



***CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA***

***Annual Financial Report***

***For the year ended December 31, 2024***

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City of Jasper, Georgia

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Jasper, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Jasper, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Jasper, Georgia, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparisons of the General Fund and the American Rescue Plan Act Fund for the year then ended in conformity 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 standards 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Jasper, Georgia and to meet our 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 opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Jasper, Georgia's 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.

## ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government 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 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 and *Government 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 Jasper, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Jasper, Georgia's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

## ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information as referred to in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 Jasper, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also 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 combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax, and 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 Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of indebtedness and the schedule of general fund unassigned fund balance by month but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

## **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 16, 2025, on our consideration of the City of Jasper, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Jasper, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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May 16, 2025



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### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the City of Jasper, it is our pleasure to present this narrative discussion and analysis of the City of Jasper's financial performance, providing an overview of the activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. The purpose of this narrative is to provide readers of financial statements with information that will help them make timely and meaningful financial decisions or draw conclusions about the City of Jasper. This analytical information is designed to be read in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow this section.

#### Financial Highlights

- The City of Jasper's assets exceeded its liabilities at December 31, 2024, by \$33,176,274. (reported as *net position*).
- As of December 31, 2024, Jasper's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,316,568. Approximately 63% of this total amount, \$3,985,464 is available for spending at the City Council's discretion (unassigned fund balance of the General Fund).

More detailed information regarding these activities and funds begins on page 7.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis narrative is intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Jasper's basic financial statements. The City of Jasper's basic financial statements are composed of three elements: 1) government-wide financial statements; 2) fund financial statements; and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to our basic financial statements.

#### Government-wide Financial Statements (Reporting the City as a whole)

The focus of the government-wide financial statements is on the overall financial position and activities of the City of Jasper and is designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's financial activities in a manner similar to a private business enterprise.

The purpose of the *Statement of Net Position* (pages 15 - 16) is to attempt to report all assets held and liabilities owed by the City. The City reports all assets when it acquires ownership over the assets and reports all of its liabilities when they are incurred. The difference between the total assets and total liabilities is labeled *net position*. Although the purpose of the City is not to accumulate net position, in general, as this amount increases it indicates that the financial position of the City is improving over time.

The *Statement of Activities* (page 17), on the other hand, presents the revenues and expenses of the City. Under the accrual basis of accounting mentioned earlier, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses when incurred in this statement. Thus, revenues are reported even when they may not be collected for several weeks after the end of the accounting period and expenses are recorded even though they may not have used cash during the current period. The difference is described as *change in net position*. The primary focus of the Statement of Activities is on the *net cost* of various activities provided by the City and identifies the extent to which each function of the City draws from general revenues or is self-financing through fees, grants, or other sources.



In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the City of Jasper into three types of activities:

- *Governmental activities* – Most of the City's basic services are reported under this category, including police, fire, public works, and general administration. Sales tax, property taxes, and intergovernmental revenues finance most of these services.
- *Business-type activities* – The City charges fees to customers to assist in covering all or most of the cost for certain services it provides. The City's water and sewer system and garbage collection fees are reported in this category.
- *Component Units* – Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the City are financially accountable. The Industrial Development Authority, Downtown Development Authority, and the Jasper Development Authority, although legally separate, function for all practical purposes as departments of the City of Jasper, and therefore have been included as an integral part of the primary government.

The City's government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 15-17.

#### Fund Financial Statements (Reporting the City's Major Funds)

The focus of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the City and its most significant funds, not the City as a whole. A fund is an entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that the City uses to track specific resources and expenditures, either for management purposes or because of legal mandates. In addition to the major funds, individual fund data for the City's nonmajor funds can be found beginning on page 79. The City's funds are divided into three broad categories – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – and use different accounting approaches.

- *Governmental Funds* – These funds account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements; however, governmental fund financial statements focus on the short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

Because the focus of the governmental fund financial statements is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements and because of the different accounting methods used to prepare them, there are often significant differences between the totals presented in these financial statements. It is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. An analysis of the balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances that reconciles the two statements are provided after each statement.

In addition to the General Fund, the City of Jasper maintains two governmental fund types:

1. Special Revenue Funds
2. Capital Projects Funds

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, and the 2020 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund, which are considered major funds. Information from the other four funds: the Technology Surcharge Special Revenue Fund; the Confiscated Assets Special Revenue Fund, the Hotel/Motel Tax Special Revenue Fund, and the 2014 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements in this report.

The City of Jasper adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The City's basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 18-23 of this report.

- *Proprietary Funds* – When the City charges customers for the services it provides – whether to outside customers or to other departments of the City – these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. These proprietary funds are prepared using the same accounting basis as the government-wide financial statements.

