	Lives
Buildings	20 - 50
Equipment (including vehicles)	5 - 20
Improvements and infrastructure	7 - 40

Deferred Outflows/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 financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

The City has three (3) items that qualify for reporting as deferred outflows of resources, the *deferred charge on refunding*, the *deferred outflows related to pension*, and the *deferred outflows related to OPEB*, all reported in the government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The deferred amount on refunding results from debt refinancing, whereby the reacquisition price of the funding debt instruments exceed their net carrying amount. The deferred amount on refunding is amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows related to pension are an aggregate of items related to pensions as calculated in accordance with GASB Codification Section P20: *Pension Activities – Reporting for Benefits Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria*. The deferred outflows related to pension will be recognized as either pension expense or a reduction in the net pension liability in future reporting years. The deferred outflows related to OPEB result from claims payments made related to the total OPEB liability (TOL) subsequent to the measurement date, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has four (4) items that qualify for reporting as deferred inflows of resources. The deferred inflows related to pension are an aggregate of items related to pensions as calculated in accordance with GASB Codification Section P20: *Pension Activities – Reporting for Benefits Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria*.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

The deferred inflows related to pension will be recognized as a reduction to pension expense in future reporting years. The deferred inflows related to OPEB result from the net difference between expected and actual experience and effects of changes in the assumptions or other inputs, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75. The deferred inflows related to leases are associated with amounts owed to the City, as lessor, by entities leasing the City's capital assets. The deferred inflows related to settlement revenue are associated with amounts to be received by the City under settled opioid settlements.

Compensated Absences

The City's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick leave benefits, which are eligible for payment upon separation from government service up to certain limits at current wage rates. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the Government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds and is recorded as an adjustment to interest expense. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. In accordance with GASB Codification Section 130: *Interest Costs – Imputation*, bond issuance costs are expensed in the period incurred except for prepaid insurance costs.

In the governmental fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

Pension

The Employees' Retirement System of Alabama (the "Plan" or "ERS") financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to the plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred, regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the GASB. Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama and is included in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Liability

For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. There are no investments as this is a pay-as you-go plan and all cash is held in a cash account.

Categories and Classification of Net Position and Fund Balance

Net position flow assumption – Sometimes the City will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the Government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the City's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

Fund balance flow assumptions – Sometimes the City will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the City's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Fund balance policies – Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The City itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, specifies the following classifications:

Nonspendable fund balance – Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the City's highest level of decision-making authority. The governing Council is the highest level of decision-making authority for the City that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Net Position and Fund Balance (continued)

Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned fund balance – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the City for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

Program revenues – Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

Property taxes – Annually, the City receives funding from the Dale County Revenue Commissioner related to taxes collected on the assessed value of real and personal property. Taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which there is an enforceable claim. Millage rates for property taxes are levied at the first regular meeting of the Dale County Commission in February of each year. Property is assessed for taxation as of October 1 of the preceding year based on the millage rates established by the Dale County Commission. Property taxes are due and payable the following October 1 and are delinquent after December 31.

Proprietary funds operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses – Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the EMS and Union Central Shopping Center are charges to customers for services and rental income. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make various estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term are related to allowance for doubtful accounts for EMS, net pension liability, and total OPEB liability.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, May 20, 2024, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2019, the GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. The primary objectives of this statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Some PPPs meet the definition of a service concession arrangement (SCA), which the Board defines in this Statement as a PPP in which (1) the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties; (2) the transferor determines or has the ability to modify or approve which services the operator is required to provide, to whom the operator is required to provide the services, and the prices or rates that can be charged for the services; and (3) the transferor is entitled to significant residual interest in the service utility of the underlying PPP asset at the end of the arrangement. This Statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APAs). As defined in this Statement, an APA is an arrangement in which a government compensates an operator for services that may include designing, constructing, financing, maintaining, or operating an underlying nonfinancial asset for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

In May 2020, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. Assets and liabilities resulting from SBITAs should be recognized and measured using the facts and circumstances that existed at the beginning of the fiscal year in which this Statement is implemented.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

Governments are permitted, but are not required, to include in the measurement of the subscription asset capitalizable outlays associated with the initial implementation stage and the operation and additional implementation stage incurred prior to the implementation of this Statement. There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

In April 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. This Statement seeks to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees.

The practice issues addressed by this Statement are as follows:

- Classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*, that do not meet the definition of either an investment derivative instrument or a hedging derivative instrument.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended, related to the determination of the lease term, classification of a lease as a short-term lease, recognition and measurement of a lease liability and a lease asset, and identification of lease incentives.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, related to the determination of the PPP term and (b) recognition and measurement of installment payments and the transfer of the underlying PPP asset.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, related to the SBITA term, classification of a SBITA as a short-term SBITA, and recognition and measurement of a subscription liability.
- Extension of the period during which the LIBOR is considered an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the qualitative evaluation of the effectiveness of an interest rate swap that hedges the interest rate risk of taxable debt.
- Accounting for the distribution of benefits as part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Disclosures related to nonmonetary transactions.
- Pledges of future revenues when resources are not received by the pledging government.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements— and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, as amended, related to the focus of the government-wide financial statements.
- Terminology updates related to certain provisions of Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*.
- Terminology used in Statement No. 53 to refer to resource flows statements.

The requirements of this Statement are effective as follows:

- The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement No. 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement No. 53 and Statement No. 63 are effective upon issuance.
- The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter.
- The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement No. 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for (a) accounting changes and (b) the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements (error correction). This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The new standard will revise and build upon the requirements in GASB Statement No. 34. Key changes in the new standard are summarized below.

- Revises the requirements for management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) with the goal of making it more readable and understandable
- Combines extraordinary items and special items into one category of "unusual or infrequent items"
- Defines operating and nonoperating revenues, specifically by defining nonoperating revenues and classifying all other revenues as operating

City of Ozark, Alabama Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

- Includes a new section for noncapital subsidies for proprietary funds' statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position
- Requires the presentation of proprietary funds' statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position in the statistical section report the same categories of revenues and expenses as the face of the financial statements
- Removes the option to disclose major component units in a condensed form in the notes to the financial statements and requires them to be shown individually or in combining financial statements following the fund financial statements
- Requires budgetary comparisons to be presented as RSI and adds new columns for variances between original-to-final budget and final budget-to-actual results

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The City is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

Note 2: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

The City discovered during the current year that grant revenue for Union Central Shopping Center received in FY23 was not recorded as receivable in FY22 to align with expenses incurred. Also, the City noted amounts for Emergency Medical Services were expensed during FY22 instead of being recorded as construction in progress.

The following table summarizes the changes to the City's net position (deficit) as a result of error corrections.

	Emergency Medical Services	Union Central Shopping Center	Total Business-type
Net position (deficit), September 30, 2022, as previously reported	\$ (73,375)	\$ 2,432,534	\$ 2,359,159
Adjustment for error corrections	69,069	71,500	140,569
Net position, September 30, 2022, restated	\$ (4,306)	\$ 2,504,034	\$ 2,499,728

Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Deposits and Investments

As of September 30, 2023, the City's bank balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) and the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement ("SAFE") Program.

The SAFE Program was established by the Alabama Legislature and is governed by the provisions contained in the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Sections 41-14A-1 through 41-14A-14. Under the SAFE Program, all public funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the Alabama State Treasurer's Office. Under this program, financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits.

City of Ozark, Alabama
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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Deposits and Investments (continued)

In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that financial institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the FDIC. If the securities pledged fail to produce adequate funds, every institution participating in the pool would share the liability for the remaining balance.

Custodial credit risk – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution a government may not be able to recover deposits. Monies placed on deposit with financial institutions in the form of demand deposits, time deposits or certificate of deposits are defined as public deposits. The financial institutions in which the City places its deposits are certified as “qualified public depositories,” as required under the SAFE Program. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Interest rate risk – Interest rate risk is the possibility that interest rates will rise and reduce the fair value of an investment. As of September 30, 2023, the City does not have any investments.

Credit risk – Section 150: *Investments* of the GASB Codification requires that governments provide information about credit risk associated with their investments by disclosing the credit rating of investments in debt securities as described by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. As of September 30, 2023, the City does not have any investments in debt securities.

Concentration risk – Section 150: *Investments* of the GASB Codification requires disclosures of investments in any one issuer that represents five percent or more of total investments. No such reportable concentrations of investments as of September 30, 2023.

