

**CITY OF GENTRY  
WATER AND SEWER FUND  
Gentry, Arkansas  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019  
and  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
City of Gentry  
Gentry, Arkansas

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas' basic financial statements. The Supplementary Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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The Supplementary Information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplementary Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 April 30, 2021 on our consideration of the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Water and Sewer Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its financial position, or its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.



Berry & Associates, P.A.  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 30, 2021



**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS**  
**WATER AND SEWER FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Water revenue	\$ 4,175,485	\$ 2,177,013
Sanitation revenue	376,676	356,415
Sewer revenue	283,562	342,833
Penalty charges	26,947	32,016
Connections and special service	69,530	-
Grants and contributions	170,085	-
Other income	23,976	65
Total Operating Revenues	<u>5,126,261</u>	<u>2,908,342</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Water:		
Sanitation collection payments	362,244	342,497
Water purchased	2,368,443	1,042,732
Operating and office salaries	250,905	308,469
Employee benefits	37,032	47,838
Depreciation and amortization	285,858	268,056
Plant materials and supplies	45,745	124,664
Telephone and utility	31,530	36,428
Insurance, general and group	47,805	51,575
Payroll taxes	20,295	24,426
Wastewater chemicals and expense	-	6,051
Repairs and maintenance	90,229	90,254
Miscellaneous	13,462	12,896
Office supplies and expense	23,772	11,709
Laboratory tests	-	8,121
Small equipment	15,708	49,639
Professional fees	9,999	10,338
Gas and oil	14,677	24,949
Uniforms	2,000	6,044
Contract labor	9,428	6,215
Alderman fees	6,925	6,554
Computer expense	5,141	3,563
Membership, dues and subscriptions	4,035	1,070
Total water expenses	<u>\$ 3,645,233</u>	<u>\$ 2,484,088</u>

**The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements**

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS**  
**WATER AND SEWER FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION (Continued)**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Sewer:		
Sanitation collection payments	\$ 6,261	\$ -
Operating and office salaries	61,629	-
Employee benefits	9,442	-
Depreciation and amortization	6,032	-
Plant materials and supplies	17,774	-
Telephone and utility	69	-
Insurance, general and group	7,011	-
Payroll taxes	4,911	-
Wastewater chemicals and expense	5,364	-
Repairs and maintenance	55	-
Miscellaneous	178	-
Laboratory tests	6,763	-
Professional fees	1,500	-
Gas and oil	2,522	-
Uniforms	437	-
Total sewer expenses	<u>129,948</u>	<u>-</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>3,775,181</u>	<u>2,484,088</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	1,351,080	424,254
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
Interest income	13,504	23,764
Interest expense	(84,264)	(87,215)
Bond fees	(81,944)	-
Net Non-Operating Expenses	<u>(152,704)</u>	<u>(63,451)</u>
<b>INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	1,198,376	360,803
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<u>(23,206)</u>	<u>(24,418)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	1,175,170	336,385
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>5,975,133</u>	<u>5,638,748</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 7,150,303</u>	<u>\$ 5,975,133</u>

