AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 | 6:00 P.M.

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted providing time, place, date, and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Presentations/Proclamations**
   a) Presentation from Garden Ridge Lions Club.

4. **Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total**
   Rules for Citizens' Participation: The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:
   a) Respect and courtesy:
      1. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
      2. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.
      3. End your speaking at the time allotted below.
   b) Speaking:
      1. First citizen comment period.
         1.1. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3-minute period.
      2. Second citizen comment period.
         2.1. You are not required to sign up and you are limited to one 2-minute period.
      3. State your name and address before your comments begin.
      4. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the City Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042.

5. **Consent Agenda**
   THESE ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A COUNCILMEMBER. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION; HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.
   a) Approval of Minutes for the January 3, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.

   b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – December 31, 2023.

   c) 2023 Garden Ridge Police Department Racial Profiling Report.

   d) Ordinance No. 241-022024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, ordering a General Election on May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing City Council Place One, City Council Place Four, and City Council Place Five; making provisions for the conduct of such election; and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.

6. **<u>Staff Reports</u>**
   a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.
      - City/employee recognitions, *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*, Community and Event Center report, building permits, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

   b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.
      - Financial reporting, audits, employee benefits, communication efforts, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

   c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.
      - Administrative operations and projects, records management, communication efforts, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

   d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.
      - Traffic/code compliance enforcement, criminal activity, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

   e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.
      - Public Facilities: Street/right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility/easement maintenance, City facilities maintenance, animal services, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
      - Utilities: Water pumping/usage from City wells, system infrastructure maintenance/repairs/projects, leak adjustments, water/drought management, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

   f) Library Monthly Activity Report.
      - Upcoming events and continuity of operations.

7. **<u>City Engineer Projects Status Reports</u>**
   a) FM 2252 TxDOT Project: receive report and provide direction, as needed.
   b) Land Development Projects: receive report and provide direction, as needed.

8. **<u>City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions</u>**
   a) Planning and Zoning Commission:
      1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

   b) Water Commission:
      1. Request for water loss adjustment for 20950 Klein Circle for the billing period of July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023.
         1.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.
         1.2. Take action on request.
      2. Request for appeal on water loss adjustment denial for 9497 Cinchona Trail for the billing period of November 21, 2022 – December 22, 2022.
         2.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.
         2.2. Take action on request.
      3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

9. **<u>Approvals and Authorizations</u>**
   The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

   a) Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report (period ending September 30, 2023).

b) Resolution No. 515-022024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, finding that the statement of intent of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy to change rates filing within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and legal counsel.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).
2. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).
3. Economic Development/Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce (Smith and Bower).
4. Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department (Valdez and Erickson).
5. Council Liaison to Comal ISD (Arvidson and Erickson).

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

12. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total
See "Rules for Citizens' Participation" under Item 4.

13. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee
Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts
City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts
Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary School/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School)
Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe)
Families of Garden Ridge
Garden Ridge Lions Club and Garden Ridge Women's Club
Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol
Great Springs Project
Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
Hill Country Alliance
Northeast Partnership
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce

14. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized: The Council may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action are specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Agenda at 2:00 p.m. on February 1, 2024, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 | 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:
Mayor Robb Erickson
Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Swint
Councilmember Kelly Smith
Councilmember Jesús Valdez
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kay Bower

Councilmembers Absent:
None

City Staff Present:
Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Eric Lowman, Public Facilities Foreman
Duane Scognio, Utilities Foreman
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Charlie Zech, City Attorney

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Erickson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. **Proclamations/Presentations**
   a) **Davenport High School Volleyball, Football, and Band**

Mayor Erickson honored students and faculty from Davenport High School Volleyball, Football, and Band.

4. **Citizen Comment Period**

No one signed up to speak.

5. **Consent Agenda**

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a) **Approval of Minutes for the December 6, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting.**
b) **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – November 30, 2023.**
c) **Approval of Certification of Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2023 for the City of Garden Ridge.**
d) **Resolution No. 514-012024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, in compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, as required by the provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended.**

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-d). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Staff Reports**

   a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed employee anniversaries and City Staff recognitions. She stated there were 274 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of December and spoke regarding the Bulk Dumpster Schedule and Comal County's Pop-Up Tax Office.

   b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Finance/HR Department.

   c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.

City Secretary Marisa Spencer reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Administrative Department.

   d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Police Department.

   e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

Public Facilities Foreman Eric Lowman and Utilities Foreman Duane Scognio reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Works Department.

   f) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Library Director Linda Crosland reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Library.

7. **City Engineer Projects Status Reports**

City Engineer Sam Johnson reviewed the City Engineer monthly activity report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

8. **City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions**

   a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

City Manager Nancy Cain provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's meeting.

   b) Water Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in December.

   c) Parks Committee:

City Manager Nancy Cain provided City Council with an update on the Committee's projects.

9. **Approvals and Authorizations**

   The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

   a) Lease Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and the Garden Ridge Lions Club.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the Lease Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and the Garden Ridge Lions Club.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and the Garden Ridge Lions Club. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Updates

a) **City Council Projects.**

1. **Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).**

Mayor Erickson and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge.

2. **Economic Development/Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce (Smith and Bower).**

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Bower provided updates related to Economic Development and Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

3. **Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee Update (Valdez and Erickson).**

Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee.

4. **Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department (Valdez and Erickson).**

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the Water Company/Utilities Department.

5. **Council Liaison to Comal ISD (Arvidson and Erickson).**

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Arvidson provided updates related to Comal ISD.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Thomas Klimas, 9610 Meadow Rue, spoke regarding Household Hazardous Waste Events.

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding the Forest of Garden Ridge Homeowner's Association.

13. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

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Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce upcoming events. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program and Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, January 3, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST

Robb Erickson
Mayor

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCES & INTEREST RATES

PERIOD ENDED AS OF 12/31/2023

CITY FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
GF OPERATING ACCOUNT	312,951.77	0.40%
GF MONEY MARKET	421,691.24	3.67%
PEG CAPITAL FEES	42,124.72	3.67%
TEXPOOL INVESTMENTS	3,169,384.64	5.37%
2017 I&S	2,170.21	3.67%
2012 I&S	16,852.34	3.67%
2012 REFI	21,798.15	3.67%
2015 I&S	17,827.79	3.67%
TEXPOOL WATER IMPACT FEES	182,187.97	5.37%
TEXPOOL STREET IMPACT FEES	63,051.85	5.37%
AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	269,390.96	3.67%
TEXPOOL AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	524,897.83	5.37%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - STATE	2,749.66	0.10%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - FED	76,043.65	3.67%
TOTAL CITY FUNDS	**$ 5,123,122.78**	

WATER FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
OPERATING ACCOUNT	1,295,971.97	3.67%
WATER SURCHARGE	155,849.51	3.67%
TEXPOOL WATER INVEST	1,268,532.49	5.37%
SIB LOAN I&S	3,119.67	3.67%
SIB RESERVE	45,100.76	3.67%
SIB LOAN FUNDS (TXDOT) - *Account Closed 10/2023*		0.00%
TOTAL WATER FUNDS	**$ 2,768,574.40**	

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	**$ 7,891,697.18**	

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

CASH & INVESTMENTS STATEMENT

PERIOD ENDED AS OF 12/31/2023

GENERAL FUND	BALANCE
GF Operational Checking	$ 312,951.77
GF Money Market	421,691.24
GF Peg Capital Fund	42,124.72
TexPool Investments	3,169,384.64
Restricted Amounts:	(345,196.26)
(Including GF Peg Capital Fund)	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	**$ 3,600,956.11**

WATER FUND	BALANCE
Operational Checking	$ 1,295,971.97
TexPool Water Invest	1,268,532.49
Water Surcharge	155,849.51
Restricted Amounts	(167,405.46)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	**$ 2,552,948.51**

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

PERIOD ENDING AS OF 12/31/2023

GENERAL FUND	Dec-23	YTD	FY 2024 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	$ 906,790.05	$ 1,344,853.65	$ 3,589,453.00	37.5%	$ 2,244,599.35
EXPENDITURES					
ADMINISTRATION	61,782.35	209,716.64	923,937.00	22.7%	714,220.36
COURT	7,539.08	33,496.86	105,062.00	31.9%	71,565.14
POLICE	104,118.90	349,654.34	1,566,928.00	22.3%	1,217,273.66
PUBLIC FACILITIES	100,549.15	201,151.22	766,007.00	26.3%	564,855.78
COMMUNITY CENTER	5,324.71	19,753.27	82,116.00	24.1%	62,362.73
LIBRARY	10,639.39	32,631.91	142,022.00	23.0%	109,390.09
FUND CHANGES/XFER	-	-	-	0.0%	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	289,953.58	846,404.24	3,586,072.00	23.6%	2,739,667.76
NET POSITION	$ 616,836.47	$ 498,449.41	$ 3,381.00		$ (495,068.41)

WATER FUND	Dec-23	YTD	FY 2024 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	$ 138,854.65	$ 545,232.51	$ 2,280,328.00	23.9%	$ 1,735,095.49
EXPENDITURES					
BOND PRINCIPLE PMTS	-	-	533,285.00		533,285.00
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	111,552.81	355,766.19	1,721,603.00		1,365,836.81
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	111,552.81	355,766.19	2,254,888.00	15.8%	1,899,121.81
REVENUE +/(-) EXPENDITURES	27,301.84	189,466.32	25,440.00		(164,026.32)

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - COMMUNITY CENTER

PERIOD ENDING AS OF 12/31/2023

	YTD	Budget
REVENUES		
RENTALS	$ 18,945.00	56,000.00
DEPOSITS	1,025.00	26,000.00
CLEAN-UP FEES	2,200.00	6,000.00
DONATIONS	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	22,170.00	88,000.00
EXPENDITURES		
PAYROLL/TAXES/RETIREMENT	1,292.97	3,136.00
MANAGER FEES	8,444.00	22,800.00
COMPUTER/INTERNET	457.72	1,680.00
TELEPHONE	150.00	600.00
UTILITIES	2,089.18	12,000.00
MAINTENANCE	1,352.04	7,000.00
SUPPLIES	318.36	1,200.00
CLEANING	2,250.00	6,400.00
EQUIPMENT	199.00	6,000.00
MARKETING	-	-
DEPOSITS REFUNDED	3,200.00	21,300.00
DONATION EXPENDITURES	-	-
FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,753.27	82,116.00
NET POSITION	$ 2,416.73	$ 5,884.00

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – 12/31/2023

GENERAL FUND

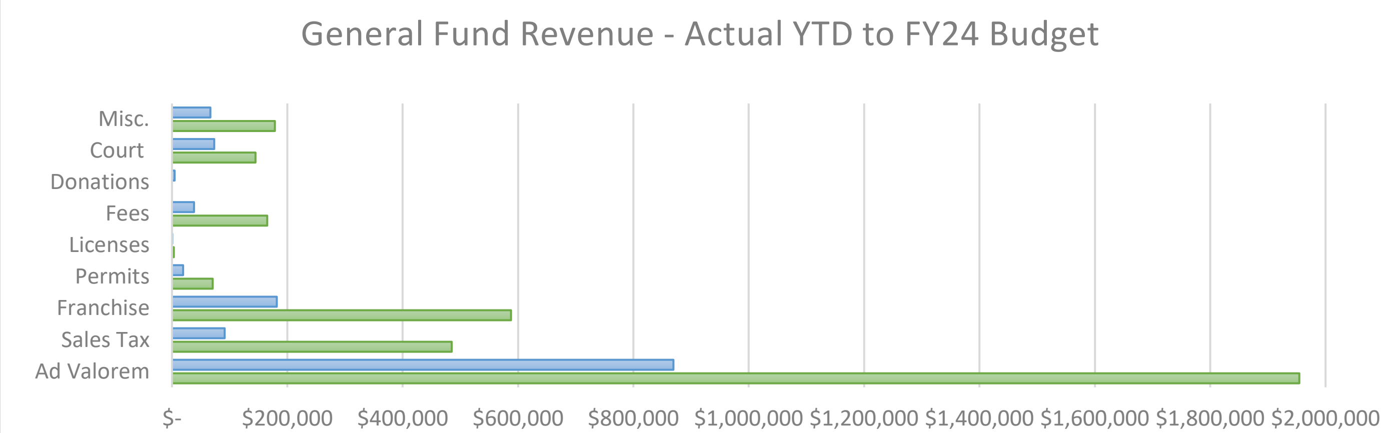
Cash
Total available funds as of December 31, 2023, are $3,600,956

Revenue
Ad Valorem Tax received for December totals $787,672. YTD collections total $869,386 or 44% of the FY24 budget of $1,954,527

Sale Tax Revenue received during the month of December totals $46,478 for FY24. YTD totals $91,339 or 19% of the $485,000 budgeted for FY24.

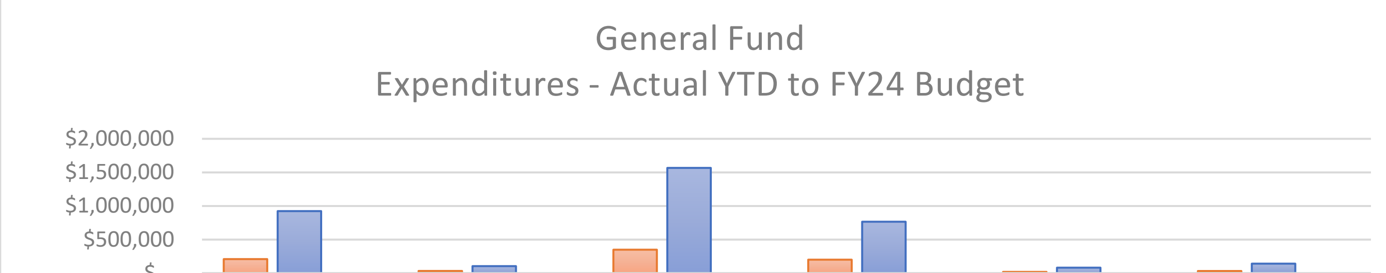
Annual Building Permits revenue totals $17,966 or 26% of the $70,000 budgeted for FY24.

Trash Collection YTD totals $29,367 or 34% of the $87,466 budgeted for FY24.



	Ad Valorem	Sales Tax	Franchise	Permits	Licenses	Fees	Donations	Court	Misc.
FY24 YTD	$869,385.98	$91,338.80	$181,735.08	$19,316.33	$450.00	$38,209.25	$4,585.50	$73,247.88	$66,584.83
Budget FY24	$1,954,527	$485,000	$587,786	$70,600	$3,200	$165,160	$-	$144,780	$178,400

Expenditures
Expenditures for the month total $289,954. YTD expenditures for FY24 total $846,404 or 24% of the $3,586,072 budget. All departments are operating within the FY24 budget.



	Admin	Court	PD	PW	Comm. Ctr.	Library
FY24 YTD	$209,717	$33,497	$349,654	$201,151	$19,753	$32,632
Budget FY24	$923,937	$105,062	$1,566,928	$766,007	$82,116	$142,022
% Spent	22.7%	31.9%	22.3%	26.3%	24.1%	23.0%

WATER FUND

Meters

Current meters for December 2023 total 1691 vs 1685 for December 2022.

Cash

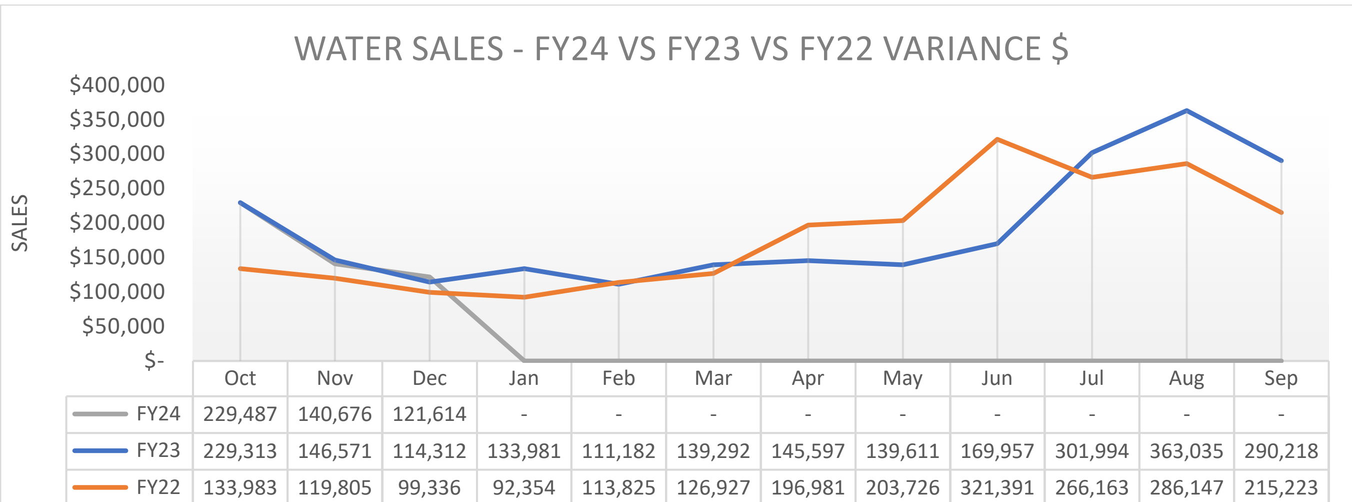
Total available funds as of December 31, 2023, are $2,552,949.

Revenue

Revenue YTD totals $545,233 or 25% of the $2,204,328 budgeted for FY24. Total revenue for the same period last year was $524,846.

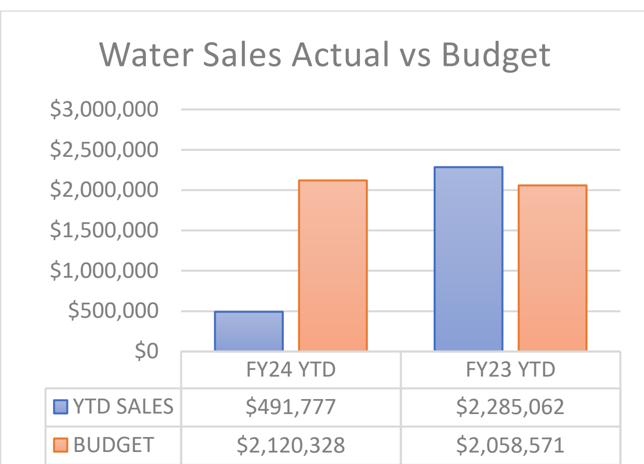
Water Sales for the month total $121,614. YTD water sales total $491,777 or 23% of the $2,120,328 budgeted for FY24.

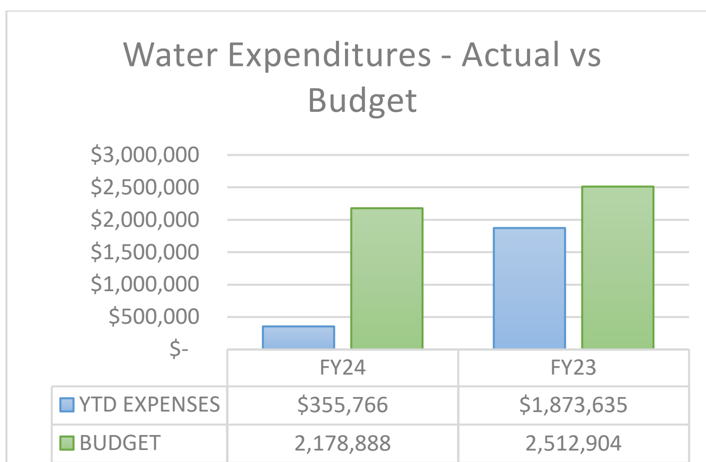
Meter installation revenue YTD totals $1,325 or 13% of the $10,000 budgeted for FY24.



Expenditures

Expenditures for the month total $111,553. YTD expenditures for FY24 total $355,766 or 16% of the $2,254,888 budget.





Interest & Sinking Fund

Revenue
Ad Valorem Tax collections YTD total $292,570 of the $660,137 budgeted for FY24.

Expenditures
No expenditures for the month. Next bond payments are due in February 2024.

Capital Improvements Fund – (all accounts are restricted)

Cash Balance
Water Impact Fee Balance is $182,188.
Street Impact Balance is $63,052.
American Recovery Acct. Balance is $794,289.

Revenue
No new revenue other than monthly interest which is included in the balances above to report for the month.

Asset Seizure Fund

Cash Balance
The Restricted Fund Balance is $78,793.

Revenue
No new revenue other than monthly interest which is included in the balances above to report for the month.

Expenditures
Month expenditures to report is $22,842

Summary

The City of Garden Ridge is financially sound and operates within the Budget set forth by City Council.

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

9400 MUNICIPAL PARKWAY · GARDEN RIDGE, TX 78266
OFFICE: (210) 651-6441 · FAX: (210) 651-1639

MEMORANDUM

To:	City Council City of Garden Ridge
From:	Ron Eberhardt Chief of Police
Date:	January 3, 2024
Copies:	
Reference:	Racial Profile Report 2023

The Racial Profile Report for 2023 is completed. In a nutshell, the report indicates there are no disparities between our demographic makeup and the traffic stops conducted. Below is the breakdown of percentages based on ethnicity as reported by the 2022 Census page as well as the percentage of traffic stops conducted based on that race and ethnicity.

Population 4186 | Total Traffic Stops Conducted: 2458

White:	Census 56% (2344)	Traffic stop:	65%	(1603)
Black:	Census 10% (418)	Traffic stop:	10%	(252)
Native Amer:	Census 0-1% (41)	Traffic stop:	0-1 %	(6)
Asian/Pac Is:	Census 2% (83)	Traffic stop:	2-3%	(61)
Hispanic:	Census 22% (920)	Traffic stop:	22%	(536)

The numbers above reflect total traffic stops conducted in 2023. The breakdown of those stops are 1121 Warnings were issued while 1337 Citations were issued. The detailed data which breaks down each category even further is contained in the Racial Profile Report itself. Please feel free to ask me any questions regarding the data contained in any of these reports for clarification.

Best regards,

Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police

Racial Profiling Report | Full

Agency Name: GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT.
Reporting Date: 01/02/2024
TCOLE Agency Number: 091201

Chief Administrator: RONALD K. EBERHARDT

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GARDEN RIDGE, TX 78266

This Agency filed a full report

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT. has adopted a detailed written policy on racial profiling. Our policy:

1) clearly defines acts constituting racial profiling;

2) strictly prohibits peace officers employed by the GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT. from engaging in racial profiling;

3) implements a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT. if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by the GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT. has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;

4) provides public education relating to the agency's complaint process;

5) requires appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT. who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT. policy;

6) requires collection of information relating to motor vehicle stops in which a warning or citation is issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:
  a. the race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
  b. whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search;
  c. whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual;
  d. whether the peace officer used physical force that resulted in bodily injury during the stop;
  e. the location of the stop;
  f. the reason for the stop.

7) requires the chief administrator of the agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) to:
  a. the Commission on Law Enforcement; and
  b. the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.

The GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT. has satisfied the statutory data audit requirements as prescribed in Article

2.133(c), Code of Criminal Procedure during the reporting period.