Accounts Receivable

The City deems all governmental fund amounts collectible therefore an allowance for doubtful accounts is not necessary. All account receivables are shown net of allowances for uncollectible accounts for enterprise funds. The accounts receivable and allowance for uncollectible accounts at September 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Accounts Receivable	Note Receivable Utilities Board	Allowance for Uncollectible	Net
Governmental Funds				
General Fund	\$ 1,345,542	\$ 149,464	\$ -	\$ 1,495,006
Special Ad Valorem I	20,172	-	-	20,172
Special Ad Valorem II	20,172	-	-	20,172
Enterprise Funds				
Emergency Medical Services	12,832,153	-	(12,498,672)	333,481
Ozark Square Shopping Center	998	-	-	998
Total	\$ 14,219,037	\$ 149,464	\$ (12,498,672)	\$ 1,869,829

City of Ozark, Alabama
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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Capital Assets

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets during the year ended September 30, 2023:

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 5,862,945	\$ -	\$ (21,522)	\$ 5,841,423
Construction-in-progress	119,095	404,418	(33,020)	490,493
Capital assets, not being depreciated	5,982,040	404,418	(54,542)	6,331,916
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings	15,899,018	393,885	-	16,292,903
Improvements and infrastructure	50,337,800	727,578	-	51,065,378
Equipment	10,407,170	414,907	(195,747)	10,626,330
Capital assets, being depreciated	76,643,988	1,536,370	(195,747)	77,984,611
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings	(7,996,123)	(339,907)	-	(8,336,030)
Improvements and infrastructure	(30,815,513)	(1,309,158)	-	(32,124,671)
Equipment	(7,339,173)	(631,617)	191,089	(7,779,701)
Total accumulated depreciation	(46,150,809)	(2,280,682)	191,089	(48,240,402)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	30,493,179	(744,312)	(4,658)	29,744,209
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 36,475,219	\$ (339,894)	\$ (59,200)	\$ 36,076,125

Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

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Capital Assets (continued)

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Beginning Balance (Restated)	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type Activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 573,045	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 698,045
Construction-in-progress	85,869	-	(85,869)	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	658,914	125,000	(85,869)	698,045
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings	2,130,961	144,884	-	2,275,845
Improvements and infrastructure	118,249	89,224	-	207,473
Equipment	949,474	308,261	-	1,257,735
Capital assets, being depreciated	3,198,684	542,369	-	3,741,053
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings	(653,016)	(66,873)	-	(719,889)
Improvements and infrastructure	(938)	(9,413)	-	(10,351)
Equipment	(583,695)	(127,879)	-	(711,574)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,237,649)	(204,165)	-	(1,441,814)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,961,035	338,204	-	2,299,239
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 2,619,949	\$ 463,204	\$ (85,869)	\$ 2,997,284

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation expense was allocated to the governmental functions in the statement of activities as follows:

<i>For the year ended September 30,</i>	<i>2023</i>
Governmental activities	
General government	\$ 172,797
Police	162,342
Fire	204,605
Street	742,409
Sanitation	129,298
Leisure services	193,754
Vehicle maintenance	1,073
Airport	520,690
Judicial	232
Economic development	118,588
Ozark technology center	23,847
Information technology	11,047
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 2,280,682
Business-type activities	
Emergency medical services	\$ 128,521
Ozark Square Shopping Center	75,644
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	\$ 204,165

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities

Bonds Payable

On March 23, 2021, the City issued its Series 2021 General Obligation Warrants in the amount of \$3,760,000 with an interest rate that varies from year to year and ranges from 1% - 2%. Proceeds were used to redeem \$3,785,000 of outstanding Series 2014 bonds. As a result, the 2014 Series bonds were considered to be defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the City's outstanding general obligation warrants. The remaining principal balance was paid in April 2021. The net present value of the cash flows savings resulted in an economic gain of \$346,798 and represents the difference between the net cash flows of the old and new debt. The difference between the reacquisition price (funds required to refund the old debt) and the net carrying amount of the old debt is reported as deferred outflows of resources in the accompanying financial statements and amortized into interest expense over the life of the refunded bonds using the straight-line method.

Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities (continued)

Bonds Payable (continued)

The total amount amortized for the year ended September 30, 2023 is \$3,337. The remaining amount to be amortized as of September 30, 2023 is \$36,713. The Series 2021 bonds are reported net of original issue premium. Original issue premium in the amount of \$152,468 is also being amortized over the life of the bonds and is reported as a component of interest expense. Amortization related to the Series 2021 bonds for the year ended September 30, 2023 is \$11,394. Remaining original issue discount to be amortized in future periods is \$124,233.

On June 6, 2017, the City issued its Series 2017 General Obligation Warrants in the amount of \$3,140,000. Proceeds were used to partially redeem \$2,880,000 of outstanding Series 2011 bonds, provide the match on an ALDOT Transportation Alternative Project for sidewalks, provide the match on a 2018 Airport entitlement grant, and to fund capital equipment purchases for the Fire and Street departments. As a result, a portion of the 2011 Series bonds were considered to be defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the City's outstanding general obligation warrants. The net present value of the cash flows savings resulted in an economic gain of \$142,836 and represents the difference between the net cash flows of the old and new debt. The difference between the reacquisition price (funds required to refund the old debt) and the net carrying amount of the old debt is reported as deferred outflows of resources in the accompanying financial statements and amortized into interest expense over the life of the refunded bonds using the straight-line method. The total amount amortized for the year ended September 30, 2023 is \$9,316. The remaining amount to be amortized as of September 30, 2023 is \$27,942. The Series 2017 bonds are reported net of original issue premium. Original issue premium in the amount of \$19,292 is also being amortized over the life of the bonds and is reported as a component of interest expense. Amortization related to the Series 2017 bonds for the year ended September 30, 2023 is \$2,144. Remaining original issue premium to be amortized in future periods is \$4,285.

On May 10, 2016, the City issued its Series 2016 General Obligation Warrants in the amount of \$2,695,000. Proceeds were used to resurface streets in the City. The Series 2016 bonds are reported net of original issue premium. Original issue premium in the amount of \$41,111 is being amortized over the life of the bonds and is reported as a component of interest expense. Amortization related to the Series 2016 bonds for the year ended September 30, 2023 is \$2,741. Remaining original issue premium to be amortized in future periods is \$19,183.

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities (continued)

Bonds Payable (continued)

The following is a summary of governmental activities bonds payable:

<i>Year ending September 30,</i>	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 630,000	\$ 135,824	\$ 765,824
2025	650,000	119,573	769,573
2026	660,000	106,394	766,394
2027	625,000	93,412	718,412
2028	640,000	80,570	720,570
2029–2033	2,960,000	198,840	3,158,840
2034	495,000	4,950	499,950
Total	6,660,000	739,563	7,399,563
Current portion	(630,000)	(135,824)	(765,824)
Payable after one year	\$ 6,030,000	\$ 603,739	\$ 6,633,739

Note payable

Included in long-term liabilities is a note from direct borrowing due to a local bank. The note is due in monthly installments through February 2025 with an interest rate of 1.95%.

The following is a summary of the note payable for the year ended September 30, 2023:

<i>Year ending September 30,</i>	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 134,217	\$ 2,456	\$ 136,673
2025	51,100	225	51,325
Total	185,317	2,681	187,998
Current portion	(134,217)	(2,456)	(136,673)
Payable after one year	\$ 51,100	\$ 225	\$ 51,325

Direct – Vehicle and Equipment Financing Arrangements

The City has entered into financing agreements for the acquisition of a freightliner with knuckleboom loader, a garbage truck, a freightliner streetsweeper, and the construction of a ten unit T Hangar. Title transfers at the end of the term and therefore, these arrangements have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum payments as of the date of inception.

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities (continued)

Direct – Vehicle and Equipment Financing Arrangements (continued)

The following is a schedule of minimum future payments from financing agreements as of September 30:

<i>Year ending September 30,</i>	Principal	Interest Expense	Total
2024	\$ 224,340	\$ 16,737	\$ 241,077
2025	23,653	11,551	35,204
2026	24,395	10,809	35,204
2027	25,160	10,044	35,204
2028	25,923	9,281	35,204
2029-2033	112,174	28,640	140,814
2034-2038	161,197	14,819	176,016
2039-2041	12,921	78	12,999
Total	\$ 609,763	\$ 101,959	\$ 711,722

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities – Component Unit

Capital Outlay Pool Warrants

The BOE issued Capital Outlay Pool Warrant, Series 2010 in the principal amount of \$22,074,000 dated August 9, 2011. The warrant matures on September 1, 2027 and bears interest at 5.15%. This warrant is not a general obligation of the BOE. This warrant is a limited obligation of the BOE payable solely from and secured by pledged revenues of PSF Capital Purchase Funds allocated and distributed by the BOE pursuant to Section 16-13-234 and proceeds pledged and allocable to the BOE of the sales and use taxes levied by the City pursuant to Ordinance No. 2007-8 and Ordinance No. 2010-AA.

Payment of principal and sinking fund deposits on this warrant shall be made comprising a portion of the pledged revenues and the PSF Capital Purchase Funds in an aggregate amount equal to the principal or sinking fund deposits due on this warrant. Semi-annual interest payments are due March 1 and September 1 of each year. Annual principal payments are made to a sinking fund annually on September 1.

The schedule of the annual principal payments made to the sinking fund of the Capital Outlay Pool Warrant, Series 2010 is as follows:

Year	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest, Net of Subsidy	Total
2024	5.15%	\$ 983,715	\$ 94,918	\$ 1,078,633
2025	5.15%	983,715	94,918	1,078,633
2026	5.15%	983,715	94,918	1,078,633
2027	5.15%	983,715	94,918	1,078,633
		\$ 3,934,860	\$ 379,672	\$ 4,314,532

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities – Component Unit (continued)

Capital Outlay Pool Warrants (continued)

The BOE issued a second Capital Outlay Pool Warrant, Series 2011-QZAB in the principal amount of \$730,000 dated June 2, 2011. The warrant matures on May 1, 2026 and bears interest at 4.60%. This warrant is not a general obligation of the BOE. This warrant is a limited obligation of the BOE payable solely from and secured by pledged revenues of PSF Capital Purchase Funds allocated and distributed by the BOE pursuant to Section 16-13-234 and proceeds pledged and allocable to the BOE of the sales and use taxes levied by the City pursuant to Ordinance No. 2007-8 and Ordinance No. 2010-AA. Payment of principal and sinking fund deposits on this warrant shall be transferred from the pledged revenues to the Debt Service Fund for the 2011 Pool Bonds. Semi-annual interest payments are due November 1 and May 1 of each year. Annual principal payments are made to a sinking fund annually on May 1.

