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| **SAMPLE GAAP City**  **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORTS**  **BASIC FINANCIAL StatemenTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  JUNE 30, 2019** |

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|  | | **Rob Sand** **Auditor of State** | |
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Practitioners:

This sample report is presented by the Office of Auditor of State as required by Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa. In developing this report, we have made every effort to ensure the highest professional standards have been followed while attempting to provide meaningful and useful information to the citizens, our ultimate client.

Audits of governmental subdivisions should be performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if applicable, 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).

This sample report has been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and conforms to guidelines provided in Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards published by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The format shows the basic financial statements, required and supplementary information and the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs which are necessary to meet the requirements of this Office. The detail presented in the financial statements and supplementary information is the minimum breakdown that will be acceptable subject, of course, to materiality considerations. If the auditor and the local government feel more detail is necessary to provide a fair presentation, this of course will be welcome. A sample such as this cannot present all situations which you may encounter, so the auditor's professional judgment must be used in determining the additional information to be shown as well as the footnotes to be presented.

We have included as attachments to this letter some information related to municipal utility audits. We have also included an illustration of note disclosure for a city’s participation in the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (Note X).

Cities with $750,000 or more of federal expenditures are required to receive a Single Audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. Any questions concerning Single Audit requirements should be directed to the City’s cognizant or oversight agency.

In accordance with the Uniform Guidance, the reporting package and Data Collection Form shall be submitted to the central clearinghouse the earlier of 30 days after issuance of the audit report or 9 months after the reporting period. The Office of Management and budget has designated the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census as the Single Audit Clearinghouse. The Data Collection Form and reporting package must be submitted using the Clearinghouse’s Internet Data Entry System at <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>. The system requires the reporting package be uploaded in a single PDF file. Both the auditee and auditor contacts receive automated emails from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as verification of the submission.

Under Rule 15c-2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission governing ongoing disclosure by municipalities to the bond markets, virtually any municipality which issues more than $1 million of securities per issue is subject to an ongoing filing responsibility. All continuing disclosure submissions must be provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system. In addition, submissions must be in an electronic format (text-searchable PDF), i.e. not scanned.

The findings on compliance, items IV-A-19 through IV-G-19, IV-H-19 (if applicable) and  
IV-I-19 (if applicable) detail those items which are to be included regardless of whether there are any instances of non-compliance or not. Any instances of non-compliance in other areas should also be reported.

We have also included a page for listing the staff actually performing the audit. Although we have found this page to be helpful, you are not required to use it.

As required by Chapter 11.14 of the Code of Iowa, the news media are to be notified of the issuance of the audit report by the CPA firm, unless the firm has made other arrangements with the City for the notification. We have developed a standard news release to be used for this purpose. The news release (paper copy or electronic format) should be completed by the CPA firm or the City and submitted to this Office with a **text-searchable** electronic copy of the audit report sent by the CPA firm. Report filing requirements are detailed on the attached listing. We will make a copy of the audit report and news release available to the news media in this Office.

In accordance with Chapter 11.6(7) of the Code of Iowa, this Office is to be notified immediately regarding any suspected embezzlement, theft or other significant financial irregularities.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all CPA firms who are providing audit or other services to local governments. Together, we are able to provide a significant benefit to all taxpayers in the state.



Rob Sand

Auditor of State

**Report** – The City or CPA firm is required to submit an electronic, **text-searchable**, PDF copy of the audit report, including the management letter(s) if issued separately, with this Office upon release to the City within nine months following the end of the fiscal year subject to audit. Text-searchable files are required for the following reasons:

* The files created are much smaller in size than scanned-image files. Accordingly, text-searchable files require less storage space.
* Text-searchable files are required by the Census bureau when submitting Data Collection Forms and Single Audit reporting packages (i.e. consistent with Federal requirements).
* Text-searchable files provide transparency to the public.

**Per Diem Audit Billing & News Release** – A copy of the CPA firm's per diem audit billing, including total cost and hours, and a copy of the news release or media notification should also be submitted. These items can be submitted as either paper copies or electronic copies.

**Filing Fee** – The filing fee should be submitted based on the following designated budget strata:

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| Budgeted Expenditures in | Filing |
| Millions of Dollars | Fee Amount |
| Under 1 | $ 100 |
| At least 1 but less than 3 | 175 |
| At least 3 but less than 5 | 250 |
| At least 5 but less than 10 | 425 |
| At least 10 but less than 25 | 625 |
| 25 and over | 850 |

**Submission** – Electronic submission (text-searchable PDF) of the audit report, per diem audit billing and news release should be e-mailed to [SubmitReports@auditor.state.ia.us](mailto:SubmitReports@auditor.state.ia.us).

If you are unable to e-mail the PDF files, you may mail a CD containing the files to this Office. You may direct any questions about submitting electronic files to the above e-mail address.

Paper copies (if not submitted electronically) of the per diem audit billing and news release, as well as the filing fee, should be sent to the following address:

Office of Auditor of State

State Capitol Building

Room 111

1007 East Grand Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50319-0001

1. Included a note disclosure in the Notes to the Financial Statements regarding a prospective accounting change for GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities (Note 17).
2. Revised the news release included in this Sample GAAP City report to include information on the findings identified during the audit.

**Additional Notes**

1. Also attached are a sample Corrective Action Plan for Audit Findings (See **Sample A**) and a sample Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (See **Sample B**). These are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to match the findings shown in the sample entity nor are they required to be filed with our office.
2. If the City has deposits in credit unions at June 30, 2019, Note 2 should be modified to indicate whether the deposits were covered by federal depository insurance, collateralized with securities or letters of credit held by the City or the City’s agent in the City’s name or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa.
3. Under Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa, a City or Municipal Utility providing telecommunications services has the responsibility to comply with various financial and operating provisions, as well as the responsibility for annual certification of compliance with these provisions. Chapter 11.6(1) of the Code of Iowa requires the audit of a City which owns or operates a Municipal Utility providing telecommunications services to include an audit of the City’s compliance with Chapter 388.10. In any year in which the City or Municipal Utility is not audited, the City or Municipal Utility must contract with the Auditor of State or a certified public accountant to “attest to the certification.”

Based on an audit of the City or Municipal Utility, a statutory comment on compliance with Chapter 388.10 should be included in the audit report. If the Municipal Utility is audited as part of the city, the required comment would be included in the City’s audit report. If the Municipal Utility is audited separately, the required comment would be included in the Municipal Utility’s audit report. These audit reports must be filed with the Auditor of State and the appropriate filing fee paid as provided in Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa.

In a year when the City or Municipal Utility is not audited, the attestation report should indicate compliance with the provisions of Chapter 388.10. These attestation reports are public records, by law, and are to be filed with this Office. These reports are not subject to the payment of a filing fee.

Following are sample audit report comments for reporting on telecommunication services.

**No non-compliance noted – for separate Municipal Utility audit or City audit which includes the Utility:**

Telecommunications Services – No instances of non-compliance with Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa were noted.

**Non-compliance noted – for separate Municipal Utility audit or City audit which includes the Utility:**

Telecommunications Services – The City (or Utility) did not consistently allocate the cost of use of City (or Utility) employees, equipment and other services used by the telecommunications municipal utility as required by Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa. The allocation of costs to the Utility was based on time studies of certain City (or Utility) employees, but the percentage allocations included mathematical errors.

The errors resulted in an understatement of telecommunication services expenses of $7,616 for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Recommendation – A corrective transfer of $7,616 should be made from the Telecommunications Services Fund to the Gas Fund.

Response – A corrective transfer will be made.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

1. Following is an example footnote for an early retirement or other benefit plan or policy that meets the definition of a “termination benefit”, as defined by GASB Statement No. 47.