Executed by: RONALD K. EBERHARDT
Chief of Police

Date: 01/02/2024

Total stops: 2458

Street address or approximate location of the stop	
City street	842
US highway	0
County road	0
State highway	1481
Private property or other	135
Was race or ethnicity known prior to stop?	
Yes	80
No	2378
Race / Ethnicity	
Alaska Native / American Indian	6
Asian / Pacific Islander	61
Black	252
White	1603
Hispanic / Latino	536
Gender	
Female	**877**
Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	22
Black	85
White	617
Hispanic / Latino	152
Male	**1581**
Alaska Native / American Indian	5
Asian / Pacific Islander	39
Black	167
White	986
Hispanic / Latino	384
Reason for stop?	
Violation of law	**278**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	2
Black	34
White	197

Hispanic / Latino	45
Preexisting knowledge	**3**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	2
Hispanic / Latino	1
Moving traffic violation	**1557**
Alaska Native / American Indian	5
Asian / Pacific Islander	44
Black	156
White	986
Hispanic / Latino	366
Vehicle traffic violation	**620**
Alaska Native / American Indian	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	15
Black	48
White	418
Hispanic / Latino	124

Was a search conducted?

Yes	**54**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	6
White	28
Hispanic / Latino	20
No	**2404**
Alaska Native / American Indian	6
Asian / Pacific Islander	61
Black	246
White	1575
Hispanic / Latino	516

Reason for Search?

Consent	**5**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	3

Hispanic / Latino	2
Contraband	**0**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Probable	**28**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	4
White	13
Hispanic / Latino	11
Inventory	**11**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	6
Hispanic / Latino	5
Incident to arrest	**10**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	2
White	6
Hispanic / Latino	2

Was Contraband discovered?

		Did the finding result in arrest? (total should equal previous column)			
Yes	**36**				
Alaska Native / American Indian	0	Yes	0	No	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0	Yes	0	No	0
Black	4	Yes	0	No	4
White	19	Yes	7	No	12
Hispanic / Latino	13	Yes	3	No	10

No	**18**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	2
White	9
Hispanic / Latino	7

Description of contraband	
Drugs	**32**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	4
White	15
Hispanic / Latino	13
Weapons	**2**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	1
Hispanic / Latino	1
Currency	**0**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Alcohol	**4**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	2
Hispanic / Latino	2
Stolen property	**0**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Other	**2**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	2
Hispanic / Latino	0
Result of the stop	
Verbal warning	**0**

Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Written warning	**1116**
Alaska Native / American Indian	2
Asian / Pacific Islander	36
Black	126
White	759
Hispanic / Latino	193
Citation	**1323**
Alaska Native / American Indian	4
Asian / Pacific Islander	25
Black	126
White	832
Hispanic / Latino	336
Written warning and arrest	**5**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	3
Hispanic / Latino	2
Citation and arrest	**14**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	9
Hispanic / Latino	5
Arrest	**0**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0

Arrest based on

Violation of Penal Code	**13**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0

Black	0
White	7
Hispanic / Latino	6
Violation of Traffic Law	**1**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	1
Hispanic / Latino	0
Violation of City Ordinance	**0**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Outstanding Warrant	**5**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	4
Hispanic / Latino	1

Was physical force resulting in bodily injury used during stop?

Yes	**0**
Alaska Native / American Indian	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Black	0
White	0
Hispanic / Latino	0
Resulting in Bodily Injury To:	
Suspect	0
Officer	0
Both	0
No	**2458**
Alaska Native / American Indian	6
Asian / Pacific Islander	61
Black	252
White	1603
Hispanic / Latino	536

Number of complaints of racial profiling

Total	0
Resulted in disciplinary action	0
Did not result in disciplinary action	0

Comparative Analysis

Use TCOLE's auto generated analysis ☒

Use Department's submitted analysis ☐

Optional Narrative

N/A

Submitted electronically to the

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

Racial Profiling Analysis Report

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT.

01. Total Traffic Stops:	2458	
02. Location of Stop:		
a. City Street	842	34.26%
b. US Highway	0	0.00%
c. County Road	0	0.00%
d. State Highway	1481	60.25%
e. Private Property or Other	135	5.49%
03. Was Race known prior to Stop:		
a. NO	2378	96.75%
b. YES	80	3.25%
04. Race or Ethnicity:		
a. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	6	0.24%
b. Asian/ Pacific Islander	61	2.48%
c. Black	252	10.25%
d. White	1603	65.22%
e. Hispanic/ Latino	536	21.81%
05. Gender:		
a. Female	877	35.68%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	1	0.04%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	22	0.90%
iii. Black	85	3.46%
iv. White	617	25.10%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	152	6.18%
b. Male	1581	64.32%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	5	0.20%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	39	1.59%
iii. Black	167	6.79%
iv. White	986	40.11%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	384	15.62%
06. Reason for Stop:		
a. Violation of Law	278	11.31%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	2	0.72%

iii. Black	34	12.23%
iv. White	197	70.86%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	45	16.19%
b. Pre-Existing Knowledge	3	0.12%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	2	66.67%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	1	33.33%
c. Moving Traffic Violation	1557	63.34%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	5	0.32%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	44	2.83%
iii. Black	156	10.02%
iv. White	986	63.33%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	366	23.51%
d. Vehicle Traffic Violation	620	25.22%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	1	0.16%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	15	2.42%
iii. Black	48	7.74%
iv. White	418	67.42%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	124	20.00%
07. Was a Search Conducted:		
a. NO	2404	97.80%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	6	0.25%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	61	2.54%
iii. Black	246	10.23%
iv. White	1575	65.52%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	516	21.46%
b. YES	54	2.20%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	6	11.11%
iv. White	28	51.85%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	20	37.04%
08. Reason for Search:		
a. Consent	5	0.20%

i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	3	60.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	2	40.00%
b. Contraband in Plain View	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
c. Probable Cause	28	1.14%
ii. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
i. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	4	14.29%
iv. White	13	46.43%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	11	39.29%
d. Inventory	11	0.45%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	6	54.55%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	5	45.45%
e. Incident to Arrest	10	0.41%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	2	20.00%
iv. White	6	60.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	2	20.00%

09. Was Contraband Discovered:		
YES	36	1.46%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	0	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	0	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	0	
iii. Black	4	11.11%

Finding resulted in arrest - YES	0	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	4	
iv. White	19	52.78%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	7	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	12	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	13	36.11%
Finding resulted in arrest - YES	3	
Finding resulted in arrest - NO	10	
b. NO	18	0.73%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
i. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	2	11.11%
iv. White	9	50.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	7	38.89%
10. Description of Contraband:		
a. Drugs	32	1.30%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	4	12.50%
iv. White	15	46.88%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	13	40.63%
b. Currency	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
c. Weapons	2	0.08%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	1	50.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	1	50.00%
d. Alcohol	4	0.16%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	2	50.00%

v. Hispanic/ Latino	2	50.00%
e. Stolen Property	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
f. Other	2	0.08%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
i. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	2	100.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	0.00%
11. Result of Stop:		
a. Verbal Warning	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
b. Written Warning	1116	45.40%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	2	0.18%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	36	3.23%
iii. Black	126	11.29%
iv. White	759	68.01%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	193	17.29%
c. Citation	1323	53.82%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	4	0.30%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	25	1.89%
iii. Black	126	9.52%
iv. White	832	62.89%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	336	25.40%
d. Written Warning and Arrest	5	0.20%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	3	60.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	2	40.00%

e. Citation and Arrest	14	0.57%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	9	64.29%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	5	35.71%
f. Arrest	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	

12. Arrest Based On:		
a. Violation of Penal Code	13	0.53%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	7	53.85%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	6	46.15%
b. Violation of Traffic Law	1	0.04%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	1	100.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	0.00%
c. Violation of City Ordinance	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
d. Outstanding Warrant	5	0.20%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	0.00%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
iii. Black	0	0.00%
iv. White	4	80.00%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	1	20.00%

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13. Was Physical Force Used:		
a. NO	2458	100.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	6	0.24%
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	61	2.48%
iii. Black	252	10.25%
iv. White	1603	65.22%
v. Hispanic/ Latino	536	21.81%
b. YES	0	0.00%
i. Alaska/ Native American/ Indian	0	
ii. Asian/ Pacific Islander	0	
iii. Black	0	
iv. White	0	
v. Hispanic/ Latino	0	
b 1. YES: Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury to Suspect	0	
b 2. YES: Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury to Officer	0	
b 3. YES: Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury to Both	0	

14. Total Number of Racial Profiling Complaints Received:	0

REPORT DATE COMPILED 01/02/2024

ORDINANCE NO. 241-022024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ALDERMEN TO CITY COUNCIL PLACES ONE, FOUR, AND FIVE; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, The City of Garden Ridge will hold a regular municipal election for the purpose of electing Aldermen to City Council member positions designated as Place One, Place Four, and Place Five, on the May 4, 2024, uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that it is in the public interest to enter into a joint election agreement and election services contract with Comal County in order to provide the most efficient and convenient voting opportunities for both the City and State elections, with voting available in all Comal County polling locations and the potential for extended hours for early voting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A General Election is hereby ordered to be held on the 4th day of May 2024, in the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, for the purpose of electing Aldermen to City Council Places One, Four, and Five. Qualified persons desiring to be candidates shall file for election as such candidates with the City Secretary beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 16th day of February.

SECTION 2. At said election each of the positions shall be voted upon separately and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be elected to such office. Elected officials shall serve a term of two years, with their terms terminating in May 2026, or when their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. The polling place on Election Day shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All qualified voters of the City of Garden Ridge shall be entitled to vote in said election.

SECTION 4. The election shall be held in accordance with, and shall be governed by, the election laws of the State of Texas, and conducted in accordance with the terms set forth in the Contract for Election Services. Further, the City Council has determined, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, that the City is authorized to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with Comal County and other participating political subdivisions for this election. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate for and on behalf of the City and execute such agreements.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is authorized to sign any notices or orders required by state law or the Election Services or Joint Election Agreement.

SECTION 6. The City Secretary is hereby designated as the election officer for the City and is hereby authorized to perform all duties and take all actions as required pursuant to the Election Services or Joint Election Agreement and is further authorized to take any additional actions required by state law.

SECTION 7. Early voting in said elections shall be conducted during the early voting period designated as April 22 through April 30, 2024. Bobbie Koepp, Comal County Clerk, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk and shall conduct early voting in said election, as required by law. Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business on April 23, 2024. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Bobbie Koepp, Early Voting Clerk
396 N. Seguin Ave.
New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Phone: 830-221-1352 / Fax: 830-608-2013
Email Address: jaquac@co.comal.tx.us
Early Voting Clerk's Website: https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Elections.htm

SECTION 8. The main early voting polling place for the holding of said election shall be at:

Comal County Elections Office
396 N. Seguin Ave.
New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Voting Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Additional Hours: To be determined by Comal County Clerk

SECTION 9. Temporary Branch Location for early voting and Election Day by personal appearance:

Garden Ridge City Hall
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, Texas 78266
Voting Hours: Monday thru Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Additional Hours: To be determined by Comal County Clerk

SECTION 10. Voting at said election, including early voting, shall be by the use of the Hart Duo, Verity Touch Writer, and Verity Scan. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on each day during the lawful early voting period, with polling locations designated by Comal County. During the lawful early voting period, the Early Voting Clerk shall keep such locations open for early voting as required by the Texas Election Code, at a minimum.

SECTION 11. Notice of the May 4, 2024, General Election of the City of Garden Ridge shall be posted and published in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Texas.

SECTION 12. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as part of the judgment and finding of the City Council.

SECTION 13. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality will not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrases, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 7th day of February, 2024.

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Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

ORDENANZA NO. 241-022024

UNA ORDENANZA DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, QUE ORDENA UNA ELECCIÓN GENERAL EL 4 DE MAYO, 2024, CON EL FIN DE ELEGIR LOS CONCEJALES AL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL, LOS LUGARES UNO, CUATRO, Y CINCO; ESTABLECE DISPOSICIONES PARA LA REALIZACIÓN DE DICHA ELECCIÓN; Y RESOLVER OTROS ASUNTOS RELACIONADOS CON LA CONDUCCIÓN DE DICHA ELECCIÓN.

POR CUANTO, la Ciudad de Garden Ridge llevará a cabo una elección municipal regular con el fin de elegir Concejales para los puestos de miembros del Concejo Municipal designados como Lugar Uno, Lugar Cuatro y Lugar Cinco, el 4 de Mayo de 2024, fecha de elección uniforme; y

POR CUANTO, el Concejo Municipal determina que es de interés público celebrar un acuerdo electoral conjunto y un contrato de servicios electorales con el Condado de Comal para brindar oportunidades de votación más eficientes y convenientes para las elecciones tanto de la Ciudad como del Estado, con la votación disponible en todos los lugares de votación del Condado de Comal y la posibilidad de un horario extendido para la votación temprana.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, EL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, ORDENA QUE:

SECCIÓN 1. Por la presente se ordena que se celebre una Elección General el 4 de Mayo de 2024, en la Ciudad de Garden Ridge, Texas, con el propósito de elegir Concejales para los Lugares Uno, Cuatro y Cinco del Concejo Municipal. Las personas calificadas que deseen ser candidatas deberán registrase para la elección como tales candidatos ante el Secretario de la Ciudad a partir de las 8:00 a. m. del día 17 de Enero y no más tarde de las 5:00 p. m. el día 16 de Febrero.

SECCIÓN 2. En dicha elección, cada uno de los cargos se votará por separado y el candidato que reciba el mayor número de votos para cada cargo será elegido para dicho cargo. Los funcionarios electos desempeñarán un mandato de dos años, y sus mandatos finalizarán en Mayo de 2026, o cuando sus sucesores sean debidamente elegidos y calificados.

SECCIÓN 3. El lugar de votación en el Día de la Elección estará abierto de 7:00 am a 7:00 pm. Todos los votantes calificados de la Ciudad de Garden Ridge tendrán derecho a votar en dicha elección.

SECCIÓN 4. La elección se llevará a cabo conformé a las leyes electorales del Estado de Texas y se regirá por ellas, y se llevará a cabo en conformidad con los términos establecidos en el Contrato de Servicios Electorales. Además, El Concejo Municipal ha determinado, de conforme con el Capítulo 271 del Código Electoral de Texas, que la Ciudad está autorizada a celebrar un Acuerdo de Elección Conjunto con el Condado de Comal y otras subdivisiones políticas participantes para esta elección. Por la presente, se autoriza al Administrador de la Ciudad a negociar por y en nombre de la Ciudad y ejecutar dichos acuerdos.

SECCIÓN 5. El Alcalde está autorizado a firmar cualquier notificación u orden requerida por la ley estatal o los Servicios Electorales o el Acuerdo de Elección Conjunta.

SECCIÓN 6. Por la presente, se designa al Secretario de la Ciudad como funcionario electoral de la Ciudad y se le autoriza a realizar todas las funciones y tomar todas las medidas requeridas por los Servicios Electorales o el Acuerdo de Elección Conjunta y además se le autoriza a tomar cualquier medida adicional requerida por Ley del Estado.

SECCIÓN 7. La votación temprana en dichas elecciones se llevará a cabo durante el período de votación temprana designado como el 22 de Abril al 30 de Abril de 2024. Bobbie Koepp, Secretario del Condado de Comal, por el presente se designa como Secretario de Votación Temprana y llevará a cabo la votación temprana en dicha elección, como lo exige la ley. Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario de Votación Temprana a más tardar al cierre de operaciones del 23 de Abril de 2024. Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben enviarse por correo a:

Bobbie Koepp, secretario de votación anticipada
396 N. Seguin Ave.
New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Phone: 830-221-1352 / Fax: 830-608-2013
Email Address: jaquac@co.comal.tx.us
Early Voting Clerk's Website: https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Elections.htm

SECCIÓN 8. El lugar principal donde se llevara a cabo la votación temprana de dicha elección será en:

Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de Comal
396 N. Seguin Ave.
New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Horario de Votación: Lunes a Viernes – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Horas Adicionales: A ser determinado por el Secretario del Condado de Comal

SECCIÓN 9. Ubicación de la sucursal temporal para la votación temprana y el día de las elecciones por comparecencia en persona sera:

Garden Ridge City Hall
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, Texas 78266
Horario de Votación: Lunes a Viernes – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Horas Adicionales: A ser determinado por el Secretario del Condado de Comal

SECCIÓN 10. La votación en dicha elección, incluyendo la votación temprana, se realizará mediante el uso de Hart Duo, Verity Touch Writer y Verity Scan. La votación temprana en persona se llevará a cabo todos los días durante el período legal de votación temprana, con lugares de votación designados por el Condado de Comal. Durante el período legal de votación temprana, el Secretario de Votación Temprana mantendrá dichos lugares abiertos para la votación temprana según lo exige el Código Electoral de Texas, como un mínimo.

SECCIÓN 11. El aviso de las Elecciones Generales de la Ciudad de Garden Ridge del 4 de Mayo de 2024 se colocará y publicará conforme con el Código Electoral del Estado de Texas.

SECCIÓN 12. Por la presente se determina que las recitaciones contenidas en el preámbulo de la presente son verdaderos, y dichas recitaciones por la presente se hacen parte de esta Ordenanza para todos los propósitos y se adoptan como parte del juicio y decisión del Concejo Municipal.

SECCIÓN 13. Por la presente se declara que es la intención del Concejo Municipal que las frases, cláusulas, oraciones, párrafos y secciones de esta Ordenanza sean separables, y si alguna frase, cláusula, oración, párrafo o sección de esta Ordenanza es declarado inconstitucional por sentencia o decreto válido de cualquier tribunal de jurisdicción competente, tal inconstitucionalidad no afectará ninguna de las restantes frases, cláusulas, oraciones, párrafos o secciones de esta Ordenanza, ya que la misma habría sido promulgada por el Concejo Municipal sin la incorporación en esta Ordenanza de tales frases, cláusulas, oraciones, párrafos o secciones inconstitucionales.

SECCIÓN 14. Esta Ordenanza entrará en vigor inmediatamente después de su adopción.

PASADO Y APROBADO el día 07 de Febrero de 2024.

Robb Erickson
Alcalde

ATESTIGUAR:

Marisa Spencer
Secretaria de la Ciudad

Cynthia Jaqua
Comal County Elections Coordinator
396 N. Seguin Ave. New Braunfels, Texas 78130
Phone: 830-221-1352 Fax: 830-608-2013
Email: jaquac@co.comal.tx.us

January 17, 2024

City of Garden Ridge
CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES
May 4, 2024 General Election

This contract for election services made by and between **City of Garden Ridge** hereinafter called ENTITY and **Bobbie Koepp, Comal County Clerk**, hereinafter called CONTRACTING OFFICER is based on the following:

The ENTITY and CONTRACTING OFFICER have determined that it is in the public interest of the inhabitants of the ENTITY that the following contract be made and entered into for the purpose of having the CONTRACTING OFFICER furnish the ENTITY certain election services and equipment needed by the ENTITY for their May 4, 2024, General Election. The voting equipment used will be the Hart Duo specifically Verity Touch Writer and Verity Scan, which is paper ballot voting.

DUTIES AND SERVICES OF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER:

1 Bobbie Koepp, Comal County Clerk, shall be designated and agrees to act as the Early Voting Clerk for the election, and shall conduct early voting in person and by mail.

2. Advertise, prepare, and conduct the Logic and Accuracy Tests as required by State Law.

3 Forward all information to vendor (Hart) for the Coding and Audio files for Verity Duo.

4. Conduct Early Voting for Ballot by Mail at main Early Voting location, 396 N. Seguin, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.

5. Provide training on conducting an election with Hart Verity Duo and Knowink Poll Pads for all Early Voting and Election Day workers.

6. Procure and provide election supplies, including but not limited to the preparation, printing of ballots for Ballot by Mail requests, and distribution of sample ballots.

7. Prepare, provide, and deliver adequate election equipment for the election (Hart Verity Duo).

8. Prepare Early Voting and Election Day packets and supply bags for Early Voting and Election Day Polling Location.

9. Provide the Official Registered Voter List for the City of Garden Ridge for use on Knowink Poll Pad.

10. Recruit election judges and clerks for Early Voting and Election Day.

11. Ensure Election Judges return specified voting equipment and supplies from Early Voting after polls close on April 30, 2024.

12. Provide the voting equipment and supplies listed in the attached Estimated Expenses and ensure Election Judges return specified voting equipment and supplies from Election Day Polling Location after polls close on May 4, 2024.

13. Election judges and clerks for Early Voting and Election Day will be compensated by CONTRACTING OFFICE and reimbursed by ENTITY.

14. Procurement and payment of Early Voting Ballot Board personnel who will meet at the Comal County Elections Office, 396 N. Seguin Ave., New Braunfels, Texas 78130, on Election Day and other dates as prescribed by law to process Ballots by Mail and Provisional Ballots.

15. Set up the Central Accumulation Station and appoint personnel to tabulate the results of Early Voting and Election Day votes; provide Final Unofficial Results for Canvass.

16. Provide overall administration and supervision of the election and advisory services.

17. Meet ADA requirements for the election, as the law relates to polling locations, voter assistance, and other ADA requirements, if any.

18. Maintain election materials and paperwork in storage for the allotted time as prescribed by law.

19. Reporting precinct results to the Secretary of State, if required.

DUTIES OF THE ENTITY:

1. Prepare all Election Orders and Notice of Election as required by law and prepare and publish the Notice of Election.

2. Provide the County Elections Office with ENTITY's ballot information, etc. ENTITY shall conduct its ballot position drawing on or about February 26, 2024, and send the CONTRACTING OFFICER the ballot order so that it may be forwarded for Coding and Audio to Hart. ENTITY will be responsible for approving the screen shot proofs from Hart.

3. ENTITY shall be responsible for any loss and/or physical damage to the equipment occurring at the voting location ordered by the ENTITY.

4. Only the actual expenses directly attributable to the Contract may be charged (Section 31.100(b), Texas Election Code). The County Elections Officer will submit the actual costs for items contracted for pursuant to this Contract based on the attached estimated costs with the ENTITY as soon as all invoices are received from the vendors. The ENTITY agrees to pay costs of the election within ten (10) ENTITY workdays of receipt of the statement.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

A. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and correctly sets forth the rights, duties, and obligations of each to the other as of the Effective Date. Any oral representation or modifications concerning this agreement will be of no force or effect excepting a subsequent written modification executed by both parties.

B. **SEVERABILITY:** If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any term of this contract is invalid or unenforceable to any extent under applicable law, the remainder of this Agreement (and the application of this Agreement to other circumstances) shall not be affected thereby; and each remaining term shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

C. **CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE:** This Agreement is entered into under and pursuant to, and is to be construed and enforceable in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. Exclusive venue shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Comal County, Texas.

D. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES:** Each party to this contract, in the performance of this contract, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures, or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.

E. **FORCE MAJEURE:** In the event that CONTRACTING OFFICER shall be prevented from performing any of its obligations due under the terms of this contract by an act of God, by acts of war, riot, or civil commotion, by an act of State, by strikes, fire, flood, or by the occurrence of any other event beyond the control of the parties hereto. CONTRACTING OFFICER shall be excused from such obligations beyond its control and undertakings set forth under the terms of this agreement.

DATED this the ____________ day of _________________, 2024

______________________________	Bobbie Koepp
Robb Erickson	Bobbie Koepp
Mayor, City of Garden Ridge	Early Voting Clerk/County Clerk

Garden Ridge Community and Event Center
Monthly Report
January 1st thru January 31st 2024

Utilization (by Days)

FY 23-24 (Current Month)	FY 22-23 (Current Month)	FY 23-24 (Year to Date)	FY 22-23 (Year to Date)
18	17	95	286

Wildflower (Booked Current Month)	**Bluebonnet** (Booked Current Month)
9	9

Category Count (by Events)	(Current Month)	(Year to Date)
1. Resident / Non-Resident	4	21
2. City Chartered Non-Profit Organizations	3	10
3. Non-Profit Service Organizations	4	28
4. Non-Profit Associations	2	16
5. City Use	5	20

CITY SECRETARY
Monthly Activity Report
Reporting Period: January 2024

Administrative Operations and Upcoming Events

City Hall Office Hours

- Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 8am-5pm, Tuesday: 8am-6pm, and Friday: 8am-4pm.
- Upcoming Holidays (City Hall Closed): Monday February 19th.
- After hours emergency phone number: 210-651-6831.