The schedule of the annual principal payments made to the sinking fund of the Capital Outlay Pool Warrant, Series 2011-QZAB is as follows:

Year	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest, Net of Subsidy	Total
2024	4.60%	\$ 36,750	\$ 16,790	\$ 53,540
2025	4.60%	36,750	16,790	53,540
2026	4.60%	36,750	16,790	53,540
		\$ 110,250	\$ 50,370	\$ 160,620

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Changes In Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows for governmental activities:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities					
Bonds payable					
General Obligation					
Warrants, Series 2016	\$ 1,735,000	\$ -	\$ (170,000)	\$ 1,565,000	\$ 180,000
General Obligation					
Warrants, Series 2017	1,785,000	-	(430,000)	1,355,000	440,000
General Obligation					
Warrants, Series 2021	3,750,000	-	(10,000)	3,740,000	10,000
Less unamortized premium					
(discount)	150,597	-	(12,858)	137,739	-
Total bonds payable	7,420,597	-	(622,858)	6,797,739	630,000
Notes payable from direct					
borrowings	316,915	-	(131,598)	185,317	134,217
Direct - vehicle and equipment					
financing arrangements	765,351	-	(155,588)	609,763	226,088
Compensated absences	280,168	288,250	(242,780)	325,638	-
Governmental activities					
long-term liabilities	\$ 8,783,031	\$ 288,250	\$ (1,152,824)	\$ 7,918,457	\$ 990,305

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows for business-type activities:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Business-type activities					
Compensated absences	\$ 31,354	\$ 19,864	\$ (29,327)	\$ 21,891	\$ -

Compensated absences, other postemployment benefits and the net pension liability will be liquidated in future periods primarily by the General Fund for governmental activities. Business-type activities compensated absences will be liquidated by the respective proprietary fund.

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Changes In Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows for the component unit:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Component unit					
Notes payable from direct borrowings	\$ 1,419,420	\$ 661,000	\$ (346,721)	\$ 1,733,699	\$ 243,023
Bonds payable	26,011,555	-	(174,843)	25,836,712	183,269
Bond premium	293,306	-	(21,462)	271,844	21,461
Component unit long-term liabilities	\$ 27,724,281	\$ 661,000	\$ (543,026)	\$ 27,842,255	\$ 447,753

Pledged Revenues

The City has general obligation warrants outstanding at September 30, 2023, for which revenues of the City have been pledged for repayment. Revenues pledged to repay these obligations are as follows:

	Amount Issued	Future Principal and Interest	Current Pledged Revenue	Current Year Principal and Interest	Current Percentage of Revenue
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Governmental Activities

General Obligation Warrants,

Series 2016

Maturity: 2031

Interest rate: 1.40% - 4.00% \$ 2,695,000 \$ 1,734,714 \$ 735,515 \$ 215,014 29.2%

Purpose: Resurface streets in the City

Pledged revenue: Gas taxes levied pursuant to Ordinance 2015-9 of \$0.04 per gallon, net of certain tax abatements (more fully described in the first paragraph of Note 9) as defined in the bond indenture.

The City has also adopted Ordinance 2007-8 and Resolution 2010-AA, which pledge 12.5% (½ cent of its 4 cent tax) of the net proceeds of the gross receipts license tax levied by the City to the BOE related to the Capital Outlay Pool Warrant, Series 2011 described earlier in this note. The amount pledged and remitted to the BOE during the year ended September 30, 2023 totaled \$1,274,390.

Leases – Lessor

The City accounts for leases in accordance with GASBC Section L20, *Leases*. A summary of the City's arrangements, where the City is the lessor, is as follows:

Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Leases – Lessor (continued)

The City entered into a contract for a facility (building, structure, etc.) type lease October 1, 2018, and the remaining lease term is one month as of September 30, 2023. The lessee does not have the option to purchase the facility at the end of the lease term. The annual interest rate on the lease is 0% and monthly payments are \$1,333.33. For the year ended September 30, 2023, lease revenue of \$16,000 has been recognized. The lease was renewed at the end of the fiscal year, with the new term commencing November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2028 (60 months). Same payment amount and interest rate were included in the new lease.

The City entered into a contract for a facility (building, structure, etc.) type lease July 7, 2021, and the remaining lease term is 9 months as of September 30, 2023. The lessee does have the option to purchase the facility for \$500,000 at the end of the lease term. It is not reasonably certain the option will be exercised. The annual interest rate on the lease is 0% and monthly payments are \$500.00. For the year ended September 30, 2023, lease revenue of \$6,000 has been recognized.

The City entered into a contract for a facility (building, structure, etc.) type lease June 18, 2019, and the remaining lease term is 8 months as of September 30, 2023. The lessee does not have the option to purchase the facility at the end of the lease term. The annual interest rate on the lease is 0% and monthly payments are \$341.88. For the year ended September 30, 2023, lease revenue of \$4,100 has been recognized.

The City entered into a contract for a facility (building, structure, etc.) type lease June 1, 2019, and the remaining lease term is 8 months as of September 30, 2023. The lessee does not have the option to purchase the facility at the end of the lease term. The annual interest rate on the lease is 0% and monthly payments are \$5,833. For the year ended September 30, 2023, lease revenue of \$69,996 has been recognized.

The City entered into a contract for a facility (building, structure, etc.) type lease January 1, 2020, and the lease was terminated as of September 30, 2023. The lessee did not have the option to purchase the facility at the end of the lease term. The annual interest rate on the lease was 0% and monthly payments were \$2,500. For the year ended September 30, 2023, lease revenue of \$30,000 has been recognized.

The City entered into a contract for a facility (building, structure, etc.) type lease in August of 2022, with a commencement date of March 2023. The remaining lease term is 53 months as of September 30, 2023. The lessee does not have the option to purchase the facility at the end of the lease term. The annual interest rate on the lease is 0% and monthly payments are \$2,100. For the year ended September 30, 2023, lease revenue of \$13,887 has been recognized.

The City entered into a contract for a facility (building, structure, etc.) type lease in December 2022, and the remaining lease term is 27 months as of September 30, 2023. The lessee does have the option to purchase the facility at the end of the lease term. The annual interest rate on the lease is 0% and monthly payments are \$350. For the year ended September 30, 2023, lease revenue of \$23,805 has been recognized.

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Leases – Lessor (continued)

A summary of future payments is as follows:

<i>Fiscal Year Ending September 30,</i>	Governmental Activities		
	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total Payments
2024	\$ 27,269	\$ -	\$ 27,269
2025	20,200	-	20,200
2026	89,800	-	89,800
2027	16,000	-	16,000
2028	16,000	-	16,000
Total	\$ 169,269	\$ -	\$ 169,269

<i>Fiscal Year Ending September 30,</i>	Business-Type Activities		
	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total Payments
2024	\$ 71,864	\$ -	\$ 71,864
2025	25,200	-	25,200
2026	25,200	-	25,200
2027	25,200	-	25,200
2028	10,500	-	10,500
Total	\$ 157,964	\$ -	\$ 157,964

Interfund Receivables, Payables And Transfers

Operating Transfers	Transfers		Net
	In	Out	
Major Funds			
General Fund	\$ 688,828	\$ (1,600,144)	\$ (911,316)
ARPA	-	(464,275)	(464,275)
EMS	95,729	-	95,729
Nonmajor Funds			
Street	735,515	(221,958)	513,557
Municipal Court / Judicial Admin	30,077	-	30,077
Alabama Trust Fund Improvements	-	(138,015)	(138,015)
Corrections	65,673	(74,668)	(8,995)
Debt Service	883,238	-	883,238
Total	\$ 2,499,060	\$ (2,499,060)	\$ -

The transfers between funds are generally used to meet cash demands necessary to pay operating expenditures.

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Note 3: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Net Investment In Capital Assets

The elements of this calculation are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Capital assets (net)	\$ 36,076,125	\$ 2,997,284	\$ 39,073,409
Outstanding debt and deferred outflows and inflows related to capital assets	(7,531,164)	(157,964)	(7,689,128)
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 28,544,961	\$ 2,839,320	\$ 31,384,281

Note 4: DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The City offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The deferred compensation plan is administered by Nationwide through the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The deferred compensation plan, available to all City employees participating in the Retirement Systems of Alabama (the "RSA"), permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the deferred compensation plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. GASB Statement No. 32 was issued in response to a change in federal law that removes the assets in deferred compensation plans from the general creditors in the event of a government bankruptcy. The City's deferred compensation plan meets the requirements of this law therefore no financial statement presentation is required.

Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN

Description of Plan

The ERS, an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement plan, was established as of October 1, 1945, pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Title 36, Chapter 27* (Act 515 of the Legislature of 1945). The purpose of the ERS is to provide retirement allowances and other specified benefits for state employees, State Police, and, on an elective basis, to all cities, counties, towns and quasi-public organizations. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of ERS is vested in its Board of Control which consists of 15 trustees. Act 390 of the Legislature of 2021 will create two additional representatives to the ERS Board of Control effective October 1, 2021. The Plan is administered by RSA. The *Code of Alabama 1975, Title 36, Chapter 27* grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the ERS Board of Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.rsa-al.gov.

The ERS Board of Control consists of 15 trustees as follows:

- 1) The Governor, ex officio.
- 2) The State Treasurer, ex officio.
- 3) The State Personnel Director, ex officio.
- 4) The State Director of Finance, ex officio.
- 5) Three vested members of ERS appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, no two of whom are from the same department of state government nor from any department of which an ex officio trustee is the head.

Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Description of Plan (continued)

- 6) Eight members of ERS who are elected by members from the same category of ERS for a term of four years as follows:
 - a. Two retired members with one from the ranks of retired state employees and one from the ranks of retired employees of a city, county or a public agency each of whom is an active beneficiary of ERS.
 - b. Two vested active state employees.
 - c. One vested active employee of a participating municipality or city in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.
 - d. One vested active employee of a participating county in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.
 - e. One full time employee or retiree of a participating employer in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.
 - f. One vested active employee of a participating employer other than a municipality, city or county in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.

Plan Membership and Benefits

State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase in postretirement benefits for the ERS. Benefits for ERS members vest after 10 years of creditable service. State employees who retire after age 60 (52 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 years of service (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Local employees who retire after age 60 with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 or 30 years of service (regardless of age), depending on the particular entity's election, are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest 3 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.875% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 ERS members are eligible for retirement after age 62 (56 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a formula method. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest 5 of the last 10 years) for each year of service up to 80% of their average final compensation. State Police are allowed 2.375% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have 10 years of credible service, are currently in-service, and determined by the RSA Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated from further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits equal to the annual earnable compensation of the member as reported to the Plan for the preceding year ending September 30 are paid to the beneficiary.

Act 132 of the Legislature of 2019 allowed employers who participate in the ERS pursuant to *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6* to provide Tier 1 retirement benefits to their Tier 2 members. Tier 2 members of employers adopting Act 2019-132 will contribute 7.5% of earnable compensation for regular employees and 8.5% for firefighters and law enforcement officers. A total of 608 employers adopted Act 2019-132 as of September 30, 2022.

Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Plan Membership and Benefits (continued)

Act 316 of the Legislature of 2019 allows employees at the time of retirement to receive a partial lump sum (PLOP) distribution as a single payment not to exceed the sum of 24 months of the maximum monthly retirement allowance the member could receive. This option may be selected in addition to the election of another retirement allowance option at a reduced amount based upon the amount of partial lump sum distribution selected.

The ERS serves approximately 886 local participating employers. The ERS membership includes approximately 108,890 participants. As of September 30, 2022, membership consisted of:

Plan Membership

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	30,598
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	2,286
Terminated employees not entitled to a benefit	18,689
Active members	57,278
Post-DROP participants who are still in active service	39
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Total	108,890

Contributions

Covered members of the ERS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, covered members of the ERS were required by a statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered members of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation. Certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS contributed 6% of earnable compensation as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 8.50% of earnable compensation. State Police of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation.

Employers participating in the ERS pursuant to *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6* were not required by statute to increase covered member contribution rates but were provided the opportunity to do so through Act 2011-676. By adopting Act 2011-676, Tier 1 regular members' contribution rates increased from 5% to 7.5% of earnable compensation and Tier 1 certified law enforcement, correctional officers', and firefighters' member contribution rates increased from 6% to 8.5% of earnable compensation.

Tier 2 covered members of the ERS contribute 6% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute. Tier 2 certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7% of earnable compensation. Tier 2 State Police members of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation. These contributions rates are the same for Tier 2 covered members of ERS local participating employers.

Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (continued)

The ERS establishes rates based upon an actuarially determined rate recommended by an independent actuary. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with additional amounts to finance any unfunded accrued liability, the preretirement death benefit, and administrative expenses of the Plan. For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City's active employee contribution rate was 5% of covered employee payroll for normal Tier 1 employees and 7.5% of covered employee payroll for normal Tier 2 employees, and the City's average contribution rate to fund the normal and accrued liability costs was 11.19% of pensionable payroll for Tier 1 employees and 9.43% of pensionable payroll for Tier 2 employees.

The City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2023 was 11.56% of pensionable pay for Tier 1 employees, and 9.8% of pensionable pay for Tier 2 employees. These required contribution rates are based upon the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2020, a percent of annual pensionable payroll, and actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the City were \$618,748 for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Net Pension Liability, Significant Assumptions, and Discount Rate

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as September 30, 2021 rolled forward to September 30, 2022 using standard roll-forward techniques as shown in the following table:

	Expected	Actual Before Plan Changes	Actual After Plan Changes
(a) TPL as of September 30, 2021	\$ 23,890,128	\$ 23,852,424	\$ 23,860,841
(b) Discount rate	7.45%	7.45%	7.45%
(c) Entry age normal cost for the period October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022	544,393	544,393	544,820
(d) Transfers among employers	-	(141,957)	(141,957)
(e) Actual benefit payments and refunds for the period October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022	(1,636,308)	(1,636,308)	(1,636,308)
(f) TPL as of September 30, 2022 = [(a) x (1+(b))] + (c) + (d) + [(e) * (1 + 0.5*(b))]	\$ 24,517,075	\$ 24,334,605	\$ 24,344,076
(g) Difference between expected and actual:		\$ (182,470)	
(h) Less liability transferred for immediate recognition:		\$ (141,957)	
(i) Difference between expected and actual - experience (gain)/loss		\$ (40,513)	
(j) Difference between actual TPL before and after plan changes - benefit change (gain)/loss			\$ 9,471

Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Net Pension Liability, Significant Assumptions, and Discount Rate (continued)

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2022 was determined based on the annual actuarial funding valuation report prepared as of September 30, 2021. The key actuarial assumptions are summarized as follows:

Inflation	2.50%
Projected salary increases	3.25% - 6.00% for State and Local Employees and 4.00% - 7.75% for State Police, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.45%, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Tables, projected generationally using the MP-2020 scale, which is adjusted by 66-2/3% beginning with year 2019:

Group	Membership Table	Set Forward (+)/ Setback (-)	Adjustment to Rates
Non-FLC Service Retirees	General Healthy Below Median	Male: +2, Female: +2	Male: 90% ages < 65, 96% ages >= 65 Female: 96% all ages
FLC/State Police Service Retirees	Public Safety Healthy Below Median	Male: +1, Female: none	None
Beneficiaries	Contingent Survivor Below Median	Male: +2, Female: +2	None
Non-FLC Disabled Retirees	General Disability	Male: +7, Female: +3	None
FLC/State Police Disabled Retirees	Public Safety Disability	Male: +7, Female: none	None

The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense 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.

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Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Net Pension Liability, Significant Assumptions, and Discount Rate (continued)

The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Rate of Return*
Fixed income	15.0%	2.8%
US large stocks	32.0%	8.0%
US mid stocks	9.0%	10.0%
US small stocks	4.0%	11.0%
Int'l developed mkt stocks	12.0%	9.5%
Int'l emerging mkt stocks	3.0%	11.0%
Alternatives	10.0%	9.0%
Real estate	10.0%	6.5%
Cash	5.0%	1.5%
Total	100.00%	

* Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.00%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was the long-term rate of return, 7.45%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the rates currently in effect and that employer contributions will be made in accordance with the funding policy adopted by the ERS Board of Control. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Pension Expense and Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources Related to Pension

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense of \$1,325,328. At September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension of the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 349,389	\$ 236,508
Changes of assumptions	668,468	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	1,835,555	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	618,748	-
Total	\$ 3,472,160	\$ 236,508

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Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources Related to Pension (continued)

\$618,748 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<i>Year ending September 30,</i>	
2024	\$ 691,672
2025	505,839
2026	469,388
2027	954,343
2028	(4,338)
Total	\$ 2,616,904

Changes in Net Pension Liability and Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate

	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability
Balances at September 30, 2021	\$ 23,890,128	\$ 18,340,625	\$ 5,549,503
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	544,393	-	544,393
Interest	1,718,862	-	1,718,862
Changes of benefit terms	9,471	-	9,471
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(40,513)	-	(40,513)
Contributions - employer	-	517,707	(517,707)
Contributions - employee	-	405,398	(405,398)
Net investment income	-	(2,290,887)	2,290,887
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,636,308)	(1,636,308)	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-
Transfer among employers	(141,957)	(141,957)	-
Net changes	453,948	(3,146,047)	3,599,995
Balances at September 30, 2022	\$ 24,344,076	\$ 15,194,578	\$ 9,149,498

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Note 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability and Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate (continued)

The following table presents the City's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.45%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.45%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.45%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
City's net pension liability	\$ 11,919,547	\$ 9,149,498	\$ 6,833,661

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 68 Report for the ERS prepared as of September 30, 2022. The auditor's report on the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position by Employer and accompanying notes detail by employer is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at <http://www.rsa-al.gov/index.php/employers/financial-reports/gasb-68-reports/>.

Note 6: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The City provides postretirement health care benefits (the "OPEB Plan") to all eligible employees, in accordance with Resolution 2006-T passed by the Council in August 2006. Presently retired employees and future retirees that were employed prior to May 16, 2006, that worked for the City for a minimum of fifteen (15) continuous years and have a combination of age at time of retirement plus years of continuous service which equals seventy-five (75) or more, shall be provided health insurance coverage and at the same rate of premium as regular employees to age sixty-five (65), at which time Medicare Supplemental coverage will be provided at an amount not to exceed the City's then current insurance carrier's premium for Medicare Supplemental coverage. All employees employed or returning to work after a break in service on or after May 16, 2006, that will work for the City for twenty-five (25) or more continuous years and being a minimum of fifty-five (55) years of age shall be provided the same health insurance coverage as regular employees based on a minimum contribution by the City of fifty percent (50%) for retirement at age fifty-five (55) and ten percent (10%) for each additional year of age upon retirement for a maximum of 100 percent at age sixty (60) through age sixty-four (64) until age sixty-five (65) at which time Medicare Supplemental coverage will be provided at an amount not to exceed the City's then current insurance carrier's premium for Medicare Supplemental coverage. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of the OPEB Plan is vested in the City. The OPEB plan does not issue stand-alone financial statements. The OPEB Plan is a single-employer defined benefit plan, with no associated trust.

