
CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(With Supplemental Material)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

December 17, 2024

Council Members
City of Simonton, Texas
Simonton, Texas

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Simonton, Texas, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City'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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Simonton, Texas, as of September 30, 2022, 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 Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standard applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Simonton, Texas, 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 have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 the City of Simonton, Texas' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment 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 the City of Simonton, Texas' 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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Simonton, Texas' 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, pension and death benefit schedules on pages 5 through 9 and 39 through 45 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, 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 Simonton, Texas' basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, corrective action plan and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 schedule of findings and questioned costs, corrective action plan the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2024, on our consideration of City of Simonton, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Simonton, Texas' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Simonton, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

As management of the City of Simonton, Texas (the "City"), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the year ended September 30, 2022.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The assets of the City, excluding component units, exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$2,056,808 (net position). Of this amount, \$1,837,332 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The remaining \$219,476 is restricted for the purpose of renovating City Hall.

The City's total net position, excluding component units, increased by \$436,457 during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

Excluding component units, the City's total expenses were \$1,183,302.

At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,837,332 or 155% percent of total General Fund expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., depreciation and earned but unused vacation leave).

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Traditional users of government financial statements will find the fund financial statement presentation more familiar. The focus is now on the City's most significant funds. The fund financial statements provide more information about the City's most significant fund - not the City as a whole.

The City has one type of fund:

Governmental Fund - Some of the City's basic services are included in the governmental fund, which focuses 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 financial statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's major programs.

The City maintains one individual governmental fund, the General Fund, for financial reporting purposes. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for this fund, which is considered to be a major fund as of September 30, 2022.

Component Units - The City maintains the accounting and financial statements for two component units. The Simonton Development Corporation and the City of Simonton Development Corporation are both discretely presented component units displayed on the government-wide financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 29 of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information (RSI) concerning the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension and other post-employment benefits to its employees and the general fund's budget comparison. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 39 through 45 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City, excluding component units, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,056,808 as of September 30, 2022.

The largest portion of the City's net position (89 percent) represents unrestricted financial resources available for future operations. The remaining portion of the City's net position (11 percent) represents restricted financial resources to be used for specific purposes.

Additionally, a portion of the City's net position (0 percent) reflects its net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, furniture and equipment). The City uses these capital assets to provide services to the individuals we serve; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

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**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(Continued)**

**SUMMARY OF NET POSITION
As of September 30,**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current assets	\$ 2 136 360	\$ 1 639 148
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2 136 360</u>	<u>\$ 1 639 148</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	\$ 559	\$ 2 548
Total Deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 559</u>	<u>\$ 2 548</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 69 129	\$ 21 257
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 69 129</u>	<u>\$ 21 257</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	\$ 10 982	\$ 88
Total Deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 10 982</u>	<u>\$ 88</u>
Net Position:		
Restricted	\$ 219 476	\$ -
Unrestricted	<u>1 837 332</u>	<u>1 620 351</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2 056 808</u>	<u>\$ 1 620 351</u>

Net position of the City, excluding component units, which relate to governmental activities, increased by \$436,457 during the year ended September 30, 2022.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
 (Continued)

Statement of Changes in Net Position

	2022	2021
Revenues		
Property taxes	\$ 207 948	\$ 178 248
Franchise taxes	76 595	67 280
Sales taxes	252 709	212 939
Penalties and interest	2 545	3 481
Other revenues	33 417	54 414
Interest income	5 781	813
Grants	1 040 764	60 000
Total Revenues	1 619 759	577 175
Expenditures		
Administrative fees and expenses	315 620	258 792
Emergency management	3 869	17 195
Public safety	130	88
Facilities fee and expenses	31 669	22 293
Public works	830 349	73 642
Beautification	1 665	-
Total Expenditures	1 183 302	372 010
Change in Net Position	436 457	205 165
Net position, beginning of period	1 620 351	1 415 186
Net position, end of period	\$ 2 056 808	\$ 1 620 351

The City's governmental net position increased by \$436,457 from operations during the 2022 fiscal year.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

(Continued)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

As previously noted, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The City's governmental fund is discussed below:

Governmental Fund - The focus of the City's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, fund balances may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending for program purposes at the end of the fiscal year.

As of September 30, 2022, the City's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,049,149. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total General Fund expenditures. The unassigned fund balance represents 155 percent of total General Fund expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The City's net investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2022, amounts to \$0. Capital assets are fully depreciated as of September 30, 2022.