City of Garden Ridge General Election

- The City of Garden Ridge holds a General Election annually on the first Saturday of May. City Council Place 1, Place 4, and Place 5 will be on the ballot for the May 4, 2024, General Election.
- The last day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Friday, February 16th. Candidate packets are available on the City's Website or at City Hall. See the Elections page on the City's Website for more details (https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/223/Elections).

March Primary Election

- The City of Garden Ridge is a polling location for the March Primary Election. Early Voting will be conducted in the City Council Chambers beginning on Tuesday, February 20th through Friday, March 1st. Election Day Voting will be conducted at the Community and Event Center on Tuesday, March 5th. For additional information about this election, visit https://www.co.comal.tx.us/elections.htm.

Communication Efforts

Water Alerts/Customer Portal: Gain a greater understanding of your water usage by signing up for the customer portal, which allows you to see your water usage 24/7/365! Access your water usage information and configure notification preferences easily and securely from the Get My Meter Info web portal (https://getmymeter.info) and integrated smart phone apps. See the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) page on the City's Website for more details, including a step-by-step guide on how to register and configure your notification preferences (https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/557/Advanced-Metering-Infrastructure-AMI).

Garden Ridge Emergency Alert System: G.R.E.A.S. enhances the City's ability to communicate with residents during an emergency by sending direct notifications to your phone. Go to the City's website and click on the "Emergency Alerts" graphic button on the homepage to SIGN UP/MODIFY your communication preferences.

Notify Me: Stay up-to-date with general news and information from the City by subscribing to Notify Me email and text notifications. By signing up, you can receive automatic notifications for agenda postings, calendar events, general announcements, and other website updates. Go to the City's website and click on the "Emergency Alerts" graphic button on the homepage to SIGN UP/MODIFY your communication preferences.

Streaming of Meetings: City Council - 96 views / Boards and Commissions - 37 views

Public Information Act Summary	
Year	Number of Requests
2024	13
2023	124
2022	166
2021	146
2020	207
2019	276
2018	225

City of Garden Ridge

"A way of life, not just a place to live"

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

January 1 to January 31

Calls for Service

Dispatched: 126 City Ordinance: 99 (1 Water) False Alarms: 7

Arrests

- 1 – outstanding warrant, Theft $100< $750/No Bond.
- 1 -- outstanding warrants for Family Offense – Endangering Welfare Child, Statutory Rape 2nd degree, Sexual Contact with Student and Child Molestation 4th – Child
- 1 -- Driving While License Invalid with a Previous Conviction, in addition to outstanding warrants for Driving While License Suspended/Invalid and Failure to Appear/Bond.

Traffic Enforcement

Crashes: 7 Citations: 80 Warnings: 116 Total: 196

Training

* Firearms Proficiency Update course completed by Asst. Chief Bellinger and Sgt. McKenzie
* Active Attack Event Leadership Response course completed by Ofc. McMahan
* Recruiting Excellent Employees course completed by Sgt. McKenzie

Outreach Efforts

* GRCPAAA Volunteer hours: 42
* Coffee with the Cops (Monthly)
* New Citizen Patrol members are completing their required training rides

Administrative Comments

* Steve Dennis has officially retired and completed his separation with the department
* Sgt. McKenzie has completed the transition to Patrol Sergeant and assigned shift command
* Sgt. McKenzie was assigned the role of Firearms Proficiency Officer and a Rifle Armorer for the department
* Asst. Chief Bellinger, Sgt. Osborn, Sgt. Thoemke and Sgt. Osborn were assigned to a newly created Awards Board to discuss any future recommendations made to the department

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Phone (210) 651-6632 * Fax (210) 651-9638 * www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

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MONTHLY PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

January 2024

Steven Steinmetz
Public Works Director

Eric Lowman
Public Facilities Foreman

Stanley Georg
Manuel Troncoso
Ryan Furgason
Andrew Klein

Ongoing Responsibilities

- Parks maintenance
- Facilities maintenance
- Streets
- All public facilities grass and right-of-way's
- Storm water Drainage
- Animal Control
- Oak Wilt monitoring

Upcoming Events

January Dumpster Schedule

Feb 10, 8am to 5pm

Feb 11, 12pm to 4pm

Feb 17, 8am to 5pm

Feb 18, 12pm to 4pm

Activities for the month

Public Works Tasks Completed: 429

Storm Water Drainage Facility and Easement Maintenance

- Inspected 10 outfalls.
- Inspected 18 detention ponds.
- Stormwater Public Outreach: 2 message displayed on FM 2252 sign.
- Trash removed from right of ways: 27lbs
- Rain fall total: 7.01 in.

Street Maintenance

- Ongoing repair of the oak wilt trench street cut.
- Filled Doerr Ln pothole.

Parks Maintenance

- Repair broken hose bib at Park Lane Park
- Repaired the Pavilion 1 water fountain.
- Repair the ballfield water fountain.
- Replaced broken playground widget.
- Dragged the ballfield once.
- Ongoing dead tree removal at Davis Park.
- Installed new park sign lighting transformer and power supply.

City Facility/Property Maintenance

- Take down Christmas Tree.
- Freezing rain and 50mph winds bent the top pole, thicker replacement pole will ship in August.
- Winterize all city building pipes.
- Installed new chiller plant.
- Repaired chiller plant water supply lines.
- Exchanged air filters at all city buildings.
- Exchanged chiller plant water filters.
- Pump out City Halls septic tank.

Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance

- Repaired scissor lift main cylinder.
- Replaced spark plug coils on Public Works truck.

Oak Wilt

- Ongoing repair of the oak wilt trench street cut.

Church Buildings

- Winterize the buildings water pipes and well.

Future Projects or Needs

- Sound system upgrades for the Community Center and Paul Davis Park.
- More storage space required.
- Covered equipment storage.

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Animal Services Monthly Activities

- 5 Deer carcasses were disposed of, total for the year is 5.
- 0 Live traps loaned out for the month, total for the year is 0.
- 126 Registered animals for the year.

Adoptions
- 0 Dogs; 0 Year To Date
- 0 Cats; 0 Year To Date

Returned To Owners
- 2 Dogs; 2 Year To Date
- 0 Cats; 0 Year To Date

Transferred To Other Agencies
- 1 Dog; 1 Year To Date
- 1 Cat; 1 Year To Date

Currently In City Care
- 4 Dogs; 4 Year To Date
- 0 Cats; 0 Year to Date

Ready For Adoption
- 3 Dogs
- 0 Cats

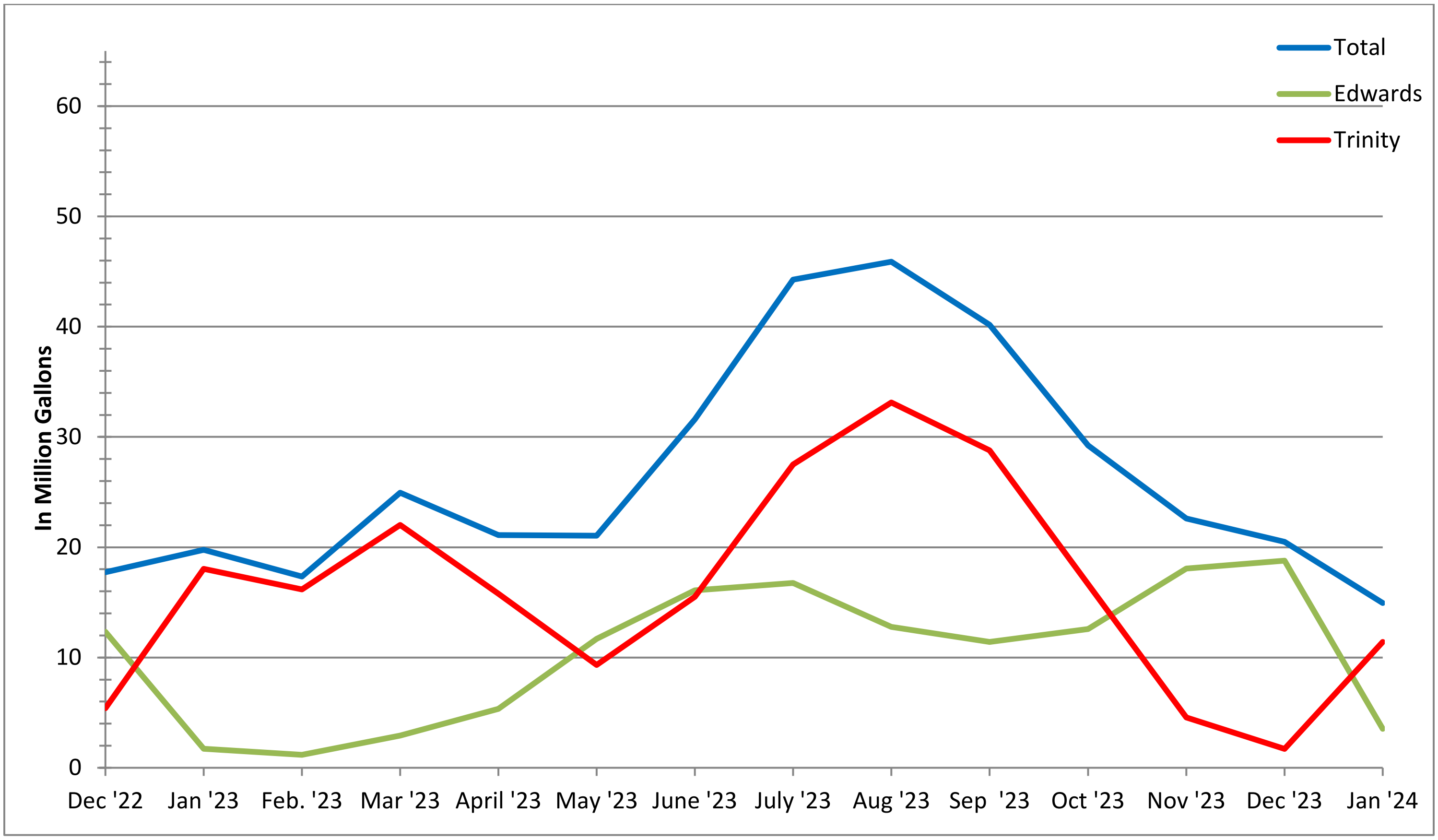
Year to Date Wildlife Report

	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	5												5
Raccoons	5												5
Opossums	1												1
Skunks	6												6
Wild hogs													
Turtles													
Squirrels													
Foxes													
Armadillos													
Hawks													
Bats													
Coyotes													
Buzzards													
Ringtails													
Snakes													
Duck													
Porcupine													
Rabbit													
Totals	17												17

Utilities Department Report

As of January 31, 2024

City of Garden Ridge Aquifer Usage

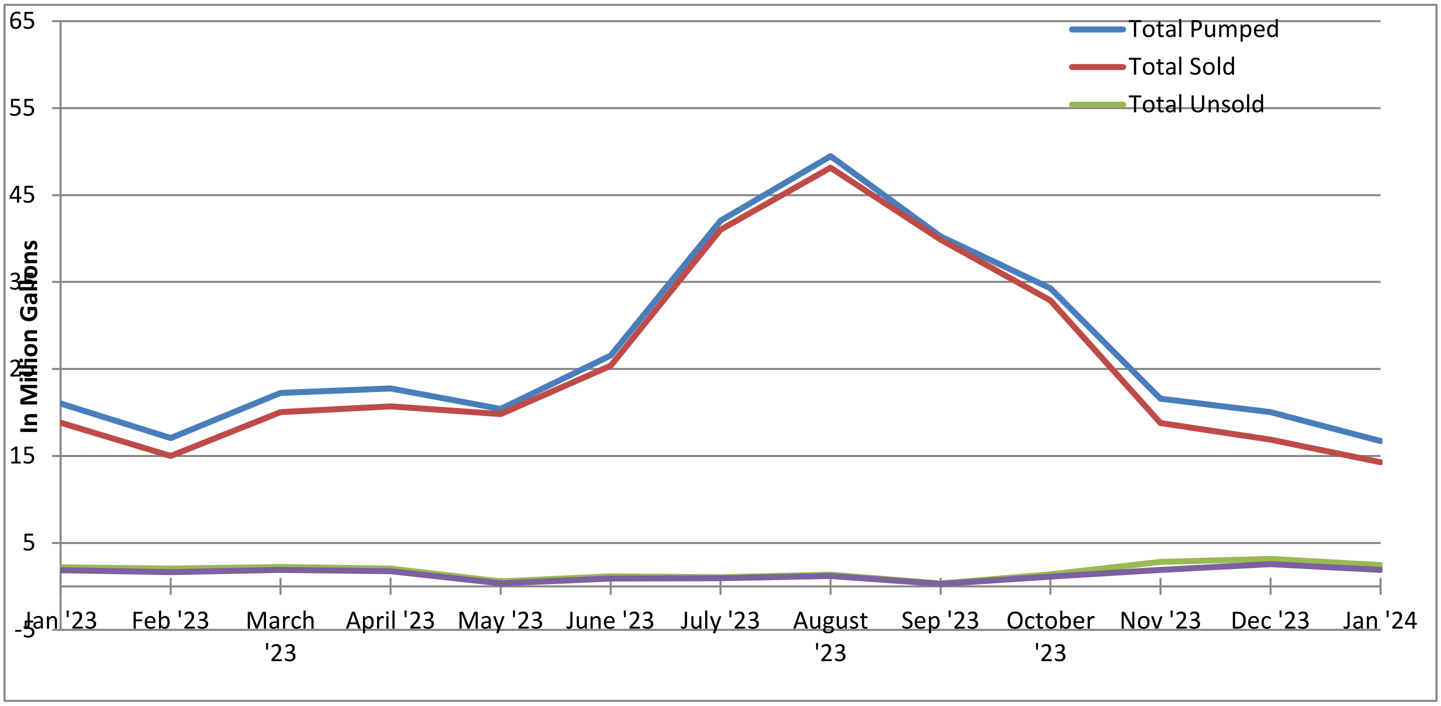


	Month:	Year:	Available:	Stage:
Edwards Well Usage AC/FT:	**10.81**	**10.81**	**623.68**	**2**
Trinity Well Usage AC/FT:	**35.03**	**35.03**	**N/A**	**0**

Water Quality

Backterialogical Samples	Due:	Missed:	Passed:	Failed:
Distribution Samples:	6	0	6	0
Speacial Samples:	2	0	2	0
Chlorine Residual Test:	31	0	31	0

2023 – 2024 Pumping Report



	Total Pumped (Thousands)	Total Sold (Thousands)	Total Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold %
Jan '23	21,033	18,840	2,193	1,843	8.8%
Feb '23	17,052	15,007	2,045	1,645	9.6%
Mar '23	22,232	20,020	2,212	1,895	8.5%
April '23	22,754	20,702	2,052	1,742	7.7%
May '23	20,386	19,834	5,526	362	1.8%
June '23	26,548	25,389	1,159	909	3.4%
July '23	42,053	41,019	1,034	944	2.0%
August '23	49,472	48,143	1,329	1,203	2.4%
September '23	40,223	39,889	334	284	0.7%
Oct '23	34,260	32,874	1,386	1,138	3.3%
Nov '23	21,584	18,777	2,807	1,907	8.0%
Dec '23	20,026	16,868	3,158	2,558	12.0%
Jan '24	16,712	14,276	2,436	1,896	11.3%
Yearly Average	**27,257**	**25,511**	**2,129**	**1,410**	**6.1%**
		Yearly national average			**16%**

Utilities Department Monthly Activities:

New Installed Meters	**0**	Work Orders	**280**
Meter Replacements	**0**	Locates	**81**
City Owned Leaks	**3**	Irrigations Permits Issued	**1**
Meters Read	**1698**	Total Rebates	**0**
Meter Tests	**0**		

AMI Information

	Dec.	Jan.			Dec.	Jan.	
Total AMI Notifications	**865**	**642**	↓ **233**	Abnormal Usage	**128**	**116**	↓ **12**
Automatic Draft Customers	**688**	**690**	↑ **2**	Continuous Flow	**106**	**146**	↑ **40**
AMI Customer Portal Profiles	**803**	**812**	↑ **9**	Leak Info Code	**127**	**170**	↑ **43**
E-Billing Customers	**412**	**409**	↓ **3**	Usage Trend	**78**	**30**	↓ **48**

Stage 2 restriction alerts
January alerts 180
Down 246 from December

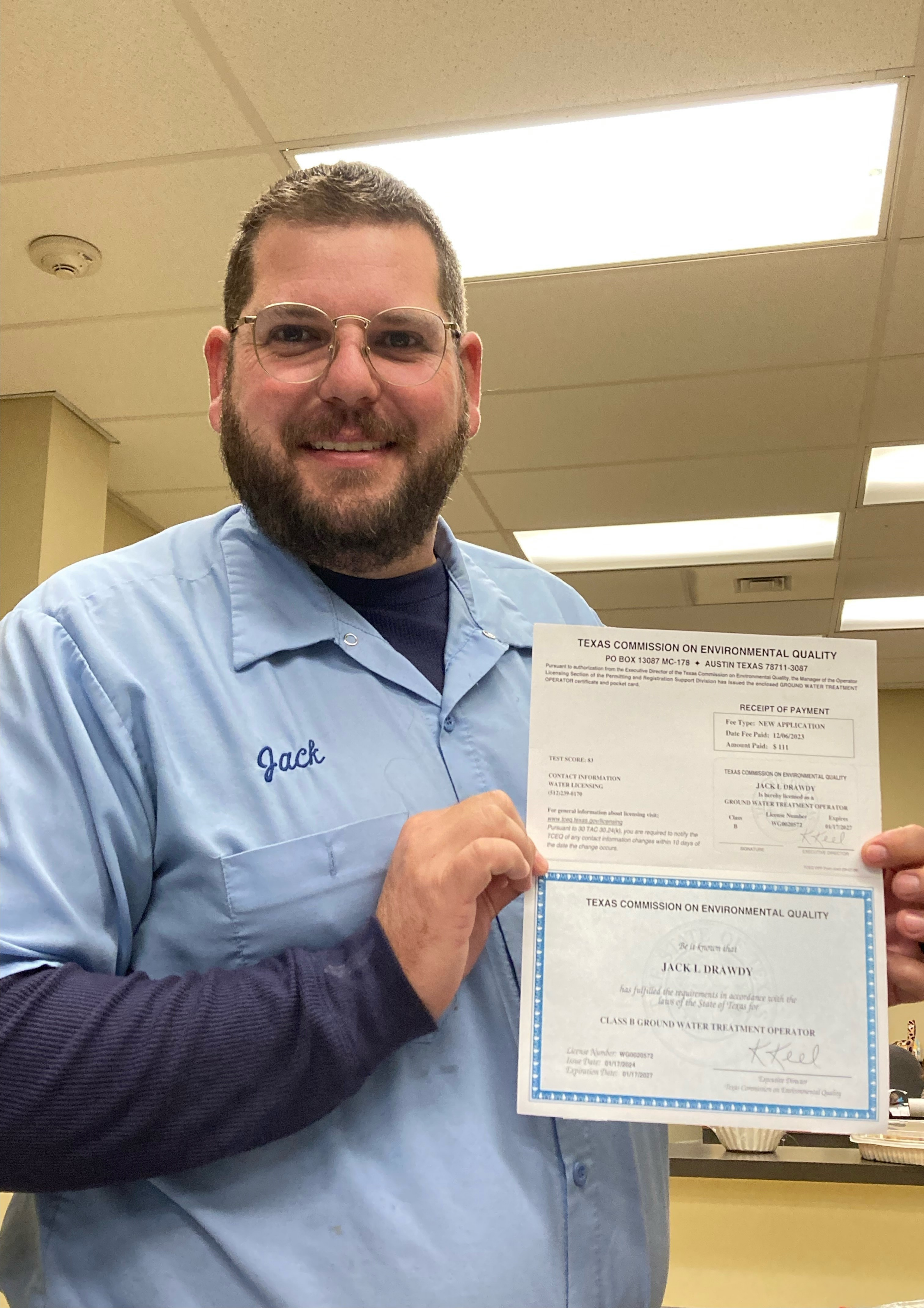
*Active Leak Info Code Alerts – The firmware on the meter is measuring the flow rate through the meter and will only be triggered if water is flowing continuously above the configurable parameter of the meter's max-flow rate threshold for 24 hours. The city has set a standard max-flow rate of .1% and is notified of any triggered alert.

Leak Adjustments

New Requests	0	Waiting for Customer	0	Approved		Amount Approved	0	Denied	1	Sent to Water Commission	1

Employee Training/certifications

Jack Drawdy passed the Ground Water B test.



Jack
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PO BOX 13087 MC-178 ✦ AUSTIN TEXAS 78711-3087
Pursuant to authorization from the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Manager of the Operator Licensing Section of the Permitting and Registration Support Division has issued the enclosed GROUND WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR certificate and pocket card.
RECEIPT OF PAYMENT
Fee Type: NEW APPLICATION
Date Fee Paid: 12/06/2023
Amount Paid: $ 111
TEST SCORE: 83
CONTACT INFORMATION
WATER LICENSING
(512)239-6170
For general information about licensing visit:
www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing
Pursuant to 30 TAC 30.24(k), you are required to notify the TCEQ of any contact information changes within 10 days of the date the change occurs.
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
JACK L DRAWDY
Is hereby licensed as a
GROUND WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR
Class
B
Expires
01/17/2027
SIGNATURE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Be it known that
JACK L DRAWDY
has fulfilled the requirements in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas for
CLASS B GROUND WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR
License Number: WG0020572
Issue Date: 01/17/2024
Expiration Date: 01/17/2027
Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Garden Ridge Library

Volume VIII, Issue 5
February 7, 2024

Monthly Library Update

By Linda Crosland, Library Director

For leisure, for learning, for life!

Upcoming Activities for February

Children's Activities

Tuesdays, **Lego Robotics**, 3:15-4:15 pm

Wednesdays, ***Lego Robotics for Home Schoolers**, 10:30-11:30 am

Thursdays**, Mad about Science Club,** 3:15-4:15

Fridays, **Preschool Storytime,** 10:30 am with **Stay & Play** immediately following

All Ages Activities

2nd Saturday (Feb. 10), **Advanced Lego Robotics,** 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Adults' Activities

Special Activities

Living Life Well, "Benefits of Intermittent Fasting," Feb. 8, 12:00 noon

Lunch-n-Learn, "Composting," Feb. 15, 12:00 noon

Regular Activities

2nd Tuesday, **Card Making for Troops,** 1:00 PM

3rd Tuesdays, **Card-making,** 1:00 PM

Thursdays, **Adult Coloring,** 1:00 PM

Thursdays, **Linda reads at Graceland**

Department Statistics for January

Visits to the Library	805
Items Checked Out	1,740
$ Saved by checking out hardcopy books during month	$7,950
$ Saved by using Libby	$8,093
New Patrons Added	
New Items Added, Physical books	
-Libby Books + Libby Advantage	730
-SimplyE	
Volunteer Hours	101

Activity Statistics

Children's Preschool Storytime	58
Children's Lego Robotics & Science	143
Adult Classes—Coloring, Graceland, Book club, crafts, Lunch-n-Learn	79

Activity Totals 280

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Word of the month:

Abibliophobia: The fear of running out of reading material.

memorandum

To:	Garden Ridge City Council
From:	Trihydro Corporation
cc:	Ms. Nancy Cain, City Manager, City of Garden Ridge
Date:	January 31, 2024
Re:	Engineering Report for February 2024 Council Meeting

FM 2252 TxDOT Project

- Construction along FM 2252 is 59% complete
- Contractor has extended the existing casing and made the alignment adjustment at Bat Cave Road
- Contractor has extended the existing casing across FM 2252 (near Bat Cave Road)

City of Garden Ridge Sewer System

- Force main discharge
  - Revisited the utilization of City of Schertz sewer mains to serve the City
  - Need to coordinate with the City of Schertz for a follow up meeting

Land Development Projects

- Potential Developments: The City Engineer has responded to inquiries from developers regarding potential development projects along FM 2252.