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**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND SEWER FUND  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Cash received from customers	\$ 5,128,354	\$ 2,709,168
Cash payments to supplies	(3,291,093)	(1,793,726)
Cash payments to employees	(250,905)	(308,469)
Net cash provided by operating activities:	<u>1,586,356</u>	<u>606,973</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Increase in meter deposits payable	11,125	7,900
Net redemption of certificates of deposit	(197,687)	(35,959)
Interest received	13,504	23,764
Net cash used by investing activities:	<u>(173,058)</u>	<u>(4,295)</u>
<b>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:</b>		
Operating transfers out	(23,206)	(24,418)
Net cash used by non-capital financing activities:	<u>(23,206)</u>	<u>(24,418)</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>		
Purchases of capital assets	(339,584)	(43,058)
Purchases for construction in progress	(174,205)	(182,658)
Bond costs	(81,944)	-
Proceeds from long-term debt	5,000,000	-
Principal payments on long-term debt	(150,000)	(145,000)
Interest payments on long-term debt	(84,264)	(87,215)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities:	<u>4,170,003</u>	<u>(457,931)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	5,560,095	120,329
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>2,154,688</u>	<u>2,034,359</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 7,714,783</u>	<u>\$ 2,154,688</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Operating income	\$ 1,351,080	\$ 424,254
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	291,890	268,056
(Increase) decrease in-		
Accounts receivable	2,093	(199,174)
Prepaid expenses	(1,388)	(1,091)
Inventory	(43,065)	(387)
Increase (decrease) in-		
Accounts payable	(26,915)	114,735
Due to general fund	(580)	580
Other current liabilities	13,241	-
	<u>235,276</u>	<u>182,719</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities:	<u>\$ 1,586,356</u>	<u>\$ 606,973</u>

**The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements**

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND SEWER FUND  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

**Date of Management's Review**

Events have been evaluated through April 30, 2021, the date of the financial statements were available to be issued, and management determined that no additional disclosures were required.

**Organization**

The Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas is an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are proprietary funds used to account for business-like activities provided to the general public. These activities are financed primarily by user charges and the measurement of financial activity focuses on net income measurement similar to the private sector. The fund is used to record the revenues and expenses from the operation of the water and sewer system.

**Basis of Presentation and Accounting**

The accounts of the Fund are organized on the basis of a proprietary fund type, specifically an enterprise fund. The activities of this fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise the Fund's assets, liabilities, net position, revenues and expenses. Enterprise Funds account for activities (i) that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity; or (ii) that are required by laws or regulations that the activity's costs of providing services, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service), be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues; or (iii) that the pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service).

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Fund is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the Fund are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the statement of net position. Net position (i.e., total assets net of total liabilities) is segregated into invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted for debt service; and unrestricted components.

**Estimates**

Management of the Fund has made certain estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses to prepare these financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Fund considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted cash and investments) with maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Certificate of deposits are presented at fair value. Short-term investments generally mature or are otherwise available for withdrawal in less than one year.

**Inventories**

Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market, on a first-in, first-out basis. Cost is deemed to approximate market value.

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, the Council Members adopt an annual budget for the Fund. The budget of the Fund is adopted under a basis consistent with GAAP, except that depreciation, certain capital expenses, and non-operation income and expense items are not considered. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

**Restricted Assets**

Certain proceeds of the Fund's revenue, as well as certain resources set aside for the bond repayment and bond agreement requirements, are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position, because they are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. Customer deposits held by the Fund are also considered restricted.

**Receivables**

The Fund has elected to record bad debts using the direct write-off method. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the allowance method be used to recognize bad debts; however as of December 31, 2020 management had determined that minimal additional accounts needed to be written off.

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (con't):**

**Capital Assets**

The cost of additions and major replacements of retired units of property are capitalized. The Fund defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Cost includes direct labor, outside services, materials and transportation, employee fringe benefits, overhead, and interest on funds borrowed to finance construction. The cost and accumulated depreciation of property sold or retired is deducted from capital assets and any profit or loss resulting from the disposal is credited or charged in the non-operating section of the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets. The cost of current repairs, maintenance, and minor replacements is charged to expense. Construction in progress primarily relates to upgrades of existing facilities.

Depreciation has been provided over estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	10-40 years
Water and sewer system	5-40 years
Automobiles and equipment	5-15 years

**Long-Term Debt and Costs**

Long-term debt is reported at face value, net of applicable discounts and deferred loss on refunding. Costs related to the issuance of debt are deferred and amortized over the lives of the various debt issues. Losses occurring from advance refunding of debt are deferred and amortized as interest expense over the remaining life of the old bonds, or the life of the new bonds, whichever is shorter.

**Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues that result from the ongoing principal operations of the Fund. Operating revenues consist primarily of charges for services. Non-operating revenues and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to financing and investing type of activities and result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available, it is the Fund's policy to apply those expenses to restricted net position to the extent such are available and then to unrestricted net position.

**Equity Classifications**

Net position comprises the various net earnings from operating income, non-operating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position is classified in the following three components:

*Net investment in capital assets*- This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

*Temporarily Restricted*- This component of net position consists of constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted net position*- This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted."

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**WATER AND SEWER FUND**  
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**NOTE 2 - MAJOR CUSTOMERS:**

Of the total water and sewer revenues, \$4,175,485 and \$283,562, respectively, earned in the year ended December 31, 2020, a total of \$2,519,187 and \$106,450 were earned from two customers. These earnings represent 60% and 38% respectively, of the total revenues earned for water and sewer services.

Of the total water and sewer revenues, \$2,177,013 and \$342,833, respectively, earned in the year ended December 31, 2019, a total of \$608,319 and \$97,501 were earned from two customers. These earnings represent 27% and 28% respectively, of the total revenues earned for water and sewer services.

**NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM DEBT:**

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2019</u>
Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 paid annually with bonds maturing annually through June 2040 (1)	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -
Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2016, paid annually with bonds maturing annually through June 2037 (2)	<u>2,990,000</u>	<u>3,140,000</u>
	7,990,000	3,140,000
Less Current Portion	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>
Total Long-Term Portion	<u>\$ 7,740,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,990,000</u>

The Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bond Series 2020 dated November 30, 2020, is single bond in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 and bearing interest at a variable rate. The bond will be paid in annual installments for a period of twenty years, with the first installment of \$154,685 principal and interest due June 1, 2021. The revenue bonds have restrictive covenants, including the requirements to establish a debt service reserve in the amount of \$161,464. (1)

The Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bond Series 2016 dated September 28, 2016, is single bond in the principal amount of \$3,490,000 and bearing interest at a variable rate. The bond will be paid in annual installments for a period of twenty years, with the first installment of \$142,616 principal and interest due June 1, 2017. The revenue bonds have restrictive covenants, including the requirements to establish a debt service reserve in the amount of \$238,125. (2)

The annual maturities of long-term debt payable at December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 250,000	\$ 86,765	\$ 440,832
2022	370,000	88,939	554,380
2023	375,000	85,739	551,980
2024	385,000	82,639	553,790
2025	390,000	160,380	550,380
2026-2030	2,100,000	666,580	2,766,580
2031-2035	2,370,000	396,638	2,766,638
2036-2040	<u>1,750,000</u>	<u>102,157</u>	<u>1,852,157</u>
	<u>\$ 7,990,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,669,837</u>	<u>\$ 10,036,737</u>

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS  
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**NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM DEBT (con't):**

Long-term activity for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2019	Additions	Retirements	Balance December 31, 2020	Due Within One Year
Bonds Payable					
Revenue Bonds	\$ 3,140,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ (150,000)	\$ 7,990,000	\$ 250,000
	\$ 3,285,000	\$ -	\$ (145,000)	\$ 3,140,000	\$ 150,000

The Fund has pledged future water customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$7,990,000 in revenue bonds. Proceeds from the bonds were used for building of the Fund's water system and water treatment facility. Principal and interest on the bonds are payable through 2040, solely from the water customer net revenues. Principal and interest paid in the year ended December 31, 2020 were \$150,000 and \$84,264, respectively. Principal and interest paid in the year ended December 31, 2019 were \$145,000 and \$87,215, respectively.

**NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

**Plan Description.** The City of Gentry contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers municipal employees whose municipalities have elected coverage under this System. APERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 W. Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201 or by calling 1-800-682-7377, or on their website [www.apers.org](http://www.apers.org).

**Funding Policy.** APERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by code to contribute 5% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by code to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of the system based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15.32% of annual covered payroll. The Department's contributions to APERS for the years ending December 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$46,474 and \$47,838, respectively, equal to the required contributions for the year.

