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Auditor of State Mary Mosiman today released an agreed-upon procedures report on the City of Klemme, Iowa for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. The agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa.

Mosiman recommended that the City review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible and implement procedures to provide an adequate segregation of duties. The City should establish procedures to ensure monthly bank and utility reconciliations are performed and are independently reviewed. In addition, the City should comply with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa for budget amendments and Chapter 554D.114(5) of the Code of Iowa for cancelled warrant retention.

A copy of the agreed-upon procedures report is available for review in the City Clerk's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1622-0386-EP0P>.

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CITY OF KLEMME

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE PERIOD
APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017**

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Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Began</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ken Blank	Mayor	Jan 2016	Jan 2018
Morris Crotty	Council Member	Jan 2014	Jan 2018
Kody Trample	Council Member	Jan 2014	Jan 2018
David Welsh	Council Member	Jan 2014	Jan 2018
David Abele	Council Member	Jan 2016	Jan 2020
Doug Taft	Council Member	Jan 2016	Jan 2020
Colleen Rout	City Clerk/Treasurer		Indefinite
Gary Berkland	Attorney		Indefinite

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Up Procedures

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below which were established pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa enacted by the Iowa Legislature to provide oversight of certain Iowa cities. Accordingly, we have applied certain tests and procedures to selected accounting records and related information of the City of Klemme for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, including procedures related to the City's compliance with certain Code of Iowa requirements identified below. The City of Klemme's management, which agreed to the performance of the procedures performed, is responsible for compliance with these requirements and for the City's records.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards for attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures we performed are summarized as follows:

1. We reviewed selected City Council meeting minutes for compliance with Chapters 21, 372.13(6) and 380 of the Code of Iowa.
2. We reviewed the City's internal controls to determine if proper control procedures are in place and incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee.
3. We reviewed surety bond coverage for compliance with Chapter 64 of the Code of Iowa.
4. We obtained and reviewed the City Clerk's financial reports and selected bank reconciliations to determine whether the bank balances properly reconciled to the general ledger account balances and monthly financial reports provided to the City Council.
5. We reviewed City funds for consistency with the City Finance Committee's recommended Uniform Chart of Accounts (COA) and to determine required funds and fund balances are properly maintained and accurately accounted for.
6. We reviewed the City's fiscal year 2016 Annual Financial Report to determine whether it was completed and accurately reflects the City's financial information.
7. We reviewed compliance with Chapters 12C.2, 12B.10B and 556.1(12) of the Code of Iowa pertaining to required depository resolutions, investment policy and reporting of unclaimed property to the State of Iowa.

8. We reviewed and tested selected receipts for accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA.
9. We reviewed and tested selected disbursements for proper approval, adequate supporting documentation, accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA and compliance with the public purpose criteria established by Article III, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.
10. We reviewed and tested selected payroll and related transactions for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
11. We reviewed the annual certified budget for proper authorization, certification and timely amendment.

Based on the performance of the procedures described above, we identified various recommendations for the City. Our recommendations are described in the Detailed Recommendations section of this report. Unless reported in the Detailed Recommendations, items of non-compliance were not noted during the performance of the specific procedures listed above.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on specific accounting records and related information of the City, including compliance with specific Code of Iowa requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is to report, in accordance with Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa, certain agreed-upon procedures and the resulting recommendations pertaining to selected accounting records and related information of the City, including the City's compliance with certain Code of Iowa requirements. This report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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


MARY MOSIMAN, CPA
Auditor of State

November 1, 2017

Detailed Recommendations

City of Klemme

Detailed Recommendations

For the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017

(A) Segregation of Duties – One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. Generally, one individual has control over each of the following areas for the City:

- (1) Cash – handling, reconciling and recording.
- (2) Receipts – opening mail, collecting, depositing, recording, reconciling and posting.
- (3) Disbursements – purchasing, invoice processing, check writing, mailing, reconciling, recording and maintaining custody of the City credit card.
- (4) Payroll – entering rates into the system, recordkeeping, preparing and distributing.
- (5) Utilities – billing, collecting, depositing and posting.
- (6) Financial reporting – preparing and reconciling.
- (7) Journal entries – preparing and recording.

