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Auditor of State Rob Sand today released an audit report on the City of Red Oak, Iowa.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The City's receipts totaled \$8,670,917 for the year ended June 30, 2021, a 31.2% decrease from the prior year. Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2021 totaled \$8,367,458, a 19.6% decrease from the prior year. The decreases are due primarily to the City not issuing new debt for projects in the fiscal year 2021 and the decreased capital project spending.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

Sand reported eight findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 50 through 55 of this report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties, disbursements exceeding budget, a deficit fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund and questionable donations. Sand provided the City with recommendations to address each of the findings.

Seven of the eight findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. 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 responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at [Audit Reports - Auditor of State](#).

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CITY OF RED OAK

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SUPPLEMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2021

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May 20, 2022

Officials of the City of Red Oak
Red Oak, Iowa

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to submit to you the financial and compliance audit report for the City of Red Oak, Iowa, for the year ended June 30, 2021. The audit was performed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa and in accordance with U.S. auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards.

I appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended by the officials and employees of the City of Red Oak throughout the audit. If I or this office can be of any further assistance, please contact me or my staff at 515-281-5834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sand".

Rob Sand
Auditor of State

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City of Red Oak

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
William H. Billings, Jr.	Mayor	Jan 2022
Jeanice Lester	Mayor Pro Tem	Jan 2024
Bill Haufle	Council Member	Jan 2022
Terry Koppa	Council Member	Jan 2022
Scott Keith	Council Member	Jan 2024
Pete Wemhoff	Council Member	Jan 2024
Brad Wright	Administrator	Indefinite
Mary Bolton	City Clerk	Indefinite
Stephen Hays	Treasurer	Indefinite
Tom Stamets	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, each major fund, the discretely presented component unit and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Red Oak, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. This includes determining the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. 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 unmodified and adverse audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit

Investments in the Library Foundation's financial statements are valued at fair value, rather than at cost, which is required for reporting under the cash basis of receipts and disbursements, the basis or framework under which the City's financial statements are reported. The amount by which this departure affects the receipts and cash balance of the discretely presented component unit is not known.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the cash basis financial position of the discretely presented component unit as of June 30, 2021 or the changes in its cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Red Oak as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

As discussed in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

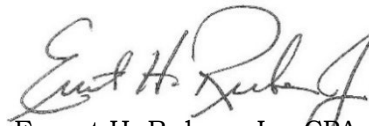
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Red Oak's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the third paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the nine years ended June 30, 2020 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements which were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 and 2, 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. Because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit" paragraph above, it is not appropriate to, and we do not, express an opinion on the supplementary information.

The Other information, the Budgetary Comparison Information, the Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of City Contributions on pages 34 through 42 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 20, 2022 on our consideration of the City of Red Oak's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 the City of Red Oak's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

May 20, 2022

City of Red Oak

Basic Financial Statements

City of Red Oak

Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2021

	Disbursements	Program Receipts		
		Charges for Service	Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest
Functions/Programs:				
Primary Government:				
Governmental activities:				
Public safety	\$ 2,544,178	671,576	252,406	-
Public works	864,498	201,152	864,314	-
Health and social services	10,673	1,233	-	-
Culture and recreation	848,836	120,491	37,225	-
Community and economic development	134,332	300	-	-
General government	188,521	5,642	5,403	-
Debt service	1,011,040	-	550	-
Capital projects	757,047	-	-	138,693
Total governmental activities	6,359,125	1,000,394	1,159,898	138,693
Business type activities:				
Water	1,038,336	1,055,681	3,573	-
Sewer	919,886	831,508	439	-
Landfill	48,644	44,665	-	-
Storm sewer	1,467	107,138	-	-
Total business type activities	2,008,333	2,038,992	4,012	-
Total primary government	\$ 8,367,458	3,039,386	1,163,910	138,693
Component Unit:				
Library Foundation	\$ 5,925	-	158,301	-
General Receipts and Transfers:				
Property and other city tax levied for:				
General purposes				
Debt service				
Tax increment financing				
Local option sales tax				
Hotel/motel tax				
Commercial/industrial tax replacement				
Unrestricted interest on investments				
Miscellaneous				
Transfers				
Total general receipts and transfers				
Change in cash basis net position				
Cash basis net position beginning of year				
Cash basis net position end of year				
Cash Basis Net Position				
Restricted:				
Nonexpendable:				
Permanent funds				
Expendable:				
Streets				
Employee benefits				
Debt service				
Local option sales tax				
Fire department				
Library				
Hotel recreation and tourism				
Hotel community events				
Landfill superfund				
Other purposes				
Unrestricted				
Total cash basis net position				

See notes to financial statements.

Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Cash Basis Net Position			
Primary Government			Component Unit
Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total	Library Foundation
(1,620,196)	-	(1,620,196)	
200,968	-	200,968	
(9,440)	-	(9,440)	
(691,120)	-	(691,120)	
(134,032)	-	(134,032)	
(177,476)	-	(177,476)	
(1,010,490)	-	(1,010,490)	
(618,354)	-	(618,354)	
(4,060,140)	-	(4,060,140)	
-	20,918	20,918	
-	(87,939)	(87,939)	
-	(3,979)	(3,979)	
-	105,671	105,671	
-	34,671	34,671	
(4,060,140)	34,671	(4,025,469)	
			152,376
2,424,131	-	2,424,131	-
527,924	-	527,924	-
194,638	-	194,638	-
736,860	-	736,860	-
57,958	-	57,958	-
82,499	-	82,499	-
31,259	8,650	39,909	-
265,009	-	265,009	-
497,009	(497,009)	-	-
4,817,287	(488,359)	4,328,928	-
757,147	(453,688)	303,459	152,376
4,910,433	2,817,063	7,727,496	763,004
\$ 5,667,580	2,363,375	8,030,955	915,380
282,079	-	282,079	-
1,755,405	-	1,755,405	-
194,396	-	194,396	-
870,891	13,967	884,858	-
1,101,265	-	1,101,265	-
59,999	-	59,999	-
415,702	-	415,702	915,380
112,813	-	112,813	-
124,925	-	124,925	-
-	375,579	375,579	-
162,887	-	162,887	-
587,218	1,973,829	2,561,047	-
\$ 5,667,580	2,363,375	8,030,955	915,380