There are two types of proprietary funds, enterprise funds and internal service funds. The City of Jasper utilizes only enterprise funds. Enterprise fund statements report the same functions presented in the business-type activities columns of the government-wide financial statements. The City of Jasper utilizes enterprise funds to account for its Water and Sewer system, which is reported as a major enterprise fund, and Sanitation function, which is reported as a nonmajor enterprise fund.

The City's proprietary fund financial statements are presented on pages 24-27.

- *Fiduciary Funds* – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City of Jasper's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The City acts as a trustee or fiduciary for the Municipal Court Custodial Fund.

The City's fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on pages 28-29.

#### Notes to the financial statements

The notes 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 32-72 of this report.

#### Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's defined benefit pension plan. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 73-78 of this report.

#### Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information includes certain required supplementary information concerning the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees and a budgetary comparison schedule for the general fund which demonstrates compliance with the City's as adopted and final revised budgets.

## Overview of the City's Financial Position and Operations

The City's overall financial position and operations for this year is summarized as follows based on the information included in the government-wide financial statements (see pages 15-17):

### City of Jasper Statement of Net Position December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current	\$ 10,977,546	\$ 10,522,161	\$ 4,309,859	\$ 5,046,386	\$ 15,287,405	\$ 15,568,547
Capital	10,270,051	8,939,676	39,353,860	0	49,623,911	8,939,676
Other noncurrent	0	0	228,051	31,245,479	228,051	31,245,479
Total Assets	<u>21,247,597</u>	<u>19,461,837</u>	<u>43,891,770</u>	<u>36,291,865</u>	<u>65,139,367</u>	<u>55,753,702</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>511,844</u>	<u>703,483</u>	<u>303,523</u>	<u>395,786</u>	<u>815,367</u>	<u>1,099,269</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>						
Liabilities						
Current	2,266,403	2,365,658	18,652,533	2,625,740	20,918,936	4,991,398
Noncurrent	<u>2,374,068</u>	<u>2,582,441</u>	<u>6,417,255</u>	<u>15,642,980</u>	<u>8,791,323</u>	<u>18,225,421</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,640,471</u>	<u>4,948,099</u>	<u>25,069,788</u>	<u>18,268,720</u>	<u>29,710,259</u>	<u>23,216,819</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,777,048</u>	<u>2,000,782</u>	<u>291,153</u>	<u>6,438</u>	<u>3,068,201</u>	<u>2,007,220</u>
<b>Net Position</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	9,747,428	8,186,970	16,040,431	15,040,350	25,787,859	23,227,320
Restricted	2,283,041	2,511,326	0	0	2,283,041	2,511,326
Unrestricted	<u>2,311,453</u>	<u>2,518,143</u>	<u>2,793,921</u>	<u>3,372,143</u>	<u>5,105,374</u>	<u>5,890,286</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 14,341,922</u>	<u>\$ 13,216,439</u>	<u>\$ 18,834,352</u>	<u>\$ 18,412,493</u>	<u>\$ 33,176,274</u>	<u>\$ 31,628,932</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Assets for the City of Jasper exceeded liabilities by \$33,176,274 at the close of the current year. However, much of the net position either is restricted as to the purposes for which it can be used or are invested in capital assets.

The largest portion (78%) of the City of Jasper's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment, infrastructure), less any related debt outstanding that was needed to construct or acquire the assets. The City uses capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Although the net position of our business-type activities represents 57% (\$18,834,352) of total net position, these resources cannot be used to add to the net position surplus in governmental activities. The City generally can only use the net position to finance the continuing operations of the business-type activities.

The following condensed financial information was derived from the government-wide Statement of Activities and reflects how the City of Jasper's net position changed during the year.