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New Braunfels Office | 1011 West County Line Road | New Braunfels, TX 78130 | phone 830/626.3588 | fax 830/626.3544 | TX Firm F-131
Home Office | 1252 Commerce Drive | Laramie, WY 82070 | phone 307/745.7474 | fax 307/745.7729 | www.trihydro.com

Trihydro

FM 2252 WATER LINE RELOCATION

Comal County, TX
February 7, 2024

GARDEN RIDGE
Naturally Home.

PROJECT SITE OVERVIEW

Trihydro

WATER LINE INSTALLATION

Alignment Adjustment at Bat Cave Road
Approximately STA. 204+28

Alignment Adjustment at Bat Cave Road
Approximately STA. 204+28

WATER LINE INSTALLATION

Alignment Adjustment at Bat Cave Road
Approximately STA. 204+82

Alignment Adjustment at Bat Cave Road
Approximately STA. 204+82

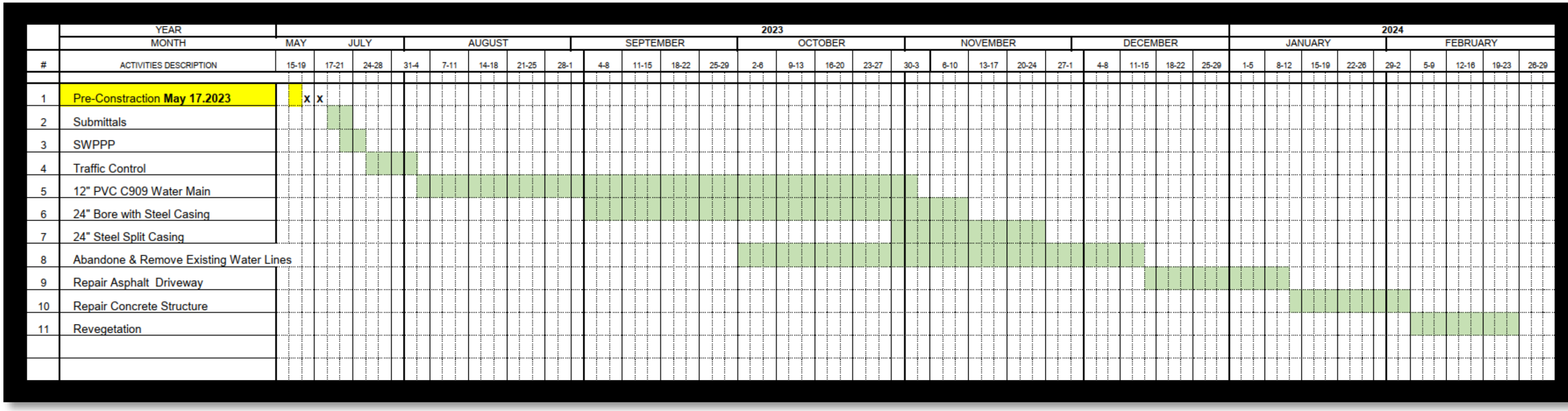
WATER LINE INSTALLATION

24" Steel Casing Extension at Bat Cave Road
Approximately STA. 205+02

24" Steel Casing Extension at Bat Cave Road
Approximately STA. 205+71

Trihydro

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



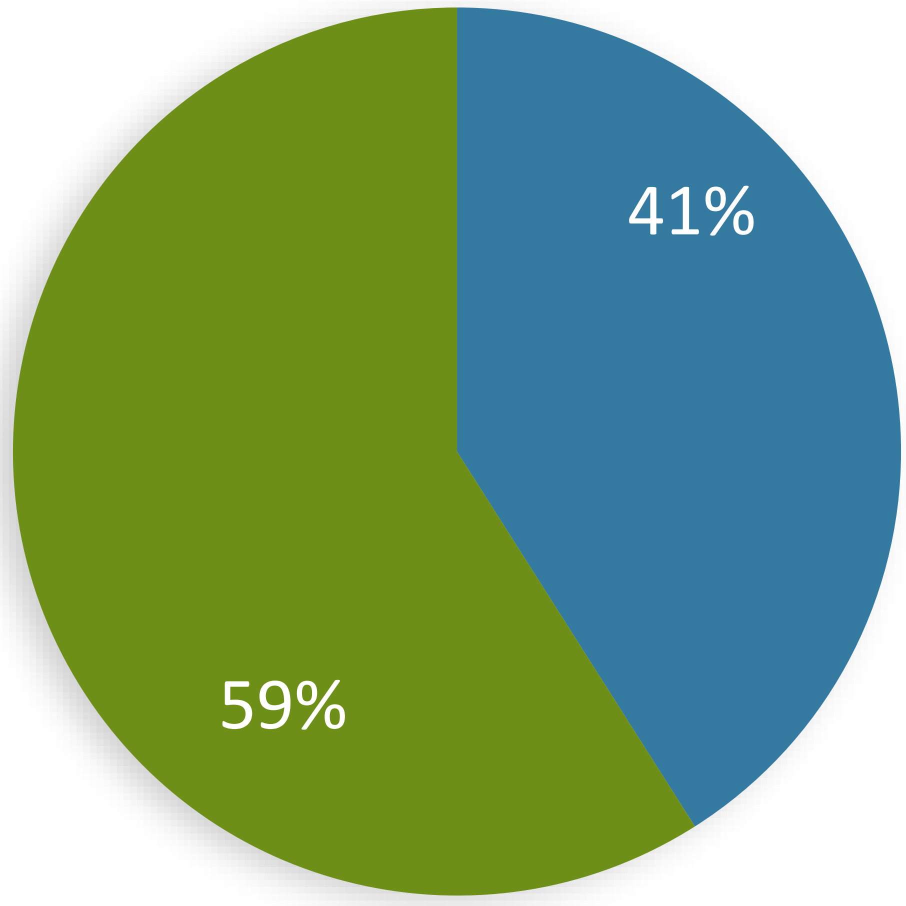
PERCENTAGE OF WORK

59%

Project completion to date.

41%

Project completion required to finish.



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Communication with Those Charged with Governance

January 3, 2024

To the Council and Management,
City of Garden Ridge

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information City of Garden Ridge as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated October 11, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the City of Garden Ridge solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

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Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by City of Garden Ridge is included in Note A to the financial statements. During the period under audit, there were no significant changes to City polices. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Useful lives of depreciable assets
- Allowance for doubtful accounts
- Actuarial valuation of net pension liability
- Actuarial valuation of total OPEB liability

Management's estimate of the useful lives of the depreciable assets are based on past history, engineering estimates, and industry standards. The allowance for doubtful accounts has been estimated for ad valorem property taxes and water receivable accounts and is based on collections history of the City. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

The estimates for the Net Pension Liability and Total OPEB Liability are based on the actuarial studies performed by Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) with no input from the City's management. We have considered the underlying inputs provided by the City related to covered employees as well as the reasonableness of the actuarial assumptions used.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the City of Garden Ridge's financial statements relate to the property tax calendar, employees' retirement system liabilities, other post employment benefit liabilities and long-term debt.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. Management has corrected all other identified misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. We assisted management in recording routine journal entries for depreciation, net pension liability and other postemployment benefit liability. We also assisted management with the government wide entries to convert the modified accrual governmental funds to full accrual.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the City of Garden Ridge's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 3, 2024.

Management Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the City of Garden Ridge, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risk of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as City of Garden Ridge's auditors.

During our audit, we became aware of the following area for improvement that the City may consider:

- The City's permit inspector retired during fiscal year 2023. In his absence issuance and collection of permit fees has been delegated to the court clerks. The segregation of duties between issuing and maintaining a separate permit log to collection of permit revenue has therefore been severed. Segregation of duties is important in this revenue cycle because the individual who creates the permit log, maintains the records, and collects the fees, has the potential to manipulate the records and perpetrate fraud. A permit log should be maintained by an individual outside of the collection process in order to reestablish the segregation of duties. Alternatively, a permit software that limits the ability for permits to be issued without a payment could mitigate segregation issues.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

Public Funds Investment Act

As part of our audit, we review the City's compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act. Our procedures determined that the City was in compliance investment act. All requirements were in compliance with the Act.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing City of Garden Ridge's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the information and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially consistent with its presentation in the financial statements.

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the audit committee of the City of Garden Ridge and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Garden Ridge, Texas

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Garden Ridge as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Garden Ridge's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Garden Ridge, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of City of Garden Ridge and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The City of Garden Ridge's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about City of Garden Ridge's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 City of Garden Ridge's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about City of Garden Ridge's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Information, Schedule of Changes – Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of Employer Contributions and the Schedule of Changes – Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) as listed in the Table of Contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Garden Ridge, Texas', basic financial statements. The comparative financial statements and the statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The comparative statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the comparative statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The statistical section 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 them.

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January 3, 2024

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of City of Garden Ridge's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the City's financial performance during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The City's total combined net position was $18.5 million at September 30, 2023.

- During the year, the City's governmental operating expenses were $576 thousand less than the $4.5 million generated in program and general revenues for the governmental activities.

- The total cost of the City's programs (governmental activities) increased to $3.8 million and no new programs were added this year.

- The general fund reported a fund balance this year of $5 million of which $4.9 million was unassigned.

- The City did not issue any new debt during the fiscal year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts—*management's discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements*, *and required supplementary information*. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the City:

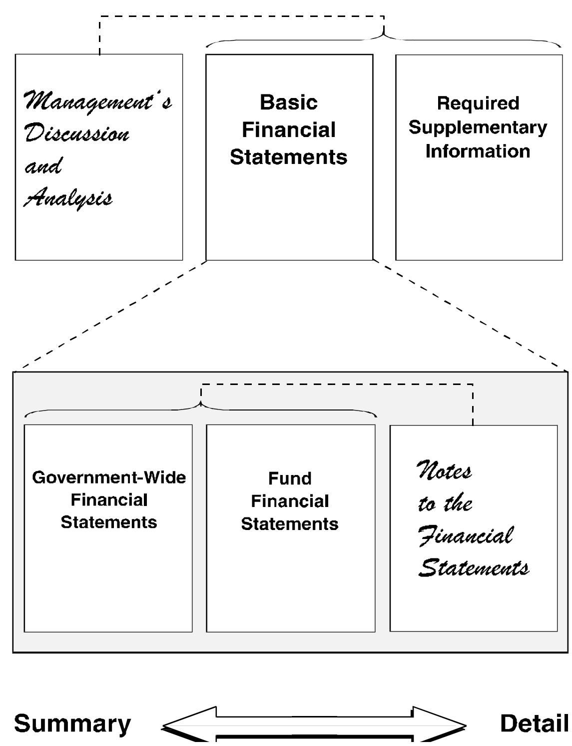
- The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide both *long-term* and *short-term* information about the City's overall financial status.

- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the government, reporting the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statement*s*.

- *The governmental funds* statements tell how *general government* services were financed in the *short-term* as well as what remains for future spending.

- *Proprietary fund* statements offer *short-* and *long-term* financial information about the activities the government operates *like businesses*, such as water services.

Figure A-1, Required Components of the City's Annual Financial Report



The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the City's financial statements, including the portion of the City government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2. Major Features of the City's Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

		Fund Statements	
Type of Statements	Government-wide	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire City's government (except fiduciary funds) and the City's component units	The activities of the City that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Activities the City operates similar to private businesses: water
Required financial statements	• Statement of Net Position • Statement of Activities	• Balance Sheet • Statement of Revenues, Expenditu & Changes in Fund Balances	• Statement of Net Position • Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Position •Statement of Cash Flows
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter.	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the City as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the City's net position and how they have changed. Net Position—the difference between the City's assets plus deferred outflows and liabilities plus deferred inflows—is one way to measure the City's financial health or *position*.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position is an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

- To assess the overall health of the City, one needs to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the City's tax base.

The government-wide financial statements of the City include the *Governmental Activities*. Most of the City's basic services are included here, such as public safety, public works and general administration. Property taxes, franchise fees and charges for services finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the City's most significant *funds*—not the City as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the City uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The City Council establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes and grants.

The City has the following kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds*—Most of the City's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how *cash and other financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term* view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explain the relationship (or differences) between them.
- *Proprietary funds*—Services for which the City charges customers a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long-term and short-term financial information. The proprietary fund consists of the City water works fund.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE

Net Position

The City's combined net position was $18.5 million at September 30, 2023. (See Table A-1).

Table A-1

City of Garden Ridge Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Assets						
Current Assets	$ 4,397,987	$ 3,750,391	$ 2,604,290	$ 2,015,884	$ 7,002,277	$ 5,766,275
Restricted and Other	2,076,651	2,185,000	(635,927)	(150,855)	1,440,724	2,034,145
Capital Assets (net)	9,734,430	9,996,807	13,286,274	13,106,659	23,020,704	23,103,466
Total Assets	16,209,068	15,932,198	15,254,637	14,971,688	31,463,705	30,903,886
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	335,749	131,085	112,375	72,571	448,124	203,656
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities	1,943,478	1,759,415	914,235	844,222	2,857,713	2,603,637
Long-term Liabilities	5,011,317	5,089,636	5,459,967	5,922,460	10,471,284	11,012,096
Total Liabilities	6,954,795	6,849,051	6,374,202	6,766,682	13,328,997	13,615,733
Deferred Inflows of Resources	30,285	230,463	7,104	55,421	37,389	285,884
Net Position						
Invested in Capital Assets	4,782,468	4,493,390	7,429,729	7,166,047	12,212,197	11,659,437
Restricted	290,362	214,687	188,424	-	478,786	214,687
Unrestricted	4,486,907	4,275,692	1,367,553	1,056,109	5,854,460	5,331,801
Total Net Position	$ 9,559,737	$ 8,983,769	$ 8,985,706	$ 8,222,156	$ 18,545,443	$ 17,205,925

Changes in Net Position

The City's total governmental revenues were $4.5 million, of which 79.7% of the City's revenue came from taxes compared to 83.2% in the prior year. A total of 13.3% of the revenues are from those who directly received the service. The total cost of all governmental programs and services was $3.8 million and charges for these services were $469 thousand. Table A-2 reports the summarized changes in net position.

Table A-2
Changes in City of Garden Ridge's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	$ 469,436	$ 485,546	$ 2,373,857	$ 2,293,342	$ 2,843,293	$ 2,778,888
Operating/Capital Grants	129,552	146,253	-	-	129,552	146,253
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	2,520,720	2,522,774	-	-	2,520,720	2,522,774
Tax Franchise	547,521	536,987	-	-	547,521	536,987
Sales Taxes	507,943	512,165	-	-	507,943	512,165
Investment Earnings	204,797	24,304	87,397	10,696	292,194	35,000
Other	105,705	64,021	8,985	319	114,690	64,340
Total Revenues	4,485,674	4,292,050	2,470,239	2,304,357	6,955,913	6,596,407
General Government	936,696	877,881	-	-	936,696	877,881
Municipal Court	96,639	81,014	-	-	96,639	81,014
Police Protection	1,365,917	1,233,977	-	-	1,365,917	1,233,977
Public Facilities	1,249,035	1,121,686	-	-	1,249,035	1,121,686
Debt Service	151,145	165,034	-	-	151,145	165,034
Water	-	-	1,816,962	1,679,383	1,816,962	1,679,383
Total Expenses	3,799,432	3,479,592	1,816,962	1,679,383	5,616,394	5,158,975
Transfers	(110,274)	-	110,274	-	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	575,968	812,458	763,551	624,974	1,339,519	1,437,432
Net Position Beginning of Year	8,983,769	8,171,311	8,222,155	7,597,181	17,205,924	15,768,492
Net Position at End of Year	$ 9,559,737	$ 8,983,769	$ 8,985,706	$ 8,222,155	$ 18,545,443	$ 17,205,924

Governmental Activities

Property tax rates decreased to $0.269563 per $100 of assessed value. An increase in the valuation of taxable property plus a decrease of the property tax rate of .035586 led to a .07% decrease in tax revenues to $2.5 million.

Table A-3 presents the cost of each of the City's largest functions, as well as each function's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost reflects what was funded by state revenues as well as local tax dollars.

- The net cost of all *governmental* activities this year was $3.2 million.
- The amount that taxpayers paid for these activities through taxes was $3.6 million.
- $469 thousand of the cost was paid by those who directly benefited from the programs.

Table A-3
Net Cost of Selected City Functions

	Total Cost of Services			Net Cost of Services	
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022
General Administration	$ 936,696	$ 877,881	6.7%	$ 795,156	$ 629,680
Municipal Court	96,639	81,014	19.3%	96,546	80,949
Police Protection	1,365,917	1,233,977	10.7%	1,109,181	1,066,859
Public Facilities	1,249,035	1,121,686	11.4%	1,048,416	905,271
Debt Service	151,145	165,034	-8.4%	151,145	165,034
Water Services	1,816,962	1,679,383	8.2%	(556,895)	(613,960)

Business-Type Activities
Revenues of the City's business-type activities were $2.5 million, and expenses were $1.8 million.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

Revenue from governmental fund types totaled $4.5 million, an increase of 3.4%.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights
Over the course of the year, the City revised its budget to increase revenues and decrease expenditures. Actual expenditures were $340 thousand less than the final budgeted amounts. All major expenditure divisions had a positive variance. Total revenues were $155 thousand more than final budgeted amounts. The majority of the increase in revenues was related to interest and other sources. The City increased the overall fund balance by $328 thousand more than expected from the final budget.

The City had 19 months of operating expenditures in the unassigned fund balance (excluding debt and capital).

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets
At the end of 2023, the City had invested $39 million in a broad range of capital assets, including land, equipment, buildings, and vehicles. (See Table A-4.). More detailed information about the City's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Table A-4
City's Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land	$ 558,701	$ 481,923	$ 139,954	$ 139,954	$ 698,655	$ 621,877
Water Rights	-	-	454,144	454,144	454,144	454,144
Buildings and Improvements	3,807,876	3,783,515	94,183	94,183	3,902,059	3,877,698
Other Improvements	-	-	17,721,999	17,721,999	17,721,999	17,721,999
Equipment	1,188,470	1,149,067	877,319	866,319	2,065,789	2,015,386
Infrastructure	12,612,342	12,612,342	-	-	12,612,342	12,612,342
Construction in Progress	34,995	34,995	1,557,164	945,727	1,592,159	980,722
Totals at Historical Cost	18,202,384	18,061,842	20,844,763	20,222,326	39,047,147	38,284,168
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(8,467,954)	(8,065,035)	(7,558,489)	(7,115,667)	(16,026,443)	(15,180,702)
Net Capital Assets	$ 9,734,430	$ 9,996,807	$ 13,286,274	$ 13,106,659	$ 23,020,704	$ 23,103,466

Long Term Debt

At year-end the City had $10.9 million in bonds outstanding as shown in Table A-5. More detailed information about the City's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Table A-5

City's Long Term Debt

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Bonds and Notes Payable	$ 4,969,836	$ 5,495,235	$ 5,894,358	$ 6,459,359	$ 10,864,194	$ 11,954,594
Total Bonds & Notes Payable	$ 4,969,836	$ 5,495,235	$ 5,894,358	$ 6,459,359	$ 10,864,194	$ 11,954,594

ECONOMIC FACTORS, NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

- The 2022 Taxable Value for the City of Garden Ridge increased $100,942,622 over the City's 2021 Taxable Value.
- The City 2022 adopted a tax rate of $0.269563, which is a decrease from the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate.
- General Fund Revenues for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year are expected to decrease by $110 thousand compared to 2022-2023 actual revenues. Decrease is predominately due to a decrease in tax revenues.
- The City of Garden Ridge should continue to see development interest and activity along F.M. 2252.
- The City's budgeted general fund balance for 2024 is not expected to change appreciably by the close of the fiscal year.
- The City's bond rating remains at AA Stable by Standard and Poor's.

Other significant items planned for next year:

- The City of Garden Ridge changed to Home Rule governance status during the 2023 Fiscal Year. With the change in governance the City will see the rewrite of several ordinances throughout Fiscal Year 2024 to align with Home Rule status.
- Rewrite of the City's subdivision ordinance began in December 2023 and is expected to be completed during the 2024 Fiscal Year.
- The City anticipates development interest and development to continue along F.M. 2252 during the fiscal year.
- As development continues along F.M. 2252 the City will begin to see connections onto the City's wastewater system (pump and haul system) along F.M. 2252 during the 2024 Fiscal Year.
- Water Rate adjustments will be incorporated into the City's budgeting process to align respective adjustments with the start of a new fiscal year.
- Enhancements to Paul Davis Park continue in 2024 with the installation of a new sign for the park.
- The City logo and tag line will be painted on the ground storage tank at Well 9 and 10 site to welcome all as they enter the City.
- Relocation of water line infrastructure along F.M. 2252 is expected to be completed in February 2024. The relocation project is funded through a State Infrastructure Bank loan and American Rescue and Recovery Act funds.
- The chilled air system for City Hall will be replaced in January 2024 with American Rescue and Recovery Act funds.
- Public Works and the Water Department will see Capital Expenditures for the purchase of vehicles and equipment to replace older vehicles and equipment.
- Negotiations will continue with the City of San Antonio for the release of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction to Garden Ridge.