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 5 in the notes to the financial statements.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The City did not amend the budget during the fiscal year. Actual revenues were more than budgeted revenues by \$1,071,424.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Simonton, Texas' finances for all those with an interest in the City's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to: City of Simonton, Texas, City Secretary, P.O. Box 7 Simonton, Texas 77476.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

	<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Component Units</u>	
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>City of Simonton Development Corporation</u>	<u>Simonton Development Corporation</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted	1 557 751	\$ -	\$ -
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	219 476	206 279	331 154
Investments	342 821	-	-
Property Taxes Receivable	7 659	-	-
Due from Tax Assessor	76	-	-
Other Receivables	8 577	-	-
Due to / from Primary Government	-	14 143	9 620
Total Assets	<u>2 136 360</u>	<u>220 422</u>	<u>340 774</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources	559	-	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	559	-	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 2 136 919</u>	<u>\$ 220 422</u>	<u>\$ 340 774</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 9 916	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll Taxes Payable	12 005	-	-
Retirement Payable	1 991	-	-
Net Pension Liability	20 054	-	-
Net OPEB Liability	1 400	-	-
Due to / from Component Units	23 763	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>69 129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Inflows of Resources	10 982	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>10 982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Restricted	219 476	220 422	340 774
Unassigned	1 837 332	-	-
Total Net Position	<u>2 056 808</u>	<u>220 422</u>	<u>340 774</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 2 136 919</u>	<u>\$ 220 422</u>	<u>\$ 340 774</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report and the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Functions/Programs	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
	Expenses	Primary Government		Component Units	
		Charges for Services	Governmental Activities	City of Simonton Development Corporation	Simonton Development Corporation
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
Administrative Fees and Expenses	\$ 315 620	\$ -	\$ 315 620	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency Management	3 869	-	3 869	-	-
Public Safety	130	-	130	-	-
Facilities Fee and Expenses	31 669	-	31 669	-	-
Public Works	830 349	-	830 349	-	-
Beautification	1 665	-	1 665	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>1 183 302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1 183 302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Component Units:					
City of Simonton Development Corporation	6 132	-	-	6 132	-
Simonton Development Corporation	<u>19 349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19 349</u>
Total Component Units	<u>25 481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6 132</u>	<u>19 349</u>
General Revenues					
Property Tax			207 948	-	-
Franchise Tax			76 595	-	-
Sales Tax			252 709	43 796	87 591
Other Revenue			33 417	-	-
Penalties and Interest			2 545	-	-
Interest			5 781	365	594
Grants			<u>1 040 764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total General Revenues			<u>1 619 759</u>	<u>44 161</u>	<u>88 185</u>
Change in Net Position			436 457	38 029	68 836
Net Position - Beginning			<u>1 620 351</u>	<u>182 393</u>	<u>271 938</u>
Net Position - Ending			<u>\$ 2 056 808</u>	<u>\$ 220 422</u>	<u>\$ 340 774</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report and the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

**BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted	\$ 1 557 751
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	219 476
Investments	342 821
Property Taxes Receivable	7 659
Due from Tax Assessor	76
Other Receivables	<u>8 577</u>
Total Assets	<u>2 136 360</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>559</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>559</u>
 Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	 <u>\$ 2 136 919</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 9 916
Payroll Taxes Payable	12 005
Retirement Payable	1 991
Net Pension Liability	20 054
Net OPEB Liability	1 400
Due to Component Units	<u>23 763</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>69 129</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	10 982
Unavailable Tax Revenue	<u>7 659</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>18 641</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>	
Restricted	219 476
Unassigned	<u>1 829 673</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>2 049 149</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2 136 919</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report and the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues	
Property Tax	\$ 206 492
Franchise Tax	76 595
Sales Tax	252 709
Penalties and Interest	2 545
Other Revenues	33 417
Interest Income	5 781
Grants	1 040 764
Total Revenues	<u>1 618 303</u>
Expenditures	
Administrative Fees and Expenses	315 620
Emergency Management	3 869
Public Safety	130
Facilities Fee and Expenses	31 669
Public Works	830 349
Beautification	1 665
Total Expenditures	<u>1 183 302</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	435 001
Fund Balance, Beginning	<u>1 614 148</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 2 049 149</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report and the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

NOTE (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Simonton, Texas, (the "City") was organized as the Village of Simonton, Texas and incorporated in 1986. The City operates as a "general law" city, which provides for a "Mayor-Council" form of government.

The City provides the following services: general government, public safety (including police, fire, and emergency medical services on a contract basis) and public works.