**Termination Benefits**

In September 2018 the City approved a voluntary early retirement plan for employees. The plan was only offered to employees for one year. Eligible employees must have completed at least fifteen years of full-time service to the City and must have reached the age of fifty-five on or before June 30, 2019. The application for early retirement was subject to approval by the City Council.

Early retirement benefits equal 60% of the employee’s salary in effect during the employee’s last year of employment, with a maximum retirement benefit of $30,000.

The policy requires early retirement benefits be paid in three equal annual installments beginning July 1, 2019.

At June 30, 2019, the City has obligations to eleven participants with a total liability of $171,285. Early retirement expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2019 totaled $85,642.

1. Section 403.23 of the Code of Iowa requires cities with urban renewal areas to approve and file an Annual Urban Renewal Report on or before December 1.

It also requires an audit of cities to include an examination of the City’s compliance with the annual urban renewal reporting requirements. As such, the auditor is required to include a statutory comment on the Annual Urban Renewal Report, regardless of whether there are any instances of non-compliance or not. An example to report non-compliance is included as item IV-I-19 in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs of the Sample GAAP City report. The following is an example statutory comment if no instances of non-compliance are noted:

Annual Urban Renewal Report – The Annual Urban Renewal Report was properly approved and certified to the Iowa Department of Management on or before December 1 and no exceptions were noted.

1. The Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System note has been updated. The note is as follows:

(X) Pension Plan

**Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (MFPRSI)**

Plan Description – MFPRSI membership is mandatory for fire fighters and police officers covered by the provisions of Chapter 411 of the Code of Iowa. Employees of the City are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by MFPRSI. MFPRSI issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at 7155 Lake Drive, Suite #201, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 or at [www.mfprsi.org](http://www.mfprsi.org).

MFPRSI benefits are established under Chapter 411 of the Code of Iowa and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 411 of the Code of Iowa and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits *-* Members with 4 or more years of service are entitled to pension benefits beginning at age 55. Full service retirement benefits are granted to members with 22 years of service, while partial benefits are available to those members with 4 to 22 years of service based on the ratio of years completed to years required (i.e., 22 years). Members with less than 4 years of service are entitled to a refund of their contribution only, with interest, for the period of employment.

Benefits are calculated based upon the member’s highest 3 years of compensation. The average of these 3 years becomes the member’s average final compensation. The base benefit is 66% of the member’s average final compensation. Members who perform more than 22 years of service receive an additional 2% of the member’s average final compensation for each additional year of service, up to a maximum of 8 years. Survivor benefits are available to the beneficiary of a retired member according to the provisions of the benefit option chosen, plus an additional benefit for each child. Survivor benefits are subject to a minimum benefit for those members who chose the basic benefit with a 50% surviving spouse benefit.

Active members at least 55 years of age with 22 or more years of service have the option to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). The DROP is an arrangement whereby a member who is otherwise eligible to retire and commence benefits opts to continue to work. A member can elect a 3, 4 or 5 year DROP period. When electing to participate in DROP, the member signs a contract stating the member will retire at the end of the selected DROP period. During the DROP period, the member’s retirement benefit is frozen and a DROP benefit is credited to a DROP account established for the member. Assuming the member completes the DROP period, the DROP benefit is equal to 52% of the member’s retirement benefit at the member’s earliest date eligible and 100% if the member delays enrollment for 24 months. At the member’s actual date of retirement, the member’s DROP account will be distributed to the member in the form of a lump sum or rollover to an eligible plan.

Disability and Death Benefits *–* Disability benefits may be either accidental or ordinary. Accidental disability is defined as a permanent disability incurred in the line of duty, with benefits equivalent to the greater of 60% of the member’s average final compensation or the member’s service retirement benefit calculation amount. Ordinary disability occurs outside the call of duty and pays benefits equivalent to the greater of 50% of the member’s average final compensation for those with 5 or more years of service or the member’s service retirement benefit calculation amount and 25% of average final compensation for those with less than 5 years of service.

Death benefits are similar to disability benefits. Benefits for accidental death are 50% of the average final compensation of the member plus an additional amount for each child, or the provisions for ordinary death. Ordinary death benefits consist of a pension equal to 40% of the average final compensation of the member plus an additional amount for each child, or a lump-sum distribution to the designated beneficiary equal to 50% of the previous year’s earnable compensation of the member or equal to the amount of the member’s total contributions plus interest.

Benefits are increased annually in accordance with Chapter 411.6 of the Code of Iowa, which provides a standard formula for the increases.

The surviving spouse or dependents of an active member who dies due to a traumatic personal injury incurred in the line of duty receives a $100,000 lump-sum payment.

Contributions *–* Member contribution rates are set by state statute. In accordance with Chapter 411 of the Code of Iowa, the contribution rate was 9.40% of earnable compensation for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Employer contribution rates are based upon an actuarially determined normal contribution rate and set by state statute. The required actuarially determined contributions are calculated on the basis of the entry age normal method as adopted by the Board of Trustees as permitted under Chapter 411 of the Code of Iowa. The normal contribution rate is provided by state statute to be the actuarial liabilities of the plan less current plan assets, with such total divided by 1% of the actuarially determined present value of prospective future compensation of all members, further reduced by member contributions and state appropriations. Under the Code of Iowa, the City’s contribution rate cannot be less than 17.00% of earnable compensation. The contribution rate was 26.02% for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The City’s contributions to MFPRSI for the year ended June 30, 2019 totaled $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If approved by the State Legislature, state appropriations may further reduce the City’s contribution rate, but not below the minimum statutory contribution rate of 17.00% of earnable compensation. The State of Iowa, therefore, is considered to be a nonemployer contributing entity in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans.

There were no state appropriations to MFPRSI during the year ended June 30, 2019.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At June 30, 2019, the City reported a liability of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the City’s share of contributions to the MFPRSI relative to the contributions of all MFPRSI participating employers. At June 30, 2018, the City’s proportion was \_\_\_\_\_\_%, which was an increase of \_\_\_\_\_\_% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the City recognized pension expense of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At June 30, 2019, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:



The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2017.

Postretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Combined Healthy Annuitant Table with males set-forward zero years, females set-forward two years and disabled individuals set-forward three years (male only rates), with generational projection of future mortality improvement with 50% of Scale BB beginning in 2017.

The long-term expected rate of return on MFPRSI investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (i.e., expected returns, net of 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. The best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:



Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed contributions will be made at 9.40% of covered payroll and the City’s contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the MFPRSI’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on MFPRSI’s investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower (6.50%) or 1% higher (8.50%) than the current rate.



MFPRSI’s Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about MFPRSI’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MFPRSI financial report which is available on MFPRSI’s website at [www.mfprsi.org](http://www.mfprsi.org).

Payables to MFPRSI – All legally required City contributions and legally required employee contributions which had been withheld from employee wages were remitted by the City to MFPRSI by June 30, 2019.

**In addition, the Schedule of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of City Contributions and Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Pension Liability should be reported as Required Supplementary Information.**

**Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Pension Liability**

*Changes of benefit terms*:

There were no significant changes of benefit terms.

*Changes of assumptions*:

The 2018 valuation changed postretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table with males set-forward zero years, females set-forward two years and disabled individuals set-forward three years (male only rates), with generational projection of future mortality improvement with 50% of Scale BB beginning in 2017.

The 2017 valuation added five years projection of future mortality improvement with Scale BB.

The 2016 valuation changed postretirement mortality rates to the RP-2000 Blue Collar Combined Healthy Mortality Table with males set-back two years, females set-forward one year and disabled individuals set-forward one year (male only rates), with no projection of future mortality improvement.