City of Red Oak

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Cash Balances
Governmental Funds

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2021

	Special Revenue			
	General	Road Use Tax	Employee Benefits	Local Option Sales Tax
Receipts:				
Property tax	\$ 1,381,932	-	955,697	-
Tax increment financing	-	-	-	-
Local option sales tax	-	-	-	736,860
Other city tax	109,006	-	35,454	-
Licenses and permits	100,828	-	-	-
Use of money and property	50,199	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	393,665	859,361	28,967	-
Charges for service	821,053	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	190,517	-	6,487	8,573
Total receipts	<u>3,047,200</u>	<u>859,361</u>	<u>1,026,605</u>	<u>745,433</u>
Disbursements:				
Operating:				
Public safety	1,700,413	-	724,016	78,022
Public works	203,891	493,914	166,693	-
Health and social services	10,673	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	632,100	-	180,307	32,100
Community and economic development	-	-	-	10,000
General government	173,552	-	14,969	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-
Total disbursements	<u>2,720,629</u>	<u>493,914</u>	<u>1,085,985</u>	<u>120,122</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>326,571</u>	<u>365,447</u>	<u>(59,380)</u>	<u>625,311</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Sale of assets	15,385	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	47,906	-	-
Transfers out	(207,224)	-	-	(343,620)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(191,839)</u>	<u>47,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(343,620)</u>
Change in cash balances	134,732	413,353	(59,380)	281,691
Cash balances beginning of year	<u>1,517,748</u>	<u>1,342,052</u>	<u>253,776</u>	<u>819,574</u>
Cash balances end of year	<u>\$ 1,652,480</u>	<u>1,755,405</u>	<u>194,396</u>	<u>1,101,265</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances				
Nonspendable:				
Cemetery perpetual care	\$ -	-	-	-
Library bequests	-	-	-	-
Restricted for:				
Streets	-	1,755,405	-	-
Employee benefits	-	-	194,396	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Local option sales tax	-	-	-	1,101,265
Fire department	-	-	-	-
Library	171,268	-	-	-
Hotel recreation and tourism	112,813	-	-	-
Hotel community events	124,925	-	-	-
Insurance	90,528	-	-	-
Other purposes	11,319	-	-	-
Assigned for:				
Historic preservation	4,451	-	-	-
Unassigned	<u>1,137,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total cash basis fund balances	<u>\$ 1,652,480</u>	<u>1,755,405</u>	<u>194,396</u>	<u>1,101,265</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Tax Increment Financing	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Nonmajor	Total
-	509,603	-	-	2,847,232
186,645	-	-	7,993	194,638
-	-	-	-	736,860
-	18,321	-	-	162,781
-	-	-	-	100,828
-	-	-	3,804	54,003
-	14,976	138,693	-	1,435,662
-	-	-	-	821,053
-	-	-	45,244	250,821
186,645	542,900	138,693	57,041	6,603,878
-	-	-	41,727	2,544,178
-	-	-	-	864,498
-	-	-	-	10,673
-	-	-	4,329	848,836
124,332	-	-	-	134,332
-	-	-	-	188,521
-	1,011,040	-	-	1,011,040
-	-	757,047	-	757,047
124,332	1,011,040	757,047	46,056	6,359,125
62,313	(468,140)	(618,354)	10,985	244,753
-	-	-	-	15,385
-	703,022	340,455	1,523	1,092,906
(45,053)	-	-	-	(595,897)
(45,053)	703,022	340,455	1,523	512,394
17,260	234,882	(277,899)	12,508	757,147
166,532	452,217	(276,510)	635,044	4,910,433
183,792	687,099	(554,409)	647,552	5,667,580
-	-	-	241,079	241,079
-	-	-	41,000	41,000
-	-	-	-	1,755,405
-	-	-	-	194,396
183,792	687,099	-	-	870,891
-	-	-	-	1,101,265
-	-	-	59,999	59,999
-	-	-	244,434	415,702
-	-	-	-	112,813
-	-	-	-	124,925
-	-	-	-	90,528
-	-	-	61,040	72,359
-	-	-	-	4,451
-	-	(554,409)	-	582,767
183,792	687,099	(554,409)	647,552	5,667,580

City of Red Oak

City of Red Oak

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Cash Balances
Proprietary Funds