A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The City is an independent political subdivision of the State of Texas governed by an elected council and a mayor and is considered a primary government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements have been prepared based on considerations regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations or functions as part of the City's financial reporting entity. The component units, listed below, although legally separate, are considered part of the reporting entity. These component units have been presented in the City's reporting entity as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Additionally, as the City is considered a primary government for financial reporting purposes, its activities are not considered a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity.

Considerations regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations or functions in the City's financial reporting entity are based on criteria prescribed by generally accepted accounting principles. These same criteria are evaluated in considering whether the City is a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity. The overriding elements associated with prescribed criteria considered in determining that the City's financial reporting entity status is that of a primary government are that it has a separately elected governing body; it is legally separate; and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. Additionally prescribed criteria under generally accepted accounting principles include considerations pertaining to organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and considerations pertaining to organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Simonton Development Corporation

The citizens of the City approved an additional one half of one percent sales and use tax on November 4, 2008, for economic development under the provisions of Section 4B of the Development Corporation Act of 1979. The Simonton Development Corporation (the "SDC") was created for the public purpose of aiding, promoting and furthering the economic development of the City. The SDC may issue bonds or incur other forms of debt to fulfill its public purpose. The SDC began collecting sales tax in April 2009. The Board of Directors is appointed by the City Council and includes seven board members. City Council approval is required for annual budgets. In the event of dissolution, the net position of the SDC shall be conveyed to the City. The SDC does not have separately issued financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY (Continued)

City of Simonton Development Corporation

The citizens of the City approved an additional one quarter of one percent sales and use tax on November 4, 2008, for economic development under the provisions of Section 4A of the Development Corporation Act of 1979. The City of Simonton Development Corporation (the "Corporation") was created for the public purpose of aiding, promoting and furthering the economic development of the City. The Corporation began collecting sales tax in April 2009. The Corporation may issue bonds or incur other forms of debt to fulfill its public purpose. The Board of Directors is appointed by the City Council and includes five board members. City Council approval is required for annual budgets. In the event of dissolution, the net position of the Corporation shall be conveyed to the City. The Corporation does not have separately issued financial statements.

The following component unit has not been included as part of the reporting entity.

Simonton Higher Education Facilities Corporation

The Simonton Higher Education Facilities Corporation (the "SEFC") has not been included in the reporting entity as a discretely presented component unit, as it has been deemed immaterial to the financial statements of the City. In 2004, the City authorized and created the SEFC, which was evidenced by ordinance of City Council.

The SEFC is governed by the provisions of section 53.35(6) of the Higher Education Authority Act (Chapter 53, Texas Education Code) referred to as the "Act" for the purpose of benefiting and accomplishing public purposes of, and to act on behalf of, the City pursuant to the Act. The Board of Directors is appointed and serves at the discretion of the City Council. City Council approval is required for debt issuance. In the event of dissolution, any remaining net position shall be conveyed to the City.

The accounting policies of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial transactions of the City are recorded in an individual fund. The funds are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements. The City uses the following fund types:

Governmental Funds

a. Fund Types:

General Fund - To account for all revenues and expenditures not required to be accounted for in other funds.

b. Fund Balances:

Beginning with fiscal year 2011, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(Continued)**

NOTE (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- Non-spendable fund balance - amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by a formal action of the City Council, the City's highest level of decision-making authority. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Council takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint.
- Assigned fund balance - amounts the City intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the City Council. Currently, only the City Council has the authority to assign fund balances.
- Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose.

The City uses the following classifications for net position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - To indicate the value of capital invested in capital assets less accumulated depreciation, net of associated debt.

Restricted - To indicate the funds restricted within the General Fund for the purposes of contingencies or emergencies. The City Council must approve any change in the restriction of this fund balance.

Unrestricted - To indicate net position that is available for use in future periods.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

All Governmental Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

The City has adopted GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. In compliance with GASB Statement No. 34, the City has presented a Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities for the year ended September 30, 2022. These statements are presented on an accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded in the period they are earned, and expenses are recorded in the period they are incurred.

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NOTE (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. CASH EQUIVALENTS

The City considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents. As of September 30, 2022, the City's cash and cash equivalents consisted of demand deposits and certificates of deposit, with maturities not exceeding three months.

E. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) 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.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure assets, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund as incurred and as an expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities. Capital asset additions, improvements and preservation costs that extend the life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Assets are capitalized if they have an original cost of \$500 or more, and a useful life of at least one year. Depreciation is calculated on each class of depreciable property using no salvage value and the straight-line method of depreciation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	17-20
Furniture and equipment	3-8

G. ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Management considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible at year-end; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
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NOTE (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet are different because:

Total Fund Balance at September 30, 2022	\$ 2 049 149
Conversion of property tax assessments to full accrual basis	<u>7 659</u>
Total Net Position at September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 2 056 808</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Change in fund balance	\$ 435 001
Conversion of property tax assessments to full accrual basis	<u>1 456</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 436 457</u>

I. PENSIONS

For the purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expenses, 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 items. Investments are reported at fair value.

J. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (“OPEB”)

The City has implemented GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This statement applies to the individual employers (TMRS cities) in the TMRS Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (“SDBF”) plan, with retiree coverage. TMRS SDBF covers both active and retiree benefits with no segregation of assets, and therefore doesn’t meet the definition of a trust under GASB Statement No. 75 (i.e., no assets are accumulated for OPEB) as such the SDBF is considered to be an unfunded OPEB plan. For purposes of reporting under GASB Statement No. 75, the retiree portion of the SDBF is not considered a cost sharing plan and is instead considered a single employer, defined benefit OPEB plan. 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 on which TMRS deposits are made, for the 12-month period preceding the month of death. The death benefit amount for retirees is \$7,500. GASB Statement No. 75 requires the liability of employers and non-employer contributing entities to employees for defined benefit OPEB (net OPEB liability) to be measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees’ past periods of service (total OPEB liability), less the amount of the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position.

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NOTE (2) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the contacted depository banks used by the City were Wallis State Bank and NewFirst National Bank. The largest cash, savings, time deposit combined balances at Wallis State Bank during the year ended September 30, 2022, were \$50,121 occurring in September 2022. These funds were adequately insured during the year. The largest cash, savings, time deposit combined balances at NewFirst National Bank during the year ended September 30, 2022, were \$343,084 occurring in May 2022. These funds were not adequately insured during the year.

Statutes authorize the City to invest in direct or indirect obligations of the United States, the state, or any county, school district, or other political subdivision of the state. Funds of the City may also be placed in certificates of deposit of state or national banks or savings associations within the state. The City also holds investments at September 30, 2022, in accordance with the Council approved investment policy, in TexPool State Treasury ("TexPool"). In following the Public Funds Collateral Act, TexPool invests the City's funds in obligations of the United States, obligations issued by a public agency that is payable from taxes, revenues, or a combination thereof that has been rated by a nationally recognized rating agency with a rating of not less than A, or any security in which a public entity may invest under the Public Funds Investment Act of 1987. Surety bonds and investment securities are used as collateral to secure both the amount of the deposits with TexPool plus any accrued interest. A separate financial report for TexPool is prepared in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*.

Copies of the report can be obtained from TexPool Participant Services, c/o Federated Investors, 1001 Texas Ave., 14th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002. The City held investments in TexPool with a total carrying value and market value of \$342,821 at September 30, 2022.

Local governments are subject to the Public Funds Investment Act as amended during the 1995 legislative session. The Act directs local governments to adopt a written investment policy that primarily emphasizes safety of principal and liquidity. Also addressed under the Act are the areas of investment diversification, yield, maturity, and quality of investment management. The City has complied with the Act's provisions during the year ended September 30, 2022.

NOTE (3) AD VALOREM TAX

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the City levied an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$.219189 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a tax levy of \$208,091 for 2022, on the taxable valuation of \$94,936,934 for the 2021 tax year. The ad valorem tax was due upon receipt and will be considered delinquent if not paid by February 1, at which time penalties and interest will be assessed. The levy date of the tax was September 1 prior to the delinquent date, or as soon after September 1 as it took to set the tax rate. The lien date is January 1 subsequent to the delinquent date.

In the governmental funds, property taxes are initially recorded as receivables and unearned revenue at the time the tax levy is billed. Revenues recognized during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, include collections during the current period or within 60 days of year-end related to the 2021 tax levies.

NOTE (4) SALES TAX REVENUE

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the City received \$218,979 in sales tax revenue and \$33,730 in mixed beverage sales tax revenue.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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NOTE (5) CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The changes in capital assets for the year are as follows:

	Beginning of Year	Acquisitions (Disposals), net	Depreciation Expense	End of Year
Buildings	\$ 153 773	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 153 773
Furniture	129 332	-	-	129 332
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(283 105)	-	-	(283 105)
Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

NOTE (6) PENSION PLAN

Effective October 1, 2018, the City became a participant in Texas Municipal Retirement System (“TMRS”).