The 2015 valuation phased in the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table for postretirement mortality. This resulted in a weighting of 1/12 of the 1971 Group Annuity Mortality Table and 11/12 of the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table.

The 2014 valuation phased in the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table for postretirement mortality. This resulted in a weighting of 2/12 of the 1971 Group Annuity Mortality Table and 10/12 of the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table.

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Corrective Action Plan

Year ended June 30, 2019

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| Comment Number | Comment Title | Corrective Action Plan | Contact Person,  Title,  Phone Number | Anticipated  Date of  Completion |
| II-A-19 | Segregation of Duties | We have reviewed procedures and plan to make the necessary changes to improve internal control. | Tom Claim, Administrator, (515) YYY-XXXX | November 2, 2019 |
| II-B-19 | Financial Reporting | We will revise our current procedures to ensure the proper amounts are recorded in the financial statements in the future. | Joe Smith, Program Director, (515) YYY-XXXX | November 2, 2019 |
| 2019-001 | Unsupported Expenditures | We will revise our procedures so documentation (e.g. invoices and time cards) is maintained to support federal expenditures. We returned the $25,589 of questioned costs to the Iowa Economic Development Authority on October 3, 2019. | Tom Claim, Administrator, (515) YYY-XXXX | Documentation to support expenditures will be maintained effective immediately. The questioned costs were returned to the Iowa Economic Development Authority on October 3, 2019. |
| 2019-002 | Segregation of Duties over Federal Revenues | We have reviewed procedures and plan to make the necessary changes to improve internal control. Specifically, the custody, record-keeping and reconciling functions currently performed by the Deputy Treasurer will be separated and spread among the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Clerk. | Julie Ledger, Treasurer, (515) YYY-XXXX | November 2, 2019 |
| 2019-003 | Financial Reporting | We have implemented an independent review process which requires review by the Program Director, effective immediately. In addition, beginning with the December 2019 quarterly report, we will submit federal financial reports within the required time frame. | Joe Smith, Program Director, (515) YYY-XXXX | Review procedures have been implemented. Timely report filing will begin with the quarter ending December 2019. |

**In accordance with Uniform Guidance Section 200.511(a), the Corrective Action Plan must include findings relating to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.**

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Year ended June 30, 2019

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| Comment Reference | Comment Title | | Status | | If not corrected, provide reason for finding’s recurrence and planned corrective action or other explanation |
| 2016-001  2017-001 2018-001 | Minority Business Enterprise/ Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) | No longer valid. Does not warrant further action. | | Over two years have passed since the reporting of this audit finding. The Grantor Agency has not followed up on this finding, nor has a management decision been issued on its part. | | |
| II-A-17 2017-002 II-A-18 2018-002 | Segregation of Duties over Federal Revenues | Not corrected. | | Limited staff resulting from staff turnover. Plan to segregate duties for custody, recordkeeping and reconciling among staff when positions are filled. | | |
| II-B-17  II-B-18 | Capital Assets | Corrective action taken. | |  | | |
| 2018-003 | Financial Reporting | Partially corrected. | | Time was necessary to develop and implement review procedures. Timely report filing will begin with the quarter ending December 2019. | | |

**In accordance with Uniform Guidance Section 200.511(a), the Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings must also include findings relating to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.**

Municipal Utility audit report format should include the following:

1. Officials

2. Independent Auditor’s Report

3. Management’s Discussion and Analysis

4. Financial Statements

5. Required Supplementary Information - comparison of budget to actual

6. 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

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Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

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b. Questionable Disbursements

c. Travel Expense

d. Business Transactions

e. Bond Coverage

f. Board Minutes

g. Deposits and Investments

h. Revenue Bonds/Notes (if applicable)

i. Telecommunications Services (if applicable)

If applicable, findings (a) through (i) are to be included regardless of whether there are any instances of non-compliance or not. Additional information relating to finding (i) on telecommunications services is provided in item 3 of the Additional Notes section.

Municipal Utilities may be component units of a City which may affect the Independent Auditor’s Report and the footnote disclosure of the reporting entity.

Municipal Utility audits must meet the reporting and filing requirements prescribed in Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa and must be performed in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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Auditor of State Rob Sand today released an audit report on Sample GAAP City, Iowa.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

The City’s revenues totaled $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the year ended June 30, 2019, a(n) \_\_\_% increase (decrease) from the prior year. Expenses for City operations for the year ended June 30, 2019 totaled $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_% increase (decrease) from the prior year. The significant increase (decrease) in the revenues and expenses is due primarily to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**AUDIT FINDINGS:**

Sand reported eight findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 83 through 92 of this report. The findings address issues such as the lack of formal policies related to the use of City credit cards, lack of written computer system policies and procedures, disbursements exceeding budgeted amounts and the lack of publication of City Council meeting minutes. Sand provided the City with recommendations to address each of the findings.

The City Council has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the City’s operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the “watchful and responsibility care” a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

**(NOTE to CPAs: Include significant findings, including material weaknesses, significant non-compliance and all Federal findings. Auditor judgement should be used to determine which significant deficiencies reported under Government Auditing Standards, if any, should be included.)**

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State’s web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORTS  
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JUNE 30, 2019

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**Officials**

Term  
Name Title Expires

Rosemary Jones Mayor Jan 2020

Dan Parks Mayor Pro tem Jan 2022

Kevin Linden Council Member Jan 2020

Tom Taylor Council Member Jan 2020

Rose Arnoldson Council Member Jan 2022

Betty Dager Council Member Jan 2022

Alan Mead Finance Director Indefinite

Marilyn Martin City Clerk/Treasurer Indefinite

Carl Pearce Attorney Indefinite

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# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Report on the Financial Statements

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 Sample GAAP City, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the City’s basic financial statements listed in the table of contents.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves 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 City’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 City’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 the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sample GAAP City as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in its financial position and, where applicable, its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Other Matters

*Required Supplementary Information*

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require Management’s Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Information, the Schedule of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of City Contributions and the Schedule of Changes in the City’s Total OPEB Liability, Related Ratios and Notes on pages 8 through 14 and 61 through 70 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board which 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Sample GAAP City’s basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the third paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the nine years ended June 30, 2018 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 4, including the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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 basic financial statements. Such 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 12, 2019 on our consideration of Sample GAAP City’s internal control over financial reporting and 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 Sample GAAP 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 Sample GAAP City’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Marlys K. Gaston, CPA

Deputy Auditor of State

November 12, 2019

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Sample GAAP City provides this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the City’s financial statements, which follow.

**2019 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

* Revenues of the City’s governmental activities increased 4.9%, or approximately $206,000, from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2019. Property tax increased approximately $41,000.
* Program expenses of the City’s governmental activities increased 11.5%, or approximately $355,000, from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2019. Culture and recreation expenses and interest on long-term debt increased approximately $95,000 and $104,000, respectively.
* The City’s net position increased 7.8%, or approximately $1,019,000, over the June 30, 2018 balance. Of this amount, the net position of the governmental activities increased approximately $937,000 and the net position of the business type activities increased approximately $82,000.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management’s Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the City’s financial activities.

Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Sample GAAP City as a whole and present an overall view of the City’s finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Sample GAAP City’s operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the City’s budget for the year, the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability and related contributions, as well as presenting the Schedule of Changes in the City’s Total OPEB Liability, Related Ratios and Notes.

Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor governmental funds. In addition, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards provides details of various federal programs benefiting the City.