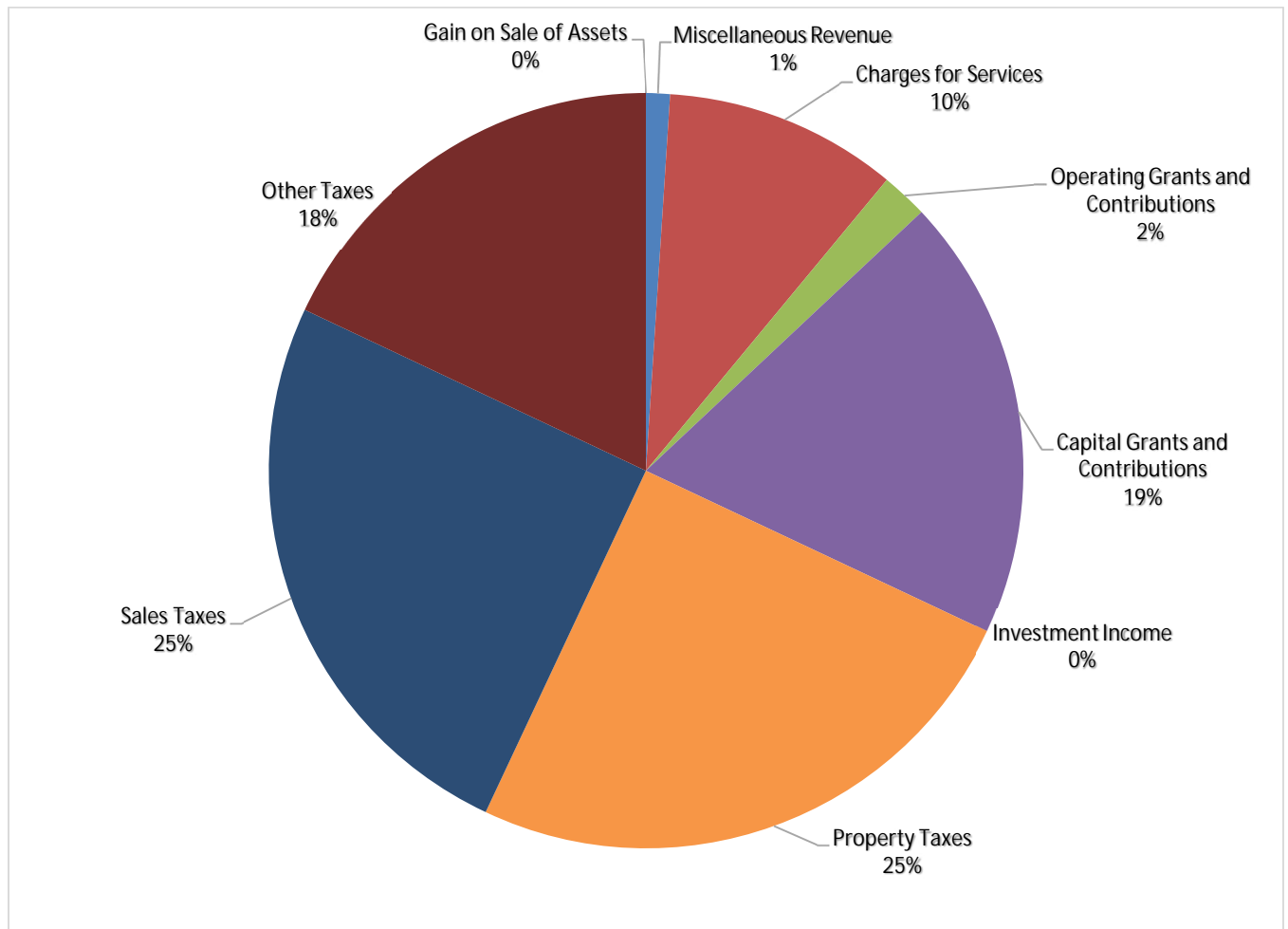
City of Jasper  
Changes in Net Position  
For the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>PROGRAM REVENUES</i>						
Charges for services	\$ 973,401	\$ 807,055	\$ 6,655,439	\$ 5,847,708	\$ 7,628,840	\$ 6,654,763
Operating grants and contributions	170,927	118,832	0	0	170,927	118,832
Capital grants and contributions	1,753,550	1,388,492	893,722	266,500	2,647,272	1,654,992
General revenues:						
Property taxes	2,327,618	2,064,538	0	0	2,327,618	2,064,538
Sales taxes	2,343,800	2,187,749	0	0	2,343,800	2,187,749
Other taxes	1,706,952	1,517,986	0	0	1,706,952	1,517,986
Investment income	46,906	36,036	83,066	75,979	129,972	112,015
Miscellaneous revenues	80,210	30,866	45,898	320,074	126,108	350,940
Total revenues	<u>9,403,364</u>	<u>8,151,554</u>	<u>7,678,125</u>	<u>6,510,261</u>	<u>17,081,489</u>	<u>14,661,815</u>
<i>EXPENSES</i>						
General Government	810,593	789,633	0	0	810,593	789,633
Judicial	176,504	164,232	0	0	176,504	164,232
Public Safety	5,028,808	3,924,152	0	0	5,028,808	3,924,152
Public Works	1,125,799	1,008,614	0	0	1,125,799	1,008,614
Culture and Recreation	99,955	88,815	0	0	99,955	88,815
Housing and Development	699,033	656,431	0	0	699,033	656,431
Interest on long-term debt	22,691	24,606	0	0	22,691	24,606
Water and sewerage	0	0	7,133,364	6,368,636	7,133,364	6,368,636
Sanitation	0	0	333,827	350,929	333,827	350,929
Total expenses	<u>7,963,383</u>	<u>6,656,483</u>	<u>7,467,191</u>	<u>6,719,565</u>	<u>15,430,574</u>	<u>13,376,048</u>
Transfers in (out)	<u>(224,700)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>224,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>1,215,281</u>	<u>1,495,071</u>	<u>435,634</u>	<u>(209,304)</u>	<u>1,650,915</u>	<u>1,285,767</u>
Net position - beginning, as previously reported	13,216,439	11,721,368	18,412,493	18,621,797	31,628,932	30,343,165
Change in accounting principle	<u>(89,798)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(13,775)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(103,573)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net position - beginning, as restated	<u>13,126,641</u>	<u>11,721,368</u>	<u>18,398,718</u>	<u>18,621,797</u>	<u>31,525,359</u>	<u>30,343,165</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 14,341,922</u>	<u>\$ 13,216,439</u>	<u>\$ 18,834,352</u>	<u>\$ 18,412,493</u>	<u>\$ 33,176,274</u>	<u>\$ 31,628,932</u>