Plan Description

The City participates as one of 920 plans in the nontraditional, joint contributory, hybrid defined benefit pension plan administered by the 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.tmr.com.

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

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 payments 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.

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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NOTE (6) PENSION PLAN (Continued)

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the City, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS. Plan provisions for the City were as follows:

	Plan year 2021
Employee deposit rate	7.0%
Matching ratio (City to employee)	2 to 1
Years required for vesting	5
Service retirement eligibility (expressed as age / years of service)	60/5, 0/20
Updated service credit	100% Repeating Transfers
Annuity increase to (Retirees)	70% of CPI

Employees covered by benefit terms

At the December 31, 2021, valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	-
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active employees	2
Total	2

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 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.

Employees for the City of Simonton were required to contribute 7% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the City of Simonton were 9.08% and 2.55% for calendar years 2022 and 2021, respectively. The City's contributions to TMRS for the year ended September 30, 2022, were \$11,165 and were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The City's Net Pension Liability was measured as of December 31, 2021, and the Total Pension Liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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NOTE (6) PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.5% per year
Overall Payroll growth	2.75% per year
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%, net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation.

Salary increases are 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 2022 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 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. 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.

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 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).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)

NOTE (6) PENSION PLAN (Continued)

The target allocation and best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class in fiscal year 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Global Public Equity	35.00 %	7.55 %
Core Fixed Income	6.00 %	2.00 %
Non-Core Fixed Income	20.00 %	5.68 %
Other Public and Private Markets	12.00 %	7.22 %
Real Estate	12.00 %	6.85 %
Hedge Funds	5.00 %	5.35 %
Private Equity	10.00 %	10.00 %
Total	100.00 %	

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.

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 (asset) 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:

1% Decrease 5.75%	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption 6.75%	1% Increase 7.75%
\$ 27 733	\$ 20 054	\$ 13 024

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)

NOTE (6) PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability

	<u>Total Pension Liability (a)</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)</u>
Balance at 12/31/2020	\$ 31 649	\$ 24 119	\$ 7 530
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	20 784	-	20 784
Interest	3 735	-	3 735
Change in Benefit terms including substantively automatic status	13 296	-	13 296
Difference between expected and actual experience	(10 414)	-	(10 414)
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-
Contributions - employer	-	3 947	(3 947)
Contributions - employees	-	7 767	(7 767)
Net investment income	-	3 178	(3 178)
Benefit payments, including refunds of empl. contributions	-	-	-
Administrative expense	-	(15)	15
Other changes	-	-	-
Balance at 12/31/2021	<u>\$ 59 050</u>	<u>\$ 38 996</u>	<u>\$ 20 054</u>

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.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended September 30, 2022, the City recognized pension expense of \$34,316.

At September 30, 2022, the City reported deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ (9 475)	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	(1 240)	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-
Total	<u>\$ (10 715)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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NOTE (6) PENSION PLAN (Continued)

The City reported \$10,715 as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as a change of the net pension liability for the year ending September 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31:		
2022	\$	(1 249)
2023		(1 249)
2024		(1 249)
2025		(1 249)
2026		(939)
Thereafter		<u>(4 780)</u>
Total	\$	<u>(10 715)</u>

NOTE (7) SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS FUND

The City also participates in the cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit group-term life insurance plan operated by the 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.

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 postemployment benefit,” or OPEB.

The City contributes to the SDBF at a contractually required rate as determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The rate is equal to the cost of providing one-year term life insurance. The funding policy for the SDBF program is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year; the intent is not to pre-fund retiree term life insurance during employees’ entire careers.

Employees covered by benefit terms

At the December 31, 2021, valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	-
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active employees	<u>2</u>
Total	<u><u>2</u></u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(Continued)

NOTE (7) SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS FUND (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability

The City’s OPEB was measured as of December 31, 2021, and the Total OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability in the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Methods and Assumptions used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	3.5% to 11.5%, including inflation per year
Discount Rate	1.84%
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	\$ -
Administrative expenses	All administrative expenses are paid through the Pension Trust and accounted for under reporting requirements under GASB Statement No. 68.