**REPORTING THE CITY’S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

*Government-wide Financial Statements*

One of the most important questions asked about the City’s finances is, “Is the City as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year’s activities?” The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information which helps answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are taken into account, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Position presents financial information on all of the City’s assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the City’s 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 City’s net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as 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 not result in cash flows until future fiscal years.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report three kinds of activities:

* Governmental activities include public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service and capital projects. Property tax and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
* Business type activities include the waterworks, the sanitary sewer system and the City’s sanitation department. These activities are financed primarily by user charges.
* The Component Unit includes the activities of the City’s Municipal Airport Authority. The City is financially accountable for the Authority although it is legally separate from the City.

*Fund Financial Statements*

The City has two kinds of funds:

1. Governmental funds account for most of the City’s basic services. These focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental funds include: 1) the General Fund, 2) the Special Revenue Funds, such as Tax Increment Financing, Local Option Sales Tax and Employee Benefits, 3) the Debt Service Fund and 4) the Capital Projects Fund. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed, short-term view of the City’s general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City’s programs.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

1. Proprietary funds account for the City’s Enterprise Funds. These funds report services for which the City charges customers for the service it provides. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. The major difference between the proprietary funds and the business type activities included in the government-wide statements is the detail and additional information, such as cash flows, provided in the proprietary fund statements. The Enterprise Funds include the Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Funds, each considered to be a major fund of the City. The City is responsible for ensuring the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong.

The financial statements required for proprietary funds include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the governmental fund financial statements follow the governmental fund financial statements.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in the net position for governmental and business type activities.



Net position of governmental activities increased approximately $937,000, or 13.5%, over the fiscal year 2018 amount. Net position of business type activities increased approximately $82,000, or 1.4%, over fiscal year 2018. The largest portion of the City’s net position is invested in capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure, intangibles, buildings and equipment), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with resources other than capital assets. Restricted net position represents resources subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. Unrestricted net position, the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, legislation or other legal requirements, is approximately $(608,000) at the end of this year. The deficit is due to the City’s net pension and total OPEB liabilities.



Sample GAAP City’s net position of governmental activities increased approximately $937,000 during the year. Revenues for governmental activities increased approximately $206,000 over the prior year, with capital grants, contributions and restricted interest increasing approximately $127,000 due to a grant received for street construction. The City increased property tax rates for fiscal year 2019 approximately 1.6%. This increase raised the City’s property tax revenue approximately $41,000 in fiscal year 2019.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was approximately $3.4 million compared to approximately $3.1 million last year. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities on pages 19 and 20, the amount taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities was only $2.1 million because some of the cost was paid by those directly benefiting from the programs (approximately $235,000) or by other governments and organizations which subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (approximately $1,143,000). The City paid the remaining “public benefit” portion of governmental activities with property tax (some of which could only be used for certain programs) and with other receipts, such as interest, local option sales tax and miscellaneous receipts.

Sample GAAP City’s net position of business type activities increased approximately $82,000 during the year. Revenues and expenses for business type activities increased slightly over the prior year.

**INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FUND ANALYSIS**

**Governmental Fund Highlights**

As Sample GAAP City completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of $1,820,916, which is $561,944 less than the $2,382,860 total fund balance at June 30, 2018. The following are the major reasons for the changes in fund balances of the major governmental funds from the prior year.

* The General Fund showed a modest decline in fund balance of $3,208 from the prior year to $715,937. Revenues increased 4.9% over the prior year to $1,499,322 and expenditures increased 4.1% to $2,511,117.
* The Special Revenue, Tax Increment Financing Fund accounts for revenue from the tax authorized by ordinance in the urban renewal district which is used to pay the principal and interest on indebtedness incurred for urban renewal redevelopment projects. This fund ended fiscal year 2019 with a fund balance of $12,556 compared to the prior year ending balance of $142,247. The decrease in the fund balance was due to an increase in economic development rebate payments.
* The Special Revenue, Local Option Sales Tax Fund accounts for revenue from the tax authorized by referendum and used for capital improvements, equipment and community programs and services. This fund ended fiscal year 2019 with a $1,139,911 balance compared to the prior year ending fund balance of $1,026,139. Local option sales tax revenue increased $2,100 in fiscal year 2019.
* The Special Revenue, Employee Benefits Fund is used to account for the property tax levied to finance the payment of employee benefits. This fund ended fiscal year 2019 with a $5,079 balance compared to the prior year ending balance of $73,724. Transfers out to operating funds increased $45,878 in fiscal year 2019.
* The Debt Service Fund ended fiscal year 2019 with a $71,773 balance compared to the prior year ending balance of $65,975. Property tax revenue increased $91,301 while bond principal and interest payments increased $85,090 in fiscal year 2019.
* The Capital Projects Fund ended fiscal year 2019 with a $(317,506) balance compared to the prior year ending balance of $175,032. The fiscal year 2019 deficit is a result of project costs exceeding available funds. The deficit will be eliminated through future transfers from other funds.

**Proprietary Fund Highlights**

* The Enterprise, Water Fund, which accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City’s water system, ended fiscal year 2019 with a $2,470,784 net position compared to the prior year ending net position of $2,432,201.
* The Enterprise, Wastewater Fund, which accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City’s wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer system, ended fiscal year 2019 with a $3,681,665 net position compared to the prior year ending net position of $3,670,583.
* The Enterprise, Sanitation Fund, which accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City’s solid waste collection system, ended fiscal year 2019 with a $(14,025) net position compared to the prior year ending net position of $(37,154).

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Over the course of the year, Sample GAAP City amended its budget two times. The first amendment was done in January 2019 and the second amendment was made in May 2019. These amendments were needed to cover unplanned disbursements, including disbursements associated with projects carried over from the prior fiscal year.

The City’s receipts were $1,319,462 less than budgeted receipts, a variance of 17.8%. The most significant variance resulted from the City receiving less in CDBG funding than originally anticipated. The City also received less in miscellaneous receipts than budgeted due to fewer donations for the Memorial Library renovation project than anticipated.

Total disbursements were $2,967,210 less than budgeted. Actual disbursements for the community and economic development, capital projects and business type activities functions were $1,077,900, $1,070,112 and $669,010, respectively, less than budgeted. This was primarily due to a delay in receiving a CDBG pass through grant and delays in the Memorial Library renovation, street construction and sewer expansion projects.

Even with these amendments, the City exceeded the budgeted amount in the debt service function for the year ended June 30, 2019.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

The City’s capital assets include land, buildings and improvements, intangibles, equipment, streets, sewer systems, lighting systems, traffic signals and other infrastructure. Capital assets for governmental activities totaled $11,769,563 (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization) at June 30, 2019. Capital assets for business type activities totaled $7,543,323 (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization) at June 30, 2019. See Note 3 to the financial statements for more information about the City’s capital assets.

The major capital outlays for governmental activities during the year included construction of the Fire and Training Center and renovation of the Memorial Library building.

For business type activities, major additions included an iron filter for the water plant.

Construction in progress at June 30, 2019 for governmental activities consists primarily of street projects and renovation of the Memorial Library building.

**Long-Term Debt**

At June 30, 2019, the City had $3,762,545 of outstanding general obligation bonds and notes and an outstanding bank loan of $175,000 for governmental activities. Total outstanding revenue notes for business type activities was $2,524,000 at June 30, 2019. During the year ended June 30, 2019, the City issued a total of $965,000 of general obligation bonds to finance the City’s 2019 street program and a portion of the costs of the Fire and Training Center.

The City continues to carry a general obligation bond rating of Aa3 assigned by national rating agencies to the City’s debt since 2008. The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt cities can issue to 5% of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City’s corporate limits. The City’s outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of approximately $9 million. Additional information about the City’s long-term debt is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET AND RATES**

Several economic factors affected decisions made by the City in setting its fiscal year 2020 budget. Unemployment in the City now stands at 2.9% versus 4% a year ago. This compares with the State’s unemployment rate of 2.5% and the national rate of 4%. In addition, Sample GAAP City will experience a significant drop in General Fund receipts and disbursements from fiscal year 2019 to fiscal year 2020. The major factors which will play a role in this change are a reduction in intergovernmental receipts and a decrease in property valuation for fiscal year 2019.