- Negotiations will continue with San Antonio Water System for an emergency interconnect to the Vista Ridge water line to ensure continuous water service to the City during an emergency.
- Leadership and employee training will continue during the 2024 Fiscal Year.
- During Fiscal Year 2024, all employees will receive a 5% increase and, in an effort of maintaining competitive salaries. There will not be any additional performance awards during the fiscal year. A salary survey will be conducted during Fiscal Year 2024 with salary adjustments considered during the Fiscal Year 2025 budgeting process.
- City employee health insurance rates increased for Fiscal Year 2024.
- The City continues to enhance communications with citizens as well as utilize crisis communications as necessary.
- The City will continue all existing services, as well as continue to develop employees and enhance existing services to ensure continuity of services at all times.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide Garden Ridge citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to demonstrate the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the City Manager by phone 210-651-6632.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include integrated sets of financial statements as required by the GASB. The sets of statements include:

- Government – wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements:
    - Governmental funds
    - Proprietary fund

In addition, the notes to the financial statements are included to provide information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 4,170,361	$ 2,253,338	$ 6,423,699
Receivables:			
Taxes (Net of Uncollectible)	23,887	-	23,887
Other	201,396	350,952	552,348
Prepaid Items	2,343	-	2,343
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and Investments	1,252,300	188,424	1,440,724
Internal Balance	824,351	(824,351)	-
Capital Assets:			
Land	558,701	139,954	698,655
Water Rights	-	454,144	454,144
Buildings and Improvements	3,807,876	94,183	3,902,059
Water Lines and Extensions	-	17,721,999	17,721,999
Equipment and Vehicles	1,188,470	877,319	2,065,789
Infrastructure	12,612,342	-	12,612,342
Construction in Progress	34,995	1,557,164	1,592,159
Accumulated Depreciation	(8,467,954)	(7,558,489)	(16,026,443)
TOTAL ASSETS	16,209,068	15,254,637	31,463,705
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Loss on Debt Refunding	17,874	37,811	55,685
Deferred Pension Related Outflows	316,423	74,223	390,646
Deferred Other Post-Employment Benefit Related Outflows	1,452	341	1,793
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$ 335,749	$ 112,375	$ 448,124

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (CONT.)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	$ 196,202	$ 77,376	$ 273,578
Accrued Liabilities	29,608	8,737	38,345
Accrued Interest Payable	13,144	15,971	29,115
Unearned Revenue	1,043,082	-	1,043,082
Vacation Leave Payable	125,360	33,288	158,648
Customer Deposits	5,800	210,355	216,155
Long-term Liabilities:			
Due within One Year	530,282	568,508	1,098,790
Due in more than One Year	4,439,554	5,325,850	9,765,404
Net Pension Liability	494,648	116,028	610,676
Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability	77,115	18,089	95,204
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,954,795	6,374,202	13,328,997
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Other Post Employment Benefits Inflows	30,285	7,104	37,389
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	30,285	7,104	37,389
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,782,468	7,429,729	12,212,197
Restricted for:			
Child Safety	49,315	-	49,315
Court Security/Technology	6,813	-	6,813
Debt Service	74,472	-	74,472
Donations	26,166	-	26,166
Public, Educational, & Governmental (PEG) Capital Fees	52,582	-	52,582
Police Asset Forfeiture	81,014	-	81,014
Restricted Impact Fees	-	188,424	188,424
Unrestricted	4,486,907	1,367,553	5,854,460
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 9,559,737	$ 8,985,706	$ 18,545,443

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Functions and Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities:				
General Administration	$ 936,696	$ 138,669	$ 2,871	$ -
Municipal Court	96,639	93	-	-
Police Protection	1,365,917	149,019	107,717	-
Public Facilities	1,249,035	181,655	18,964	-
Interest on Long-term Debt	151,145	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	3,799,432	469,436	129,552	-
Business-Type Activities:				
Water Utility	1,816,962	2,373,857	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities	1,816,962	2,373,857	-	-
Total Primary Government	$ 5,616,394	$ 2,843,293	$ 129,552	$ -
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
General Property Taxes				
Franchise Taxes				
Sales Taxes				
Interest and Investment Earnings				
Miscellaneous				
Total General Revenues				
Transfers				
Change in Net Position				
Net Position Beginning of Year				
Net Position at End of Year				

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

Primary Government		
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
$ (795,156)	$ -	$ (795,156)
(96,546)	-	(96,546)
(1,109,181)	-	(1,109,181)
(1,048,416)	-	(1,048,416)
(151,145)	-	(151,145)
(3,200,444)	-	(3,200,444)
-	556,895	556,895
-	556,895	556,895
(3,200,444)	556,895	(2,643,549)
2,520,720	-	2,520,720
547,521	-	547,521
507,943	-	507,943
204,797	87,397	292,194
105,705	8,985	114,690
3,886,686	96,382	3,983,068
(110,274)	110,274	-
575,968	763,551	1,339,519
8,983,769	8,222,155	17,205,924
$ 9,559,737	$ 8,985,706	$ 18,545,443

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Major Funds		
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects Fund
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 4,170,361	$ -	$ -
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	-	81,460	1,066,863
Receivables:			
Taxes (Net of Uncollectible)	17,731	6,156	-
Other	201,396	-	-
Due from Other Funds	875,287	-	-
Prepaid Items	2,343	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 5,267,118	$ 87,616	$ 1,066,863
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	$ 166,558	$ -	$ 6,681
Accrued Expenditures	29,608	-	-
Unearned Revenue	33,098	-	1,009,983
Due to Other Funds	-	50,936	-
Deposits	5,800	-	-
Total Liabilities	235,064	50,936	1,016,664
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable Property Tax Revenue	17,731	6,156	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	17,731	6,156	-
Fund Balances:			
Non-Spendable:			
Prepaid Items	2,343	-	-
Restricted for:			
Child Safety	49,315	-	-
Court Security & Technology	6,813	-	-
Debt Service	-	30,524	-
Donations	26,166	-	-
PEG Capital Fees	52,582	-	-
Police Asset Forfeiture	-	-	-
Assigned for:			
Capital Projects	-	-	50,199
Unassigned:	4,877,104	-	-
Total Fund Balances	5,014,323	30,524	50,199
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND BALANCES	$ 5,267,118	$ 87,616	$ 1,066,863

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

Nonmajor Asset Forfeiture	Total Governmental Funds
$ -	$ 4,170,361
103,977	1,252,300
-	23,887
-	201,396
-	875,287
-	2,343
$ 103,977	$ 6,525,574
$ 22,963	$ 196,202
-	29,608
-	1,043,081
-	50,936
-	5,800
22,963	1,325,627
-	23,887
-	23,887
-	2,343
-	49,315
-	6,813
-	30,524
-	26,166
-	52,582
81,014	81,014
-	50,199
-	4,877,104
81,014	5,176,060
$ 103,977	$ 6,525,574

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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

TOTAL FUND BALANCE - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		$ 5,176,060
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		9,734,430
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.		23,887
Accrued vacation leave payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the funds.		(125,360)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the funds:		
Bonds Payable and Notes Payable		(4,969,836)
Losses on debt refundings do not consume current financial resources and are not reported in the funds.		17,874
Net pension liabilities (and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources) do not consume current financial resources and are not reported in the funds.		
Net Pension Liability	(494,648)	
Pension Related Deferred Outflows(Inflows)	316,423	(178,225)
Other Post-Employment Benefit Liabilities (and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources) do not consume financial resources are not repored in the governmental funds:		
Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability	(77,115)	
Other Post-Employment Benefit Related Deferred Outflows/Inflows	(28,834)	(105,949)
Accrued interest payable on long-term bonds is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the funds.		(13,144)
TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		$ 9,559,737

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Major Funds		
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects Fund
REVENUES			
Taxes	$ 2,371,041	$ 646,527	$ -
Franchise Fees	547,521	-	-
Licenses and Permits	65,247	-	-
Charges for Services	248,628	-	-
Fines and Forfeits	149,019	-	-
Grants and Donations	20,039	-	-
Miscellaneous	273,105	4,436	44,385
TOTAL REVENUES	3,674,600	650,963	44,385
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General Administration	772,886	-	-
Municipal Court	95,107	-	-
Police Protection	1,233,173	-	-
Public Facilities	841,107	-	24,698
Capital Outlay	166,924	-	91,693
Debt Service:			
Principal	5,817	487,300	-
Interest and Agent Fees	-	175,878	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,115,014	663,178	116,391
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	559,586	(12,215)	(72,006)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	(110,274)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	(110,274)
Net Change in Fund Balances	559,586	(12,215)	(182,280)
Fund Balances - October 1	4,454,737	42,739	232,479
Fund Balances - September 30	$ 5,014,323	$ 30,524	$ 50,199

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

Nonmajor Asset Forfeiture	Total Governmental Funds
$ -	$ 3,017,568
-	547,521
-	65,247
-	248,628
100,915	249,934
-	20,039
3,715	325,641
104,630	4,474,578
-	772,886
-	95,107
-	1,233,173
29,004	894,809
62,671	321,288
-	493,117
-	175,878
91,675	3,986,258
12,955	488,320
-	(110,274)
-	(110,274)
12,955	378,046
68,059	4,798,014
$ 81,014	$ 5,176,060

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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		$ 378,046
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital Outlay	321,288	
Net Book Value of Disposed Capital Assets	(7,222)	
Depreciation	(576,443)	(262,377)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		11,094
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds and notes payable) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the net effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, where as these amounts are amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		
Principal Payments on Bonds	487,300	
Amortization of Premium on Bonds	32,282	
Principal Portion of Notes Payable Payments	5,817	
Amortization of Book Losses on Debt Refundings	(8,939)	516,460
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Accrued Interest	1,390	
Compensated Absences	(30,463)	(29,073)
Governmental funds report required contributions to employee pensions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of the expense is recorded based on the actuarially determined cost of the plan. This is the amount that actuarially determined pension expense exceeded contributions.		(33,590)
Governmental funds report required contributions to OPEB as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of the expense is recorded based on the actuarially determined cost of the plan. This is the amount that actuarially determined OPEB expense exceeded contributions.		(4,592)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		$ 575,968

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – PROPRIETARY FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 2,253,338
Accounts Receivable - Customers	350,952
Total Current Assets	2,604,290
Other Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Investments - Impact Fees	188,424
Total Other Assets	188,424
Capital Assets:	
Land	139,954
Water Rights	454,144
Buildings & Impovements	94,183
Water Lines & Extensions	17,721,999
Equipment and Vehicles	877,319
Construction in Progress	1,557,164
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,558,489)
Total Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	13,286,274
TOTAL ASSETS	16,078,988
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Loss on Debt Refunding	37,811
Deferred Pension Related Outflows	74,223
Deferred Other Post-Employment Benefit Related Outflows	341
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$ 112,375

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – PROPRIETARY FUND (CONT.)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	$ 77,376
Accrued Liabilities	8,737
Accrued Interest Payable	15,971
Vacation Leave Payable	33,288
Customer Deposits	210,355
Due to Other Funds	824,351
Due Within One Year - Bonds and Notes Payable	568,508
Total Current Liabilities	1,738,586
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Due in More Than One Year - Bonds and Notes Payable	5,325,850
Net Pension Liability	116,028
Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability	18,089
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	5,459,967
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,198,553
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred OPEB Related Inflows	7,104
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	7,104
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,429,729
Restricted Water Impact Fees	188,424
Unrestricted	1,367,553
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 8,985,706

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION –
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

OPERATING REVENUE	
Water Sales	$ 2,285,063
Meter Installation Fees	5,300
Other	95,404
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2,385,767
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Personnel Costs	533,388
Plant Operations and Maintenance	480,575
General and Administrative	155,662
Depreciation	495,322
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,664,947
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	720,820
NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)	
Interest Income	87,397
Interest Expense	(154,940)
TOTAL NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)	(67,543)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	653,277
Transfers In (Out)	110,274
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	763,551
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	8,222,155
TOTAL NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	$ 8,985,706

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from customers	$ 2,316,815
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(578,988)
Cash paid to employees for services and benefits	(518,186)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,219,641
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Net Customer Deposits Received (Returned)	3,010
Interfund Receivables/Payables and Transfers	110,274
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	113,284
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Capital Acquisition	(674,938)
Principal Payments on Debt	(528,493)
Interest Paid for Financing Activities	(182,509)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,385,940)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest Income and Other Income	87,397
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	87,397
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	34,382
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT OCTOBER 1:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,733,884
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	673,496
	2,407,380
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT SEPTEMBER 30:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,253,338
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	188,424
	$ 2,441,762

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONT.)
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating Income	$ 720,820
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	495,322
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(68,952)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	57,249
Increase (Decrease) in Vacation Payable	6,247
Increase (Decrease) in Pension Liability	7,878
Increase (Decrease) in Other Post-Employment Benefit Liabilities	1,077
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ 1,219,641

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the City's accounting policies are described below:

A. THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

In evaluating how to define the government for financial purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the concept of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and either it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. Based on the foregoing criteria, there were no component units identified that would require inclusion in this report.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The **government-wide financial statements** include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. Government-wide statements report information on all of the activities of the City. The effect of interfund transfers has been removed from the government-wide statements but continues to be reflected on the fund statements. Governmental activities are supported mainly by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services.

The statement of activities reflects the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included in program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate **fund financial statements** are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. The General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Capital Projects Fund meet the criteria of a ***major governmental fund***. The City's other governmental fund is the Forfeiture Fund (Special Revenue Fund). This fund is reflected in a separate column in the Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The **government-wide financial statements** are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This measurement focus is also used for the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenue types, which have been accrued, are revenue from the investments, intergovernmental revenue and charges for services. Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied. Grants are recognized as revenue when all applicable eligibility requirements imposed by the provider are met.

Governmental fund level financial statements are reported using current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Measurable and available revenues include revenues expected to be received within 60 days after the fiscal year ends. Receivables which are measurable but not collectible within 60 days after the end of the fiscal period are reported as unearned revenue.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a fund liability is incurred; however, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when the liability has matured and payment is due.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City and is always classified as a major fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include property taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental revenues and investment of idle funds. Primary expenditures are for general government, public safety, public facilities, municipal court and capital acquisition.

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for all funds collected and disbursed in the retirement of governmental debt.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the proceeds from bond issues and other resources specifically designated for capital expenditures.

The City’s non-major governmental fund is the Asset Forfeiture Fund (a special revenue fund).

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION (CONT.)

Proprietary fund level financial statements are used to account for activities similar to those often found in the private sector. The measurement focus is upon determination of net income, financial position and cash flows. The City's Proprietary Fund is the Water-Works Fund (used to account for the provision of water services to residents). The Proprietary Fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting as follows:

1. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when the liabilities are incurred.

2. Current-year contributions, administrative expenses and benefit payments, which are not received or paid until the subsequent year, are accrued.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations.

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash deposits and investments with a maturity date within three (3) months of the date acquired by the City.

E. INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the City to invest in (a) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities; (b) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies; (c) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States; (d) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm and having received a rating of not less than A or its equivalent; (e) certificates of deposit by state and national banks domiciled in this state that are (i) guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor; or, (ii) secured by obligations that are described by (a) - (d); or, (e). Statutes also allow investing in local government investment pools organized and rated in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, whose assets consist exclusively of the obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities and repurchase assessments involving those same obligations. The City has all its monies in interest bearing checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, or investments in local government investment pools. Earnings from these investments are added to each account monthly or quarterly. Investments are carried at fair value in accordance with GASB 31.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

E. INVESTMENTS (CONT.)

The City's general policy is to report money market investments and short-term participating interest-earning investment contracts at amortized cost and to report nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts using a cost-based measure. However, if the fair value of an investment is significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors, it is reported at fair value. All other investments are reported at fair value unless a legal contract exists which guarantees a higher value. The term "short-term" refers to investments which have a remaining term of one year or less at time of purchase. The term "nonparticipating" means that the investment's value does not vary with market interest rate changes. Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are examples of nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts.

F. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Property taxes are levied based on taxable value at January 1 prior to September 30 and become due October 1 and past due after the following January 31. Accordingly, receivables and revenues for property taxes are reflected on the government-wide statement based on the full accrual method of accounting. Property tax receivables for prior year's levy are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible.

Accounts receivable from other governments include amounts due from grantors for approved grants for specific programs and reimbursements for services performed by the City. Program grants are recorded as receivables and revenues at the time all eligibility requirements established by the provider have been met.

Reimbursements for services performed are recorded as receivables and revenues when they are earned in the government-wide statements. Included are fines and costs assessed by the court action and billable services for certain contracts. Revenues received in advance of the costs being incurred are recorded as unearned revenue in the fund statements. Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible.

G. PREPAID ITEMS

Payments made for goods and services in advance are recorded as prepaid items on the balance sheet.

H. SHORT-TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the fund statements. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

I. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certain deposits and payments of Proprietary Fund, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by agreements. Funds are also segregated to provide for capital projects and debt services as provided under contractual agreements and bond indenture agreements.

J. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets such as equipment are defined as assets with a cost of $5,000 or more. Infrastructure assets include City-owned streets, sidewalks, curbs and bridges. Capital assets are recorded at historical costs if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The Costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Interest has not been capitalized during the construction period on property plant and equipment.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

ASSET	YEARS
Buildings and Improvements	20 to 40 years
Improvements Other than Buildings	20 to 40 years
Utility System in Service	10 to 50 years
Machinery and Equipment	3 to 10 years

K. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

On March 16, 2019, the Council approved a new policy. The City converted vacation and sick hours to PTO (Personal Time Off). Employees are permitted to accrue and maintain a maximum of 288 hours of PTO balance. Once the maximum PTO is reached, the accrual ceases until the balance falls below the maximum PTO balance of 288 hours. Employees earn vacation leave at a rate of 4.6 hours per bi-weekly pay period after completion of probationary period. Vacation leave rates increase periodically based on the longevity of employment. Upon termination of service, a full time employee who has completed 12 months of continuous service and leaves the city in good standing, shall be paid up to 208 hours for any unused PTO.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

K. COMPENSATED ABSENCES (CONT.)

Vested or accumulated PTO that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. Vested or accumulated PTO of the Enterprise Fund is recorded as an expense and liability of that fund as the benefits accrue to employees. Accumulated PTO pay at September 30, 2023, of $125,360 and $33,288 has been recorded in accrued liabilities of the Governmental Activities and the Business-Type Activities, respectively.

Liabilities for compensated absences are recognized in the fund statements to the extent the liabilities have matured (i.e. are due for payment). Compensated absences are accrued in the government-wide statements.

L. UNEARNED REVENUE

Unearned revenues arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grant and reimbursement revenues received in advance of expenses/expenditures are reflected as unearned revenue.

M. DEFERRED INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has three items that qualify for reporting in this category: deferred loss on debt refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position and deferred pension and OPEB related outflows reported on the government-wide and proprietary statements. A deferred loss on refunding results from the difference in carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred pension and OPEB related outflows result from contributions made after the measurement date and changes in assumptions.

Deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resource (revenue) until that time. Unavailable revenue is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet under a modified accrual basis of reporting. Unavailable revenues from property tax revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available in the fund statements. Available means when due, or past due, and receivable within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property tax revenues not expected to be available for the current period are reflected as unavailable revenue as an inflow of resource in the period the amounts become available. The deferred pension related inflows result from differences between expected and actual experiences and differences in between expected and actual investment return.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

N. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities under governmental activities or proprietary fund type statement of net position. On new bond issues, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bond. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

O. FUND EQUITY

Fund balances in governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid items) or legally required to remain intact.

Restricted – Represents amounts that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – Represents amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision making authority. The governing council is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned – Represents amounts which the City intends to use for a specific purpose but do not meet the criteria of restricted or committed. The City Council may make assignments through formal documentation in the minutes. The City Council authorized (by way of policy) the City Administrator to also make assignments. The City Administrator's assignments do not require formal action; however, the City Administrator has not assigned any funds at this time.

Unassigned – Represents the residual balance that may be spent on any other purpose of the City.

When an expenditure is incurred for a purpose in which multiple classifications are available, the City considers restricted balances spent first, committed second, assigned third, and unassigned fourth.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

P. NET POSITION

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Q. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of both Governmental and Proprietary Funds.

R. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise. For the City, those revenues are charges for water services. Operating expenses are the necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity. Revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating.

S. PENSIONS

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the Fiduciary Net Position of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) and additions to/deductions from TMRS's Fiduciary Net Position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TMRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

T. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) LIABILITY

For purposes of measuring the OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and OPEB expense, information about the Total OPEB Liability of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) and additions to/deletions from TMRS' Total OPEB Liability have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TMRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

U. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

V. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior periods presented to conform to the current presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on fund equity.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENTS

The City's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract. The depository bank deposits for safekeeping and trust with the City's agent bank approved pledge securities in an amount sufficient to protect City funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance.

1. <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

   All cash deposits held in the bank were secured through FDIC or pledged securities at September 30, 2023.

2. <u>Investments</u>

   The City is required by Government Code Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act, to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

   The Public Funds Investment Act ("Act") requires an annual audit of investment practices. Audit procedures in this area conducted as a part of the audit of the basic financial statements disclosed that in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies, the City adhered to the requirements of the Act. Additionally, investment practices of the City were in accordance with local policies.

   The Act determines the types of investments which are allowable for the City. These include, with certain restrictions, (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas (2) certificates of deposit, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) securities lending program, (5) repurchase agreements, (6) bankers acceptances, (7) mutual funds, (8) investment pools, (9) guaranteed investment contracts, and (10) commercial paper.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENTS (CONT.)

2. Investments (Continued)

The City's investments as of September 30, 2023 were at Texpool (an AAAm rated, 2a7-like, public funds external investment pool). The investment is reported at net asset value which approximates fair value. The amount invested with Texpool as of September 30, 2023 is $5,138,234. During the period, the City did not invest in any investments which were not held at September 30, 2023. Fair Value Measurement is measured by the City using the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in the active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

3. Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

GASB Statement No. 40 requires a determination as to whether the City was exposed to the following specific investment risks at year end and if so, the reporting of certain related disclosures:

a. Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The ratings of securities by nationally recognized rating agencies are designed to give an indication of credit risk. At year end, the City was not significantly exposed to credit risk.

b. Custodial Credit Risk

Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the City's name.

Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the City's name.

At year end, the City was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

c. Concentration of Credit Risk

The risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. At year end, the City was not exposed to a concentration of credit risk.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONT.)

3. Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

   d. Interest Rate Risk

      This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. At year-end, the City was not exposed to interest rate risk.

   e. Foreign Currency Risk

      This is the risk that exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. At year end, the City was not exposed to foreign currency risk.

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for the government's individual major funds and the enterprise funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Governmental Funds			
	General	Debt Service	Proprietary Fund	Total
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	$ 18,146	$ 6,300	$ -	$ 24,446
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles	(415)	(144)	(10,753)	(11,312)
Sales Taxes	92,493	-	-	92,493
Franchise Taxes	15,277	-	-	15,277
Other	9,768	-	-	9,768
Customer Accounts	87,888	-	361,705	449,593
Net Total Receivables	$ 223,157	$ 6,156	$ 350,952	$ 580,265

NOTE 4 – PROPERTY TAX CALENDAR

The City's property tax is levied and becomes collectible each October 1 based on the assessed values listed as of the prior January 1, which is the date a lien attaches to all taxable property in the City. Assessed values are established by the Comal County Appraisal District at 100% of estimated market value. Assessed values are reduced by lawful exemptions to arrive at taxable values. A revaluation of all property is required to be completed every four (4) years. The total taxable value as of January 1, 2022, upon which the fiscal 2022 levy was based, was $930,470,723 (i.e., market value less exemptions).

The estimated market value was $1,342,493,078, making the taxable value 69.3% of the estimated market value. Property taxes are recorded as receivables and unearned revenues at the time the taxes are assessed. In governmental funds, revenues are recognized as the related Ad Valorem taxes are collected. Additional amounts estimated to be collectible in the time to be a resource for payment of obligations incurred during the fiscal year and therefore susceptible to accrual in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been recognized as revenue. In the government-wide financial statements, the entire levy is recognized as revenue, net of estimated uncollectible amounts (if any), at the levy date.

NOTE 4 – PROPERTY TAX CALENDAR (CONT.)

The City is permitted by the Constitution of the State of Texas to levy taxes up to $2.50 per $100 of taxable assessed valuation for all governmental purposes. Pursuant to a decision of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, up to $1.50 per $100 of assessed valuation may be used for the payment of long-term debt. The combined tax rate to finance general governmental services, including the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt, for the year ended September 30, 2023, was $0.269563 per $100 of assessed value, which means that the City has a tax margin of $2.230437 for each $100 value and could increase its annual tax levy by approximately $20.8 million based upon the present assessed valuation of $930,470,723 before the limit is reached. However, the City may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the tax rate calculated in accordance with the Texas Property Tax Code by more than three percent (3.5%) without holding a public hearing. The Property Tax Code subjects an increase in the effective tax rate to a referendum election, if petitioned by registered voters, when the effective tax rate increase is more than eight percent (8%) of the previous year's effective tax rate.