Recommendation – We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff, including elected officials. Independent reviews of reconciliations should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

(B) Bank Reconciliations – The cash balances in the City’s general ledger were reconciled to bank account balances throughout the year. However, an independent review of the bank reconciliations was not performed.

Recommendation – An independent person should review the reconciliations and document the review by signing or initialing and dating the monthly reconciliations.

(C) Reconciliation of Utility Billings, Collections and Delinquent Accounts – Utility billings, collections and delinquent accounts were not reconciled throughout the year.

Recommendation – Procedures should be established to reconcile utility billings, collections and delinquent accounts for each billing period. The City Council or other independent person designated by the City Council should review the reconciliations and monitor delinquent accounts. The review should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

(D) Deposits and Investments – The City has not adopted a written investment policy as required by Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. Although a resolution naming official depositories has been approved by the City, the maximum deposit amounts were not included in the depository resolution.

Recommendation – The City should adopt a written investment policy which complies with the provisions of Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. The City Council, by resolution, should adopt a depository resolution which establishes maximum deposit amounts as required by Chapter 12C.2 of the Code of Iowa.

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- (E) Disbursements – Supporting documentation for claims is not cancelled to prevent reuse. In addition, three disbursements tested were not properly supported by an invoice.

Recommendation – Supporting documentation should be retained for all disbursements and should be cancelled to prevent reuse.

- (F) Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2016 exceeded the amount budgeted in the business type activities 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.

- (G) City Council Meeting Minutes – Chapter 372.13(6) of the Code of Iowa requires minutes of all City Council proceedings be published, including a list of all claims allowed and the reason for each claim. A list of all claims allowed is included in the published minutes; however, the reason for the claim was not included as part of the minutes publication.

Recommendation – A listing of all claims allowed, including the reason for the claim, should be published, as required.

- (H) Timesheets – City employees do not prepare and submit timesheets to support hours worked.

Recommendation – Timesheets should be prepared for all employees and procedures should be established to ensure timesheets are reviewed and approved by supervisory personnel prior to preparation of payroll. Supervisory review and approval should be documented by the supervisor’s initials and the date approved.

- (I) Utility Rate Ordinance – Chapter 384.84 of the Code of Iowa requires utility rates to be established by City ordinance. No ordinances were located establishing rates for the garbage, recycling and landfill utilities.

Recommendation – The City should ensure utility rates are established by City ordinance and ensure all ordinances are retained, as required.

- (J) Change/Petty Cash Funds – The City and the Library maintain change/petty cash funds for which an authorized amount has not established by the City Council.

Recommendation – The change/petty cash funds should be formally authorized by the City Council.

- (K) Electronic Check Retention – Chapter 554D.114 of the Code of Iowa allows the City to retain cancelled checks in an electronic format and requires retention in this manner to include an image of both the front and back of each cancelled check. The City does not receive an image of the back of each cancelled check.

Recommendation – The City should obtain and retain images of both the front and back of cancelled checks for all bank accounts as required by Chapter 554D.114 of the Code of Iowa.

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- (L) Journal Entries – Journal entries are not reviewed and approved by an independent person.

Recommendation – An independent person should review and approve journal entries. Approvals should be documented by signing or initialing and dating the journal entries.

- (M) Prenumbered Receipts – Prenumbered receipts were not issued for all collections.

Recommendation – Prenumbered receipts should be issued for all collections. These collections should be compared to the bank deposit and the accounting records by an independent person and the evidence of review should be documented.

- (N) Monthly City Clerk’s Report – The City Clerk’s financial reports to the City Council did not include a comparison of actual disbursements to the certified budget by function.

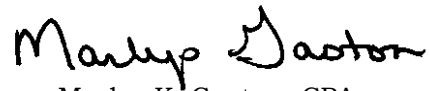
Recommendation – To provide better control over budgeted disbursements and the opportunity for timely amendments to the certified budget, the City Clerk’s monthly financial reports to the City Council should include a comparison of actual disbursements to the certified budget by function.

City of Klemme

Staff

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marlys K. Gaston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marlys K. Gaston, CPA
Director