The General Fund is projected to end fiscal year 2020 with a fund balance of approximately $680,000, a 5% decrease from June 30, 2019.

The tax levy rates per $1,000 of taxable valuation for fiscal year 2020 are provided below:



CONTACTING THE CITY’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to present our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the City’s finances and operating activities. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Finance Director, 101 Main Street, Sample GAAP City, Iowa 50XXX.

Basic Financial Statements

Sample GAAP City  
  
Statement of Net Position  
  
June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City  
  
Statement of Net Position  
  
June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City  
  
Statement of Activities  
  
Year ended June 30, 2019





Sample GAAP City  
  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds

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Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds

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Sample GAAP City  
  
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet –  
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position  
  
June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City  
  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances (Deficit)  
Governmental Funds  
  
Year ended June 30, 2019





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Sample GAAP City  
  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances -  
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
  
Year ended June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City

Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
  
June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City

Statement of Revenues, Expenses  
and Changes in Fund Net Position  
Proprietary Funds

Year ended June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City  
  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Funds  
  
Year ended June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City  
  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Funds  
  
Year ended June 30, 2019



* 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Sample GAAP City is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Sample County. It was first incorporated in 1875 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The City operates under the Mayor-Council-Manager form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis. Sample GAAP City provides numerous services to citizens, including public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development and general government services. It also operates the airport and provides water, sewer and sanitation utilities.

The financial statements of Sample GAAP City have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Sample GAAP City has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The City has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City.

These financial statements present Sample GAAP City (the primary government) and its component unit. The component unit discussed below is included in the City's reporting entity because of the significance of its operational or financial relationship with the City.

### Discretely Presented Component Unit

Sample GAAP City Municipal Airport Authority (Authority) was established pursuant to Chapter 330A of the Code of Iowa to operate the City's airport facility. The Authority is governed by a five member board appointed by the Sample GAAP City Council who serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The City annually provides significant operating subsidies to the Authority. In accordance with criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Authority meets the definition of a component unit which should be discretely presented.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The City participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the City but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. City officials are members of the following boards and commissions: Sample County Assessor’s Conference Board, Sample County Planning Commission, Sample County Sanitary Solid Waste Disposal Commission, Sample County Emergency Management Commission and Sample County 911 Service Board.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements – 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 unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which are supported by property tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Statement of Net Position presents the City’s nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories.

*Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted net position* results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted net position* consists of net position not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

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 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 and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements – Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental and proprietary funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. All general tax revenues from general and emergency levies and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue:

The Tax Increment Financing Fund is used to account for revenues from the tax authorized by ordinance in the urban renewal district and used to pay the principal and interest on the general obligation capital loan notes and other indebtedness incurred for urban renewal projects.

The Local Option Sales Tax Fund is used to account for the revenues from the tax authorized by referendum and used for capital improvements, equipment and community programs and services.

The Employee Benefits Fund is used to account for property tax levied to finance the payment of employee benefits.

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for property tax and other revenues to be used for the payment of interest and principal on the City’s general long-term debt.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

Enterprise:

The Water Fund is used to account for the operation and maintenance of the City’s water system.

The Wastewater Fund is used to account for the operation and maintenance of the City’s wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer system.

The Sanitation Fund is used to account for the operation and maintenance of the City’s solid waste collection system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and proprietary fund 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 tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

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 City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, local option sales tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

Under terms of grant agreements, the City funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the City’s policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants and then by general revenues.

When an expenditure is incurred in governmental funds which can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the City’s policy is generally to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to less-restrictive classifications – committed, assigned and then unassigned fund balances.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating 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 City’s Enterprise Funds is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Enterprise Funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation/amortization on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The City maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the City are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Pooled Investments – The cash balances of most City funds are pooled and invested. Interest earned on investments is recorded in the General Fund unless otherwise provided by law. Investments consist of non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at amortized cost.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid (including restricted assets) are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable, Including Tax Increment Financing – Property tax, including tax increment financing, in governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax and tax increment financing receivables are recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date the tax asking is certified by the City to the County Board of Supervisors. Current year property tax and tax increment financing receivables represent taxes collected by the County but not remitted to the City at June 30, 2019 and unpaid taxes. The succeeding year property tax and tax increment financing receivables represent taxes certified by the City to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the City is required to certify its budget to the County Auditor by March 15 of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax and tax increment financing receivables have been recorded, the related revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which they are levied.

Property tax revenues recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the current fiscal year with a 1½% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2017 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and reflects tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in March 2018.

Customer Accounts and Unbilled Usage – Accounts receivable are recorded in the Enterprise Funds at the time the service is billed. Unbilled usage for service consumed between periodic scheduled billing dates is estimated and is recognized as revenue in the period in which the service is provided.

Due from and Due to Other Funds – During the course of its operations, the City has numerous transactions between funds. To the extent certain transactions between funds had not been paid or received as of June 30, 2019, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded in the fund financial statements.

Due From Other Governments – Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories – Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out method. Inventories in the Enterprise Funds consist of materials and supplies. Inventories are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Restricted Assets – Funds set aside for payment of Enterprise Fund revenue notes are classified as restricted assets since their use is restricted by applicable note indentures. Other restricted assets include customer deposits restricted for application to unpaid customer accounts or for refund to customers.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, equipment and vehicles, infrastructure and intangibles acquired after July 1, 1980 are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Acquisition value is the price that would have been paid to acquire a capital asset with equivalent service potential. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.



Capital assets of the City are depreciated/amortized using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:



Deferred Outflows of Resources – Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred outflows of resources consist of unrecognized items not yet charged to pension and OPEB expense and contributions from the City after the measurement date but before the end of the City’s reporting period.

Compensated Absences – City employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental fund financial statements only for employees who have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2019. The compensated absences liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund.

Long-Term Liabilities – In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental or business type activities column in the Statement of Net Position and the proprietary fund Statement of Net Position.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Pensions – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System (IPERS) and additions to/deductions from IPERS’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by IPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The net pension liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund.

Total OPEB Liability – For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense, information has been determined based on the Sample GAAP City’s actuary report. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The total OPEB liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund.

Deferred Inflows of Resources – Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund financial statements represent the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources consist of property tax receivable and other receivables not collected within sixty days after year end.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position consist of succeeding year property tax and tax increment financing receivables which will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which they are levied, unrecognized items not yet charged to pension expense and the unamortized portion of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan assets.

Fund Balance – In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Amounts which cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Amounts restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or state or federal laws or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – Amounts which can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints formally imposed by the City Council through ordinance or resolution approved prior to year-end. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same action it employed to commit those amounts.

Unassigned – All amounts not included in the preceding classifications.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2019, disbursements exceeded the amount budgeted in the debt service function.

* 1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Pooled Investments

The City's deposits in banks at June 30, 2019 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to ensure there will be no loss of public funds.

The City is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the City Council; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The City had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 72.

* 1. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2019 was as follows:



Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions of the primary government as follows:





* 1. Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2019 is as follows:



General obligation bonds/notes

Eight issues of unmatured general obligation bonds/notes, totaling $3,770,000, are outstanding at June 30, 2019. General obligation bonds/notes bear interest at rates ranging from 1.65% to 5.40% per annum and mature in varying annual amounts, ranging from $35,000 to $215,000, with the final maturities due in the year ending June 30, 2030.