## Governmental Activities –

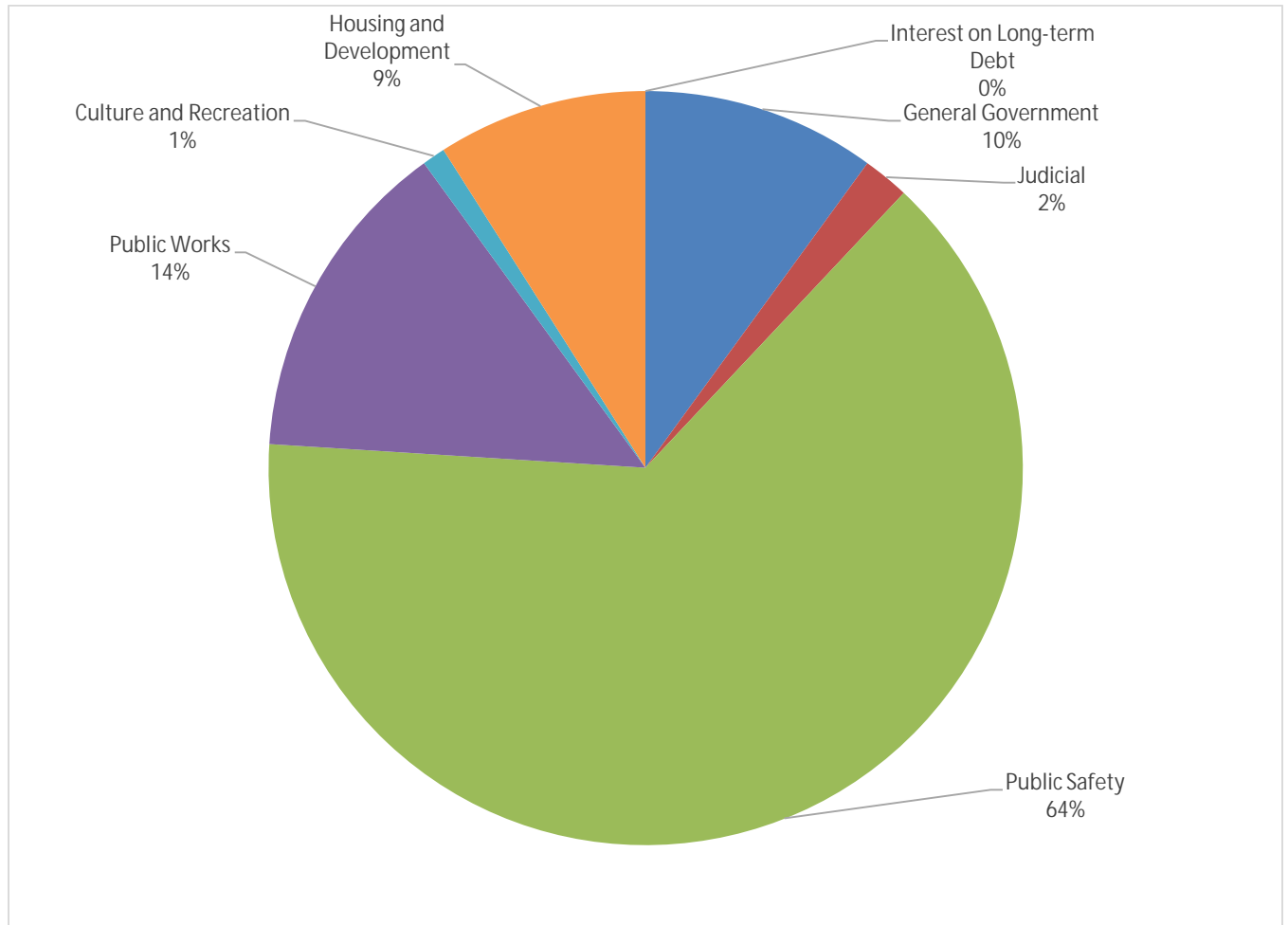
The following chart depicts revenues of the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Revenue by Source – Governmental Activities