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2021

	Enterprise				
	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Storm Sewer	Total
Operating receipts:					
Charges for service	\$ 1,033,606	831,508	44,665	107,138	2,016,917
Miscellaneous	25,648	439	-	-	26,087
Total operating receipts	1,059,254	831,947	44,665	107,138	2,043,004
Operating disbursements:					
Business type activities	904,586	688,637	48,644	1,467	1,643,334
Excess (deficiency) of operating receipts over (under) operating disbursements	154,668	143,310	(3,979)	105,671	399,670
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):					
Interest on investments	4,583	4,067	-	-	8,650
Capital outlay	(133,750)	(59,586)	-	-	(193,336)
Debt service	-	(171,663)	-	-	(171,663)
Net non-operating receipts (disbursements)	(129,167)	(227,182)	-	-	(356,349)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	25,501	(83,872)	(3,979)	105,671	43,321
Transfers out	(269,682)	(227,327)	-	-	(497,009)
Change in cash balances	(244,181)	(311,199)	(3,979)	105,671	(453,688)
Cash balances beginning of year	1,410,665	649,969	412,138	344,291	2,817,063
Cash balances end of year	\$ 1,166,484	338,770	408,159	449,962	2,363,375
Cash Basis Fund Balances					
Restricted for:					
Debt service	\$ -	13,967	-	-	13,967
Landfill superfund	-	-	375,579	-	375,579
Unrestricted	1,166,484	324,803	32,580	449,962	1,973,829
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ 1,166,484	338,770	408,159	449,962	2,363,375

See notes to financial statements.

City of Red Oak

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2021

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Red Oak is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Montgomery County. It was first incorporated in 1901 and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis. The 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. The City also provides water, sewer, landfill and storm sewer utilities for its citizens.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the City of Red Oak 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 the City of Red Oak (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the City's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the City.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

The Red Oak Public Library Foundation (Foundation) has been incorporated under the provisions of the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act for the purpose of supporting the Red Oak Public Library. In accordance with criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Foundation meets the definition of a component unit which should be discretely presented.

Blended Component Unit

The Red Oak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. (Association) has been incorporated under the provisions of the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act for the purpose of supporting the Red Oak Fire Department. In accordance with criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Association meets the definition of a component unit which should be blended. The financial activity of the component unit has been blended as a Special Revenue Fund of the City.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The City participates in several jointly governed organizations for which the City is not financially accountable or the nature and significance of the relationship with the City are such that exclusion does not cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. City officials are members of the following boards and commissions: Montgomery County Assessor's Conference Board, Montgomery County Emergency Management Commission, Montgomery County Joint 911 Service Board and the Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO) Regional Planning Commission.

The City also participates in the Montgomery County Landfill Association, a jointly governed organization established pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa.

Related Organization

The City is responsible for appointing a majority of the voting members of the Low Rent Housing Board, but the City's accountability for this organization does not extend beyond making the appointments.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statement – The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from this statement. Governmental activities, which are supported by tax and intergovernmental receipts, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position presents the City's nonfiduciary net position. Net position is reported in the following categories/components:

Nonexpendable restricted net position is subject to externally imposed stipulations which require them to be maintained permanently by the City, including the City's Permanent Funds.

Expendable restricted net position results when constraints placed on the use of cash balances are either externally imposed or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position consists of cash balances 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 Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program receipts 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 on investments restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements – Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise 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 receipts from general and emergency levies and other receipts 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 disbursements, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue:

The Road Use Tax Fund is used to account for the road use tax allocation from the State of Iowa to be used for road construction and maintenance.

The Employee Benefits Fund is used to account for the property tax levy and disbursements for employee benefits, such as health insurance, pensions, etc.

The Local Option Sales Tax Fund is used to account for receipts from the tax authorized by referendum and used for public safety and property tax relief.

The Tax Increment Fund is used to account for tax increment financing collections and the repayment of tax increment financing indebtedness.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for property tax and other receipts 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 with the exception of those financed through Enterprise Funds.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Enterprise, Water Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

The Enterprise, Sewer Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer system.

The Enterprise, Landfill Fund accounts for the operation of the City's recycling program and the maintenance of the closed landfill.

The Enterprise, Storm Sewer Fund accounts for the operation of the City's storm sewer/storm water system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The City maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the City are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the City funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants and general receipts. Thus, when program disbursements are paid, there are both restricted and unrestricted cash basis 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 receipts.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

D. Property Taxes and Governmental Cash Basis Fund Balances

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

Property tax revenues recognized in the governmental 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, 2019 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and reflects tax asking contained in the budget certified to the City Council in March 2020.

In the governmental fund financial statements, cash basis fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Amounts which cannot be spent 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.

Assigned – Amounts the City intends to use for specific purposes as determined by the City Council, City Administrator or City Clerk.

Unassigned – All amounts not included in the preceding classifications.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Other Information. During the year ended June 30, 2021, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the community and economic development and debt service functions prior to the amendment and in the community and economic development function at June 30, 2021.

(2) Cash and Pooled Investments

The City’s deposits in banks at June 30, 2021 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 investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at an amortized cost of \$58,359 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. There were no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals for the IPAIT investments. The City’s investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

The City has investments in Certificates of Deposit with Houghton State Bank and Bank of Iowa totaling \$3,964,914 at June 30, 2021.

At June 30, 2021, the City’s Library Foundation, a discretely presented component unit, had the following investments:

Investment	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Stocks	not available	\$ 535,251
Annuities	\$ 275,000	333,417

Due to the unavailability of information, the Library Foundation’s investments do not include disclosures in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72.