Note 6: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Funding Policy

The City is funding the post employee benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. Contribution rates for the Plan are established by Council annually during the budget process. The OPEB plan includes health, prescription drug, and dental benefits through the payment of a percentage of premiums based on level of service.

Plan Membership

As of September 30, 2021, the valuation date, membership consisted of:

Inactive members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	51
Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	0
Active members	150
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Total	201
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Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

As of September 30, 2021, the valuation date, the actuarial assumptions and other inputs applied include the following:

Inflation	2.50%
Real wage growth	0.25%
Wage inflation	2.75%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.25% - 6.00%
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Prior Measurement Date	2.26%
Measurement Date	4.02%
Health Care Cost Trends	
Pre-Medicare Medical and Prescription Drug	7.00% for 2021 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2031
Medicare Medical and Prescription Drug	5.125% for 2021 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2024
Dental	3.50%

The City selected a Municipal Bond Index Rate equal to the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Bond Index published at the last Thursday of September by The Bond Buyer, and the Municipal Bond Index Rate as of the measurement date as the discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability ("TOL").

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Mortality Plans Mortality Tables, with adjustments for AL ERS experience and generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2020, with an adjustment of 66-2/3% to the table beginning in year 2019.

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Note 6: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (continued)

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, and salary increases used in the September 30, 2021 valuation were based on the actuarial experience study for the period October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2020, and were submitted to and adopted by the ERS Board of Control on September 14, 2021.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the September 30, 2021 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience performed concurrently with the September 30, 2021 valuation.

Changes in Total OPEB Liability

At September 30, 2023, the City reported a TOL of \$7,174,560. The information has been provided as of the September 30, 2022 measurement date.

Total OPEB Liability as of September 30, 2021	\$ 8,792,398
Changes for the year:	
Service cost at the end of the year*	579,966
Interest on TOL and cash flows	195,460
Difference between expected and actual experience	(36,658)
Change of assumptions or other inputs	(2,067,497)
Net benefit payments	(289,109)
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Net changes	(1,617,838)
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Total OPEB Liability as of September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 7,174,560</u>

*The service cost includes interest for the year.

Since the prior measurement date, there have been no changes to benefit terms. Changes to assumptions or other inputs are comprised of a change in discount rate.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability

The following table represents the City's TOL calculated using the discount rate of 4.02%, as well as what the City's TOL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.02%) or one percentage point higher (5.02%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.02%)	Current Discount Rate (4.02%)	1% Increase (5.02%)
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Total OPEB Liability	\$ 8,252,299	\$ 7,174,560	\$ 6,297,812

City of Ozark, Alabama
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Note 6: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability (continued)

The following table represents the City's TOL calculated using current health care cost trend rates noted above, as well as what the City's TOL would be if it were determined using a health care cost trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 6,110,978	\$ 7,174,560	\$ 8,544,376

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

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized an OPEB expense of \$440,465. In addition the City reported deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB plan from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,429	\$ 1,126,989
Change of assumptions or other inputs	1,384,983	2,217,819
Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date	296,339	-
Total	\$ 1,689,751	\$ 3,344,808

\$296,339 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<i>Year ending September 30,</i>		
2024	\$	(343,114)
2025		(343,114)
2026		(299,967)
2027		(229,148)
2028		(234,379)
Thereafter		(501,674)
Total		\$ (1,951,396)

Note 7: RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The City has obtained coverage from commercial insurance companies, effectively transferring any risk of loss.

Note 8: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

During the ordinary course of its operation, the City is party to various claims, legal actions, and complaints. While the ultimate effect of such litigation cannot be ascertained at this time, in the opinion of counsel for the City, the liabilities which may arise from such actions would not result in losses which would exceed the liability insurance limits in effect at the time the claim arose or otherwise materially affect the financial condition of the City or results of activities.

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable fund(s). The amount, if any, of expenditures from current or prior years which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the City expects such amounts not recorded, if any, to be immaterial.

The City has active construction projects as of September 30, 2023. At year-end, the City's significant commitments with contractors relate to the corporate hanger and ATRIP projects accounted for in the general fund. The Corporate Hanger project total costs are estimated to be approximately \$1.5 million and is scheduled to be completed within the next fiscal year. The ATRIP project total costs to the City are expected to be \$284,000 and is not scheduled to be completed within the next fiscal year.

Airport improvements are mainly funded by federal and state matching grants. Other capital projects of the General Fund are funded by general tax revenue.

Note 9: TAX ABATEMENTS

On September 22, 2014, the Council adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement with a retail business to grant 50% of the collected local sales tax (up to \$1,000,000) back to the retail business. The agreement expires the sooner of September 22, 2024 or when the sales tax grants remitted to the retail business total \$1,000,000. During the year ended September 30, 2023, rebates totaled \$45,267 and remaining available rebates under the agreement were approximately \$608,089 as of September 30, 2023.

On March 19, 2019, the Council adopted resolutions to enter into agreements with two manufacturing companies to grant each 100% of all state and local noneducational property taxes and 100% of all construction related transaction taxes. The agreements shall extend for a period of ten years or through the date the project is placed in service.

On December 21, 2020, the Council adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement with a retail business to grant 50% of the collected local sales tax (up to \$15,000) back to the retail business. The agreement expires the sooner of December 2023 or when the sales tax grants remitted to the retail business total \$15,000. During the year ended September 30, 2023, rebates totaled \$7,596 and remaining available rebates under the agreement were approximately \$219 as of September 30, 2023.

Note 9: TAX ABATEMENTS (Continued)

On December 21, 2020, the Council adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement with a retail business to grant 50% of the collected local sales tax (up to \$48,000) back to the retail business. The agreement expires the sooner of two years from the filing of the first sales tax remittances with the City or when the sales tax grants remitted to the retail business total \$48,000. During the year ended September 30, 2023, no rebates were paid and remaining available rebates under the agreement were approximately \$48,000 as of September 30, 2023.

On July 7, 2021, the Council adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement with a manufacturing company to provide cash incentives up to \$498,000, including \$200,000 related to repairs and \$298,000 of County lodging taxes. The agreements shall extend for a period of two years from the date of the agreement, or through July 7, 2023. No taxes were abated under the agreements during the year ended September 30, 2023.

Note 10: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Utilities Board is a related organization to the City because the Utilities Board is an organization, for which a primary government is accountable because that government appoints a voting majority of the board, but is not financially accountable. Transactions that should be disclosed are listed below.

On November 22, 2005, the City and the Utilities Board entered into a formal agreement in which the Utilities Board reimburses the City for use of a portion of the Municipal Complex to be applied to the 2002 Bond Issue. The Utilities Board agreed to be responsible for 18% of the bonded indebtedness created by the City to finance the construction of the Municipal Complex. Each party is designated certain areas of exclusive use, as well as areas of common use. Each party is responsible for the repair and maintenance of those certain areas assigned for exclusive use to each party.

Repair and maintenance for the roof or exterior walls is to be divided 82% to the City and 18% to the Utilities, the same as the Bond Issue. Included in receivables described in Note 3 is a note receivable due from the Utilities Board with a principal balance of \$149,464 as of September 30, 2023. The note is due in monthly installments through February 2026 with interest ranging from 3.35% to 5%. During 2023, the City recorded principal and interest payments from the Utilities Board totaling \$65,236. The Utilities Board also remits several payments to the City each month. A portion of garbage collections fees, as well as 3% of gross receipts are remitted to the City.

Note 11: SPECIAL ITEM

The financial statements report \$236,769 as a special item for the general fund in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – governmental funds and for governmental activities in the statement of activities. This represents an amount received by the City in the settlement of an estate whereby the City was named as the beneficiary.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 12,571,413	\$ 12,571,413	\$ 13,673,081	\$ 1,101,668
Licenses and permits	1,634,907	1,634,907	1,748,199	113,292
Intergovernmental	258,500	957,810	1,679,081	721,271
Charges for services	2,123,860	2,126,410	2,160,320	33,910
Fines and forfeitures	479,900	495,300	564,151	68,851
Interest and other	20,005	20,005	9,229	(10,776)
Miscellaneous revenue	267,300	304,360	657,583	353,223
Total revenues	17,355,885	18,110,205	20,491,644	2,381,439
Expenditures				
General government	1,170,963	1,190,943	1,188,080	2,863
Education	1,194,906	1,194,906	1,297,390	(102,484)
Vehicle maintenance	286,464	299,571	283,491	16,080
Police	3,063,224	3,167,081	3,170,291	(3,210)
Information technology	232,367	235,564	204,504	31,060
Fire	2,546,042	2,629,356	2,631,613	(2,257)
Airport	402,356	426,118	411,045	15,073
Sanitation	1,325,369	1,366,767	1,488,897	(122,130)
Street	1,104,671	1,165,726	1,225,922	(60,196)
Leisure services	1,704,987	2,262,231	1,898,014	364,217
Appropriations	140,253	140,253	140,753	(500)
Judicial	175,655	182,529	204,002	(21,473)
Economic development	444,813	448,226	488,123	(39,897)
Engineering and inspections	220,484	256,149	236,367	19,782
Ozark technology center	119,785	122,982	121,326	1,656
Non-departmental	294,400	304,400	349,452	(45,052)
Fiscal agent fees	-	-	9,944	(9,944)
Capital outlay	2,296,530	699,753	1,318,033	(618,280)
Debt service	-	-	177,279	(177,279)
Total expenditures	16,723,269	16,092,555	16,844,526	(751,971)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	632,616	2,017,650	3,647,118	1,629,468