**Implementation of GASB 68**

In June 2012, GASB issued Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, which became effective with fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. The Statement establishes standards for public pension plan obligations for participating employers. Under the new statement, a cost-sharing employer whose employees receive pensions through a trust will report in the financial statements a net pension liability, deferred outflows or inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense based on its' proportionate share of the collective net pension liability of all employers in the plan. A net pension liability can be volatile due to changes in actuarial estimates and the actual investment return. These financial statements do not include the disclosure related to this accounting principal, but would be included in the government wide financial statements and not the individual fund financial statements.

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**NOTE 5 –PUBLIC FUNDS; DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:**

As required by law, all funds are deposited in approved banks. The deposited funds are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) or collateralized by securities held by the banks in the Fund’s name.

**NOTE 6 –CAPITAL ASSETS:**

Capital asset activity for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2019	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance at December 31, 2020
Land and right-of-way	\$ 41,101	\$ 1,900	\$ -	\$ 43,001
Water and sewer system	7,544,354	227,494	-	7,771,848
Buildings and improvements	367,497	-	-	367,497
Automotive equipment	330,342	53,892	-	384,234
Other equipment	544,623	56,298	-	600,921
Construction in Progress	372,220	174,205	-	546,425
	<u>9,200,137</u>	<u>513,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,713,926</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,541,545)</u>	<u>(291,890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,833,435)</u>
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 5,658,592</u>	<u>\$ 221,899</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,880,491</u>

  

	Balance at December 31, 2018	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance at December 31, 2019
Land and right-of-way	\$ 34,336	\$ 6,765	\$ -	\$ 41,101
Water and sewer system	7,514,386	29,968	-	7,544,354
Buildings and improvements	361,172	6,325	-	367,497
Automotive equipment	330,342	-	-	330,342
Other equipment	544,623	-	-	544,623
Construction in Progress	189,562	182,658	-	372,220
	<u>8,974,421</u>	<u>225,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,200,137</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,273,489)</u>	<u>(268,056)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,541,545)</u>
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 5,700,932</u>	<u>\$ (42,340)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,658,592</u>

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS  
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**NOTE 7 – RESTRICTED CASH:**

Restricted assets consist of cash reserves restricted by long-term debt covenants and cash deposits for meters by customers. The long-term debt covenants require minimum reserves for debt service reserves (see Note 3).

The following is a list of the restricted cash at December 31:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Debt Service Reserves	\$ 1,211,262	\$ 1,025,561
Construction Fund	4,712,985	-
Bond Fund	96,794	100,626
Customer Meter Deposits	<u>145,513</u>	<u>137,386</u>
	<u>\$ 6,166,554</u>	<u>\$ 1,263,573</u>

**NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS:**

On November 30, 2020 the Fund was awarded \$5,000,000 in revenue bonds from Simmons Bank for continued improvements to the Water & Sewer System. The revenue bond funds are to be used on a construction project with Garver, LLC for the construction of a new elevated storage tank. The design and construction phase of the project has an estimated cost of \$4,227,000.

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and Members of the City Council  
City of Gentry  
Gentry, Arkansas**

## **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***

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, (the "Fund") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2021.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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 in a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2020-01 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

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**Response to Findings**

The Water and Sewer Fund of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The Fund's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

**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.



Berry & Associates, P.A.  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 30, 2021

**CITY OF GENTRY WATER & SEWER FUND  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**2020-01 Internal Control – Segregation of Duties**

Criteria: The segregation of duties and responsibilities between different individuals for custody of assets, recordkeeping and those assets and reconciliation of those asset accounts is an important control activity needed to adequately protect the entity's assets and ensure accurate financial reporting.

Condition: Presently the same individual who is responsible for service billing and adjustment, receives customer payments, and posts payments to subsidiary accounts receivable ledger. Also, the same individual who is responsible for general ledger activity including posting and writing checks also reconciles the bank statement. This finding was also noted in 2019.