(3) Long-Term Debt

A summary of changes in bonds payable for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 6,785,000	-	785,000	6,000,000	745,000
Business type activities:					
Bonds from direct borrowing:					
Sewer revenue bonds	\$ 2,025,000	-	105,000	1,920,000	110,000

General Obligation Bonds

A summary of the City's June 30, 2021 general obligation bonds payable is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	2012 Series			2015 Series		
	Issued Sep 26, 2012			Issued Mar 17, 2015		
	Interest Rates	Principal	Interest	Interest Rates	Principal	Interest
2022	1.92%	\$ 215,000	19,053	3.00%	\$ 125,000	36,375
2023	2.10	220,000	14,860	3.00	130,000	32,625
2024	2.20	225,000	10,240	3.00	130,000	28,725
2025	2.30	230,000	5,290	3.00	135,000	24,825
2026		-	-	3.00	140,000	20,755
2027-2031		-	-	3.00	505,000	37,775
2032-2034		-	-		-	-
Total		<u>\$ 890,000</u>	<u>49,443</u>		<u>\$ 1,165,000</u>	<u>181,080</u>

Year Ending June 30,	2018 Series			2019A		
	Issued Aug 23, 2018			Issued Sep 5, 2019		
	Interest Rates	Principal	Interest	Interest Rates	Principal	Interest
2022	3.00%	\$ 305,000	41,700	5.00%	\$ 100,000	101,850
2023	3.00	310,000	32,550	5.00	100,000	96,850
2024	3.00	325,000	23,250	5.00	100,000	91,850
2025	3.00	315,000	13,500	5.00	100,000	86,850
2026	3.00	135,000	4,050	5.00	280,000	81,850
2027-2031		-	-	5.00-3.00	1,410,000	211,700
2032-2034		-	-	3.00	465,000	21,000
Total		<u>\$ 1,390,000</u>	<u>115,050</u>		<u>\$ 2,555,000</u>	<u>691,950</u>

Year Ending June 30,	Total		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 745,000	198,978	943,978
2023	760,000	176,885	936,885
2024	780,000	154,065	934,065
2025	780,000	130,465	910,465
2026	555,000	106,655	661,655
2027-2031	1,915,000	249,475	2,164,475
2032-2034	465,000	21,000	486,000
Total	<u>\$ 6,000,000</u>	<u>1,037,523</u>	<u>7,037,523</u>

On September 26, 2012, the City issued \$2,505,000 of general obligation bonds with interest rates ranging from 0.45% to 2.30% per annum. The bonds were issued for infrastructure improvements, pool improvements, Washington sewer project and the law enforcement center. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the City paid \$215,000 of principal and \$22,815 of interest on the bonds.

On March 17, 2015, the City issued \$2,265,000 of general obligation bonds with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 3.50% per annum. The bonds were for street improvements. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the City paid \$175,000 of principal and \$41,625 of interest on the bonds.

On August 23, 2018, the City issued \$2,230,000 of general obligation bonds with interest rates of 3% per annum. The bonds were issued to refund \$1,305,000 of general obligation bonds dated March 25, 2010. The remainder of the proceeds were used for capital projects. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the City paid \$295,000 of principal and \$50,550 of interest on the bonds.

On September 5, 2019, the City issued \$2,755,000 of general obligation bonds with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% per annum. The bonds were issued for improvements to the City swimming pool, library, airport and to finance the acquisition of a vehicle and equipment for the fire department. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the City paid \$100,000 of principal and \$106,850 of interest on the bonds.

Direct Borrowing Bonds

Sewer Revenue Bonds

A summary of the City's June 30, 2021 revenue bonds payable is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Interest Rates	Sewer		
		Issued October 29, 2010		Total
		Principal	Interest	
2022	3.00%	\$ 110,000	57,600	167,600
2023	3.00	115,000	54,300	169,300
2024	3.00	120,000	50,850	170,850
2025	3.00	120,000	47,250	167,250
2026	3.00	125,000	43,650	168,650
2027-2031	3.00	700,000	159,000	859,000
2032-2035	3.00	630,000	48,000	678,000
Total		\$ 1,920,000	460,650	2,380,650

On October 29, 2010, the City entered into a loan agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the issuance of sewer revenue bonds of up to \$2,850,000 with interest at 3.00% per annum. The agreement also requires the City to annually pay a .25% servicing fee on the outstanding principal balance. The bonds were issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 384.24A and 384.83 of the Code of Iowa to pay the cost of constructing improvements and extensions to the municipal wastewater treatment and sanitary sewer system. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the City paid principal of \$105,000 and interest of \$60,750 on the bonds.

The City has pledged future sewer customer receipts, net of specified operating disbursements, to repay \$2,850,000 of sewer revenue bonds issued in October 2010. The bonds are payable solely from sewer customer net receipts and are payable through 2035. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require 116% of net receipts. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$2,380,650. For the current year, principal and interest paid and total customer net receipts were \$165,750 and \$143,310, respectively.

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

- (1) The bonds will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the enterprise activities and the bond holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the fund.
- (2) Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to a separate sewer revenue bond sinking account for the purpose of making the bond principal and interest payments when due.
- (3) User rates shall be established at a level which produce and maintain net receipts at a level not less than 110% of the amount of principal and interest on the bonds falling due in the same year.
- (4) The City should also pay for usage.

During fiscal year 2021, the City is not being charged for service, as required, has not made the required monthly transfers to the sinking account and did not maintain net receipts at a level not less than 110% of the amount of principal and interest on the bonds falling due in the same year.

(4) Rebate Agreements

The City has entered into various rebate agreements to assist in certain urban renewal projects. The agreements require the City to rebate portions of the incremental property tax paid by the developer in exchange for the construction of buildings and certain infrastructure improvements by the developers. Certain agreements also require the developer to certify specific employment requirements are met.

The total to be paid by the City under the agreements is not to exceed \$2,403,850. The total amount rebated during the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$124,332. The City has rebated a total of \$1,650,727 of incremental property tax under the agreements. The outstanding balance of the agreements at June 30, 2021 was \$753,123.

The agreements are not general obligations of the City. However, the agreements are subject to the constitutional debt limitation of the City, except for \$378,466 which has not been appropriated by the City Council at June 30, 2021.