Details of general obligation bonds/notes payable at June 30, 2019 are as follows:



A summary of the annual general obligation bond/note principal and interest requirements to maturity by year is as follows:



Direct borrowings and direct placements – Bank Loan

October 15, 2017, the City borrowed $200,000 from the Sample Bank provide funds for repairs and improvements to the municipal pool. The loan bears interest at 3.25% per annum and matures on June 1, 2026.

The City’s bank loan includes a provision that in an event of default the outstanding amounts become immediately due.

A summary of the annual direct borrowings and direct placements principal and interest requirements to maturity by year is as follows:



Revenue notes

One issue of unmatured revenue notes, totaling $2,524,000, is outstanding at June 30, 2019. These notes bear interest at a rate of 4.19% per annum and mature in varying annual amounts ranging from $156,000 to $261,000, with the final maturity due in the year ending June 30, 2032.

The City has pledged future wastewater customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay $4,745,000 of sewer revenue notes issued in February 2012. Proceeds from the notes provided financing for the construction of improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. The notes are payable solely from wastewater customer net revenues. Annual principal and interest payments on the notes are expected to require less than 90% of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the notes is $3,263,074. For the current year, principal and interest paid and total customer net revenues (operating income plus depreciation/amortization expense) were $272,755 and $310,604, respectively.

The resolution providing for the issuance of the revenue notes includes the following provisions:

(a) The notes will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the enterprise activity and the note holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the funds.

(b) Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to a revenue note retirement account for the purpose of making the note principal and interest payments when due.

(c) Additional monthly transfers of $2,000 to separate wastewater improvement and replacement accounts shall be made until specific minimum balances have been accumulated. These accounts are restricted for the purpose of paying for any additional improvements, extensions or repairs to the system.

(d) User rates shall be established at a level which produces and maintains net revenues at a level not less than 110% of the amount of principal and interest on the notes falling due in the same year.

Details of revenue notes payable at June 30, 2019 are as follows:



A summary of the annual revenue note principal and interest requirements to maturity is as follows:



* 1. Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2019 is as follows:



Transfers generally move resources from the fund statutorily required to collect the resources to the fund statutorily required to expend the resources.

* 1. Due From and Due to Other Funds

The detail of interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2019 is as follows:



These balances result from interfund loans to finance projects. Repayments will be made from future revenues.

* 1. Pension Plan

Plan Description – IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the City, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the City are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at PO Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits – A Regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, any time after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment or when the member’s years of service plus the member’s age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. These qualifications must be met on the member’s first month of entitlement to benefits. Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member’s monthly IPERS benefit includes:

* A multiplier based on years of service.
* The member’s highest five-year average salary, except members with service before June 30, 2012 will use the highest three-year average salary as of that date if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.

Protection occupation members may retire at normal retirement age which is generally at age 55 and may retire any time after reaching age 50 with 22 or more years of covered employment.

The formula used to calculate a protection occupation members’ monthly IPERS benefit includes:

* 60% of average salary after completion of 22 years of service, plus an additional 1.5% of average salary for years of service greater than 22 but not more than 30 years of service.
* The member’s highest three-year average salary.

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member’s monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25% for each month the member receives benefits before the member’s earliest normal retirement age. For service earned on or after July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50% for each month the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member’s lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits – A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member’s beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member’s accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions – Contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation which applies IPERS’ Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. State statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the “entry age normal” actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal year 2019, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 6.29% of covered payroll and the City contributed 9.44% of covered payroll, for a total rate of 15.73%. Protective occupation members contributed 6.81% of covered payroll and the City contributed 10.21% of covered payroll, for a total rate of 17.02%.

The City’s contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2019 totaled $444,021.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At June 30, 2019, the City reported a liability of $2,545,393 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the City’s share of contributions to IPERS relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2018, the City’s collective proportion was 0.051521%, which was an increase of 0.004783% over its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the City recognized pension expense of $303,893. At June 30, 2019, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:



$444,021 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:



There were no non-employer contributing entities to IPERS.

ActuarialAssumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement.



The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an economic assumption study dated March 24, 2017 and a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018.

Mortality rates used in the 2018 valuation were based on the RP-2014 Employee and Healthy Annuitant Tables with MP-2017 generational adjustments.

The long-term expected rate of return on IPERS’ investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of 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. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:



Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and contributions from the City will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, IPERS’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on IPERS’ investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower (6.00%) or 1% higher (8.00%) than the current rate.



IPERS’ Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about IPERS’ fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS’ website at www.ipers.org.

Payables to IPERS – At June 30, 2019, the City reported payables to IPERS of $34,660 for legally required City contributions and $23,098 for legally required employee contributions withheld from employee wages which had not yet been remitted to IPERS.

* 1. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description – The GAAP City administers a single-employer benefit plan which provides medical, prescription drug and dental benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses. Group insurance benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 509A.13. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

OPEB Benefits – Individuals who are employed by Sample GAAP City and are eligible to participate in the group health plan are eligible to continue healthcare benefits upon retirement. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical, prescription drug and dental benefits as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy and an OPEB liability.

Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement. At June 30, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:



Total OPEB Liability – The City’s total OPEB liability of $352,500 was measured as of June 30, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

ActuarialAssumptions – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and the entry age normal actuarial cost method, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

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Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.58% which reflects the index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date.

Mortality rates are from the SOA RPH-2017 total dataset mortality table fully generational using Scale MP-2017. Annual retirement probabilities are based on varying rates by age and turnover probabilities mirror those used by IPERS.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study with dates corresponding to those listed above.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability



Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 4.50% in fiscal year 2018 to 3.58% in fiscal year 2019.

Sensitivity of the City’s Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (2.58%) or 1% higher (4.58%) than the current discount rate.



Sensitivity of the City’s Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City’s total OPEB liability would be it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower (7.50%) or 1% higher (9.50%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates.



OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to OPEB – For the year ended June 30, 2019, the City recognized OPEB expense of $52,725. At June 30, 2019, the City reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following resources:



The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:



* 1. Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

The City has issued a total of $16,325,000 of industrial development revenue bonds under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Code of Iowa, of which $8,247,020 is outstanding at June 30, 2019. The bonds and related interest are payable solely from the rents payable by tenants of the properties constructed, and the bond principal and interest do not constitute liabilities of the City.

* 1. Deficit Balances

At June 30, 2019, funds with deficit balances were as follows:



The deficit balance in the Capital Projects Fund is the result of project costs in excess of available funds. This deficit will be eliminated upon collection of private donations and federal grant proceeds.

The deficit balance in the Enterprise, Sanitation Fund was the result of the net pension liability being recognized. Customer charges will be adjusted to eliminate this deficit.

* 1. Related Party Transactions

The City had business transactions between the City and City officials totaling $106,783 during the year ended June 30, 2019.

* 1. Risk Management

The City is a member of the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 778 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member’s annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual casualty operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool’s general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained at a level determined by the Board not to exceed 300% of basis rate.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual property operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool’s general and administrative expenses, reinsurance premiums, losses and loss expenses for property risks estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year’s member contributions.

The City’s property and casualty contributions to the Pool are recorded as expenditures from its operating funds at the time of payment to the Pool. The City’s contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2019 were $133,775.

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials’ liability risks up to $500,000 per claim. Claims exceeding $500,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the City’s risk-sharing certificate. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to $250,000 each occurrence, each location. Property risks exceeding $250,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the City’s risk-sharing certificate.

The Pool’s intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the City’s risk-sharing certificate, or in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exhausts the Pool’s funds and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims or losses shall be the obligation of the respective individual member against whom the claim was made or the loss was incurred.