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, and beneficiaries were based on 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 87%. For disabled annuitants, the 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% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and females, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability was 1.84%. The discount rate was based on the Fidelity Index’s “20-Year Municipal GO AA Index” rate as of December 31, 2021.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 1.84%, as well as what the City’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (0.84%) or 1-percentage-point higher (2.84%) than the current rate:

<u>1% Decrease 0.84%</u>	<u>Current Single Discount Rate Assumption 1.84%</u>	<u>1% Increase 2.84%</u>
\$ 1 906	\$ 1 400	\$ 1 031

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(Continued)

NOTE (7) SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS FUND (Continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at 12/31/2020	\$ 1 622
Changes in the total OPEB liability	
Service cost	233
Interest on total OPEB liability	35
Changes of benefit terms including TMRS plan participation	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(556)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	66
Benefits payments	-
Net Change in total OPEB liability	(222)
 Total OPEB liability - ending	 \$ 1 400

The City reported \$559 as deferred outflows of resources and \$267 as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability for the year ending September 30, 2022.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to OPEB

For the year ended September 30, 2022, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$46.

At September 30, 2022, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB liability from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ (267)	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions and other inputs	-	559
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	N/A	-
Total	\$ (267)	\$ 559

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

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NOTE (7) SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS FUND (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31:		
2022	\$	44
2023		44
2024		44
2025		44
2026		45
Thereafter		71
Total	\$	<u>292</u>

NOTE (8) GRANT AWARDS

In the normal course of operations, the City receives grant funds from various governmental agencies. These grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting agency, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with the provisions of the granting agency. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

During the year ended September 30, 2020, the City received grant approval from Texas General Land Office for \$1,227,232. The funds are to be used for disaster recovery and restoration of infrastructure for communities impacted by the Floods of 2016 and Hurricane Harvey. During the current fiscal year, the City requested \$821,289 reimbursement for expenses incurred relating to the on-going drainage projects and received \$821,289 from the grantor.

During the year ended September 30, 2022, the city received \$219,475 from the United States Department of Treasury as a subrecipient. These funds were not spent during the fiscal year and are classified as restricted net assets at year end.

NOTE (9) RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the City carries insurance. Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

NOTE (10) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 17, 2024, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) and noted no subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

December 17, 2024

Council Members
City of Simonton, Texas
Simonton, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Simonton, Texas, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Simonton, Texas' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Simonton, Texas' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Simonton, Texas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Simonton, Texas' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed in the accompanying schedule of findings and questions costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022 B.1 to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item B.2 to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Simonton, Texas' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022 B.1 and 2022 B.2.

City of Simonton's Response to Findings

We recognize and agree that full, integrated use of our new accounting software and related procedures will resolve timeliness and appropriate accounting function issues. Simonton is a small City with limited resources, but we will work diligently to rectify the needed internal controls.

City of Simonton's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

December 17, 2024

Council Members
City of Simonton, Texas
Simonton, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion of Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Simonton, Texas' compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Simonton, Texas' major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2022. The City of Simonton, Texas' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City of Simonton, Texas complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Your responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City of Simonton, Texas and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Simonton, Texas' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City of Simonton, Texas' federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City of Simonton, Texas' compliance based on our audit. 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City of Simonton, Texas' compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 City of Simonton, Texas' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City of Simonton, Texas' internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Simonton, Texas' internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022 C.1. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on City of Simonton, Texas' to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. City of Simonton, Texas' response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However,

as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in item 2022 C.1 to be material weaknesses.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on City of Simonton, Texas' response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. City of Simonton, Texas' response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Breallone & Co., P.C.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND
ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Actual	Original and Final Budget *	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Property Tax	\$ 206 492	\$ 209 764	\$ (3 272)
Franchise Tax	76 595	63 270	13 325
Sales Tax	252 709	200 750	51 959
Penalties and Interest	2 545	-	2 545
Other Revenues	33 417	72 536	(39 119)
Grants	1 040 764	-	1 040 764
Interest Income	5 781	559	5 222
Total Revenues	1 618 303	546 879	1 071 424
Expenditures			
Administrative Fees and Expenses	315 620	397 869	82 249
Emergency Management	3 869	58 500	54 631
Public Safety	130	18 200	18 070
Facilities Fee and Expenses	31 669	61 600	29 931
Public Works	830 349	51 200	(779 149)
Beautification	1 665	1 900	235
Municipal Courts	-	1 500	1 500
Total Expenditures	1 183 302	590 769	(592 533)
Net Change in Fund Balance	435 001	(43 890)	478 891
Fund Balance, Beginning	1 614 148	1 614 148	-
Fund Balance, Ending	\$ 2 049 149	\$ 1 570 258	\$ 478 891

* Budget was not amended during the year. Therefore, the original budget is the same as the final budget.