(5) 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 age 55. The formula used to calculate a protection occupation member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- 60% of average salary after completion of 22 years of service, plus an additional 1.5% of average salary for more than 22 years of service 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 2021, 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%. Protection occupation members contributed 6.41% of covered payroll and the City contributed 9.61% for a total rate of 16.02%.

The City's contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2021 totaled \$232,926.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At June 30, 2021, the City reported a liability of \$1,212,211 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 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, 2020, the City's proportion was 0.017256%, which was an increase of 0.003296% over its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the City's pension expense, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources totaled \$312,909, \$426,096 and \$212,400, respectively.

There were no non-employer contributing entities to IPERS.

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2017)	2.60% per annum.
Rates of salary increase (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25 to 16.25% average, including inflation. Rates vary by membership group.
Long-term investment rate of return (effective June 30, 2017)	7.00% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation.
Wage growth (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25% per annum, based on 2.60% inflation and 0.65% real wage inflation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience study dated March 24, 2017 and a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018.

Mortality rates used in the 2020 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 geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	22.0%	4.43%
International equity	17.5	5.15
Global smart beta equity	6.0	4.87
Core plus fixed income	28.0	(0.29)
Public credit	4.0	2.29
Cash	1.0	(0.78)
Private equity	11.0	6.54
Private real assets	7.5	4.48
Private credit	3.0	3.11
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

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 that 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.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,635,822	1,212,211	19,333

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.

(6) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description – The City operates a single-employer health 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. The City currently finances the benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the City contributed \$780,928 and plan members eligible for benefits contributed \$52,714 to the plan. At June 30, 2021, no assets have been accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

OPEB Benefits – Individuals who are employed by Red Oak 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 benefits as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy.

Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement, with the exception of special service participants who must be age 50 with 22 years of services. At June 30, 2021, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>45</u>
Total	<u><u>45</u></u>

(7) Compensated Absences

City employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation, compensatory time and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the City until used or paid. The City’s approximate liability for earned vacation, compensatory time and sick leave payable to employees at June 30, 2021, primarily relating to the General Fund, is as follows:

<u>Type of Benefit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vacation	\$ 219,000
Compensatory time	59,000
Sick leave	<u>210,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 488,000</u></u>

This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2021.

(8) Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Special Revenue:		
Road Use Tax	General	\$ 2,853
	Special Revenue:	
	Tax Increment Financing	45,053
		<u>47,906</u>
Freedom Rock	General	<u>1,523</u>
Debt Service	Special Revenue:	
	Local Option Sales Tax	343,620
	Enterprise:	
	Water	132,075
	Sewer	227,327
		<u>703,022</u>
Capital Projects	General	202,848
	Enterprise:	
	Water	<u>137,607</u>
		<u>340,455</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,092,906</u>

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

(9) 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 785 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 disbursements 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, 2021 were \$137,598.

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. As of June 30, 2021, 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 the airport liability, employee blanket bond and workers compensation in the amount of \$2,000,000, \$20,000 and \$1,000,000 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.

(10) Library Bequests

The Library has received various restricted bequests. At June 30, 2021, the Permanent, Library Bequest Fund included a total of \$41,000 of memorials, as follows:

Name of Memorial	Amount	Purpose
Julia Lane	\$ 10,000	Interest to be used for the purchase of reference books.
Darwin Merritt	1,000	Interest to be used for the purchase of books and furniture.
Mary Windle	1,000	Interest to be used for the purchase of "standard authors" to be placed in a separate "Mary Windle Collection".
Herbert C. Lane	1,000	Interest to be used for the purchase of reference books for the "Lane Memorial Collection".
Virginia A. Petty	25,000	Interest to be used to purchase library materials.
Hazel Lusk	3,000	Interest to be used at Board's discretion.
Total	<u>\$ 41,000</u>	

(11) Komarek Trust

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the City did not receive additional funds from the trustee of the Komarek Trust and had no disbursements from the fund. At June 30, 2021, the balance in the Special Revenue, Komarek Trust Fund totaled \$3,593.

(12) Contingent Liability

The City entered into a joint agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with respect to contamination at the former site of the Red Oak Landfill. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the City and Magna International are jointly responsible for the operation and maintenance of the remedy for a period of 30 years. The City and Magna International are required to establish and maintain financial security in the amount of \$735,100, for which both the City and Magna International are jointly responsible only if they fail to carry out the program in making the necessary reports to the EPA. At June 30, 2021, all monitoring and maintenance activities were completed.

(13) Commitments

The City has entered into a contract in February 2021 for street asphalt for \$704,512. No payments were made on the contract as of June 30, 2021. The balance of \$704,512 will be paid as work on the project progresses.

(14) Deficit Balance

At June 30, 2021, the Capital Projects Fund had a deficit balance of \$554,409. The deficit will be eliminated through future grant reimbursements and transfers from other funds.

(15) Tax Abatements

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 77 defines tax abatements as a reduction in tax receipts 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 receipts 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 or local option sales tax collected 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, 2021, the City abated \$34,109 of property tax under the urban renewal and economic development projects.

(16) COVID-19

In March 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a global pandemic. The disruption to businesses across a range of industries in the United States continues to evolve. The full impact to local, regional, and national economies, including that of the City, remains uncertain.

To date, the outbreak has not created a material disruption to the operations of the City. However, the extent of the financial impact of COVID-19 will depend on future developments, including the spread of the virus, duration, and timing of the economic recovery. Due to these uncertainties, management cannot reasonably estimate the potential impact to the City of Red Oak.