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City of Ozark, Alabama
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund (Continued)

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in (out)	(1,182,616)	(1,182,616)	(911,316)	271,300
Proceeds from issuance of debt	340,000	340,000	-	(340,000)
Other	-	-	7,456	7,456
Loss recoveries	10,000	77,828	96,724	18,896
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	20,000	36,748	56,560	19,812
Net other financing sources (uses)	(812,616)	(728,040)	(750,576)	(22,536)
Special item: donations	-	-	236,769	236,769
Net change in fund balance	(180,000)	1,289,610	3,133,311	1,843,701
Fund balance, beginning of year	8,046,518	8,046,518	8,046,518	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 7,866,518	\$ 9,336,128	\$ 11,179,829	\$ 1,843,701

Note that this schedule is prepared on a budgetary basis, but is not different from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the presentation.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – ARPA Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 188,479	\$ 188,479	\$ 546,974	\$ 358,495
Interest and other	-	-	730	730
Total revenues	188,479	188,479	547,704	359,225
Expenditures				
Non-departmental	-	-	3,907	(3,907)
Capital outlay	-	-	78,792	(78,792)
Total expenditures	-	-	82,699	(82,699)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	188,479	188,479	465,005	276,526
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in (out)	(188,479)	(188,479)	(464,275)	(275,796)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	730	730
Fund balance, beginning of year	803	803	803	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 803	\$ 803	\$ 1,533	\$ 730

Note that this schedule is prepared on a budgetary basis, but is not different from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the presentation.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability

<i>As of and for the year ended September 30,</i>	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability									
Service cost	\$ 544,393	\$ 439,042	\$ 456,406	\$ 467,852	\$ 484,217	\$ 469,964	\$ 474,328	\$ 444,431	\$ 486,720
Interest	1,718,862	1,631,480	1,593,836	1,582,682	1,561,886	1,510,378	1,408,146	1,386,963	1,334,762
Changes of benefit terms	9,471	401,528	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(40,513)	509,587	(6,517)	(243,062)	(316,905)	39,418	286,209	(174,320)	-
Changes of assumptions	-	936,150	-	-	113,058	-	870,768	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,636,308)	(1,748,237)	(1,688,002)	(1,436,389)	(1,497,733)	(1,216,202)	(1,411,749)	(1,372,821)	(965,131)
Transfers among employers	(141,957)	(341,586)	163,269	(100,412)	25,742	1,824	161,456	-	-
Net change in total pension liability	453,948	1,827,964	518,992	270,671	370,265	805,382	1,789,158	284,253	856,351
Total pension liability - beginning	23,890,128	22,062,164	21,543,172	21,272,501	20,902,236	20,096,854	18,307,696	18,023,443	17,167,092
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 24,344,076	\$ 23,890,128	\$ 22,062,164	\$ 21,543,172	\$ 21,272,501	\$ 20,902,236	\$ 20,096,854	\$ 18,307,696	\$ 18,023,443
Plan Fiduciary Net Position									
Contributions - employer	517,707	434,502	446,663	549,631	446,010	459,888	467,660	457,419	463,937
Contributions - member	405,398	336,165	330,806	347,610	346,073	332,178	362,299	301,942	298,308
Net investment income	(2,290,887)	3,452,588	896,261	410,026	1,408,494	1,790,040	1,331,113	159,366	1,482,615
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,636,308)	(1,748,237)	(1,688,002)	(1,436,389)	(1,497,733)	(1,216,202)	(1,411,749)	(1,372,821)	(965,131)
Transfers among employers	(141,957)	(341,586)	163,269	(100,412)	25,742	1,824	161,456	(9,909)	13,776
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(3,146,047)	2,133,432	148,997	(229,534)	728,586	1,367,728	910,779	(464,003)	1,293,505
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	18,340,625	16,207,193	16,058,196	16,287,730	15,559,144	14,191,416	13,280,637	13,744,640	12,451,135
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	15,194,578	18,340,625	16,207,193	16,058,196	16,287,730	15,559,144	14,191,416	13,280,637	13,744,640
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 9,149,498	\$ 5,549,503	\$ 5,854,971	\$ 5,484,976	\$ 4,984,771	\$ 5,343,092	\$ 5,905,438	\$ 5,027,059	\$ 4,278,803
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.42%	76.77%	73.46%	74.54%	76.57%	74.44%	70.62%	72.54%	76.26%
Covered payroll	\$ 6,370,137	\$ 6,033,703	\$ 6,073,132	\$ 5,615,180	\$ 6,068,177	\$ 6,148,668	\$ 5,885,886	\$ 5,609,577	\$ 5,749,664
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	143.63%	91.98%	96.41%	97.68%	82.15%	86.90%	100.33%	89.62%	74.42%

Note to Schedule

Note 1: GASB Codification P20 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the City is presenting information for only the years for which information is available.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Employer Contributions

<i>As of and for the year ended September 30,</i>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 544,393	\$ 439,042	\$ 456,406	\$ 467,852	\$ 484,217	\$ 469,964	\$ 474,328	\$ 444,431	\$ 486,720
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	618,748	517,707	434,502	446,663	549,631	446,010	459,888	467,660	457,419
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ (74,355)	\$ (78,665)	\$ 21,904	\$ 21,189	\$ (65,414)	\$ 23,954	\$ 14,440	\$ (23,229)	\$ 29,301
Covered payroll	\$ 6,281,345	\$ 6,370,137	\$ 6,033,703	\$ 6,073,132	\$ 5,615,180	\$ 6,068,177	\$ 6,148,668	\$ 5,885,886	\$ 5,609,577
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.85%	8.13%	7.20%	7.35%	9.79%	7.35%	7.48%	7.95%	8.15%

Notes to Schedule

Note 1: Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Contributions for fiscal year 2023 were based on the September 30, 2020 actuarial valuation.

Note 2: GASB Codification P20 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the City is presenting information for only the years for which information is available.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Changes in OPEB Liability

<i>As of and for the year ended September 30,</i>	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total OPEB Liability						
Service cost	\$ 579,966	\$ 438,120	\$ 378,502	\$ 285,100	\$ 323,144	\$ 369,979
Interest	195,460	191,932	209,419	284,230	250,841	215,486
Changes of benefit term	-	280,640	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(36,658)	(1,223,885)	(3,213)	(331,883)	20,604	(22,184)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(2,067,497)	573,985	540,300	1,130,389	(554,098)	(653,868)
Benefit payments	(289,109)	(304,513)	(321,479)	(267,274)	(267,274)	(208,661)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(1,617,838)	(43,721)	803,529	1,100,562	(226,783)	(299,248)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	8,792,398	8,836,119	8,032,590	6,932,028	7,158,811	7,458,059
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 7,174,560	\$ 8,792,398	\$ 8,836,119	\$ 8,032,590	\$ 6,932,028	\$ 7,158,811
Covered payroll*	\$ 5,014,996	\$ 5,014,996	\$ 5,561,701	\$ 5,561,701	\$ 5,576,106	\$ 5,576,106
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	143.06%	175.32%	158.87%	144.43%	124.32%	128.38%

*For years following the valuation date (when no new valuation if performed), covered payroll has been set equal to the covered payroll from the most recent valuation.

Notes to Schedule

Note 1: GASB Codification P52 requires an employer to disclose a 10-year history. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information will be presented only for those years which information is available.

Note 2: The following discount rate was used in each period:

9/30/2017 - 3.57%
9/30/2018 - 4.18%
9/30/2019 - 2.66%
9/30/2020 - 2.21%
9/30/2021 - 2.26%
9/30/2022 - 4.02%

City of Ozark, Alabama
Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Note 1: PLAN CHANGES IN BENEFIT TERMS

Pension

There have been no significant changes in benefit terms since the prior valuation.

OPEB

There have been no significant changes in benefit terms since the prior valuation.

Note 2: CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

Pension

There have been no significant changes in assumptions since the prior valuation.

OPEB

The discount rate used was 4.02%, as compared to 2.26% at the prior measurement date.

Note 3: METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE CONTRIBUTION RATES

Pension

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age
Amortization method	Level percent closed
Remaining amortization period	23.1 years
Asset valuation method	Five year smoothed market
Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	3.25 - 5.00%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.70%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

City of Ozark, Alabama
Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Note 3: METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE CONTRIBUTION RATES (Continued)

OPEB

Inflation	2.50%
Real wage growth	0.25%
Wage inflation	2.75%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.25% - 6.00%
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Prior Measurement Date	2.26%
Measurement Date	4.02%
Health Care Cost Trends	
Pre-Medicare Medical and Prescription Drug	7.00% for 2021 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2031
Medicare Medical and Prescription Drug	5.125% for 2021 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2024
Dental	3.50%

City of Ozark, Alabama
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds

<i>September 30, 2023</i>	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,155,494	\$ 18,579	\$ 1,174,073
Accounts receivable, net	40,344	-	40,344
Due from other governments	74,404	-	74,404
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	376,299	376,299
Total assets	\$ 1,270,242	\$ 394,878	\$ 1,665,120
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 40,344	\$ -	\$ 40,344
Fund balances			
Restricted	1,229,898	394,878	1,624,776
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,270,242	\$ 394,878	\$ 1,665,120