Cause: The Fund's limited size and staffing resources have made it difficult for management to provide sufficient staffing to fully segregate incompatible duties in a cost-effective manner.

Effect or Potential Effect: Without sufficient segregation of duties, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud related to utility billing and collection activities, including misappropriation of assets, could occur and not be detected within a timely basis.

Recommendation: We recommend that management and the City Council should consider a formal evaluation of their risks associated with this lack of duty segregation over utility cash and receivables. In response to the identified risks, consideration should be given to identifying and implementing controls that could help mitigate the risks associated with lack of segregation of duties, such as providing increased management oversight. For example, the entity might consider soliciting the assistance of an independent volunteer to perform certain functions including to act as compensating procedures where applicable.

Responsible Official's Response: The Fund concurs with the recommendation, although, the cost to correct this condition might exceed the benefit, the Fund has made certain changes in procedures that will improve the overall lack of segregation of duties and has implemented compensating procedures as applicable.

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND SEWER FUND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
December 31, 2020**

**GOVERNMENT:**

The Water and Sewer Fund City of Gentry, Arkansas is governed by a mayor and eight aldermen. The records are maintained by the City Water Clerk.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Kevin Johnston	Mayor
Jenny Trout	City Clerk
Joel Kurtz	City Attorney
Janice Arnold	Aldermen
Jason Barrett	Aldermen
Michael Crawford	Aldermen
Cindy Philpott	Aldermen
Kristi Reams	Aldermen
Jimmy Thorburn	Aldermen
Jason Williams	Aldermen
Dan Erskin	Aldermen
Angelena Atkins	Water Clerk

**USAGE OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM:**

The current water and sewer rates are shown in the following schedules:

	<u>Within Corporate Limits (Per 1,000 Gal)</u>	<u>Outside Corporate Limits (Per 1,000 Gal)</u>
<b><u>WATER RATES:</u></b>		
GALLONS		
Minimum water rates for the first 1,000 gallons are based on meter size, and the monthly minimums are as follows:		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 14.12	\$ 33.86
1"	19.77	47.41
1 1/2"	25.41	59.89
2"	40.92	98.23
3"	155.23	372.53
4"	197.58	474.04
6"	297.42	711.19
8"	409.23	982.14
Next 14,000	5.51	9.39
Next 35,000	5.29	7.62
Next 250,000	5.08	5.86
Next 700,000	4.67	5.08
Next 4,000,000	4.31	4.53
Excess 5,000,000	2.84	2.84

**SEWER RATES:**

Minimum 1,000	\$ 8.04	\$ 13.33
Next 4,000	2.96	3.74
Next 45,000	2.26	2.26
Excess 50,000	1.46	1.46

Sewer rates are based on current usage of water.

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS  
WATER AND SEWER FUND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (Continued)  
December 31, 2020**

**USAGE OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM, CONT:**

As of December 31, 2020, water service and sewer service was provided to 2,596 and 1,386 users, respectively.

Total gallons of water consumed during the year ended December 31, 2020 amounted to approximately 1,695,693,000.

**ACCOUNTING:**

The accounting records were found to be adequate and in agreement with the accompanying financial statements, after giving effect to various adjustments.

Reserve accounts are being properly maintained.

**INSURANCE COVERAGE:**

	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>
<b><u>Property and equipment</u></b>		
City Hall	12/22/2021	\$ 350,000
Water Utility Building		50,000
Pump House		45,000
Sewer Treatment Plant		52,000
Sewer Plant Lab		40,000
City Water Shop		200,000
Water Supt's Office		65,000
Sludge Drying Facility		150,000
City Maintenance Shop		250,000
Water Tower Control Building		15,000
Water Dept. Equipment Storage		150,000
Fidelity Bond	12/31/2021	250,000
<b><u>Automotive</u></b>		
Liability insurance	12/22/2021	
Bodily injury		25,000/50,000
Property damage		25,000