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2021	2020	2019
Total pension liability			
Service cost	\$ 20 784	\$ 10 151	\$ 8 397
Interest	3 735	1 560	771
Change in benefit terms including substantively automatic status	13 296	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(10 414)	1 897	1 319
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	-	-	335
Benefits payments, including refunds of participant contributions	-	-	-
Net change in total pension liability	27 401	13 608	10 822
Total pension liability - beginning	31 649	18 041	7 219
Total pension liability - ending (a)	59 050	31 649	18 041
Plan fiduciary net position			
Contributions - employer	3 947	3 712	3 264
Contributions - members	7 767	7 644	6 410
Net Investment income	3 178	910	296
Benefit payments, including refunds of participant contributions	-	-	-
Administrative expenses	(15)	(7)	(1)
Other	-	-	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	14 877	12 259	9 969
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	24 119	11 860	1 891
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	38 996	24 119	11 860
Fund's net position liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 20 054	\$ 7 530	\$ 6 181
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.04%	76.21%	65.74%
Covered payroll	\$ 155 340	\$ 152 876	\$ 128 205
Fund's net position as a percentage of covered payroll	12.91%	4.93%	4.82%

See the Accompanying Independent Auditors' Report

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
\$ 1 635	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
405	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5 179	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>7 219</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>7 219</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
643	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1 248	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>1 891</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>1 891</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>\$ 5 328</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
26.19%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
\$ 24 964	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
21.34%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

See the Accompanying Independent Auditors' Report

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENSION PLAN
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

Year Ending September 30	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2012					
2013					
2014					
2015					
2016					
2017					
2018	\$ 643	\$ 643	\$ -	\$ 24 964	2.59%
2019	\$ 3 264	\$ 3 264	\$ -	\$ 128 205	2.59%
2020	\$ 3 712	\$ 3 712	\$ -	\$ 152 876	2.44%
2021	\$ 3 947	\$ 3 947	\$ -	\$ 155 340	2.54%

Notes to Schedule of Employer Contributions to Pension Plan

Notes Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 and become effective in January 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	7 Years
Assets 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, 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.

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CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Changes in the total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 233	\$ 183	\$ 141
Interest on total OPEB liability	35	29	13
Changes of benefit terms including TMRS plan participation	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(556)	90	227
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	66	356	305
Benefits payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	(222)	658	686
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>1 622</u>	<u>964</u>	<u>278</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 1 400</u>	<u>\$ 1 622</u>	<u>\$ 964</u>
Covered payroll	155 340	152 876	128 205
Fund's net position as a percentage of covered payroll	0.90%	1.06%	0.75%

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

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

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
\$	32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	254	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	(17)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<u>278</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
	-	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
\$	<u>278</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
	24 964	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	1.11%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

1. We issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.
2. There are reportable conditions in internal control that are disclosed by our audit of the financial statements that are considered material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.
3. Our audit disclosed noncompliance that is material to the financial statements.
4. There are no significant deficiencies in internal control over major programs disclosed by our audit that are considered to be material weaknesses.
5. Our report on compliance for major programs was unmodified.
6. The Community Development Block Grant/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii was identified as major program.
7. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
8. The auditee does not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

Finding # 2022 B.1 – Failure to comply with financial reporting requirements.

Community Development Block Grant/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii – ALN# 14.228
Material weakness and noncompliance with financial statements audit

Condition: The City has not complied with financial reporting requirements by failing to engage an independent auditor on an annual basis to conduct and submit audited financial statements to the reporting agencies.

Criteria or Specific Requirement: The City is required to submit timely audited financial information electronically to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) within 9 months of the City's fiscal year end for those fiscal years when the City expends more than \$750,000 of federal funds.

Questioned Costs: No questioned costs

Effect: Failure to report the annual financial statements within the time parameters can result in the City being unable to apply or qualify for additional federal funding.

Cause: The City did not contract with an independent auditor to conduct an audit of the financial statements in a timely manner.

Recommendation: The City needs to engage an independent auditor on an annual basis and ensure that the audited financial statements are submitted to FAC within the allotted time frame.

Response: Subsequent to the year end the City engaged in a service contract with an independent auditor.

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(Continued)

CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT (Continued)

Finding # 2022 B.2 – Internal controls are ineffective and do not appear to be followed and working to ensure that the City remains compliant with financial reporting requirements.

All Programs

Significant deficiency and noncompliance with financial statements audit

Condition: The City does not have controls in place to ensure that the City remained in compliance with both reporting and program requirements.