City of Ozark, Alabama
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds

	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<i>For the year ended September 30, 2023</i>			
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 2,027,833	\$ -	\$ 2,027,833
Intergovernmental	134,143	-	134,143
Interest and other	1,427	12,535	13,962
Miscellaneous revenue	1,106	-	1,106
Total revenues	2,164,509	12,535	2,177,044
Expenditures			
Education	1,737,138	-	1,737,138
Street	88,565	-	88,565
Judicial	9,914	-	9,914
Debt service			
Principal	-	719,907	719,907
Interest	-	166,608	166,608
Fiscal agent fees	-	14,029	14,029
Capital outlay	510,943	-	510,943
Total expenditures	2,346,560	900,544	3,247,104
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(182,051)	(888,009)	(1,070,060)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers in (out)	396,624	883,238	1,279,862
Net change in fund balances	214,573	(4,771)	209,802
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,015,325	399,649	1,414,974
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,229,898	\$ 394,878	\$ 1,624,776

City of Ozark, Alabama
Combining Balance Sheet –
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

	Special						
	Bond	Four Cent Gas Tax	Ten Cent Gas Tax	Special Ad Valorem Fund I	Special Ad Valorem Fund II	UDAG	FEMA
September 30, 2023							
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,085	\$ 122,881	\$ 156,200	\$ 24	\$ 23	\$ 24,219	\$ 6,498
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	-	20,172	20,172	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 31,085	\$ 122,881	\$ 156,200	\$ 20,196	\$ 20,195	\$ 24,219	\$ 6,498
Liabilities and Fund Balances							
Liabilities							
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,172	\$ 20,172	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances							
Restricted	31,085	122,881	156,200	24	23	24,219	6,498
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 31,085	\$ 122,881	\$ 156,200	\$ 20,196	\$ 20,195	\$ 24,219	\$ 6,498

Revenue Funds								Total
Wiregrass Violent Crime	Department of Justice	Street	Municipal Court/ Judicial Admin	CDBG	Alabama Trust Fund Improvements	Corrections		Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
\$ 3,871	\$ 4,227	\$ 578,572	\$ 100,452	\$ 10,047	\$ 14,190	\$ 103,205		\$ 1,155,494
-	-	-	-	-	-	-		40,344
-	-	68,373	2,036	-	-	3,995		74,404
<u>\$ 3,871</u>	<u>\$ 4,227</u>	<u>\$ 646,945</u>	<u>\$ 102,488</u>	<u>\$ 10,047</u>	<u>\$ 14,190</u>	<u>\$ 107,200</u>		<u>\$ 1,270,242</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 40,344
3,871	4,227	646,945	102,488	10,047	14,190	107,200		1,229,898
<u>\$ 3,871</u>	<u>\$ 4,227</u>	<u>\$ 646,945</u>	<u>\$ 102,488</u>	<u>\$ 10,047</u>	<u>\$ 14,190</u>	<u>\$ 107,200</u>		<u>\$ 1,270,242</u>

City of Ozark, Alabama

**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds**

	Special						
<i>Year ended September 30, 2023</i>	Bond	Four Cent Gas Tax	Ten Cent Gas Tax	Special Ad Valorem Fund I	Special Ad Valorem Fund II	UDAG	FEMA
Revenues							
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 57,719	\$ 119,922	\$ 868,569	\$ 868,569	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and other	-	293	157	-	-	-	15
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	-	-	6	1,100	-
Total revenues	-	58,012	120,079	868,569	868,575	1,100	15
Expenditures							
Education	-	-	-	868,569	868,569	-	-
Street	-	50,580	16,854	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	55,000	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	50,580	71,854	868,569	868,569	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	7,432	48,225	-	6	1,100	15
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	7,432	48,225	-	6	1,100	15
Fund balances, beginning of year	31,085	115,449	107,975	24	17	23,119	6,483
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 31,085	\$ 122,881	\$ 156,200	\$ 24	\$ 23	\$ 24,219	\$ 6,498

Revenue Funds								Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Wiregrass Violent Crime	Department of Justice	Street	Municipal Court/ Judicial Admin	CDBG	Alabama Trust Fund Improvements	Corrections		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,054	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,027,833
-	-	-	-	-	134,143	-	-	134,143
-	-	-	518	34	95	315	-	1,427
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,106
-	-	113,054	518	34	134,238	315	-	2,164,509
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,737,138
-	-	21,131	-	-	-	-	-	88,565
-	-	-	7,514	-	-	2,400	-	9,914
-	-	455,798	-	145	-	-	-	510,943
-	-	476,929	7,514	145	-	2,400	-	2,346,560
-	-	(363,875)	(6,996)	(111)	134,238	(2,085)	-	(182,051)
-	-	513,557	30,077	-	(138,015)	(8,995)	-	396,624
-	-	149,682	23,081	(111)	(3,777)	(11,080)	-	214,573
3,871	4,227	497,263	79,407	10,158	17,967	118,280	-	1,015,325
\$ 3,871	\$ 4,227	\$ 646,945	\$ 102,488	\$ 10,047	\$ 14,190	\$ 107,200	\$ -	1,229,898

City of Ozark, Alabama
Schedules of Bond Amortization Requirements

\$3,760,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021, dated March 23, 2021 with interest payable on May 1 and September 1 of each year. Warrants mature on March 1, 2034.

Paying Agent: Regions Bank

Year Ending	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
9/30/2024	1.00%	\$ 10,000	\$ 74,450	\$ 84,450
9/30/2025	1.00%	10,000	74,350	84,350
9/30/2026	1.00%	10,000	74,250	84,250
9/30/2027	2.00%	430,000	69,900	499,900
9/30/2028	2.00%	440,000	61,200	501,200
9/30/2029	2.00%	450,000	52,300	502,300
9/30/2030	2.00%	460,000	43,200	503,200
9/30/2031	2.00%	470,000	33,900	503,900
9/30/2032	2.00%	480,000	24,400	504,400
9/30/2033	2.00%	485,000	14,750	499,750
9/30/2034	2.00%	495,000	4,950	499,950
Total		\$ 3,740,000	\$ 527,650	\$ 4,267,650

\$3,140,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2017, dated June 1, 2017 with interest payable on May 1 and September 1 of each year. Warrants mature on March 1, 2026.

Paying Agent: Regions Bank

Year Ending	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
9/30/2024	2.00%	\$ 440,000	\$ 23,160	\$ 463,160
9/30/2025	2.00%	455,000	14,210	469,210
9/30/2026	2.10%	460,000	4,830	464,830
Total		\$ 1,355,000	\$ 42,200	\$ 1,397,200

City of Ozark, Alabama
Schedules of Bond Amortization Requirements (Continued)

2,695,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016, dated May 1, 2016 with interest payable on March 1 and November 1 of each year. Warrants mature on May 1, 2031.

Paying Agent: Regions Bank

Year Ending	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
9/30/2024	4.00%	\$ 180,000	\$ 38,214	\$ 218,214
9/30/2025	2.00%	185,000	31,013	216,013
9/30/2026	2.00%	190,000	27,314	217,314
9/30/2027	2.13%	195,000	23,512	218,512
9/30/2028	2.25%	200,000	19,370	219,370
9/30/2029	2.35%	200,000	14,870	214,870
9/30/2030	2.40%	205,000	10,170	215,170
9/30/2031	2.50%	210,000	5,251	215,251
Total		\$ 1,565,000	\$ 169,714	\$ 1,734,714

**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***

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Ozark, Alabama

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, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Ozark, Alabama (the “City”), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Ozark, State Alabama’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 20, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Ozark City Board of Education as described in our report on the City’s financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor’s testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

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 have not been identified. However, as described below, we did identify 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 below as item 2023-001 to be a material weakness.

2023-001 Financial Reporting (Repeat of Finding 2022-001)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for "establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;..."

Condition: Multiple general ledger accounts and financial statement line items required adjustment or reclassification. Such adjustments included proper presentation of cash, accounts receivable, property, plant, and equipment, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, long-term liabilities, and revenues, among others.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as financial close and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to detect needed adjustments to multiple general ledger accounts.

Effect: Multiple general ledger accounts and financial statement line items required adjustment or reclassification in order for the financial statements to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal financial close process, including the timely preparation and review of various reconciliations of account balances and schedules, and consider additional training for personnel responsible for financial reporting.

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process.

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 deficiencies described below as items 2023-002, 2023-003, and 2023-004 to be significant deficiencies.

2023-002 Capital Assets (Repeat of Finding 2022-002)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for "establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;..."

Condition: Multiple assets were not added to or removed from the depreciaton schedule properly, additional construction in progress amounts had to be booked as a result of accounts payable testing, and depreciation expense was not properly calculating for certain assets.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as financial close and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to detect assets not accounted for and depreciation not calculating correctly.

Effect: Multiple assets had to be added, removed, and recalculated on the depreciaiton schedule in order for the financial statements to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal financial close process, including the timely preparation and review of a fixed asset rollforward and reconciliation of capital asset account balances to the depreciation schedule, and consider additional training for personnel responsible for preparation of the depreciation schedule.

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process to include rollforward and reconciliation of capital assets and related depreciation.

2023-003 Due to and From Accounts (Repeat of Finding 2022-003)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for "establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;..."

Condition: The City did not reconcile and monitor due to and due from accounts throughout the year as balances were remaining from the prior year, amounts did not reconcile between funds, and accounts required adjustment or reclassification.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as financial close and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to detect needed adjustments to multiple general ledger accounts related to due to and from accounts.

Effect: Multiple general ledger accounts and financial statement line items required adjustment or reclassification in order for the financial statements to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal financial close process, including the timely preparation and review of various reconciliations of due to and from account balances and schedules.

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process to include timely monitoring of due to and from accounts.

2023-004 Grant Accounting and Administration (Repeat finding of 2022-004)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for “establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;...”