The City does not report a liability for losses in excess of reinsurance or excess risk-sharing recoveries unless it is deemed probable such losses have occurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at June 30, 2019, no liability has been recorded in the City’s financial statements. As of June 30, 2019, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance coverage since the Pool’s inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days’ prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member’s withdrawal. Upon withdrawal, a formula set forth in the Pool’s intergovernmental contract with its members is applied to determine the amount (if any) to be refunded to the withdrawing member.

The City also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with workers compensation and employee blanket bond in the amount of $1,000,000 and $100,000, respectively. The City assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

* 1. Commitments

The City has entered into construction contracts totaling $1,190,824 for renovation of the Memorial Library and a street construction project. As of June 30, 2019, costs of $866,476 have been incurred on the projects. The remaining $324,348 will be paid as work on the projects progresses.

* 1. Urban Renewal Development Agreements

The City has entered into various development agreements for urban renewal projects. The agreements require the City to rebate portions of the incremental property tax paid by the developer in exchange for infrastructure improvements, rehabilitation and development of commercial projects by the developer. The total to be paid by the City under the agreements is not to exceed $5,000,000. Certain agreements include provisions for the payment of interest.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the City rebated $742,233 of incremental property tax to developers, which included $740,000 for principal and $2,233 for interest. The total cumulative principal amount rebated on the agreements is $1,200,000. The outstanding balance on the agreements at June 30, 2019 was $3,800,000.

The agreements are not general obligations of the City and, due to their nature, are not recorded as a liability in the City’s financial statements. However, the agreements are subject to the constitutional debt limitation of the City.

Certain agreements include an annual appropriation clause and, accordingly, only the amount payable in the succeeding year on the agreements is subject to the constitutional debt limitation. The entire outstanding principal balance of agreements not including an annual appropriation clause is subject to the constitutional debt limitation.

* 1. Tax Abatements

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 77 defines tax abatements as a reduction in tax revenues that results from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

City Tax Abatements

The City provides tax abatements for urban renewal and economic development projects with tax increment financing as provided for in Chapters 15A and 403 of the Code of Iowa. For these types of projects, the City enters into agreements with developers which require the City, after developers meet the terms of the agreements, to rebate a portion of the property tax paid by the developers, to pay the developers an economic development grant or to pay the developers a predetermined dollar amount. No other commitments were made by the City as part of these agreements.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, $207,000 of property tax was diverted from the City under the urban renewal and economic development projects.

Tax Abatements of Other Entities

Property tax revenues of the City were reduced by the following amounts for the year ended June 30, 2019 under agreements entered into by the following entities:



* 1. Subsequent Events

In October 2019, the City entered into a contract for $570,000 for construction of a garage for the street department. The project will be funded with proceeds from the issuance of general obligation bonds.

In October 2019, the City issued $960,000 of general obligation bonds to pay the costs of certain street improvements and a street garage. The bonds are payable from a continuing annual levy of property tax against all taxable property of the City.

* 1. Prospective Accounting Change

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities. This statement will be implemented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The revised requirements of this statement will enhance the consistency and comparability of fiduciary activity reporting by state and local governments by establishing specific criteria for identifying fiduciary activities and clarifying whether and how business-type activities should report their fiduciary activities.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule of   
Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Balances -  
Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) -

Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds

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Budget to GAAP Reconciliation

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Year ended June 30, 2019



The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund. These nine functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Projects Fund and the Enterprise Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. During the year, two budget amendments increased budgeted disbursements by $761,180. The budget amendments are reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, disbursements in the debt service function exceeded the amount budgeted.

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Schedule of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System  
For the Last Five Years\*  
(In Thousands)

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Schedule of City Contributions

Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System  
For the Last Ten Years  
(In Thousands)

Required Supplementary Information





*Changes of benefit terms:*

Legislation enacted in 2010 modified benefit terms for Regular members. The definition of final average salary changed from the highest three to the highest five years of covered wages. The vesting requirement changed from four years of service to seven years. The early retirement reduction increased from 3% per year measured from the member’s first unreduced retirement age to a 6% reduction for each year of retirement before age 65.

*Changes of assumptions*:

The 2018 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018:

* Changed mortality assumptions to the RP-2014 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2017.
* Adjusted retirement rates.
* Lowered disability rates.
* Adjusted the probability of a vested Regular member electing to receive a deferred benefit.
* Adjusted the merit component of the salary increase assumption.

The 2017 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of an experience study dated March 24, 2017:

* Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.60%.
* Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 3.75% to 3.50% per year.
* Decreased the discount rate from 7.50% to 7.00%.
* Decreased the wage growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.
* Decreased the payroll growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

* Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25% to 3.00%.
* Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00% to 3.75% per year.
* Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
* Reduced retirement rates for sheriffs and deputies between the ages of 55 and 64.
* Moved from an open 30-year amortization period to a closed 30-year amortization period for the UAL (unfunded actuarial liability) beginning June 30, 2014. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20-year period.

The 2010 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

* Adjusted retiree mortality assumptions.
* Modified retirement rates to reflect fewer retirements.
* Lowered disability rates at most ages.
* Lowered employment termination rates.
* Generally increased the probability of terminating members receiving a deferred retirement benefit.
* Modified salary increase assumptions based on various service duration.

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Schedule of Changes in the GAAP City’s  
Total OPEB Liability, Related Ratios and Notes

For the Last Two Years

Required Supplementary Information



**Notes to Schedule of Changes in the GAAP City’s Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**

*Changes in benefit terms:*

There were no significant changes in benefit terms.

*Changes in assumptions:*

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period.

Year ended June 30, 2019 3.58%

Year ended June 30, 2018 4.50%

Year ended June 30, 2017 4.25%

**Sample GAAP City**

**Supplementary Information**

Sample GAAP City  
  
Combining Balance Sheet  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
  
June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City  
  
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
  
Year ended June 30, 2019



Sample GAAP City  
  
Schedule of Revenues by Source and Expenditures by Function-  
All Governmental Funds  
  
For the Last Ten Years





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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2019



**Basis of Presentation** – The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Sample GAAP City under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Sample GAAP City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in financial position or cash flows of Sample GAAP City.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** – Expenditures reported in the Schedule are reported on the accrual or modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**Indirect Cost Rate** – Sample GAAP City has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

See accompanying independent auditor’s report.

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

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have audited in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 Sample GAAP City, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the City’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Sample GAAP City’s internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures 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 Sample GAAP City’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Sample GAAP City’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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of Sample GAAP City’s financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control which 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 we have 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, we identified deficiencies, described as items II-A-19 and II-B-19 in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Sample GAAP City’s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters which are described in Part IV of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City’s operations for the year ended June 30, 2019 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the City. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Sample GAAP City’s Responses to the Findings

Sample GAAP City’s responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Sample GAAP 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 them.

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 City’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 City’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Sample GAAP City during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Marlys K. Gaston, CPA

Deputy Auditor of State

November 12, 2019

Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance

for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance

Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Sample GAAP City, Iowa’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019. Sample GAAP City’s major federal program is identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management’s Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the federal statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for Sample GAAP City’s major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Sample GAAP City’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on Sample GAAP City’s compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Sample GAAP City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Sample GAAP City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Sample GAAP City’s internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Sample GAAP City’s 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.

Marlys K. Gaston, CPA

Deputy Auditor of State

November 12, 2019

**Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor’s Results:**

* 1. Unmodified opinions were issued on the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
  2. No material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
  3. The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.
  4. No material weaknesses in internal control over the major program were noted.
  5. An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance with requirements applicable to the major program.
  6. The audit disclosed no audit findings which were required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance Section 200.516.
  7. The major program was CFDA Number 14.228 – Community Development Block Grants/State’s Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii.
  8. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was $750,000.
  9. Sample GAAP City did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

**Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:**

**INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:**

II-A-19 Credit Cards

Criteria – Internal controls over safeguarding assets constitute a process, effected by an entity’s governing body, management and other personnel designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized transactions and safeguarding assets from error or misappropriation. Such processes include establishing polices addressing proper asset use and proper supporting documentation.