Criteria or Specific Requirement: The City is required to submit timely audited financial information electronically to the Federal Audit Clearing House (FAC) within 9 months of the City’s fiscal year end for those fiscal years when the City expends more than \$750,000 of federal funds.

Questioned Costs: None

Effect: Ineffective internal controls have resulted in noncompliance of financial statement reporting requirements.

Cause: Lack of oversight by the Council to ensure that appropriate training was provided to utilize accounting software to meet required reporting requirements.

Recommendation: The City should review their internal control policies and revise as necessary. More oversight and staff training should be provided to ensure that controls are in place and being observed and that the accounting software is brought up to date and kept current.

Response: During the year it appears that internal control policies were not being adequately implemented and followed. The internal control policies and procedures will be reviewed and amended as necessary, to ensure greater oversight. Subsequent to year end, the City engaged an external bookkeeper to reconcile the accounting records and provide support and staff training.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

Finding # 2022 C.1 – Failure to comply with financial reporting requirements.
Community Development Block Grant/State’s Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii – ALN# 14.228
Material weakness and noncompliance material to major federal award programs

See B.1 under Financial Statements Audit.

D. STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

The City had no prior audit findings or questioned costs.

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(Continued)**

E. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Corrective Action Plan for Finding # 2022 B.1 – Failure to Comply with financial reporting requirements. Community Development Block Grant/State’s Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii – ALN# 14.228
Material Weakness and noncompliance with financial statements audit

Corrective action Planned: The City has engaged an independent auditor to ensure that all financial reporting requirements are satisfied.

Contact person: Mayor

Anticipated Completed date: September 30, 2025

Correct Action Plan for Finding # 2022 B.2 – Internal controls are ineffective and do not appear to be followed and working to ensure that the City remains compliant with financial reporting requirements.

All Programs

Significant deficiency and noncompliance with financial statements audit

Corrective action Planned: The internal control policies and procedures will be reviewed and amended as necessary, to ensure greater oversight. Subsequent to year end, the City engaged an external bookkeeper to reconcile the accounting records and provide support and staff training.

Contact person: Mayor

Anticipated Completed date: September 30, 2025

Corrective Action Plan for Finding # 2022 C.1 – Failure to Comply with financial reporting requirements. Community Development Block Grant/State’s Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii – ALN# 14.228
Material weakness and noncompliance material to major federal award programs

Corrective action Planned: The City has engaged an independent auditor to ensure that all financial reporting requirements are satisfied.

Contact person: Mayor

Anticipated Completed date: September 30, 2025

CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

	ALN		Award Amount		Federal Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSTING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)					
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii Passed through from General Land Office (the "GLO")	14.228	\$	821 288	\$	821 288
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY					
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Passed through Texas Division of Emergency Management	21.027		219 476		-
Total of Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$	821 288

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

NOTE (1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the City of Simonton, Texas and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

The City has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

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December 17, 2024

Council Members
City of Simonton, Texas
Simonton, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Simonton, Texas (“the City”) for the year ended September 30, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated September 19, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s 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 significantly from those expected. There were no sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management will correct all such misstatements. The following material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures will be corrected by the bookkeeper: interfund amounts and credit card activity.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor’s report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 17, 2024.

Management Consultations with Other Independent 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. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the City of Simonton, Texas’ auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

The auditor noted that funds held in accounts at NewFirst National Bank were not adequately secured throughout the year. The amounts in excess of FDIC insurance of \$250,000 are subject to credit risk.

The transition to the new accounting software remains incomplete with correct opening balances. Due to the delay in completing the setup of the new software, month-end accounting procedures are not being completed in a timely manner. We recommend that the accounting software setup be completed, and procedures be implemented to ensure appropriate and timely accounting functions, including but not limited to, monthly bank and credit card reconciliations and other asset and liability account reconciliations. In addition, we recommend that the Council consider appropriate staff training for full utilization of the accounting software in future years or consider entering into a service contract with a trained service provider that can maintain the accounting records and financial data.

During the audit there were instances where payroll tax deposits and reporting requirements were not made in a timely manner or the amount deposited did not reconcile to the amount due to be deposited. It is recommended that procedures be implemented to ensure that all filing and payment due dates are met timely and the amount remitted to the IRS is reconciled to the underlying documentation.

We recommend that an appropriate employee or Council member conduct an inventory of all capital assets and create a register of all assets owned by the City.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management Discussion and Analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

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Very truly yours,



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