

**City of Ash Flat, Arkansas**

**Financial and Compliance Report**

**December 31, 2024**

**Including Financial Information  
For  
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Financial and Compliance Report

City of Ash Flat, Arkansas Officials and Council Members  
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist local government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of local governments, as well as compliance with relevant state laws and observance of good business practices to provide accountability for tax dollars expended to support government operations.

We have performed certain limited procedures with respect to cash basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for the City of Ash Flat, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024. Additionally, we requested certain cash basis information and your acknowledgement of compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2025. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer Fund. Management of the City is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2024, 2023, and 2022:

Mayor: Larry Fowler  
Recorder/Treasurer: Charlotte Goodwin  
Police Chief: Steven Powell

We evaluated the City's compliance with certain state laws concerning general and district court accounting, budgeting, purchasing, and investing and depositing of public funds.

During our evaluation, nothing came to our attention that would warrant disclosure in this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local City government, state executive and oversight management, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

Kevin William White, CPA, JD  
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
June 10, 2025  
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CITY OF ASH FLAT, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	402,532	267,999
Receipts:		
State aid	16,909	117,828
Federal aid	1,000	
Property taxes	46,527	19,109
Franchise fees	103,612	
Sales taxes	1,972,858	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	22,861	
Interest	881	80
Local permits and fees	11,053	
Donations		19,352
Other	52,769	12,636
Total Receipts	<u>2,228,470</u>	<u>169,005</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	629,207	
Law enforcement	466,745	
Highways and streets	50,191	124,153
Public safety	361,962	19,318
Recreation and culture	192,576	130
Airport	5,000	
Cemetery		28,854
Contribution to water and sewer department		73,756
Debt service	143,970	
Sales tax collected and remitted to Ozarka College	482,827	
Total Disbursements	<u>2,332,478</u>	<u>246,211</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 298,524</u>	<u>\$ 190,793</u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
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Schedule 2

	Street	Fire Protection and Training	Veteran's Memorial	Cemetery	American Rescue Plan Act	Fire Department - American Rescue Plan Act	Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 98,384	\$ 18,294	\$ 8,204	\$ 69,364	\$ 73,750	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 267,999
Receipts:								
State aid	93,496	24,332						117,828
Property taxes	19,109							19,109
Interest	38			35	7			80
Donations			387	18,965				19,352
Other	536		300	11,800				12,636
Total Receipts	<u>113,179</u>	<u>24,332</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>30,800</u>	<u>7</u>			<u>169,005</u>
Disbursements:								
Highways and streets	124,153							124,153
Public safety		19,318						19,318
Recreation and culture			130					130
Cemetery				28,854				28,854
Contribution to water and sewer department					73,756			73,756
Total Disbursements	<u>124,153</u>	<u>19,318</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>28,854</u>	<u>73,756</u>			<u>246,211</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 87,410</u>	<u>\$ 23,308</u>	<u>\$ 8,761</u>	<u>\$ 71,310</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 190,793</u>

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SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023  
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Schedule 3

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 542,129	\$ 314,935
Receipts:		
State aid	36,891	117,329
Federal aid	6,500	264,437
Property taxes	36,865	16,520
Franchise fees	100,398	
Sales taxes	1,959,322	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	32,522	
Interest	1,335	141
Local permits and fees	10,871	
Donations		11,559
Loan proceeds	225,852	
Other	36,734	24,286
Total Receipts	<u>2,447,290</u>	<u>434,272</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	538,405	
Law enforcement	475,319	
Highways and streets	46,339	382,435
Public safety	684,090	84,120
Recreation and culture	190,218	456
Airport	5,000	
Cemetery		14,197
Debt service	167,669	
Sales tax collected and remitted to Ozarka College	479,847	
Total Disbursements	<u>2,586,887</u>	<u>481,208</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 402,532</u>	<u>\$ 267,999</u>

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Schedule 4

	Street	Fire Protection and Training	Veteran's Memorial	Cemetery	American Rescue Plan Act	Fire Department - American Rescue Plan Act	Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 84,205	\$ 20,962	\$ 6,481	\$ 69,561	\$ 73,713	\$ 60,012	\$ 1	\$ 314,935
Receipts:								
State aid	95,913	21,416						117,329
Federal aid							264,437	264,437
Property taxes	16,520							16,520
Interest	43			35	37	26		141
Donations			994	10,565				11,559
Other	19,701		1,185	3,400				24,286
Total Receipts	132,177	21,416	2,179	14,000	37	26	264,437	434,272
Disbursements:								
Highways and streets	117,998						264,437	382,435
Public safety		24,084				60,036		84,120
Recreation and culture			456					456
Cemetery				14,197				14,197
Total Disbursements	117,998	24,084	456	14,197		60,036	264,437	481,208
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 98,384	\$ 18,294	\$ 8,204	\$ 69,364	\$ 73,750	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 267,999

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Schedule 5

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
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Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 439,752	\$ 265,486
Receipts:		
State aid	43,875	119,616
Federal aid	3,447	173,742
Property taxes	34,734	15,343
Franchise fees	99,572	
Sales taxes	1,872,705	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	34,976	
Interest	603	167
Local permits and fees	10,591	
Donations		17,664
Other	21,487	4,928
Total Receipts	<u>2,121,990</u>	<u>331,460</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	456,461	
Law enforcement	399,762	
Highways and streets	45,229	113,258
Public safety	257,438	23,827
Recreation and culture	178,405	7,994
Airport	5,000	
Cemetery		18,180
Contribution to water and sewer department	8,621	118,752
Debt service	211,444	
Sales tax collected and remitted to Ozarka College	457,253	
Total Disbursements	<u>2,019,613</u>	<u>282,011</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 542,129</u>	<u>\$ 314,935</u>