(17) Prospective Accounting Change

Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 87, Leases. This statement will be implemented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The revised requirements of this statement require reporting of certain potentially significant lease liabilities that are not currently reported.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Balances -
Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) – All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds

Other Information

Year ended June 30, 2021

	Governmental Funds Actual	Proprietary Funds Actual	Funds not Required to be Budgeted
Receipts:			
Property tax	\$ 2,847,232	-	-
Tax increment financing	194,638	-	-
Other city tax	899,641	-	-
Licenses and permits	100,828	-	-
Use of money and property	54,003	8,650	9
Intergovernmental	1,435,662	-	-
Charges for service	821,053	2,016,917	-
Miscellaneous	250,821	26,087	35,913
Total receipts	<u>6,603,878</u>	<u>2,051,654</u>	<u>35,922</u>
Disbursements:			
Public safety	2,544,178	-	41,727
Public works	864,498	-	-
Health and social services	10,673	-	-
Culture and recreation	848,836	-	-
Community and economic development	134,332	-	-
General government	188,521	-	-
Debt service	1,011,040	-	-
Capital projects	757,047	-	-
Business type activities	-	2,008,333	-
Total disbursements	<u>6,359,125</u>	<u>2,008,333</u>	<u>41,727</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	244,753	43,321	(5,805)
Other financing sources, net	512,394	(497,009)	-
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over (under) disbursements and other financing uses	757,147	(453,688)	(5,805)
Balances beginning of year, as restated	<u>4,910,433</u>	<u>2,817,063</u>	<u>63,851</u>
Balances end of year	<u>\$ 5,667,580</u>	<u>2,363,375</u>	<u>58,046</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Total	Budgeted Amounts		Final to Total Variance
	Original	Final	
2,847,232	2,831,758	2,831,758	15,474
194,638	23,750	23,750	170,888
899,641	767,332	767,332	132,309
100,828	88,800	88,800	12,028
62,644	68,980	68,980	(6,336)
1,435,662	1,069,971	1,069,971	365,691
2,837,970	3,048,270	3,048,270	(210,300)
240,995	359,667	359,667	(118,672)
<u>8,619,610</u>	<u>8,258,528</u>	<u>8,258,528</u>	<u>361,082</u>
2,502,451	2,647,996	2,655,496	153,045
864,498	1,217,175	1,217,175	352,677
10,673	40,727	40,727	30,054
848,836	1,126,310	1,158,910	310,074
134,332	74,882	74,882	(59,450)
188,521	188,857	198,857	10,336
1,011,040	1,008,340	1,011,040	-
757,047	1,032,566	1,182,566	425,519
2,008,333	2,095,999	2,132,999	124,666
<u>8,325,731</u>	<u>9,432,852</u>	<u>9,672,652</u>	<u>1,346,921</u>
293,879	(1,174,324)	(1,414,124)	1,708,003
15,385	500,100	500,100	(484,715)
309,264	(674,224)	(914,024)	1,223,288
<u>7,663,645</u>	<u>6,847,361</u>	<u>6,847,361</u>	<u>816,284</u>
<u>7,972,909</u>	<u>6,173,137</u>	<u>5,933,337</u>	<u>2,039,572</u>

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Notes to Other Information – Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2021

The budgetary comparison is presented 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 except the blended and discretely presented component units. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

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, the Permanent Funds 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, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$239,800. The budget amendment is reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2021, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the community and economic development function. In addition, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the community and economic development and debt service functions prior to the budget amendment.

City of Red Oak

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

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
For the Last Seven Years*
(In Thousands)

Other Information

	2021	2020	2019	2018
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.017256%	0.013960%	0.015542%	0.016255%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,212	808	984	1,083
City's covered payroll	\$ 2,369	2,301	2,233	2,182
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	51.16%	35.12%	44.07%	49.63%
IPERS' net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.90%	85.45%	83.62%	82.21%

* In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

2017	2016	2015
0.017469%	0.013524%	0.010370%
1,099	668	411
2,262	2,177	2,136
48.59%	30.68%	19.24%
81.82%	85.19%	87.61%

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Schedule of City Contributions

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

Other Information

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 233	229	226	209
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	<u>(233)</u>	<u>(229)</u>	<u>(226)</u>	<u>(209)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
City's covered payroll	\$ 2,446	2,369	2,301	2,233
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.53%	9.67%	9.82%	9.36%

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
204	209	209	204	194	176
(204)	(209)	(209)	(204)	(194)	(176)
-	-	-	-	-	-
2,182	2,262	2,177	2,136	2,102	2,018
9.35%	9.24%	9.60%	9.55%	9.23%	8.72%

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Notes to Other Information – Pension Liability

Year ended June 30, 2021

Changes of benefit terms:

There are no significant changes in benefit terms.

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.
- 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.

Supplementary Information

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Schedule of Cash Receipts, Disbursements
and Changes in Cash Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2021

	Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association	Rural Fire Sinking Fund	Low- Moderate Income	Special Komarek Trust
Receipts:				
Tax increment financing	\$ -	-	7,993	-
Use of money and property	9	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	35,913	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,922	-	7,993	-
Disbursements:				
Operating:				
Public safety	41,727	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Total disbursements	41,727	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	(5,805)	-	7,993	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Change in cash balances	(5,805)	-	7,993	-
Cash balances beginning of year	63,851	1,953	49,454	3,593
Cash balances end of year	\$ 58,046	1,953	57,447	3,593
Cash Basis Fund Balances				
Nonspendable:				
Cemetery perpetual care	\$ -	-	-	-
Library bequests	-	-	-	-
Restricted for:				
Fire department	58,046	1,953	-	-
Library	-	-	-	-
Other purposes	-	-	57,447	3,593
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ 58,046	1,953	57,447	3,593