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE

During the course of its operations, the City has numerous transactions between funds to finance operations, provide services, construct assets, and service debt. To the extent that certain transactions between funds had not been paid or received as of September 30, 2023, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded as follows:

Due From / Due To	Due To
Proprietary Fund / General Fund	$ 824,351
Debt Service / General Fund	50,936
	875,287

Transfers at September 30, 2023 are noted below:

Transfers From	Transfers To	Amount	Purpose
Capital Projects Fund	Water Fund	$ 110,274	Transfer of Capital Assets

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Governmental capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balances At October 1, 2022	Additions/ Transfer In	Disposals/ Transfer Out	Balances At September 30, 2023
Governmental Activities				
Land	$ 481,923	$ 76,778	$ -	$ 558,701
Buildings & Improvements	3,783,515	24,361	-	3,807,876
Equipment & Vehicles	1,149,067	220,149	(180,746)	1,188,470
Infrastructure	12,612,342	-	-	12,612,342
Construction in Progress	34,995	-	-	34,995
	18,061,842	321,288	(180,746)	18,202,384
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings & Improvements	(2,041,062)	(129,765)	-	(2,170,827)
Equipment & Vehicles	(754,324)	(121,063)	173,524	(701,863)
Infrastructure	(5,269,649)	(325,615)	-	(5,595,264)
	(8,065,035)	(576,443)	173,524	(8,467,954)
Government Capital Assets, Net	$ 9,996,807	$ (255,155)	$ (7,222)	$ 9,734,430

Business-type capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balances At October 1, 2022	Additions/ Transfer In	Disposals/ Transfer Out	Balances At September 30, 2023
Business-Type Activities				
Land	$ 139,954	$ -	$ -	$ 139,954
Buildings & Improvements	94,183	-	-	94,183
Water Rights	454,144	-	-	454,144
Water Lines & Extensions	17,721,999	-	-	17,721,999
Equipment & Vehicles	866,319	63,500	(52,500)	877,319
Construction in Progress	945,727	611,437	-	1,557,164
	20,222,326	674,937	(52,500)	20,844,763
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings & Improvements	(76,533)	(1,925)	-	(78,458)
Water Lines & Extensions	(6,226,711)	(474,134)	-	(6,700,845)
Equipment & Vehicles	(812,423)	(19,263)	52,500	(779,186)
	(7,115,667)	(495,322)	52,500	(7,558,489)
Business-Type Capital Assets, Net	$ 13,106,659	$ 179,615	$ -	$ 13,286,274

Land, Water Rights, and Construction in Progress are not depreciated.

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONT.)

Depreciation expense was charged to the governmental functions as follows:

Administration	$	122,933
Police Protection		389,299
Public Facilities		64,211
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	$	576,443

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

At September 30, 2023, the City's long-term bonded debt consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:	Range of Interest Rates		Original Amount
Certificates of Obligations Series 2012	2.000%-3.250%	$	3,351,600
Certificates of Obligations Series 2012	2.000%-3.000%		1,925,000
Certificates of Obligations Series 2015	2.000%-4.000%		3,639,500

Business Activities:	Range of Interest Rates		Original Amount
Certificates of Obligations Series 2012	2.000%-3.250%	$	2,633,400
Certificates of Obligations Series 2015	2.000%-4.000%		2,635,500
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	3.000%-4.000%		2,620,000
State Infrastructure Bank - (SIB) Loan	1.34%		620,000

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONT.)

Changes in the City's long-term debt during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Balance 10/1/22	Additions	Retirements	Balance Outstanding 9/30/23	Due in One Year
2012 Series	$ 2,080,400	$ -	$ (182,000)	$ 1,898,400	$ 184,800
2012 Series	430,000	-	(140,000)	290,000	145,000
2015 Series	2,682,500	-	(165,300)	2,517,200	168,200
Notes Payable	5,817	-	(5,817)	-	-
Premiums	296,518	-	(32,282)	264,236	32,282
Net Pension Liability	10,580	484,068	-	494,648	-
Total OPEB Liability	109,220	-	(32,105)	77,115	-
Compensated Absences	94,897	30,463	-	125,360	125,360
	$ 5,709,932	$ 514,531	$ (557,504)	$ 5,666,959	$ 655,642

Business-Type Activities:	Balance 10/1/22	Additions	Retirements	Balance Outstanding 9/30/23	Due in One Year
Private Placement					
SIB Loan	$ 585,000	$ -	$ (40,000)	$ 545,000	$ 40,000
Public Offering					
2012 Series	1,634,600	-	(143,000)	1,491,600	145,200
2015 Series	1,942,500	-	(119,700)	1,822,800	121,800
2017 Series	1,960,000	-	(220,000)	1,740,000	225,000
Notes Payable	5,793	-	(5,793)	-	-
Premiums	331,466	-	(36,508)	294,958	36,508
Net Pension Liability	2,482	113,546	-	116,028	-
Total OPEB Liability	25,620	-	(7,531)	18,089	-
Compensated Absences	27,041	6,247	-	33,288	33,288
	$ 6,514,502	$ 119,793	$ (572,532)	$ 6,061,763	$ 601,796

A. General Obligation Bonds

These bonds are supported by a pledge of the City's faith and credit. The related bond ordinances require a levy and collection of a tax without limitation as to rate or amount on all property subject to taxation by the City sufficient in amount to pay the principal and interest on such bonds as they shall

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONT.)

A. General Obligation Bonds (Cont.)

become due. The ordinances also require that a sinking fund be created and administered by the City solely for the purpose of paying principal and interest when due. Specific sinking fund reserve requirements for the City's general obligation bonds are being followed. There were no private placement Certificate of Obligation.

On October 10, 2012, the City issued $5,985,000 Certificates of Obligations Series 2012 pursuant to the constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly, Subchapter C of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and in ordinance adopted by the City Council. The certificates constitute direct and general obligations of the City payable from ad valorem taxes levied against all property within the city, as well as pledged revenue of up to $1,000 of the surplus revenues from the Proprietary Fund. The certificates were issued for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the City for the construction of city street and drainage improvements; and improvements and extensions of the City's water system.

On October 10, 2012, the City issued $1,925,000 Certificates of Obligations Series 2012 pursuant to the constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly, Subchapter C of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and in ordinance adopted by the City Council. The certificates constitute direct and general obligations of the City payable from ad valorem taxes levied against all payable property within the city. The certificates were issued to advance refund the remaining bonds outstanding of the Certificates of Obligations Series 2002 and $1,335,000 of the Certificates of Obligations Series 2005. The refunding saved the City a total of $188,521 with a net present value of $173,073.

On July 9, 2015, the City issued $6,275,000 Certificates of Obligations Series 2015 pursuant to the constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly, Subchapter C of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and in ordinance adopted by the City Council. The certificates constitute direct and general obligations of the City payable from ad valorem taxes levied against all property within the city, as well as pledged revenue of up to $1,000 of the surplus revenues from the Proprietary Fund. The certificates were issued for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the City for the construction of city street and drainage improvements; improvements and extensions of the City's water system; renovation of the City's community/civic center; and park improvements.

On October 4, 2017, the City issued $2,620,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 pursuant to the constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly, Subchapter C of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and in ordinance adopted by the City Council. The certificates constitute direct and general obligations of the City payable from ad valorem taxes levied against all property within the city. The certificates were issued to advance refund $2,620,000 of the Certificates of Obligations Series 2012. The refunding saved the City a total of $209,902 with a net present value of $182,669.

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONT.)

A. General Obligation Bonds (Cont.)

On December 10, 2021 the City obtained a $620,000 loan from the State of Texas State Infrastructure Bank to finance the relocation of utility lines necessary for construction to widen FM 2252. The interest rate is 1.34% and will be completely paid August 15, 2030. The SIB loan requires a minimum reserve fund of $15,000. The city had the required balance of $30,000 at year end.

Advance refundings of debt result in differences between the carrying amount of refunded obligations and the payments to defease the debt. These differences are recorded on the Statement of Net Position and amortized over the life of the shorter of the new or refunded obligations. As of September 30, 2023, the City reported $55,685 in deferred refunding losses that will be amortized in future periods.

B. Debt Amortization

Requirements to amortize all long-term bond debt over the remaining lives are as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 498,000	$ 157,723	$ 655,723
2025	509,400	142,612	652,012
2026	378,600	128,393	506,993
2027	392,900	114,979	507,879
2028	407,200	101,049	508,249
2029-2033	2,012,000	275,558	2,287,558
2034-2035	507,500	20,474	527,974
	$ 4,705,600	$ 940,788	$ 5,646,388

Business -Type Activities:

Fiscal Year	Public Offering			Private Placement		
Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 492,000	$ 169,790	$ 661,790	$ 40,000	$ 7,592	$ 47,592
2025	505,600	154,826	660,426	40,000	6,767	46,767
2026	526,400	138,695	665,095	40,000	6,231	46,231
2027	542,100	121,334	663,434	40,000	5,695	45,695
2028	562,800	102,089	664,889	40,000	5,159	45,159
2029-2033	2,058,000	225,360	2,283,360	210,000	16,488	226,488
2034-2036	367,500	14,826	382,326	135,000	603	135,603
	$ 5,054,400	$ 926,920	$ 5,981,320	$ 545,000	$ 48,535	$ 593,535

Business -Type Activities:

Fiscal Year	Total		
Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 532,000	$ 177,382	$ 709,382
2025	545,600	161,593	707,193
2026	566,400	144,926	711,326
2027	582,100	127,029	709,129
2028	602,800	107,248	710,048
2029-2033	2,268,000	241,848	2,509,848
2034-2036	502,500	15,429	517,929
	$ 5,599,400	$ 975,455	$ 6,574,855

NOTE 8 – EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

A. Plan Description

The City participates as one of over 928 plans in the nontraditional, joint contributory, hybrid defined benefit pension plan administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). TMRS is an agency created by the state of Texas and administered in accordance with the TMRS Act, Subtitle G, Title 8, Texas Government Code (the TMRS Act) as an agent multiple-employer retirement system for municipal employees in the State of Texas. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of the system with a six-member Board of Trustees. Although the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the Board, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State of Texas. TMRS's defined benefit pension plan is a tax-qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. TMRS issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at www.tmrs.com.

All eligible employees of the City are required to participate in TMRS.

B. Benefits Provided

TMRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the City, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS.

At retirement, the benefit is calculated as if the sum of the employee's contributions, with interest, and the City-financed monetary credits with interest were used to purchase an annuity. Members may choose to receive their retirement benefit in one of seven payment options. Members may also choose to receive a portion of their benefit as a Partial Lump Sum Distribution in an amount equal to 12, 24, or 36 monthly payments, which cannot exceed 75% of the member's deposits and interest.

At the December 31, 2022 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	2022	2021
Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	23	19
Inactive Employees Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefits	31	31
Active employees	26	27
	80	77

C. Contributions

The contribution rates for employees in TMRS are either 5%, 6%, or 7% of employee gross earnings, and the City matching percentages are either 100%, 150%, or 200%, both as adopted by the governing body of the City. Under the state law governing TMRS, the contribution rate for each city is determined annually by the actuary, using the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

NOTE 8 – EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT.)

C. Contributions(Continued)

Employees for the City were required to contribute 5% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The City has a matching ratio of 2:1. The contribution rates for the City were 7.19% and 7.64% in calendar years 2023 and 2022, respectively. The City's contributions to TMRS for the year ended September 30, 2023 were $139,536 and were equal to the required contributions.

D. Net Pension Liability

The City's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50% per year
Overall Payroll Growth	3.5% per year
Investment Rate of Return*	6.75%

* Presented net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members are based on the PUB(10) mortality tables with the Public Safety table used for males and the General Employee table used for females. Mortality rates for healthy retirees and beneficiaries are based on the Gender-distinct 2019

Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables. The rates for actives, healthy retirees and beneficiaries are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements. For disabled annuitants, the same mortality tables for healthy retirees is used with a 4-year set-forward for males and a 3-year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3.0% minimum mortality rate is applied, for males and females respectively, to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

The actuarial assumptions were developed primarily from the actuarial investigation of the experience of TMRS over the four-year period from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2018. They were adopted in 2019 and first used in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation. The post-retirement mortality assumption for Annuity Purchase Rates (APRs) is based on the Mortality Experience Investigation Study covering 2009 through 2011 and dated December 31, 2013. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation as well as the production of income in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TMRS.

NOTE 8 – EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT.)

E. Actuarial Assumptions (Cont.)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan 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 the expected inflation. In determining their best estimate of a recommended investment return assumption under the various alternative asset allocation portfolios, GRS focused on the area between (1) arithmetic mean (aggressive) without an adjustment for time (conservative) and (2) the geometric mean (conservative) with an adjustment for time (aggressive). The target allocation and best estimates of real rates of returns for each major asset class in the fiscal year 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Global Equity	35.00%	7.70%
Core Fixed Income	6.00%	4.90%
Non-Core Fixed Income	20.00%	8.70%
Real Estate	12.00%	8.10%
Real Return	12.00%	5.80%
Absolute Return	5.00%	6.90%
Private Equity	10.00%	11.80%
	100.00%	

F. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the Total Pension Liability.

NOTE 8 – EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT.)

G. Changes in the Net Pension Liability

The below schedule presents the changes in the Net Pension Liability as of December 31, 2022:

	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability
Balance at December 31, 2021	$ 4,030,634	$ 4,017,572	$ 13,062
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	194,805	-	194,805
Interest	274,209	-	274,209
Change of Benefit Terms	-	-	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	60,274	-	60,274
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	-
Contributions - Employer	-	135,921	(135,921)
Contributions - Employee	-	88,952	(88,952)
Net Investment Income	-	(293,691)	293,691
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(131,373)	(131,373)	-
Administrative Expense	-	(2,538)	2,538
Other Changes	-	3,030	(3,030)
Net Changes	397,915	(199,699)	597,614
Balance at December 31, 2022	$ 4,428,549	$ 3,817,873	$ 610,676

Sensitivity of the net pension liability (asset) to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate 5.75%	Discount Rate 6.75%	Discount Rate 7.75%
Net Pension Liability	$ 1,223,459	$ 610,676	$ 109,088

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position is available in a separately-issued TMRS financial report. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.tmrs.com.

NOTE 8 – EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT.)

I. Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense of $41,469. Also as of September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	$ 265,938	$ -
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	-	-
Differences Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	17,317	-
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	107,391	-
	$ 390,646	$ -

Deferred outflows of resources in the amount of $107,391 is related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the plan year ending December 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

For the Year ended December 31,	
2023	$ 21,658
2024	79,015
2025	69,609
2026	112,973
	$ 283,255

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The City also participates in the cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit group-term life insurance plan operated by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) known as the Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (SDBF). The City elected, by ordinance, to provide group-term life insurance coverage to both current and retired employees. The City may terminate coverage under and discontinue participation in the SDBF by adopting an ordinance before November 1 of any year to be effective the following January 1.

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONT.)

The death benefit for active employees provides a lump-sum payment approximately equal to the employee's annual salary (calculated based on the employee's actual earnings, for the 12-month period preceding the month of death); retired employees are insured for $7,500; this coverage is an "other post-employment benefit", or OPEB. Membership in the plan December 31, 2018, the valuation and measurement date, consisted of:

	2021	2022
Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	15	18
Inactive Employees Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefits	4	6
Active Employees	26	26
	45	50

The SDBF required contribution rates, based on these assumptions, are as follows:

For the Plan Year Ended December 31,	Total SDBF Contribution Rate	Retiree Portion to SDBF Contribution Rate
2022	0.27%	0.11%
2023	0.48%	0.12%

These contribution rates are based on actuarial assumptions developed primarily from the actuarial investigation of the experience of TMRS over the four year period from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2018. They were adopted in 2019 and first used in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation. For calculating the OPEB liability and the OPEB contribution rates, the Gender-distinct 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements. Based on the size of the city, rates are multiplied by an additional factor of 100.0%. The assumptions are summarized below:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	3.50% to 11.50% Including Inflation
Discount Rate	4.05% (Based on Fidelity Index's 20-Year Municipal GO AA Index)
Administrative Expenses	All administrative expenses are paid thru the Pension Trust and accounted for under reporting requirements under GASB Statement No. 68.
Mortality Rates - Service Retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.
Mortality Rates - Disabled Retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with a 4 year se-forward for males and a 3 year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and female, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONT.)

The City's Total OPEB Liability (TOL), based on the actuarial factors, as of December 31, 2022 was calculated as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at December 31, 2021	$ 134,840
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	15,833
Interest	2,609
Change of Benefit Terms	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(6,891)
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(49,230)
Benefit Payments	(1,957)
Net Changes	(39,636)
Balance at December 31, 2022	$ 95,204

There is no separate trust maintained to fund this Total OPEB Liability. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

The following presents the TOL of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 4.05% as well as what the City's TOL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.05%) and 1-percentage point higher (5.05%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate 3.05%	Discount Rate 4.05%	Discount Rate 5.05%
Total OPEB Liability	$ 113,871	$ 95,204	$ 80,663

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized OPEB expense of $5,670. Also as of September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference in expected and actual experience	$ -	$ 13,955
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	-	23,434
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	1,793	-
	$ 1,793	$ 37,389

NOTE 9 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONT.)

Deferred outflows of resources in the amount of $1,793 is related to OPEB benefits resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, and will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability for the plan year ended December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31,		
2023	$	(11,442)
2024		(10,684)
2025		(13,110)
2026		(2,153)
2027		-
	$	(37,389)

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The City of Garden Ridge, Texas, is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. To cover this risk the City contracts with the Texas Municipal League (TML) to provide insurance coverage for Property/Casualty and Worker's Compensation. TML is a multi-employer group that provides for a combination of modified self-insurance and stop-loss coverage. Contributions are set annually by TML. Liability by the City is generally limited to the contributed amounts. Annual contributions for the year ended September 30, 2023, were $106,015.

NOTE 11 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

The City is the subject of various claims and litigation that have arisen in the course of its operations. Management is of the opinion that the City's liability in these cases, if decided adversely to the City, will not have a material effect on the City's financial position.

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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures that are required by the GASB but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

- Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
- Schedule of Changes – Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
- Schedule of Employer Contributions
- Schedule of Changes – Total Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability and Related Ratios

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		**Actual**	Variance
	Original	Final	**Amounts**	Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Ad Valorem	$ 1,871,795	$ 1,899,095	**$ 1,863,098**	$ (35,997)
Sales	485,000	485,000	**507,943**	22,943
Total Taxes	2,356,795	2,384,095	**2,371,041**	(13,054)
Franchise Fees:				
Cable	60,000	60,000	**61,406**	1,406
Electric	340,000	340,000	**388,149**	48,149
Gas	19,600	26,293	**26,293**	-
Telephone	8,000	8,000	**4,382**	(3,618)
Water	66,000	66,000	**67,291**	1,291
Total Franchise Fees	493,600	500,293	**547,521**	47,228
Licenses and Permits:				
Building & Electrical	90,000	75,000	**63,692**	(11,308)
Other	900	900	**1,555**	655
Total Licenses and Permits	90,900	75,900	**65,247**	(10,653)
Charges for Services:				
Rental Fees	136,260	137,960	**175,575**	37,615
Planning & Variance	10,000	10,000	**2,650**	(7,350)
Garbage Collection	104,020	44,600	**67,195**	22,595
Pet Registration	3,100	3,100	**3,208**	108
Total Charges for Services	253,380	195,660	**248,628**	52,968
Fines and Forfeitures:				
Court Fines	114,170	160,000	**142,705**	(17,295)
Warrant Fees & Fines	-	-	**6,314**	6,314
Total Fines and Forfeitures	$ 114,170	$ 160,000	**$ 149,019**	$ (10,981)

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND (CONT.)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		**Actual**	Variance Favorable
	Original	Final	**Amounts**	(Unfavorable)
REVENUES (CONT.)				
Grants and Contributions:				
Contributions	$ -	$ 5,104	**$ 20,039**	$ 14,935
Total Grants and Contributions	-	5,104	**20,039**	14,935
Other Sources:				
Interest	23,700	127,500	**152,261**	24,761
Miscellaneous	59,150	70,750	**120,844**	50,094
Total Other Sources	82,850	198,250	**273,105**	74,855
TOTAL REVENUES	3,391,695	3,519,302	**3,674,600**	155,298
EXPENDITURES				
General Administration:				
Personnel	376,768	373,848	**365,142**	8,706
Contract Fees	230,650	209,616	**162,238**	47,378
Administrative	257,239	332,370	**230,560**	101,810
Insurance	14,430	14,946	**14,946**	-
Total General Administration	879,087	930,780	**772,886**	157,894
Municipal Court:				
Personnel	65,566	65,408	**65,947**	(539)
Contract Fees	15,600	15,600	**15,600**	-
Operations & Maintenance	27,668	18,618	**13,560**	5,058
Total Municipal Court	108,834	99,626	**95,107**	4,519
Police Protection:				
Personnel	1,308,883	1,246,511	**1,081,280**	165,231
Operations & Maintenance	137,385	150,385	**128,285**	22,100
Insurance	19,980	17,829	**17,829**	-
Leases	5,700	5,700	**5,779**	(79)
Total Police Protection	$ 1,471,948	$ 1,420,425	**$ 1,233,173**	$ 187,252

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND (CONT.)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		**Actual**	Variance
	Original	Final	**Amounts**	Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES (CONT.)				
Public Facilities:				
Personnel	$ 491,308	$ 493,942	**$ 485,810**	$ 8,132
Contract Fees	3,825	3,825	**3,378**	447
Operations & Maintenance	109,630	111,030	**109,830**	1,200
Streets and Drainage	31,000	31,000	**28,971**	2,029
Insurance	4,990	5,122	**5,122**	-
Animal Control & Park	106,220	88,172	**95,657**	(7,485)
Library	16,736	17,240	**22,567**	(5,327)
Community Center	75,860	80,860	**89,772**	(8,912)
Total Public Facilities	839,569	831,191	**841,107**	(9,916)
Capital Outlay	212,803	200,594	**166,924**	33,670
Debt Service:				
Principal	5,817	5,817	**5,817**	-
Total Debt Service	5,817	5,817	**5,817**	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,305,255	3,287,839	**3,115,014**	339,749
Excess (Deficiency) Over (Under) Expenditures	86,440	231,463	**559,586**	328,123
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	3,000	3,000	**-**	(3,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	3,000	3,000	**-**	(3,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	89,440	234,463	**559,586**	325,123
Fund Balance - October 1	4,454,737	4,454,737	**4,454,737**	-
Fund Balance - September 30	$ 4,544,177	$ 4,689,200	**$ 5,014,323**	$ 325,123

Budgetary Information – The budget is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The City maintains strict budgetary controls. The objective of these controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the City Council and as such is a good management control device. The following are the funds which have legally adopted annual budgets: General Fund and Debt Service Fund.