The following chart depicts the expenses of the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Expenses by Function – Governmental Activities



## Business-type Activities –

Business-type activities increased the City of Jasper's net position by \$435,634; this is \$644,938 more than the decrease in net position for 2023. The key elements of this difference in increase are:

- The primary difference in the increase in net position is that, in 2024, the increase in operating revenues was more significant than the increase in operating expenses as well as the increase in intergovernmental revenue. Operating revenues in the proprietary funds increased by \$525,513 over 2023. The most significant increase in revenues was in the Water and Sewerage Fund in the amount of \$475,623. The most significant increase in revenues was for charges for service increased \$807,731. Operating expenses were up by \$106,230 over 2023.

## Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

As noted earlier, the City of Jasper uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds.** The focus of the City of Jasper's governmental funds 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, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As the City completed this year, its governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$6,316,568. Of this amount, \$3,985,464 (63%) constitutes unassigned fund balance, meaning no constraints have been placed on how this money may be spent. The General Fund is the only governmental fund that can have positive unassigned fund balance. The remainder of fund balance is either non-spendable, restricted by a third party or assigned for a specific purpose.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$3,985,464, while total fund balance was \$4,149,022. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 54% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 56% of that same amount.

The American Rescue Plan Act Fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The City continued to expend these funds in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act requirements. At the end of the current year, restricted fund balance of the American Rescue Plan Act Fund was \$0.

The 2020 SPLOST Fund is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) funds. The City continued to expend these funds in accordance with the referendum. At the end of the current year, restricted fund balance of the 2020 SPLOST Fund was \$1,997,432.

## General Fund Budget Highlights

The City's budget utilized a conservative approach based on available information. Emphasis was placed on long-term stability by meeting financial priorities through disciplined spending. The City employs a budget process whereby appropriations are revisited and compared to actual in order to determine if significant, unexpected variances are present. At this point, any necessary budget amendments are approved by City Council. The original budget for the General Fund was amended by various appropriations approved after the beginning of the year. In addition, Council approved several adjustments to prevent budget overruns.

## Proprietary Funds

The City of Jasper's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Net position of the City's two proprietary funds totaled as follows:

▪ Water and Sewerage	\$ 18,822,919
▪ Sanitation	\$ 11,433

The total increase in net position for both funds was \$435,634. Other factors concerning the finances of these two funds have already been addressed in the discussion of the City's business-type activities.

## Capital Assets and Debt Administration

**Capital Assets.** The City of Jasper has invested \$49,623,911 in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation). Capital assets include infrastructure, land, buildings, and machinery and equipment. Approximately 79% of this investment is related to business-type activities and approximately 21% relates to governmental activities.

During 2024, the City invested \$11,347,384 in new capital assets. Major capital asset events during the current year included the following:

### Governmental-type Activities 2024

Fire Equipment	\$ 223,568
Police Equipment	57,781
Police Vehicles (6)	322,245
Fire Vehicles (2)	88,839
Planning and Zoning Vehicle	42,500
Street Department Equipment (3)	72,232
Pioneer Roadway Improvements	280,118
Park Improvements	442,471
Liberty Lain Fire Station CIP	72,728
Sidewalk Improvements CIP	120,519
SmartCop Police Department Software CIP	126,308
	<u>\$ 1,849,309</u>

### Business-type Activities 2024

Wastewater Plant Improvements CIP	\$ 8,633,556
Water Treatment Plan Filter CIP	62,450
Sanitary Sewer Collection Rehabilitation CIP	44,425
Master Sewer Lift Station CIP	57,700
Electric Bypass Pump	65,875
Kubota Track Loader	71,562
Water Department Lift Stations (4)	175,875
Water Department Vehicle	42,500
	<u>\$ 9,153,943</u>



Capital assets held by the City at the end of the current year are summarized as follows:

City of Jasper  
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)  
As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 3,385,966	\$ 3,385,966	\$ 1,423,264	\$ 1,423,264	\$ 4,809,230	\$ 4,809,230
Construction in progress	403,496	313,595	18,654,596	9,900,916	19,058,092	10,214,511
Buildings and improvements	1,174,591	1,153,697	2,576,477	2,552,603	3,751,068	3,706,300
Infrastructure	3,508,266	3,193,724	29,083,452	28,799,990	32,591,718	31,993,714
Machinery and equipment	4,532,074	3,926,991	3,228,109	3,070,421	7,760,183	6,997,412
Park improvements	1,593,916	763,489	0	0	1,593,916	763,489
Intangible right-to-use assets					0	0
Software	229,981	229,981	0	0	229,981	229,981
Total	14,828,290	12,967,443	54,965,898	45,747,194	69,794,188	58,714,637
Accumulated depreciation/amortization	(4,558,239)	(4,027,767)	(15,612,038)	(14,501,715)	(20,170,277)	(18,529,482)
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 10,270,051</u>	<u>\$ 8,939,676</u>	<u>\$ 39,353,860</u>	<u>\$ 31,245,479</u>	<u>\$ 49,623,911</u>	<u>\$ 40,185,155</u>

Additional information on the City of Jasper's capital assets can be found in the Note 8 in the notes to the financial statements on pages 51-52 of this report.

Long-term debt. At December 31, 2024, the City of Jasper had \$22,459,164 in long-term debt which was an increase of \$6,514,780 from 2023. The increase is attributed to draws on existing notes from direct borrowings to fund the Wastewater Plant Improvements project.

City of Jasper  
Outstanding Debt  
As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Notes payable	\$ 385,139	\$ 430,995	\$ 19,513,724	\$ 12,593,193	\$ 19,898,863	\$ 13,024,188
Bonds payable	0	0	2,429,000	2,741,000	2,429,000	2,741,000
Subscriptions payable	131,301	179,196	0	0	131,301	179,196
Compensated absences	231,489	207,675	91,487	90,680	322,976	298,355
Total	<u>\$ 747,929</u>	<u>\$ 817,866</u>	<u>\$ 22,034,211</u>	<u>\$ 15,424,873</u>	<u>\$ 22,782,140</u>	<u>\$ 16,242,739</u>

In 2024, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This implementation decreased beginning net position by \$103,573. See Notes 17 and 18 for more information on this standard.

Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in the Note 9 in the notes to the financial statements on pages 53-60 of this report.

## Economic Environment and Next Year's Budgets

The City's tax rates, fees, and charges for governmental and business-type activities, along with the projected growth are all major considerations when adopting the 2025 budget. The City has experienced more growth than in previous years and expect this growth to continue, which will increase revenues.

The following are some major factors considered in preparing the City's budget for 2025:

- Sustainability of existing services – The City strives to provide exceptional services to their citizens as well as customers outside city limits. For long-term goals, the City continuously evaluates current expenses and revenue all while prioritizing services.
- Cost of government – The City's millage rate increased in 2024 from 5.221 mills to 6.221 mills. The levy in 2024 funds the 2025 budget.
- Capital Assets – For 2025, the City will utilize 2020 SPLOST for capital assets for public safety and parks. Fund balance from the General Fund will also be used for some public safety and city hall assets.
- Infrastructure improvements – The use of 2014 SPLOST will allow the City to make improvements to roads, bridges, and sidewalks. The City is expanding the wastewater pollution control plant, as well as replacing infrastructure and seeking additional water resources.
- Economy impact – The City takes a conservative approach with revenue and expenditures.

For fiscal year 2025, the City Council approved a total budget of \$19,405,671. This budget includes operating and non-operating funds. The General Fund budget is \$7,565,771 and the Proprietary Funds are budgeted for \$8,342,410 (Water, Sewerage, and Sanitation). The City's budgets and relative fund balances are maintained in compliance with the City's adopted financial policies.

## Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the City's commitment to public accountability. If you have any questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact Lindsey Williams, Finance Director, City of Jasper, Georgia, 200 Burnt Mountain Road, Jasper, GA 30143.