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Revenue				Permanent			
Library Bequest	Freedom Rock	Library Donations	Library People's Art Projects	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Library Bequest		Total
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,993
66	-	3,275	454	-	-	-	3,804
-	5,806	-	-	3,525	-	-	45,244
66	5,806	3,275	454	3,525	-	-	57,041
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,727
-	4,329	-	-	-	-	-	4,329
-	4,329	-	-	-	-	-	46,056
66	1,477	3,275	454	3,525	-	-	10,985
-	1,523	-	-	-	-	-	1,523
66	3,000	3,275	454	3,525	-	-	12,508
27,101	(3,000)	208,802	4,593	237,554	41,143	-	635,044
27,167	-	212,077	5,047	241,079	41,143	-	647,552
-	-	-	-	241,079	-	-	241,079
-	-	-	-	-	41,000	-	41,000
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,999
27,167	-	212,077	5,047	-	143	-	244,434
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,040
27,167	-	212,077	5,047	241,079	41,143	-	647,552

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Schedule of Receipts by Source and Disbursements By Function –
All Governmental Funds

For the Last Ten Years

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Receipts:				
Property tax	\$ 2,847,232	2,624,082	2,500,572	2,515,110
Tax increment financing	194,638	229,896	294,157	336,427
Local option sales tax	736,860	652,507	567,921	593,523
Other city tax	162,781	210,569	191,101	191,520
Licenses and permits	100,828	92,139	66,116	102,569
Use of money and property	54,003	78,105	36,874	22,770
Intergovernmental	1,435,662	1,286,607	1,186,268	1,744,220
Charges for service	821,053	705,466	734,961	819,269
Special assessments	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	250,821	267,560	1,591,594	537,388
Total	\$ 6,603,878	6,146,931	7,169,564	6,862,796
Disbursements:				
Operating:				
Public safety	\$ 2,544,178	2,529,760	3,753,127	2,343,381
Public works	864,498	976,084	938,191	943,255
Health and social services	10,673	32,341	2,200	8,179
Culture and recreation	848,836	869,878	946,240	786,851
Community and economic development	134,332	222,769	200,603	233,150
General government	188,521	212,791	158,832	142,583
Debt service	1,011,040	988,269	815,532	698,510
Capital projects	757,047	2,770,619	1,285,833	977,187
Total	\$ 6,359,125	8,602,511	8,100,558	6,133,096

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
2,439,859	2,351,728	2,385,807	2,274,532	2,156,887	2,134,293
274,292	205,418	130,261	155,529	195,272	249,408
628,157	607,519	624,626	537,438	615,687	567,018
207,847	232,262	209,962	198,033	134,535	122,125
80,974	87,358	34,299	60,470	39,423	69,982
18,862	19,028	23,509	13,992	20,606	8,545
1,612,432	1,598,146	1,097,819	866,294	1,162,882	1,349,513
721,020	646,234	694,702	581,007	594,021	638,841
-	-	-	-	-	3,172
703,579	469,128	558,375	399,187	408,349	608,234
6,687,022	6,216,821	5,759,360	5,086,482	5,327,662	5,751,131
2,601,376	2,368,467	2,651,137	2,273,915	2,438,035	2,237,045
928,609	944,566	915,346	885,139	882,248	1,007,610
1,981	17,669	128,999	117,449	13,770	31,297
827,038	832,866	828,629	832,045	761,487	794,891
271,138	75,284	141,205	170,121	178,825	740,843
145,396	129,862	123,344	114,917	117,584	116,346
708,700	699,544	1,755,591	690,383	503,788	434,980
1,255,921	2,177,336	733,876	416,576	1,950,515	1,003,814
6,740,159	7,245,594	7,278,127	5,500,545	6,846,252	6,366,826



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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, each major fund, the discretely presented component unit and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Red Oak, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 20, 2022. The financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our report expressed unmodified opinions on the governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Red Oak, Iowa, as of June 30, 2021. We expressed an adverse opinion on the discretely presented component unit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Red Oak's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Red Oak's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Red Oak'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 which there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the City of Red Oak's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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 preceding paragraph 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 have not been identified. We consider the deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item (A) to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Red Oak'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 financial statements. 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 which 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 the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2021 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.

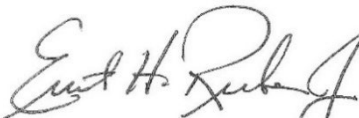
The City of Red Oak's Responses to the Findings

The City of Red Oak's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. The City of Red Oak'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 the City of Red Oak 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.


Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

May 20, 2022

City of Red Oak

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2021

Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

(A) Segregation of Duties

Criteria – Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. A good system of internal control provides for adequate segregation of duties so no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to completion. In order to maintain proper internal control, duties should be segregated so the authorization, custody and recording of transactions are not under the control of the same employee. This segregation of duties helps prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and maximizes the accuracy of the City's, the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association's and the Library Foundation's financial statements.

Condition – Generally, one or two individuals may have control over the following areas for the City:

- (1) Receipts – collecting, depositing, voiding, and recording.
- (2) Utility receipts – billing, collecting, recording and maintaining accounts receivable.

For the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, one individual has control over each of the following areas:

- (1) Receipts – collecting, depositing, posting and reconciling.
- (2) Disbursements – posting, reconciling and check writing.
- (3) Cash – handling and recording cash.

For the Library Foundation, one individual has control over each of the following areas:

- (1) Receipts – collecting, depositing, and recording.
- (2) Disbursements – check writing and recording.