Budgetary preparation and control is exercised at the department level. Actual expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. As of September 30, 2023 the expenditures did not exceed appropriations in total in the General Fund and Debt Service Fund.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is utilized in the governmental funds. Encumbrances lapse at year-end and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments must be re-appropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES - NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS

	Total Pension Liability		
	2015	2016	2017
Service Cost	$ 156,540	$ 160,212	$ 174,081
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	143,776	159,773	173,326
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	26,730	(57,945)	27,159
Change of Assumptions	52,564	-	-
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(51,596)	(85,152)	(51,233)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	328,014	176,888	323,333
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	2,001,464	2,329,478	2,506,366
Total Pension Liability - Ending	$ 2,329,478	$ 2,506,366	$ 2,829,699

	Plan Fiduciary Net Position		
	2015	2016	2017
Contributions - Employer	$ 109,610	$ 140,678	$ 126,816
Contributions - Employee	71,675	70,640	77,232
Net Investment Income	2,508	123,795	288,406
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(51,596)	(85,152)	(51,233)
Administrative Expense	(1,527)	(1,397)	(1,493)
Other	(75)	(75)	(76)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	130,595	248,489	439,652
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	1,699,455	1,830,050	2,078,539
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	$ 1,830,050	$ 2,078,539	$ 2,518,191
Net Pension Liability - Ending	$ 499,428	$ 427,827	$ 311,508
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	78.56%	82.93%	88.99%
Covered Payroll	$ 1,433,517	$ 1,412,801	$ 1,544,639
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Employee Payroll	34.84%	30.28%	20.17%

Note: The schedule above reflects the changes in the net pension liability for the current year and the previous eight years. GASB Statement No. 68 requires 10 years of data to be provided in this schedule. The City will build this schedule over the 10-year period beginning December 31, 2015 as data becomes available.

Total Pension Liability				
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
$ 179,361	$ 183,285	$ 179,667	$ 198,250	$ 194,805
194,988	213,010	234,777	254,616	274,209
-	-	-	-	-
(39,457)	2,430	(24,074)	-	60,274
-	20,376	-	(45,083)	-
(61,351)	(78,367)	(111,264)	(100,229)	(131,373)
273,541	340,734	279,106	307,554	397,915
2,829,699	3,103,240	3,443,974	3,723,080	4,030,634
$ 3,103,240	$ 3,443,974	$ 3,723,080	$ 4,030,634	$ 4,428,549

Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
$ 125,554	$ 130,010	$ 120,705	$ 135,156	$ 135,921
80,072	83,768	81,667	89,625	88,952
(75,519)	400,431	237,218	449,421	(293,691)
(61,351)	(78,367)	(111,264)	(100,229)	(131,373)
(1,458)	(2,258)	(1,532)	(2,078)	(2,538)
(77)	(68)	(59)	14	3,030
67,221	533,516	326,735	571,909	(199,699)
2,518,191	2,585,412	3,118,928	3,445,663	4,017,572
$ 2,585,412	$ 3,118,928	$ 3,445,663	$ 4,017,572	$ 3,817,873
$ 517,828	$ 325,046	$ 277,417	$ 13,062	$ 610,676
83.31%	90.56%	92.55%	99.68%	86.21%
$ 1,601,438	$ 1,675,361	$ 1,633,333	$ 1,792,495	$ 1,779,041
32.34%	19.40%	16.98%	0.73%	34.33%

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution (ARC)	Contributions in Relation to ARC	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Employee Payroll
2016	$ 104,953	$ 139,953	$ (35,000)	$ 1,394,604
2017	120,506	120,506	-	1,502,505
2018	126,771	126,771	-	1,599,220
2019	128,111	128,111	-	1,646,472
2020	127,515	127,515	-	1,653,345
2021	129,226	129,226	-	1,725,007
2022	141,220	141,220	-	1,854,885
2023	147,841	147,841	-	1,914,357

Note: The schedule above reflects the changes in the net pension liability for the current year and the previous seven years. GASB Statement No. 68 requires 10 fiscal years of data to be provided in this schedule. The City will build this schedule over the 10-year period beginning September 30, 2016 as data becomes available.

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 and become effective in January, thirteen (13) months later.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed
Remaining Amortization Period	22 Years
Asset Valuation Method	10 Year Smoothed Market; 12% Soft Corridor
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	3.50% to 11.50% Including Inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the City's plan of benefits. Last updated for the 2019 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2014-2018.
Mortality	Post retirement: 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP. Pre-retirement: PUB(10) mortality tables, with the Public Safety table used for males and the General Employee table used for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.

Other Information:

Notes	There were no benefit changes during the year.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES –OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
LAST FIVE CALENDAR YEARS

	Total OPEB Liability				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Service Cost	$ 4,964	$ 5,026	$ 11,433	$ 15,774	$ 15,833
Interest (on the Total OPEB Liability)	2,676	2,967	2,853	2,560	2,609
Changes of Benefit Terms	-				
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	(2,234)	(2,683)	(7,182)	(7,163)	(6,891)
Change of Assumptions	(5,795)	15,808	16,144	4,347	(49,230)
Benefit Payments	(480)	(503)	(653)	(1,613)	(1,957)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(869)	20,615	22,595	13,905	(39,636)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	78,594	77,725	98,340	120,935	134,840
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	$ 77,725	$ 98,340	$ 120,935	$ 134,840	$ 95,204
Covered Employee Payroll	$ 1,601,438	$ 1,675,361	$ 1,633,333	$ 792,495	$ 1,779,041
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	4.85%	5.87%	7.40%	17.01%	5.35%

Note: The schedule above reflects the changes in the net pension liability for the current year and the previous four years. GASB Statement No. 75 requires 10 years of data to be provided in this schedule. The City will build this schedule over the 10-year period beginning December 31, 2018 as data becomes available.

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CHANGES

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rate

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	3.50% to 11.50% Including Inflation
Discount Rate	4.05% (Based on Fidelity Index's 20-Year Municipal GO AA Index)
Administrative Expenses	All administrative expenses are paid thru the Pension Trust and accounted for under reporting requirements under GASB Statement No. 68.
Mortality Rates - Service Retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.
Mortality Rates - Disabled Retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with a 4 year se-forward for males and a 3 year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and female, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the GASB, nor a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis.

Such statements and schedule include:

- Comparative Statements – General Fund
- Comparative Statements – Debt Service Fund
- Comparative Statements – Capital Projects Fund
- Comparative Statements – Nonmajor Fund
- Comparative Statements – Proprietary Funds

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
GENERAL FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	**$ 4,170,361**	$ 3,566,486
Taxes Receivable (Net of Uncollectible of $415 and $0, respectively)	**17,731**	9,202
Due From Other Funds	**875,287**	824,351
Other Receivables	**201,396**	166,037
Prepaid Items	**2,343**	5,076
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 5,267,118**	$ 4,571,152
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	**$ 166,558**	$ 47,395
Accrued Expenditures	**29,608**	22,532
Unearned Revenue	**33,098**	31,486
Deposits	**5,800**	5,800
Total Liabilities	**235,064**	107,213
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Unavailable Property Tax Revenue	**17,731**	9,202
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources:	**17,731**	9,202
Fund Balance:		
Non-Spendable:		
Prepaid Items	**2,343**	5,076
Restricted:		
Child Safety	**49,315**	43,198
Court Security & Technology	**6,813**	3,392
Donations	**26,166**	19,220
PEG Capital Fees	**52,582**	49,022
Unassigned	**4,877,104**	4,334,829
Total Fund Balance	**5,014,323**	4,454,737
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND BALANCE	**$ 5,267,118**	$ 4,571,152

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Taxes:		
Ad Valorem	**$ 1,863,098**	$ 1,842,340
Sales	**507,943**	512,164
Total Taxes	**2,371,041**	2,354,504
Franchise Fees:		
Cable	**61,406**	61,993
Electric	**388,149**	383,749
Gas	**26,293**	19,550
Telephone	**4,382**	5,195
Water	**67,291**	66,500
Total Franchise Fees	**547,521**	536,987
Licenses and Permits:		
Building & Electrical	**63,692**	103,019
Other	**1,555**	635
Total Licenses and Permits	**65,247**	103,654
Charges for Services:		
Rental Fees	**175,575**	144,175
Planning & Variance	**2,650**	7,000
Garbage Collection	**67,195**	104,235
Pet Registration	**3,208**	3,142
Total Charges for Services	**248,628**	258,552
Fines and Forfeitures:		
Court Fines	**142,705**	108,716
Warrant Fees & Fines	**6,314**	7,934
Total Fines & Forfeitures	**149,019**	116,650
Other Sources:		
Interest	**152,261**	20,385
Contributions	**20,039**	78,703
Miscellaneous	**120,844**	77,609
Total Other Sources	**293,144**	176,697
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 3,674,600**	$ 3,547,044

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - (CONTINUED)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
EXPENDITURES		
General Administration:		
Personnel	**365,142**	319,275
Contract Fees	**162,238**	169,154
Administrative	**230,560**	226,185
Insurance	**14,946**	13,713
Total General Administration	**772,886**	728,327
Municipal Court:		
Personnel	**65,947**	57,409
Contract Fees	**15,600**	14,400
Operations & Maintenance	**13,560**	11,729
Total Municipal Court	**95,107**	83,538
Public Safety:		
Personnel	**1,081,280**	1,060,055
Operations & Maintenance	**128,285**	123,677
Insurance	**17,829**	18,674
Lease Payments	**5,779**	5,194
Total Public Safety	**$ 1,233,173**	$ 1,207,600

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - (CONTINUED)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
EXPENDITURES (CONT.)		
Public Facilities:		
Personnel	**$ 485,810**	$ 424,520
Contract Fees	**3,378**	3,247
Operations & Maintenance	**109,830**	97,037
Streets and Drainage	**28,971**	9,428
Insurance	**5,122**	4,661
Animal Control & Park	**95,657**	94,629
Library	**22,567**	26,627
Community Center	**89,772**	72,598
Total Public Facilities	**841,107**	732,747
Capital Outlay	**166,924**	76,193
Debt Service:		
Principal	**5,817**	16,556
Interest and Agent Fees	**-**	678
Total Debt Service	**5,817**	17,234
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**3,115,014**	2,845,639
Excess (Deficiency) Over (Under) Expenditures	**559,586**	701,405
Net Change in Fund Balance	**559,586**	701,405
Fund Balance - October 1	**4,454,737**	3,753,332
Fund Balance - September 30	**$ 5,014,323**	$ 4,454,737

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
DEBT SERVICE FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash	**$ 81,460**	$ 42,739
Taxes Receivable	**6,156**	3,591
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 87,616**	$ 46,330
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Due to Other Funds	**$ 50,936**	$ -
Total Liabilities	**50,936**	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Unavailable Property Tax Revenues	**6,156**	3,591
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	**6,156**	3,591
Fund Balance:		
Restricted	**30,524**	42,739
Total Fund Balance:	**30,524**	42,739
TOTAL LIABILITIES DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE	**$ 87,616**	$ 46,330

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Ad Valorem Tax	**$ 646,527**	$ 720,993
Interest	**4,436**	698
TOTAL REVENUES	**650,963**	721,691
EXPENDITURES		
Bond Principal	**487,300**	530,900
Bond Interest and Fiscal Charges	**175,878**	189,357
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**663,178**	720,257
Net Change in Fund Balance	**(12,215)**	1,434
Fund Balance - October 1	**42,739**	41,305
Fund Balance - September 30	**$ 30,524**	$ 42,739

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	**$ 1,066,863**	$ 1,249,851
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 1,066,863**	$ 1,249,851
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	**$ 6,681**	$ 7,389
Unearned Revenues	**1,009,983**	1,009,983
Total Liabilities	**1,016,664**	1,017,372
Fund Balance:		
Assigned	**50,199**	232,479
Total Fund Balance	**50,199**	232,479
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	**$ 1,066,863**	$ 1,249,851

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Interest	**$ 44,385**	$ 2,810
Miscellaneous	**-**	15,395
TOTAL REVENUES	**44,385**	18,205
EXPENDITURES		
Public Facilities	**24,698**	-
Capital Projects	**91,693**	15,395
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**116,391**	15,395
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	**(72,006)**	2,810
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers In (Out)	**(110,274)**	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES SOURCES (USES)	**(110,274)**	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	**(182,280)**	2,810
Fund Balance - October 1	**232,479**	229,669
Fund Balance - September 30	**$ 50,199**	$ 232,479

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
NONMAJOR FUNDS – ASSET FORFEITURE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	**$ 103,977**	$ 68,059
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 103,977**	$ 68,059
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	**$ 22,963**	$ -
Total Liabilities	**22,963**	-
Fund Balance:		
Restricted For Police Asset Forfeiture	**81,014**	68,059
Total Fund Balance	**81,014**	68,059
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	**$ 103,977**	$ 68,059

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
NONMAJOR FUNDS – ASSET FORFEITURE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Fines and Forfeits	**$ 100,915**	$ 45,257
Interest	**3,715**	413
TOTAL REVENUES	**104,630**	45,670
EXPENDITURES		
Public Facilities	**29,004**	-
Capital Outlay	**62,671**	158,887
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**91,675**	158,887
Net Change in Fund Balance	**12,955**	(113,217)
Fund Balance - October 1	**68,059**	181,276
Fund Balance - September 30	**$ 81,014**	$ 68,059

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
WATER FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	**$ 2,253,338**	$ 1,733,884
Accounts Receivable - Customers	**350,952**	282,000
Total Current Assets	**2,604,290**	2,015,884
Other Assets:		
Restricted Cash and Investments	**188,424**	673,496
Total Other Assets	**188,424**	673,496
Capital Assets:		
Land	**139,954**	139,954
Water Rights	**454,144**	454,144
Buildings & Improvements	**94,183**	94,183
Water Lines & Extensions	**17,721,999**	17,721,999
Equipment & Vehicles	**877,319**	866,319
Construction in Progress	**1,557,164**	945,727
Accumulated Depreciation	**(7,558,489)**	(7,115,667)
Total Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	**13,286,274**	13,106,659
TOTAL ASSETS	**16,078,988**	15,796,039
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Loss on Debt Refunding	**37,811**	46,750
Deferred Pension Related Outflows	**74,223**	21,390
Deferred Other Post-Employment Benefit Related Outflows	**341**	4,431
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	**$ 112,375**	$ 72,571

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (CONT.)
WATER FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	**$ 77,376**	$ 21,891
Accrued Liabilities	**8,737**	6,974
Accrued Interest	**15,971**	15,971
Due to Other Funds	**824,351**	824,351
Vacation Leave Payable	**33,288**	27,041
Customer Deposits	**210,355**	207,345
Due Within One Year - Bonds and Notes Payable	**568,508**	565,001
Total Current Liabilities:	**1,738,586**	1,668,574
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Due In More Than One Year - Bonds and Notes Payable	**5,325,850**	5,894,358
Net Pension Liability	**116,028**	2,482
Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability	**18,089**	25,620
Total Long-Term Liabilities:	**5,459,967**	5,922,460
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**7,198,553**	7,591,034
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Pension Related Inflows	**-**	52,835
Deferred OPEB Related Inflows	**7,104**	2,586
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	**7,104**	55,421
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	**7,429,729**	7,166,047
Restricted Water Impact Fees	**188,424**	-
Unrestricted	**1,367,553**	1,056,108
TOTAL NET POSITION	**$ 8,985,706**	$ 8,222,155

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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITON – WATER FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
OPERATING REVENUE		
Water Sales	**$ 2,285,063**	$ 2,201,010
Meter Installation Fees	**5,300**	11,594
Other	**95,404**	81,058
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	**2,385,767**	2,293,662
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Personnel Costs	**533,388**	455,979
Plant Operations and Maintenance	**480,575**	390,243
General and Administrative	**155,662**	153,154
Depreciation	**495,322**	513,674
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	**1,664,947**	1,513,050
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	**720,820**	780,612
NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Interest Income	**87,397**	10,695
Interest Expense	**(154,940)**	(166,333)
TOTAL NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)	**(67,543)**	(155,638)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	**653,277**	624,974
Transfers In (Out)	**110,274**	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	**763,551**	624,974
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	**8,222,155**	7,597,181
TOTAL NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	**$ 8,985,706**	$ 8,222,155

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
WATER FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers	**$ 2,316,815**	$ 2,255,684
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	**(578,988)**	(554,667)
Cash paid to employees for services and benefits	**(518,186)**	(476,861)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**1,219,641**	1,224,156
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net Customer Deposits Received (Returned)	**3,010**	2,348
Interfund Receivables/Payables and Transfers	**110,274**	(118,576)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	**113,284**	(116,228)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Capital Acquisition	**(674,938)**	(121,024)
Proceeds from Debt Issuance	**-**	620,000
Principal Payments on Debt	**(528,493)**	(509,632)
Interest Paid for Financing Activities	**(182,509)**	(198,762)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	**(1,385,940)**	(209,418)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest Income and Other Income	**87,397**	10,696
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	**87,397**	10,696
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	**34,382**	909,206
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT OCTOBER 1:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	**1,733,884**	1,498,174
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	**673,496**	-
	2,407,380	1,498,174
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT SEPTEMBER 30:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	**2,253,338**	1,733,884
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	**188,424**	673,496
	$ 2,441,762	$ 2,407,380

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONT.)
WATER FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Income	**$ 720,820**	$ 780,612
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	**495,322**	513,674
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable	**(68,952)**	(37,978)
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Items	**-**	4,720
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	**57,249**	(15,990)
Increase (Decrease) in Vacation Payable	**6,247**	(3,899)
Increase (Decrease) in Pension Liabilites and related Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources	**7,878**	(20,675)
Increase (Decrease) in Other Post-Employment Benefit Liabilities and related Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources	**1,077**	3,692
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**$ 1,219,641**	$ 1,224,156

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STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the City of Garden Ridge's annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the City's overall financial health.

Financial Trends (Tables 1 through 4)
Net Position by Component
Change in Net Position
Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

> *These schedules contain trend information to help reader understand how the City's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.*

Revenue Capacity (Tables 5 through 9)
Tax Revenues by Source - Governmental Funds
Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates
Principal Property Taxpayers
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Assessed Value

> *These schedules contain information to help readers assess the factors affecting the City's ability to generate its property and sales tax.*

Debt Capacity (Tables 10 through 11)
Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Debt Margin Information

> *These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the City's current levels of outstanding debt and the City's ability to issue additional debt in the future.*

Demographic and Economic Information (Tables 12 through 13)
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Principal Employers

> *These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand how the City's financial activities take place and to help make comparisons over time and with other governments.*

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
NET POSITION, BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
NET POSITION				
Governmental Activities				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 4,206,390	$ 4,134,312	$ 3,726,037	$ 3,568,188
Restricted	140,910	132,531	196,833	671,600
Unrestricted	1,115,259	1,214,715	2,022,935	2,817,266
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	$ 5,462,559	$ 5,481,558	$ 5,945,805	$ 7,057,054
Business-Type Activities				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 2,879,943	$ 2,802,056	$ 2,725,436	$ 4,693,957
Restricted	1,070,641	326,619	468,485	152,710
Unrestricted	3,125,132	3,738,506	3,582,880	1,239,193
Total Business-Type Activities Net Position	$ 7,075,716	$ 6,867,181	$ 6,776,801	$ 6,085,860
Primary Government				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 7,086,333	$ 6,936,368	$ 6,451,473	$ 8,262,145
Restricted	1,211,551	459,150	665,318	824,310
Unrestricted	4,240,391	4,953,221	5,605,815	4,056,459
Total Primary Government Net Position	$ 12,538,275	$ 12,348,739	$ 12,722,606	$ 13,142,914

Note: Year 2014 has not been restated for adoption of GASB No. 68. Years 2013 – 2017 have not been restated for adoption of GASB No. 75.

TABLE 1

Fiscal Year					
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
$ 3,829,106	$ 4,245,536	$ 4,342,714	$ 4,373,673	$ 4,493,390	$ 4,782,468
599,103	348,761	358,590	315,368	214,687	290,362
2,161,293	2,126,580	2,863,267	3,482,270	4,275,692	4,486,907
$ 6,589,502	$ 6,720,877	$ 7,564,571	$ 8,171,311	$ 8,983,769	$ 9,559,737
$ 5,715,624	$ 5,884,635	$ 5,825,751	$ 5,766,866	$ 7,166,047	$ 7,429,729
145,100	146,310	-	-	-	188,424
1,485,909	1,666,998	1,821,395	1,830,315	1,056,109	1,367,553
$ 7,346,633	$ 7,697,943	$ 7,647,146	$ 7,597,181	$ 8,222,156	$ 8,985,706
$ 9,544,730	$ 10,130,171	$ 10,168,465	$ 10,140,539	$ 11,659,437	$ 12,212,197
744,203	495,071	358,590	315,368	214,687	478,786
3,647,202	3,793,578	4,684,662	5,312,585	5,331,801	5,854,460
$ 13,936,135	$ 14,418,820	$ 15,211,717	$ 15,768,492	$ 17,205,925	$ 18,545,443

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
CHANGE IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Expenses				
Governmental Activities				
General Administration	$ 706,719	$ 752,203	$ 675,567	$ 769,406
Police Protection	1,098,517	1,151,588	1,105,268	1,283,354
Municipal Court	68,488	69,997	76,819	74,313
Public Facilities	582,289	621,000	750,765	864,668
Interest and Fiscal Charges	134,765	316,428	454,501	227,646
Total Governmental Activities Expense	2,590,778	2,911,216	3,062,920	3,219,387
Business-Type Activities				
Water	1,355,804	1,393,909	1,416,782	1,697,947
Total Primary Government Expenses	$ 3,946,582	$ 4,305,125	$ 4,479,702	$ 4,917,334
Program Revenues				
Governmental Activities				
Charges for Service:				
General Administration	$ 248,025	$ 220,335	$ 201,198	$ 236,988
Police Protection/Municipal Court	125,042	135,457	142,357	141,920
Public Facilities	103,310	119,821	121,508	117,880
Operating Grants and Contributions	27,806	17,476	80,461	271,538
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	504,183	493,089	545,524	768,326
Business-Type Activities				
Charges for Service:				
Water	1,090,452	1,180,196	1,512,787	1,546,906
Capital Grants and Contributions	306,000	-	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities Program Revenues	1,396,452	1,180,196	1,512,787	1,546,906
Total Primary Government Program Revenues	$ 1,900,635	$ 1,673,285	$ 2,058,311	$ 2,315,232

Note: Year 2014 has not been restated for adoption of GASB No. 68. Years 2013 – 2017 have not been restated for adoption of GASB No. 75.