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Schedule 6

	Street	Fire Protection and Training	Veteran's Memorial	Cemetery	American Rescue Plan Act	Fire Department - American Rescue Plan Act	Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 83,424	\$ 23,338	\$ 4,477	\$ 73,530	\$ 80,716		\$ 1	\$ 265,486
Receipts:								
State aid	98,165	21,451						119,616
Federal aid					113,742	\$ 60,000		173,742
Property taxes	15,343							15,343
Interest	38		1	31	85	12		167
Donations			7,084	10,580				17,664
Other	493		835	3,600				4,928
Total Receipts	114,039	21,451	7,920	14,211	113,827	60,012		331,460
Disbursements:								
Highways and streets	113,258							113,258
Public safety		23,827						23,827
Recreation and culture			5,916		2,078			7,994
Cemetery				18,180				18,180
Contribution to water and sewer department					118,752			118,752
Total Disbursements	113,258	23,827	5,916	18,180	120,830			282,011
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 84,205	\$ 20,962	\$ 6,481	\$ 69,561	\$ 73,713	\$ 60,012	\$ 1	\$ 314,935

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Schedule 7

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand and savings accounts.

2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:

General Fund, Special Savings, Police Department Special Savings, Fire Department Special Savings, Library Savings, and Fire Station Bond Debt Reserve

3. Cash balances at year-end in the custodial funds are as follows:

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
LOPFI Fund	\$ 3,299	\$ 3,422	\$ 29

This balance represents payroll expenditures that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

4. The Municipality's capital assets records are summarized below:

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Land	\$ 701,150	\$ 710,150	\$ 710,150
Buildings	1,266,896	1,266,896	1,266,896
Improvements	372,918	372,918	372,918
Equipment	2,245,246	1,759,716	1,282,117
Totals	<u>\$ 4,586,210</u>	<u>\$ 4,109,680</u>	<u>\$ 3,632,081</u>

5. Outstanding balances at year-end for long-term liabilities are as follows:

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Financed purchases	\$ 168,495	\$ 218,933	\$ 73,628
Bonds payable	286,863	360,174	432,368
Totals	<u>\$ 455,358</u>	<u>\$ 579,107</u>	<u>\$ 505,996</u>

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5. Outstanding balances at year-end for long-term liabilities are as follows: (Continued)

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Financed purchase dated September 1, 2020, with FNBC Bank in the amount of \$251,030, with an interest rate of 2.5% for the purchase of 5.9 acres, due in annual installments of \$54,089 for five years. Payments are to be made from the General Fund.			\$ 73,628
Financed purchase dated November 3, 2023, with FNBC Bank in the amount of \$226,102, with an interest rate of 5.25% for the purchase of a 2024 Freightliner fire truck due in monthly installments of \$4,301 for 60 months. Payments are to be made from the General Fund.	\$ 168,495	\$ 218,933	
Franchise Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, dated January 19, 2016, with FNBC Bank in the amount of \$779,612, with an interest rate of 2.951%, due in monthly installments of \$5,358 originally payable through January 10, 2031. Final maturity date is 2029 due to additional principal payments made by the City. Payments are to be made from the General Fund.	286,863	360,174	432,368
Total	<u>\$ 455,358</u>	<u>\$ 579,107</u>	<u>\$ 505,996</u>

6. The City is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2024:

Years Ending December 31,	Financed Purchases	Bonds	Total
2025	\$ 51,608	\$ 64,300	\$ 115,908
2026	51,608	64,300	115,908
2027	51,607	64,300	115,907
2028	33,713	64,300	98,013
2029	61,988	61,988	61,988
Total Obligations	188,536	319,188	507,724
Less Interest	20,041	32,325	52,366
Total Principal	<u>\$ 168,495</u>	<u>\$ 286,863</u>	<u>\$ 455,358</u>

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6. The City is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2023:

Years Ending December 31,	Financed Purchases	Bonds	Total
2024	\$ 51,608	\$ 64,300	\$ 115,908
2025	51,608	64,300	115,908
2026	51,608	64,300	115,908
2027	51,607	64,300	115,907
2028	43,449	64,300	107,749
2029 through 2030		83,604	83,604
Total Obligations	249,880	405,104	654,984
Less Interest	30,947	44,930	75,877
Total Principal	<u>\$ 218,933</u>	<u>\$ 360,174</u>	<u>\$ 579,107</u>

The City is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2022:

Years Ending December 31,	Financed Purchases	Bonds	Total
2023	\$ 54,089	\$ 64,300	\$ 118,389
2024	26,100	64,300	90,400
2025		64,300	64,300
2026		64,300	64,300
2027		64,300	64,300
2028 through 2030		168,736	168,736
Total Obligations	80,189	490,236	570,425
Less Interest	6,561	57,868	64,429
Total Principal	<u>\$ 73,628</u>	<u>\$ 432,368</u>	<u>\$ 505,996</u>