## ***BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**December 31, 2024**

	Primary Government			
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Units
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,552,876	\$ 1,748,898	\$ 9,301,774	\$ 18,694
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	95,051	858,044	953,095	0
Receivables:				
Accounts (net)	0	1,036,805	1,036,805	0
Taxes (net)	2,821,566	0	2,821,566	0
Intergovernmental	135,935	725,547	861,482	0
Leases	0	12,408	12,408	0
Other	0	5,089	5,089	0
Internal balances	330,015	(330,015)	0	0
Prepaid items	42,103	45,242	87,345	0
Inventories	0	207,841	207,841	0
Total current assets	10,977,546	4,309,859	15,287,405	18,694
Noncurrent assets				
Leases receivable	0	228,051	228,051	0
Capital assets				
Non-depreciable	3,789,462	20,077,860	23,867,322	0
Depreciable/amortizable (net)	6,480,589	19,276,000	25,756,589	0
Total noncurrent assets	10,270,051	39,581,911	49,851,962	0
Total assets	21,247,597	43,891,770	65,139,367	18,694
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	511,844	303,523	815,367	0
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Payables				
Accounts	476,598	563,928	1,040,526	0
Retainages	0	842,027	842,027	0
Accrued salaries	130,429	26,558	156,987	0
Compensated absences payable	108,800	40,248	149,048	0
Accrued interest payable	6,705	30,069	36,774	0
Unearned revenue	1,390,000	24,768	1,414,768	0
Notes payable	35,641	15,954,891	15,990,532	0
Bonds payable	0	312,000	312,000	0
Subscriptions payable	49,190	0	49,190	0
Liabilities payable from restricted assets				
Customer deposits payable	69,040	858,044	927,084	0
Total current liabilities	2,266,403	18,652,533	20,918,936	0
Noncurrent liabilities				
Compensated absences payable	122,689	51,239	173,928	0
Net pension liability	1,819,770	690,183	2,509,953	0
Notes payable	349,498	3,558,833	3,908,331	0
Bonds payable	0	2,117,000	2,117,000	0
Subscriptions payable	82,111	0	82,111	0
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,374,068	6,417,255	8,791,323	0
Total liabilities	4,640,471	25,069,788	29,710,259	0
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	2,533,986	0	2,533,986	0
Deferred inflows of resources - leases	0	240,459	240,459	0
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	243,062	50,694	293,756	0
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,777,048	291,153	3,068,201	0

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**December 31, 2024**

	Primary Government			Component Units
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 9,747,428	\$ 16,040,431	\$ 25,787,859	\$ 0
Restricted for:				
Judicial and law enforcement				
technology equipment and supplies	23,912	0	23,912	0
Law enforcement equipment and supplies	38,792	0	38,792	0
Capital outlay	2,194,526	0	2,194,526	0
Promotion of downtown commerce				
and business	25,811	0	25,811	0
Economic development	0	0	0	1,002
Unrestricted	2,311,453	2,793,921	5,105,374	17,692
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 14,341,922</b>	<b>\$ 18,834,352</b>	<b>\$ 33,176,274</b>	<b>\$ 18,694</b>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For the year ended December 31, 2024

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Program Revenues				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position			Total Component Units
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government			
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Primary government								
Governmental activities								
General government	\$ 810,593	\$ 129,372	\$ 110,252	\$ 224,700	\$ (346,269)	\$ 0	\$ (346,269)	
Judicial	176,504	75,663	0	0	(100,841)	0	(100,841)	
Public safety	5,028,808	458,953	60,675	0	(4,509,180)	0	(4,509,180)	
Public works	1,125,799	0	0	1,528,850	403,051	0	403,051	
Culture and recreation	99,955	0	0	0	(99,955)	0	(99,955)	
Housing and development	699,033	309,413	0	0	(389,620)	0	(389,620)	
Interest on long-term debt	22,691	0	0	0	(22,691)	0	(22,691)	
Total governmental activities	7,963,383	973,401	170,927	1,753,550	(5,065,505)	0	(5,065,505)	
Business-type activities								
Water and Sewerage	7,133,364	6,366,028	0	893,722	0	126,386	126,386	
Sanitation	333,827	289,411	0	0	0	(44,416)	(44,416)	
Total business-type activities	7,467,191	6,655,439	0	893,722	0	81,970	81,970	
Total primary government	15,430,574	7,628,840	170,927	2,647,272	(5,065,505)	81,970	(4,983,535)	
Component Units								
Industrial Development Authority	0	0	0	0				\$ 0
Downtown Development Authority	0	0	0	0				0
Jasper Development Authority	313	0	0	0				(313)
Total component units	\$ 313	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0				\$ (313)
General revenues								
Taxes								
Property					\$ 2,327,618	\$ 0	\$ 2,327,618	\$ 0
Sales					2,343,800	0	2,343,800	0
Franchise					585,994	0	585,994	0
Alcoholic beverage					378,051	0	378,051	0
Insurance premium					390,504	0	390,504	0
Business occupation					197,290	0	197,290	0
Hotel/Motel					89,918	0	89,918	0
Other					65,195	0	65,195	0
Interest and investment earnings					46,906	83,066	129,972	1
Gain on sale of assets					0	8,042	8,042	0
Miscellaneous					80,210	37,856	118,066	0
Transfers					(224,700)	224,700	0	0
Total general revenues					6,280,786	353,664	6,634,450	1
Change in net position					1,215,281	435,634	1,650,915	(312)
Net position - beginning, as previously reported					13,216,439	18,412,493	31,628,932	19,006
Change in accounting principle					(89,798)	(13,775)	(103,573)	0
Net position - beginning, as restated					13,126,641	18,398,718	31,525,359	19,006
Net position - ending					\$ 14,341,922	\$ 18,834,352	\$ 33,176,274	\$ 18,694