TABLE 2

	Fiscal Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	$ 753,492	$ 713,625	$ 786,100	$ 771,812	$ 877,881	$ 936,696
	1,274,116	1,312,733	1,250,096	1,319,434	1,233,977	1,365,917
	78,147	82,616	91,198	88,781	81,014	96,639
	911,704	1,134,958	1,023,324	1,090,447	1,121,686	1,249,035
	215,593	188,958	191,911	178,621	165,034	151,145
	3,233,052	3,432,890	3,342,629	3,449,095	3,479,592	3,799,432
	1,729,799	1,555,221	1,942,376	1,798,601	1,679,382	1,816,962
	$ 4,962,851	$ 4,988,111	$ 5,285,005	$ 5,247,696	$ 5,158,974	$ 5,616,394
	$ 257,121	$ 281,163	$ 316,143	$ 219,475	$ 218,271	$ 138,669
	138,382	124,524	112,320	109,106	116,715	149,112
	123,010	132,528	96,295	105,864	150,560	181,655
	244,125	48,798	277,810	36,050	130,858	129,552
	50,000	-	-	-	15,395	-
	812,638	587,013	802,568	470,495	631,799	598,988
	1,888,364	1,653,594	1,863,673	1,734,519	2,293,342	2,373,857
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,888,364	1,653,594	1,863,673	1,734,519	2,293,342	2,373,857
	$ 2,701,002	$ 2,240,607	$ 2,666,241	$ 2,205,014	$ 2,925,141	$ 2,972,845

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
CHANGE IN NET POSITION (CONTINUED)
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

	Fiscal Year			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net (Expenses) Revenue				
Governmental Activities	$ (2,418,127)	$ (2,418,127)	$ (2,517,396)	$ (2,451,061)
Business-Type Activities	(213,713)	40,648	96,005	(151,041)
Total Primary Government				
Net Expenses	$ (2,631,840)	$ (2,377,479)	$ (2,421,391)	$ (2,602,102)
Governmental Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position				
Governmental Activities				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	$ 1,624,027	$ 1,690,029	$ 1,969,253	$ 2,167,248
Franchise Fees	399,499	474,813	484,549	489,752
Sales Taxes	185,567	240,237	235,009	244,991
Interest and Investment Earnings	10,744	6,244	14,919	37,819
Impact Fees	-	-	16,929	-
Miscellaneous	42,411	25,803	62,189	68,246
Transfers	801,356	-	198,795	554,254
Total Governmental Activities	3,063,604	2,437,126	2,981,643	3,562,310
Business-Type Activities				
Interest and Investment Earnings	6,759	4,870	5,932	13,461
Miscellaneous	250	308	6,478	893
Transfers	(801,356)	-	(198,795)	(554,254)
Total Business-Type Activities	(794,347)	5,178	(186,385)	(539,900)
Total Primary Government	$ 2,269,257	$ 2,442,304	$ 2,795,258	$ 3,022,410
Changes In Net Position				
Government Activities	$ 645,477	$ 18,999	$ 464,247	$ 1,111,249
Business-Type Activities	(1,008,060)	(208,535)	(90,380)	(690,941)
Total Primary Government	$ (362,583)	$ (189,536)	$ 373,867	$ 420,308

TABLE 2 (CONT.)

Fiscal Year					
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
$ (2,420,414)	$ (2,845,877)	$ (2,540,061)	$ (2,978,600)	$ (2,847,793)	$ (3,200,444)
158,565	98,373	(78,703)	(64,082)	613,960	556,895
$ (2,261,849)	$ (2,747,504)	$ (2,618,764)	$ (3,042,682)	$ (2,233,833)	$ (2,643,549)
$ 2,227,239	$ 2,289,083	$ 2,417,465	$ 2,456,713	$ 2,522,774	$ 2,520,720
501,558	499,872	497,241	491,129	536,987	547,521
250,201	269,978	355,616	534,176	512,165	507,943
48,514	65,644	35,838	19,861	24,304	204,797
-	-	-	-	-	-
78,493	74,148	82,761	83,461	64,021	105,705
(1,101,263)	(221,473)	(5,166)	-	-	(110,274)
2,004,742	2,977,252	3,383,755	3,585,340	3,660,251	3,776,412
14,505	30,676	20,984	9,040	10,696	87,397
-	788	1,756	5,077	319	8,985
1,101,263	221,473	5,166	-	-	110,274
1,115,768	252,937	27,906	14,117	11,015	206,656
$ 3,120,510	$ 3,230,189	$ 3,411,661	$ 3,599,457	$ 3,671,266	$ 3,983,068
$ (415,672)	$ 131,375	$ 84,369	$ 606,740	$ 812,458	$ 575,968
1,274,333	351,310	(50,797)	(49,965)	624,975	763,551
$ 858,661	$ 482,685	$ 33,572	$ 556,775	$ 1,437,433	$ 1,339,519

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

	Fiscal Year			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Nonspendable Fund Balance:				
Prepaid Items	$ 686	$ 312	$ 2,368	$ 4,807
Restricted Fund Balance:				
Public Safety	14,935	20,249	27,755	30,606
Donations	10,785	13,561	15,517	17,596
PEG Capital Fees	46,387	56,945	71,782	85,161
Debt Service	52,491	57,212	12,402	3,285
Asset Forfeiture	75,333	37,074	5,791	63,470
Capital Projects Fund	3,051,863	1,806,774	3,838,367	3,676,851
Total Restricted Fund Balance	3,251,794	1,991,815	3,971,614	3,876,969
Assigned Fund Balance				
Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,305,811	1,255,867	1,443,699	1,691,145
Total Governmental Funds	$ 4,558,291	$ 3,247,994	$ 5,417,681	$ 5,572,921

TABLE 3

Fiscal Year					
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
$ 3,946	$ 4,984	$ 4,782	$ 33,791	$ 5,076	$ 2,343
34,020	45,329	34,724	39,435	46,590	56,128
-	6,288	7,042	6,891	19,220	26,166
97,704	33,106	43,856	46,934	49,022	52,582
447,767	31,498	38,039	41,305	42,739	30,524
111,330	236,149	236,599	181,276	68,059	81,014
1,270,857	232,750	-	-	-	-
1,961,678	585,120	360,260	315,841	225,630	246,414
-	-	229,557	226,669	232,479	50,199
1,738,413	2,298,603	3,052,497	3,626,281	4,334,829	4,877,104
$ 3,704,037	$ 2,888,707	$ 3,647,096	$ 4,202,582	$ 4,798,014	$ 5,176,060

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

	Fiscal Year			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 1,809,097	$ 1,908,884	$ 2,187,962	$ 2,403,830
Franchise Fees	399,499	474,813	484,549	489,752
Licenses and Permits	172,677	141,784	122,422	146,768
Charges for Services	179,648	198,102	200,120	207,890
Fines and Forfeits	148,320	146,164	210,854	354,230
Grants and Donations	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	56,690	39,127	102,565	134,120
TOTAL REVENUES	2,765,931	2,908,874	3,308,472	3,736,590
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	566,245	582,105	595,850	656,688
Municipal Court	68,710	69,045	74,678	73,480
Police Protection	1,034,779	1,066,476	1,031,584	1,096,224
Public Facilities	430,409	388,500	448,299	542,499
Capital Outlay	1,778,233	1,885,468	320,744	3,054,176
Debt Service:				
Principal	352,793	367,255	441,627	541,489
Debt Issue Costs	-	124,317	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	229,619	220,407	498,153	254,348
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,460,788	4,703,573	3,410,935	6,218,904
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,694,857)	(1,794,699)	(102,463)	(2,482,314)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Bond Proceeds	-	3,639,500	-	-
Notes Proceeds	-	26,195	55,308	27,794
Other Sources	-	4,000	3,600	31,382
Premium on Bonds	-	294,691	-	-
Transfers In (Out)	(801,356)	-	198,795	554,254
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(801,356)	3,964,386	257,703	613,430
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$(2,496,213)	$ 2,169,687	$ 155,240	$(1,868,884)
Debt Service as a percentage of Noncapital Expenditures	31.1%	19.7%	30.4%	25.1%

TABLE 4

Fiscal Year					
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
$ 2,476,755	$ 2,558,336	$ 2,769,753	$ 2,993,178	$ 3,075,497	$ 3,017,568
501,558	499,872	497,241	491,129	536,987	547,521
159,213	173,222	206,063	107,500	103,654	65,247
220,357	237,309	204,040	215,339	258,552	248,628
364,614	150,147	149,885	114,911	161,907	249,934
-	-	236,244	24,780	78,703	20,039
188,697	161,154	87,703	102,625	117,310	325,641
3,911,194	3,780,040	4,150,929	4,049,462	4,332,610	4,474,578
613,353	584,278	629,775	650,601	743,722	772,886
77,276	78,749	82,861	89,806	83,538	95,107
1,155,636	1,170,098	1,148,537	1,231,522	1,207,600	1,233,173
562,440	669,815	627,105	685,662	732,747	894,809
258,391	558,431	207,934	92,791	235,080	321,288
555,807	525,430	545,641	546,518	547,456	493,117
-	-	-	-	-	-
241,321	231,084	217,012	204,076	190,035	175,878
3,464,224	3,817,885	3,458,865	3,500,976	3,740,178	3,986,258
446,970	(37,845)	692,064	548,486	592,432	488,320
-	-	-	-	-	-
54,893	34,163	33,113	-	-	-
5,000	4,225	38,378	10,000	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
(1,101,263)	(221,473)	(5,166)	-	-	(110,274)
(1,041,370)	(183,085)	66,325	10,000	-	(110,274)
$ (594,400)	$ (220,930)	$ 758,389	$ 558,486	$ 592,432	$ 378,046
24.9%	24.9%	24.9%	22.0%	21.0%	18.3%

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
TAX REVENUE BY SOURCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 5

Fiscal Year	Property	Sales & Use	Franchise	Total Revenue
2023	$ 2,509,625	$ 507,943	$ 547,521	$ 3,565,089
2022	2,563,332	512,165	536,987	3,612,484
2021	2,459,002	534,176	491,129	3,484,307
2020	2,414,137	355,616	467,241	3,236,994
2019	2,288,358	269,978	499,872	3,058,208
2018	2,226,554	250,201	501,558	2,978,313
2017	2,158,839	244,991	489,752	2,893,582
2016	1,952,953	235,009	484,549	2,383,697
2015	1,668,647	240,237	474,813	2,208,596
2014	1,623,529	185,568	399,499	2,144,802

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 6

	City Direct Rates			Overlapping Rates			
Fiscal Year	Basic Rate	Debt Service	Total	Comal County	Comal ISD	Emergency Service District 6	Total Direct and Overlapping Rates
2023	0.200091	0.069472	0.269563	0.318164	1.274600	0.084678	1.947005
2022	0.219497	0.085652	0.305149	0.353515	1.275700	0.084678	2.019042
2021	0.226559	0.094547	0.321106	0.343889	1.275700	0.089385	2.030080
2020	0.225158	0.095948	0.321106	0.358515	1.275700	0.089385	2.044706
2019	0.222114	0.101032	0.323146	0.357921	1.320000	0.072826	2.073893
2018	0.211012	0.112134	0.323146	0.357921	1.390000	0.069670	2.140737
2017	0.203241	0.115064	0.318305	0.342921	1.390000	0.072500	2.123726
2016	0.191800	0.108400	0.300200	0.342921	1.390000	0.086000	2.119121
2015	0.189900	0.085800	0.275700	0.342921	1.390000	0.071900	2.080521
2014	0.185746	0.097500	0.283246	0.314321	1.430000	0.072500	2.100067

Source: Comal County Tax Office

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAX PAYERS
CURRENT AND NINE YEARS AGO
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 7

Taxpayer	2023 Taxable Assessed Value	2023 Rank	2023 Percent Total City Taxable Assessed Value	2014 Taxable Assessed Value	2014 Rank	2014 Percent Total City Taxable Assessed Value
Lehigh Hanson Materials South	$ 63,087,100	1	6.78%	$ 30,288,629	1	4.88%
Hanson Aggregates	9,241,757	2	0.99%	3,520,461	2	0.57%
Cara Graceland LLC	8,214,666	3	0.88%	-		-
Meridian Brick	4,046,640	4	0.43%	-		-
Overman Tony M	3,587,590	5	0.39%	-		-
Voeller James N & Amy B	3,563,864	6	0.38%	-		-
Dubois-Txre LLC	2,500,000	7	0.27%	-		-
TRICON Precast LTD	2,325,930	8	0.25%	-		-
Johnston Benjamin & Shelia	2,293,340	9	0.25%	-		-
Overman Living Trust	2,267,039	10	0.24%	-		-
Dean Word Company	-		-	3,275,850	3	0.53%
Overman Properties V LLC	-		-	2,650,000	4	0.43%
Overman Properties III LLC	-		-	2,391,689	5	0.39%
Hanson Aggregates Mid Pacific Inc	-		-	2,310,030	6	0.37%
Hanson Brick	-		-	2,200,000	7	0.35%
C F & M Properties	-		-	1,000,000	8	0.16%
Jey Investments LTD.	-		-	979,670	9	0.16%
Overman Properties IV LLC	-		-	972,330	10	0.16%
TOTALS	$ 101,127,926		10.87%	$ 49,588,659		7.99%
TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE	$ 930,470,723			$ 620,279,424		

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 8

Fiscal Year	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected Within Fiscal Year of Levy		Collections In Subsequent Years	Total Collections To Date	
		Amount	% of Levy		Amount	% of Levy
2023	$ 2,508,205	$ 2,496,430	99.53%	$ -	$ 2,496,430	99.53%
2022	2,531,296	2,525,117	99.76%	2,290	2,522,827	99.67%
2021	2,448,088	2,426,841	99.13%	31,609	2,458,450	100.42%
2020	2,414,827	2,402,336	99.48%	-	2,401,764	99.46%
2019	2,273,147	2,213,070	97.36%	44,492	2,257,562	99.31%
2018	2,241,632	2,213,070	98.73%	693	2,213,763	98.76%
2017	2,160,451	2,119,815	98.12%	13,280	2,133,095	98.73%
2016	1,987,068	1,948,438	98.06%	13,104	1,961,542	98.72%
2015	1,686,772	1,667,834	98.88%	8,478	1,676,312	99.38%
2014	1,598,333	1,621,485	101.45%	10,155	1,631,640	102.08%

Source: Comal County Tax Office

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
ASSESSED VALUE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 9

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Tax-Exempt Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate
2023	$ 1,051,083,459	$ 291,996,415	$ 412,609,151	$ 930,470,723	0.2695630
2022	807,086,838	242,854,108	220,412,845	829,528,101	0.3051490
2021	700,264,773	189,056,902	96,507,812	792,813,863	0.3211060
2020	696,898,377	184,706,731	130,900,915	750,704,193	0.3211060
2019	632,117,362	175,799,288	106,394,158	701,522,492	0.3231460
2018	620,463,690	163,437,483	94,381,932	689,519,241	0.3231460
2017	592,677,878	169,660,937	85,926,656	676,412,159	0.3183050
2016	569,151,802	165,175,132	75,072,976	659,253,958	0.3002000
2015	535,825,084	143,635,227	65,477,311	613,983,000	0.2757000
2014	486,137,203	143,634,533	56,699,435	573,072,301	0.2832460

Source: Comal County Appraisal District.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 10

	Governmental Activities						
Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Certificates of Obligation	Tax Notes	Notes Payable	Total Governmental	Percentage of Actual Taxable Value of Property	Per Capita
2023	$ -	$ 4,705,600	$ -	$ -	$ 4,705,600	0.51%	$ 1,034
2022	-	5,192,900	-	5,817	5,746,173	0.63%	1,189
2021	-	5,723,800	-	22,373	5,746,173	0.72%	1,316
2020	-	6,243,300	-	49,391	6,292,691	0.84%	1,441
2019	-	6,752,100	-	53,118	6,805,218	0.97%	1,602
2018	-	7,668,045	-	54,085	7,722,130	1.12%	1,920
2017	-	8,219,551	-	36,399	8,255,950	1.20%	2,053
2016	-	8,759,368	-	44,390	8,803,758	1.30%	2,228
2015	-	9,208,443	-	16,908	9,225,351	1.40%	2,331
2014	-	5,331,500	-	9,969	5,341,469	0.87%	1,387

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 11

Taxable Assessed Value		$930,470,723
Debt Limit - Texas statues do not provide a legal debt limit for cities; however, through accepted practice a practical "economic" debt limit is considered to be 10% of the assessed value.		$ 93,047,072
Amount of Applicable Debt:		
General Obligation Debt Outstanding	$ 4,705,600	
Less Funds Available in Debt Service Fund	(30,524)	4,675,076
DEBT MARGIN		$ 88,371,996

	Fiscal Year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Taxable Assessed Value	$701,522,492	$750,704,193	$792,813,863	$829,528,101	$930,470,723
Debt Limit	$ 70,152,249	$ 75,070,419	$ 79,281,386	$ 82,952,810	$ 93,047,072
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	(6,773,720)	(6,254,652)	(5,704,868)	(5,155,978)	(4,675,076)
Total Debt Margin	$ 63,378,529	$ 68,815,767	$ 73,576,518	$ 77,796,832	$ 88,371,996

	Fiscal Year				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Taxable Assessed Value	$573,072,301	$613,983,000	$659,253,958	$676,412,159	$689,519,241
Debt Limit	$ 56,028,335	$ 61,398,300	$ 65,925,396	$ 67,641,216	$ 68,951,924
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	(11,292,788)	(8,685,006)	(8,307,805)	(7,808,183)	(7,532,796)
Total Debt Margin	$ 44,735,547	$ 52,713,294	$ 57,617,591	$ 59,833,033	$ 61,419,128

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 12

Year	Population	Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age	School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate
2023	4,551	$ 61,958	53.5	855	4.1%
2022	4,372	67,063	50.1	843	3.5%
2021	4,368	63,208	50.1	840	5.8%
2020	4,249	63,191	51.4	840	7.8%
2019	4,022	63,191	51.5	846	3.3%
2018	3,951	63,191	51.5	810	3.8%
2017	3,957	53,333	51.1	738	3.6%
2016	3,850	56,342	51.5	675	4.1%
2015	3,744	60,665	50.8	625	3.7%
2014	3,667	57,339	50.6	606	4.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Texas Workforce Commission

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS
TOP TEN PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN AREA
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
(UNAUDITED)

TABLE 13

	2023			2014		
Employer	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment
Joint Base San Antonio	82,639	1	7.23%	80,165	1,2,6	8.12%
H-E-B Food Stores	20,000	2	1.75%	20,000	3	2.03%
USAA	19,000	3	1.66%	16,000	4	1.62%
City of San Antonio	13,420	4	1.17%	9,145	8	0.93%
NorthSide ISD	12,206	5	1.07%	12,751	5	1.29%
Methodist Healthcare System	12,000	6	1.05%	8,118	9	0.82%
NorthEast ISD	8,208	7	0.72%	10,052	7	1.02%
San Antonio ISD	7,500	8	0.66%			
UT Health Science	7,200	9	0.63%			
Baptist Healthcare System	6,490	10	0.57%	7,205	10	0.73%
	188,663		16.51%	163,436		16.56%

The City of Garden Ridge is surrounded by the City of San Antonio and no data is available for the employers in Garden Ridge. The above data is for San Antonio.

Source: San Antonio Economic Development Foundation

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CITY OF
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RESOLUTION NO. 515-022024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, FINDING THAT THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO CHANGE RATES FILING WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge, Texas ("City") is a gas utility customer of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint" or "Company") within the unincorporated areas of the Houston, Texas Coast, Beaumont/East Texas, and South Texas Divisions, and a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates and charges of CenterPoint; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas ("Cities") (such participating cities are referred to herein as "Cities"), a coalition of similarly situated cities served by CenterPoint that have joined together to efficiently and cost effectively review and respond to natural gas issues affecting rates charged in the Houston, Texas Coast, Beaumont/East Texas, and South Texas Divisions; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 30, 2023, CenterPoint filed with the City a Statement of Intent to Increase Rates seeking to increase natural gas rates by $37.4 million annually and to all customers residing in the City; and

WHEREAS, Cities is coordinating its review of CenterPoint's Statement of Intent filing with designated attorneys and consultants to resolve issues in the Company's filing; and

WHEREAS, through review of the application, Cities' consultants determined that CenterPoint's proposed rates are excessive; and

WHEREAS, the Cities' members and attorneys recommend that Cities members deny the Statement of Intent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the rates proposed by CenterPoint to be recovered through its gas rates charged to customers located within the City limits, are hereby found to be unreasonable and shall be denied.

Section 2. That the Company shall continue to charge its existing rates to customers within the City.

Section 3. That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed in full by CenterPoint within 30 days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Section 4. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

Section 5. That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Keith L. Wall, CenterPoint Energy, at P.O. Box 2628, Houston, Texas 77252-2628, and to Jamie Mauldin, General Counsel to the Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 7th day of February, 2024.

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Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

City Secretary

From: Jamie Mauldin <jmauldin@lglawfirm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 4:14 PM
To: Jamie Mauldin; Samantha Miller
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ACTION NEEDED BY MARCH 3: CenterPoint Gas Rate Case
Attachments: Denial Resolution CNP Rate Case 2024.doc; Model Staff Report Re Denial Resolution.doc

Dear Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas:

As you are aware, CenterPoint Gas currently has pending rate case for the Houston, Texas Coast, Beaumont/East Texas, and South Texas Divisions. In its filing on October 30, 2023, CenterPoint requested a revenue increase by $37.4 million, which is an increase of 5.8%, excluding gas costs. We have been working with consultants to review the filing and settlement discussions with the company are ongoing. The hearing is currently set for April 10-12.

Earlier this year, we advised cities to suspend CenterPoint's application for a rate increase for 90 days. **The time has now come for you to take final action on the Company's rate request at the City level. The deadline is March 3, 2024.** For those cities who have retained original jurisdiction over CenterPoint, you will need to adopt the attached denial resolution by the deadline. If your city does not have original jurisdiction, no action is necessary.

The purpose of this resolution is to deny the Company's proposed rates as unreasonable and excessive, as our analysis have indicated. We have also included a model staff report for your use. Previously, pursuant to your authority as the local regulator of CenterPoint, your city adopted a resolution that suspended the effective date of CenterPoint's proposed rate increase for an additional 90 days. **This means that your city must take final action on the Company's request by March 3, 2024.**

The attached resolution accomplishes this. Once your Council adopts the resolution, please send it to us and to CenterPoint, as directed in the resolution itself. CenterPoint will then appeal your denial to the Railroad Commission, and the Railroad Commission will render a decision that will apply to all of CenterPoint's service territory, both within cities and outside of cities. Please let us know if you have any questions, or if you are concerned that you may not be able to take action by March 3.

Thanks,
Jamie & Sam

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MODEL STAFF REPORT REGARDING CENTERPOINT ENERGY'S STATEMENT OF INTENT FILING

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On October 30, 2023, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Entergy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (CenterPoint or Company) filed a Statement of Intent to Increase Rates application with Houston, Texas Coast, Beaumont/East Texas, and South Texas Divisions. In the filing, the Company asserted that it is entitled to a $37.4 million increase or a 5.8% increase over current adjusted revenues, excluding gas costs.

In November, the Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas (Cities) engaged the services of consultants to review the Company's filing. The consultants identified numerous unreasonable expenses and proposed significant reductions to the Company's request. Accordingly, Cities' attorney recommends that all Cities members adopt the Resolution denying the rate change. Once the Resolution is adopted, CenterPoint will have 30 days to appeal the decision to the Railroad Commission where the appeal will be consolidated with CenterPoint's filing for the environs and those cities that have relinquished their jurisdiction (i.e. Gas Utility Docket 15513) currently pending at the Commission.

Under the law, cities with original jurisdiction over this matter have 125 days from the initial filing to take final action on the application. Since the application was filed on October 30, 2023, all cities with original jurisdiction will need to adopt the resolution no later than March 3, 2024.

Purpose of the Resolution:

The purpose of the Resolution is to deny the rate application and consolidation proposed by CenterPoint.

Explanation of "Be It Resolved" Paragraphs:

1. This paragraph finds that the Company's application is unreasonable and should be denied.

2. This section states that the Company's current rates shall not be changed.

3. The Company will reimburse Cities for their reasonable rate case expenses. Legal counsel and consultants, approved by the Cities, will submit monthly invoices that will be forwarded to CenterPoint for reimbursement.

4. This section merely recites that the Resolution was passed at a meeting that was open to the public and that the consideration of the Resolution was properly noticed.

5. This section provides CenterPoint and counsel for the cities will be notified of the City's action by sending a copy of the approved and signed resolution to counsel.