Cause – The City and component units noted above have a limited number of employees and procedures have not been designed to adequately segregate duties or provide compensating controls through additional oversight of transactions and processes.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the City's and each component unit's ability to prevent or detect and correct misstatements, errors or misappropriation on a timely basis by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation – The City, the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and the Library Foundation should review their operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff, including elected officials to provide additional controls through review of financial transactions, reconciliations and financial report. The reviews should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

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Response – We will continue to do our best in segregation of duties. We have already increased reviews with initials or signatures by an independent reviewer. The Library Foundation and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association will be asked to follow this procedure.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

No matters were noted.

City of Red Oak

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2021

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- (1) Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2021 exceeded the amount budgeted in the community and economic development function. In addition, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the community and economic development and debt service functions prior to the budget amendment. 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 – We try to watch our budget and will continue to monitor and try to make any amendments prior to it taking place.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- (2) Questionable Disbursements – We noted no disbursements that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in the Attorney General’s opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- (3) Travel Expense – No disbursements of City money for travel expenses of spouses of City officials or employees were noted.
- (4) Business Transactions – Business transactions between the City and City officials or employees are detailed as follows:

Name, Title and Business Connection	Transaction Description	Amount
Chavis Wise, full-time firefighter, owner of American Fire Protection	Extinguisher inspections and supplies	\$ 4,566
Duane Barkman, ambulance driver, owner of Servus Auto Glass	Windshield repairs	120

In accordance with Chapter 362.5(3)(j) of the Code of Iowa, the transactions with American Fire Protection and Servus Auto Glass do not appear to represent a conflict of interest since they totaled less than \$6,000 during the fiscal year.

- (5) Restricted Donor Activity – No transactions were noted between the City, City officials, City employees and restricted donors in compliance with Chapter 68B of the Code of Iowa.
- (6) 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.
- (7) City Council Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the City Council minutes but were not.

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Year ended June 30, 2021

- (8) 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.
- (9) Financial Condition – The Capital Projects Fund had a deficit balance of \$554,409 at June 30, 2021.

Recommendation – The City should investigate alternatives to eliminate the deficit to return the fund to a sound financial position.

Response – We have worked on getting our projects cleaned up and closed out. We leave a project in a deficit until all receipts have been received before we close it out.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- (10) Revenue Bonds – The City’s sewer revenue bond resolution requires all users of the system, including the City, be charged for usage. The City is not being charged for usage. The City does not make the required monthly transfers to the sinking account. In addition, the City did not maintain net receipts at a level not less than 110% of the amount of principal and interest on the bonds falling due in the same year.

Recommendation – The City should ensure City sewer usage is billed and paid by the City, the required transfers to the sinking account are made monthly and net receipts are maintained at such a level as are required by the bond provisions.

Response – This has been noted and corrections are being made to get it up to date.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- (11) 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, as required.

However, the amount of TIF debt outstanding on the Levy Authority Summary page is understated by \$153,617.

Recommendation – The City should ensure the amounts reported on the Annual Urban Renewal Report are supported and agree with City records.

Response – The amount reported comes directly from approved Development Agreements and TIF certification and reconciliation reports from the County Auditor. The City will provide any necessary supportive documentation in the future.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

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Year ended June 30, 2021

- (12) Outstanding Checks – Chapter 556.1(12) of the Code of Iowa requires the City to report and remit outstanding obligations, including checks held for more than two years, to the State Treasurer’s Office annually. At June 30, 2020, there were 2 outstanding checks which have been outstanding for over two years.

Recommendation – The City should report and remit all outstanding obligations, including checks held for more than two years, to the State Treasurer’s Office annually.

Response – The City has been working on this process to clean up the outstanding checks and will continue to do so.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- (13) Property Tax – The City levied an insurance levy which exceeded the insurance disbursements for the last six years resulting in an unspent balance of \$90,528.

Recommendation – The City should track the unspent balance of the levy and reduce future levies to reduce the balance.

Response – The City projects insurance increases and sets the levy accordingly. If insurance increases come in less than projected, an excess in receipts occurs. The City will make every effort to use excess receipts received and reduce future insurance levy accordingly.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- (14) Questionable Donations – During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the City donated \$30,000 to the Montgomery County Development Corporation and \$10,000 to the Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association.

The Constitution of the State of Iowa prohibits governmental bodies from making a gift to private, non-profit corporations. Article III, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa states “...no public money or property shall be appropriated for local or private purposes, unless such appropriation, compensation or claim be allowed by two-thirds of the members elected to each branch of the General Assembly.”

At least six official Iowa Attorney General Opinions since 1972 have consistently concluded that “a governmental body may not donate public funds to a private entity, even if the entity is established for charitable educational purposes and performs work which the government could perform directly. The Opinions further state, “Even if the function of a private non-profit corporation fits within the scope of activities generally recognized as serving a public purpose, a critical question exists regarding whether funds or property transferred to a private entity will indeed be used for those public purposes.”

“Political subdivisions and municipalities, including cities, counties, schools and townships are municipal – governmental – entities. As governmental entities they are governed by elected bodies, are directly responsible to the public as a whole, and are subject to the limitations imposed on them by the state. Although a private organization may be formed to provide and support ‘public’ services which are the same or similar to the services provided by government, the private organizations are not subjected to the same degree of public accountability and oversight as governmental entities.”

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Recommendation – We are not aware of any statutory authority for the City to donate public funds to private non-profit organizations. The City should immediately cease making future such donations.

Response – These contributions are in support of economic development activities as authorized by Chapter 15A of the Code of Iowa. The City Council will adopt a resolution to clarify and support this.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

City of Red Oak

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