

**City of Hazen, Arkansas**

**Financial and Compliance Report**

**December 31, 2024**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Financial and Compliance Report

City of Hazen, 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 Hazen, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2025. These procedures were not performed for the Water, Sewer and Gas Funds. 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:

Mayor: David Hardke  
Recorder/Treasurer: David Hoover  
District Court Clerk: Annette Felts  
Police Chief: Bradley Taylor

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.

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

Kevin William White, CPA, JD  
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
May 29, 2025  
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CITY OF HAZEN, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 1,055,898	\$ 1,749,692
Receipts:		
State aid	28,923	150,223
Federal aid	367,738	
Property taxes	81,880	43,635
Franchise fees	79,327	
Sales taxes	1,467,889	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	371,640	3,695
Interest	35,788	43,787
Local permits and fees	4,019	
Advertising and promotion taxes		15,219
Rent	83,365	
Airport fuel sales	12,660	
Contribution from water, sewer, and gas		36,000
Insurance proceeds	69,797	
Other	131,901	56,705
Transfers in	569,488	1,241,182
Total Receipts	<u>3,304,415</u>	<u>1,590,446</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	361,978	9,577
Law enforcement	1,091,447	229,943
Highways and streets		208,906
Public safety	48,808	31,153
Sanitation		132,763
Health		98,254
Recreation and culture	2,881	70,606
Airport	93,591	
Contributions to water, sewer, and gas	123,211	232,890
Wastewater		148,364
Transfers out	1,239,682	570,988
Total Disbursements	<u>2,961,598</u>	<u>1,733,444</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 1,398,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,606,694</u>

CITY OF HAZEN, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	Street	Fire Protection	Municipal Court Cost	Local Police and Fire Retirement LOPFI	Sales Tax	American Rescue Plan Act	County Fire Millage	Federal Assets and Forfeitures	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 46,232	\$ 68,055	\$ 3,005	\$ 6,838	\$ 1,251,169	\$ 148,166	\$ 26,535	\$ 199,692	\$ 1,749,692
Receipts:									
State aid	121,784	28,439							150,223
Property taxes	28,464						15,171		43,635
Fines, forfeitures, and costs			3,695						3,695
Interest	53	109	4	16	43,014	211	47	333	43,787
Advertising and promotion taxes					15,219				15,219
Contribution from water, sewer, and gas					36,000				36,000
Other	41,164				14,839			702	56,705
Transfers in	1,500				1,239,682				1,241,182
Total Receipts	192,965	28,548	3,699	16	1,348,754	211	15,218	1,035	1,590,446
Disbursements:									
General government					9,577				9,577
Law enforcement			3,361		87,421			139,161	229,943
Highways and streets	194,481				14,425				208,906
Public safety		26,241		1,182	550		3,180		31,153
Sanitation					132,763				132,763
Health					98,254				98,254
Recreation and culture					70,606				70,606
Contribution to water, sewer, and gas					232,890				232,890
Wastewater						148,364			148,364
Transfers out					570,975	13			570,988
Total Disbursements	194,481	26,241	3,361	1,182	1,217,461	148,377	3,180	139,161	1,733,444
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	\$ 44,716	\$ 70,362	\$ 3,343	\$ 5,672	\$ 1,382,462	\$ 0	\$ 38,573	\$ 61,566	\$ 1,606,694

CITY OF HAZEN, ARKANSAS  
OTHER INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3

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

2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:  
General, City Contingency, and Police Department Assets and Forfeitures

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

	December 31, 2024
Police Bond and Fine	\$ 4,177
District Court	24,838
Payroll	31,645
Small Claims	201
Administration of Justice	1

These balances represent fines, forfeitures, and costs and payroll taxes that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

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

	December 31, 2024
Land	\$ 921,313
Buildings	1,302,132
Equipment	3,380,934
Total	<u>\$ 5,604,379</u>