Condition – The City has credit cards for use by various employees while on City business. The City has not adopted a formal policy to regulate the use of credit cards and to establish procedures for the proper accounting of credit card charges. Additionally, supporting documentation was not always available to support credit card charges.

Cause – Adoption of a formal policy to regulate the use of credit cards has not been prioritized by the City Council. Lack of supporting documentation for credit card charges is the result of a lack of policies and procedures requiring proper support for these charges.

Effect – Lack of written policies and procedures to regulate the use of credit cards could result in unauthorized and unsupported transactions and the opportunity for misappropriation.

Recommendation – The City should adopt a formal written policy regulating the use of City credit cards. The policy, at a minimum, should address who controls the credit cards, who is authorized to use credit cards and for what purposes, as well as the types of supporting documentation required to substantiate charges.

Response – Although we have not established a formal written policy detailing specifics on the use of City credit cards, we have unwritten guidelines. We will review procedures and guidelines and establish a written policy. We will also ensure all credit card charges are properly supported with a vendor receipt.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

II-B-19 Computer System

Criteria – Properly designed policies and procedures pertaining to control activities over the City’s computer system and implementation of the policies and procedures help provide reasonable assurance financial information is safeguarded and reliable, and help ensure the reliability of financial reporting, the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Condition – The City does not have written policies for:

* requiring password changes because software does not require the user to change log-ins/passwords periodically.
* Requiring independent review of payroll and utility rates.
* Computer usage and internet usage.

Also, the computer system does not lock out a user if the user enters the wrong password a specified number of times.

Cause – Management has not required written policies for the above computer based controls.

Effect – Lack of written policies for computer based system could result in a loss of data or compromised data, resulting in unreliable financial information.

Recommendation – The City should develop written policies addressing the above items in order to improve the City’s control over its computer system. Passwords should be periodically changed, independent review should be performed on utility and payroll rates and the computer should lock out users who input their password incorrectly a specified number of times.

Response – The City will review current policies and procedures and adjust accordingly.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

**INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:**

No matters were noted.

**Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:**

**INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:**

No matters were noted.

**INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:**

No material weaknesses in internal control over the major program were noted.

**Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:**

IV-A-19 Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2019 exceeded the amount budgeted in the debt service function. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, “Public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation.”

Recommendation – The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response – The budget will be amended in the future, if applicable.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-B-19 Questionable Expenditures – In accordance with Article III, Section 31, of the Iowa Constitution and an Attorney General’s opinion dated April 25, 1979, public funds may only be spent for public benefit. Certain expenditures were noted which we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose since the public benefits to be derived have not been clearly documented. These expenditures are detailed as follows:



According to the opinion, it is possible for certain expenditures to meet the test of serving a public purpose under certain circumstances, although such items will be subject to a deserved close scrutiny. The line to be drawn between a proper and an improper purpose is very thin.

Recommendation – The City Council should determine and document the public purpose served by these types of expenditures prior to authorizing any further payments. If this practice is continued, the City should establish written policies and procedures, including the requirement for public purpose proper documentation.

Response – We will comply with this recommendation.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-C-19 Travel Expense – No expenditures of City money for travel expenses of spouses of City officials or employees were noted.

IV-D-19 Business Transactions – Business transactions between the City and City officials or employees are detailed as follows:



In accordance with Chapter 362.5(3)(j) of the Code of Iowa, the transactions with the City Council Member and the Public Works Director do not appear to represent conflicts of interest since total transactions with each individual were less than $1,500 during the fiscal year. The transaction with the Mayor does not appear to represent a conflict of interest since it was entered into through competitive bidding in accordance with Chapter 362.5(3)(d) of the Code of Iowa.

IV-E-19 Bond Coverage – Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure the coverage is adequate for current operations.

IV-F-19 City Council Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the City Council minutes but were not.

The City Council went into closed session on May 19, 2019. However, the minutes record did not document the specific information regarding the closed session as required by Chapter 21 of the Code of Iowa, commonly known as the open-meetings law.

Although minutes of City Council proceedings were published, they were not published within fifteen days as required by Chapter 372.13(6) of the Code of Iowa. Also, the City did not publish annual gross salaries in accordance with an Attorney General’s opinion dated April 12, 1978.

Recommendation – The City should comply with Chapter 21 of the Code of Iowa and should publish minutes and annual individual salaries, as required.

Response – We will comply with the Code requirements for closed sessions. We will publish minutes and salaries as required.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-G-19 Deposits and Investments – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the City’s investment policy were noted.

IV-H-19 Revenue Notes – No instances of non-compliance with the wastewater revenue note provisions were noted.

IV-I-19 Annual Urban Renewal Report – The Annual Urban Renewal Report was properly approved and certified to the Iowa Department of Management on or before December 1. However, the following reporting exceptions were noted:

The City understated the amount reported as TIF debt outstanding on the Levy Authority Summary by $58,350. The debt outstanding excluded one rebate agreement and did not include the total obligation for rebate agreements subject to annual appropriation.

Recommendation – The City should ensure the TIF debt outstanding reported includes all TIF debt issued during the fiscal year and the total balance of all annual appropriation obligations.

Response – These items will be corrected on next year’s report.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-J-19 Separately Maintained Records – Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, “A city shall keep accounts which show an accurate and detailed statement of all public funds collected, received, or expended for any city purpose, by any city officer, employee, or other person, and which show the receipt, use, and disposition of all city property.”

The City Library maintains bank accounts for activity separate from the City Clerk’s accounting records. While the Department is part of the City, the transactions and resulting balances were not included in the City’s accounting records and were not included in the City’s annual budget, monthly financial reports or Annual Financial Reports.

In addition, the transactions and resulting balances of these accounts were not reported to the City Council and disbursements from the accounts were not reviewed and approved by the City Council. Also, a summary of each account’s receipts, total disbursements and the listings of claims allowed each month were not published in accordance with Chapter 372.13(6) of the Code of Iowa.

Recommendation – In accordance with Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa, and to strengthen internal control and increase operating efficiencies, the financial transactions of the Library’s separate accounts should be integrated with the City’s accounting records in the City Clerk’s office. The financial activity should be included in the City Clerk’s accounting records, monthly financial reports and the Annual Financial Reports. The activity in these accounts should be subject to City Council review and approval and should be included in the City’s budget process. Also, a summary of each account’s receipts, total disbursements and listings of claims allowed each month should be published, as required.

Response – The activity in the Library’s separate accounts will be provided to the City Clerk and included in the Clerk’s accounting records, monthly financial reports and Annual Financial Reports. The activity will also be provided to the City Council for review and approval.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-K-19 Financial Condition – At June 30, 2019, the City had deficit balances in the following funds:



Recommendation – The City should investigate alternatives to eliminate these deficits to return these funds to a sound financial position.

Response – The City will review available resources to return these funds to a sound financial position.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-L-19 Other Information Required by the Revenue Note Resolution

Insurance – The following insurance policies were in force at June 30, 2019:





Statistical Information:



Water rates in effect at June 30, 2019:

Per month:

First 1,000 gallons – $2.85 minimum charge

1,000 to 20,000 gallons – $2.15 per 1,000 gallons

Over 20,000 gallons – $1.75 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer rates in effect at June 30, 2019:

Minimum charge per month of $5.00 plus $3.10 per 1,000 gallons of water used

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