Condition: The City did not maintain a complete and accurate tracking of grant revenues, expenditures, and related compliance requirements.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as grant administration and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to provide accurate reporting and monitoring of grant accounting and compliance.

Effect: Multiple adjustments were made to properly record revenues and expenditures related to grants.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal grant administration process, including the timely preparation and review of grant revenues, expenditures, and compliance requirements.

Management Response: The City’s Finance Officer will implement a formal, centralized, grant administration process.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

City of Ozark’s Response to Findings

Governmental Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City’s response to the findings identified in our audit and described above. The City’s responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, L.L.C.

Enterprise, Alabama

May 20, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE;
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Ozark, Alabama

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Ozark, Alabama’s (the “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 program for the year ended September 30, 2023. The City’s major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the

requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Enterprise, Alabama

May 20, 2024

City of Ozark, Alabama
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

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|---|------------|
| 1. Type of auditor’s report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP. | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| a. Material weaknesses identified? | Yes |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes |
| c. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? | No |

Federal Awards

- | | |
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| 1. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over major programs: | |
| a. Material weaknesses identified? | None noted |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? | None noted |
| 3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2CFR section 200.516(a)? | No |
| 4. Identification of major programs | |

Assistance Listing Number	Federal Program
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs	\$750,000
6. Auditee qualified as low-risk under 2CFR 200.520	No

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

2023-001 Financial Reporting (Repeat of Finding 2022-001)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for “establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;...”

Condition: Multiple general ledger accounts and financial statement line items required adjustment or reclassification. Such adjustments included proper presentation of cash, accounts receivable, property, plant, and equipment, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, long-term liabilities, and revenues, among others.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as financial close and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to detect needed adjustments to multiple general ledger accounts.

Effect: Multiple general ledger accounts and financial statement line items required adjustment or reclassification in order for the financial statements to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023 (Continued)

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal financial close process, including the timely preparation and review of various reconciliations of account balances and schedules, and consider additional training for personnel responsible for financial reporting.

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process.

2023-002 Capital Assets (Repeat of Finding 2022-002)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for "establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;..."

Condition: Multiple assets were not added to or removed from the depreciation schedule properly, additional construction in progress amounts had to be booked as a result of accounts payable testing, and depreciation expense was not properly calculating for certain assets.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as financial close and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to detect assets not accounted for and depreciation not calculating correctly.

Effect: Multiple assets had to be added, removed, and recalculated on the depreciation schedule in order for the financial statements to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal financial close process, including the timely preparation and review of a fixed asset rollforward and reconciliation of capital asset account balances to the depreciation schedule, and consider additional training for personnel responsible for preparation of the depreciation schedule.

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process to include rollforward and reconciliation of capital assets and related depreciation.

2023-003 Due to and From Accounts (Repeat of Finding 2022-003)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for "establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;..."

Condition: The City did not reconcile and monitor due to and due from accounts throughout the year as balances were remaining from the prior year, amounts did not reconcile between funds, and accounts required adjustment or reclassification.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as financial close and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to detect needed adjustments to multiple general ledger accounts related to due to and from accounts.

Effect: Multiple general ledger accounts and financial statement line items required adjustment or reclassification in order for the financial statements to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023 (Continued)

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal financial close process, including the timely preparation and review of various reconciliations of due to and from account balances and schedules.

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process to include timely monitoring of due to and from accounts.

2023-004 Grant Accounting and Administration (Repeat finding of 2022-004)

Criteria: *Government Auditing Standards* Section A1.08 (d) states that management is responsible for "establishing and maintaining effective internal control to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulation; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported;..."

Condition: The City did not maintain a complete and accurate tracking of grant revenues, expenditures, and related compliance requirements.

Cause: Internal processes and controls, such as grant administration and reconciliation procedures, were not sufficient to provide accurate reporting and monitoring of grant accounting and compliance.

Effect: Multiple adjustments were made to properly record revenues and expenditures related to grants.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a formal grant administration process, including the timely preparation and review of grant revenues, expenditures, and compliance requirements.

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal, centralized, grant administration process.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None noted.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
September 30, 2023

Federal Agency Pass-through Grantor Program Title	AL Number	Contract/ Grant Number	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
United States Department of Agriculture				
Passed through Alabama				
Department of Education				
Summer Food Service Program for Children*	10.559		\$ 67,119	\$ -
Rural Business Development Grant	10.351		71,500	-
Total United States Department of Agriculture			138,619	-
United States Department of Transportation				
Passed through Alabama Department of Transportation				
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-01-0056-025-2023	355,029	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-01-0056-024-2022	128,702	-
Subtotal ALN 20.106			483,731	-
Passed through Southeast Alabama Highway Safety Office, Enterprise State Community College State and Community Highway Safety***	20.600	21-FP-PT-002	47,796	-
Total United States Department of Transportation			531,527	-
United States Department of the Treasury				
Direct program				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	546,974	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 1,217,120	\$ -

* Child Nutrition Cluster

***Highway Safety Cluster

City of Ozark, Alabama
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Note 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) summarizes the federal expenditures of the City of Ozark, (the City) under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2023. The amounts reported as federal expenditures were obtained from the City's general ledger. Because the SEFA presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position and changes in net position of the City.

For purposes of the SEFA, federal awards include all grants, contracts, and similar agreements entered into directly with the federal government and other pass through entities. The City has obtained Assistance Listing (AL) numbers to ensure that all programs have been identified in the SEFA. AL numbers have been appropriately listed by applicable programs. Federal programs with different AL numbers that are closely related because they share common compliance requirements are defined as a cluster by the Uniform Guidance. Two clusters are identified in the SEFA is the following:

Child Nutrition Cluster – Includes awards that assist states in administering food services that provide healthful, nutritious meals to eligible children in public and non-profit private schools, residential child care institutions and summer recreation programs; and encourages the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities.

Highway Safety Cluster – Includes awards that assist cities in providing a coordinated national highway safety program to reduce traffic accidents, death, injuries and property damage.

Note 2: INDIRECT COST RATE

The City has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Note 3: RELATIONSHIP OF THE SEFA TO FINANCIAL REPORTS

The amounts reflected in the financial reports submitted to the awarding Federal, State and/or pass-through agencies and the SEFA may differ. Some of the factors that may account for any difference include the following:

- The City's fiscal year end may differ from the program's year end.
- Accruals recognized in the SEFA, because of year-end procedures, may not be reported in the program financial reports until the next program reporting period.
- Fixed asset purchases and the resultant depreciation charges are recognized as fixed assets in the City's financial statements and as expenditures in the program financial reports.

For the year ended September 30, 2022, it was noted that a grant that was immaterial to the SEFA was excluded for ALN 10.351, Rural Business Development Grant. The award was reported on the SEFA for the year ended September 30, 2023. See Note 2 to the financial statements for more information.

City of Ozark, Alabama
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Note 4: BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

This Schedule was prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis differs from the full accrual basis of accounting in that expenditures for property and equipment are expensed when incurred, rather than being capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives, and expenditures for the principal portion of debt service are expensed when incurred, rather than being applied to reduce the outstanding principal portion of debt, which conforms to the basis of reporting to grantors for reimbursement under the terms of the City's federal grants.

Note 5: CONTINGENCIES

Grant monies received and disbursed by the City are for specific purposes and are subject to review by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, management does not believe that such disallowance, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the City. As of September 30, 2023, there were no material questioned or disallowed costs as a result of grant audits in process or completed.

Note 6: NONCASH ASSISTANCE

The City did not receive any federal noncash assistance for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Note 7: SUBRECIPIENTS

The City did not provide federal funds to subrecipients for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

Note 8: LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES

The City did not have any loans or loan guarantee programs required to be reported on the schedule for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Note 9: FEDERALLY FUNDED INSURANCE

The City did not have any federally funded insurance required to be reported on the SEFA for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

City of Ozark, Alabama Corrective Action Plan



Financial Statement Findings

Item 2023-001 – Financial Reporting (Repeat of Finding 2022-001)

Contact person: Chris Peters, City of Ozark Finance Officer

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process. A checklist will be created and evidence of who completed each item and date completed will be documented. City's Financial Officer will be responsible for the corrective action and anticipates completion of corrective action will be taken before September 30, 2024.

Item 2023-002 Capital Assets (Repeat of Finding 2022-002)

Contact person: Chris Peters, City of Ozark Finance Officer

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process to include rollforward and reconciliation of capital assets and related depreciation. Evidence of who completed the rollforward and reconciliation and date completed will be documented. City's Financial Officer will be responsible for the corrective action and anticipates completion of corrective action will be taken before September 30, 2024.

Item 2023-003 Due to and From Accounts (Repeat of Finding 2022-003)

Contact person: Chris Peters, City of Ozark Finance Officer

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal financial close process to include timely monitoring of due to and from accounts. Evidence of who completed the reconciliation of due to and from accounts and date completed will be documented. City's Financial Officer will be responsible for the corrective action and anticipates completion of corrective action will be taken before September 30, 2024.

Item 2023-004 Grant Accounting and Administration (Repeat finding of 2022-004)

Contact person: Chris Peters, City of Ozark Finance Officer

Management Response: The City's Finance Officer will implement a formal, centralized, grant administration process. City's Financial Officer will be responsible for the corrective action and anticipates completion of corrective action will be taken before September 30, 2024.

Alabama
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
September 30, 2023

Financial Statement Findings

2022-001 – Uncorrected

2022-002 – Uncorrected

2022-003 – Uncorrected

2022-004 – Uncorrected

Federal Award Findings

2022-005 – Corrected