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**December 31, 2024**

	General	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	2020 SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,190,099	\$ 1,259,336	\$ 1,878,848	\$ 224,593	\$ 7,552,876
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	95,051	0	0	0	95,051
Receivable					
Taxes	2,814,298	0	0	7,268	2,821,566
Intergovernmental	17,351	0	118,584	0	135,935
Due from other funds	345,523	0	0	0	345,523
Prepaid items	42,103	0	0	0	42,103
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,504,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,259,336</b>	<b>\$ 1,997,432</b>	<b>\$ 231,861</b>	<b>\$ 10,993,054</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 437,343	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 39,255	\$ 476,598
Due to other funds	0	0	0	15,508	15,508
Accrued salaries	130,429	0	0	0	130,429
Unearned revenue	123,680	1,259,336	0	6,984	1,390,000
Liabilities payable from restricted assets					
Customer deposits payable	69,040	0	0	0	69,040
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>760,492</b>	<b>1,259,336</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61,747</b>	<b>2,081,575</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	2,533,986	0	0	0	2,533,986
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	60,925	0	0	0	60,925
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>2,594,911</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,594,911</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid items	42,103	0	0	0	42,103
Restricted for:					
Judicial and law enforcement					
technology equipment and supplies	0	0	0	23,912	23,912
Law enforcement equipment and supplies	0	0	0	38,792	38,792
Promotion of downtown commerce					
and business	25,811	0	0	0	25,811
Capital outlay	95,644	0	1,997,432	95,267	2,188,343
Assigned for:					
Tourism	0	0	0	12,143	12,143
Unassigned	3,985,464	0	0	0	3,985,464
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>4,149,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,997,432</b>	<b>170,114</b>	<b>6,316,568</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 7,504,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,259,336</b>	<b>\$ 1,997,432</b>	<b>\$ 231,861</b>	<b>\$ 10,993,054</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF**  
**THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**December 31, 2024**

**Total fund balance - total governmental funds** **\$ 6,316,568**

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

Some assets are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These are:

Capital assets	\$ 14,828,290	
Accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(4,558,239)</u>	10,270,051

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These are:

Deferred outflows of resources - pension	\$ 511,844	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	<u>(243,062)</u>	268,782

Deferred inflows of resources related to property taxes that are not available to pay current obligations. These are reported as revenues in the statement of activities when earned.	60,925
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds. These are:

Accrued interest payable	\$ (6,705)	
Compensated absences payable	(231,489)	
Net pension liability	(1,819,770)	
Note payable	(385,139)	
Subscriptions payable	<u>(131,301)</u>	<u>(2,574,404)</u>
Net position of the governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 14,341,922</u></u>



**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,**  
**EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	General	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	2020 SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	\$ 6,270,980	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 97,186	\$ 6,368,166
Licenses and permits	420,463	0	0	0	420,463
Fines and forfeitures	436,896	0	0	81,775	518,671
Charges for services	34,267	0	0	0	34,267
Intergovernmental	258,150	224,700	1,331,293	0	1,814,143
Interest	43,584	2,515	5,841	2,359	54,299
Contributions	102,941	0	0	0	102,941
Other	80,210	0	0	0	80,210
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>7,647,491</b>	<b>227,215</b>	<b>1,337,134</b>	<b>181,320</b>	<b>9,393,160</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
General government	775,522	0	0	0	775,522
Judicial	146,963	0	0	23,932	170,895
Public safety	4,732,883	0	0	8,355	4,741,238
Public works	981,427	0	0	0	981,427
Culture and recreation	70,202	0	0	0	70,202
Housing and development	638,139	0	0	105,919	744,058
Capital outlay	0	0	1,085,719	504,375	1,590,094
Debt service	64,701	0	0	52,761	117,462
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,409,837</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,085,719</b>	<b>695,342</b>	<b>9,190,898</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	237,654	227,215	251,415	(514,022)	202,262
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in	9,689	0	0	0	9,689
Transfers out	0	(234,389)	0	0	(234,389)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	5,555	0	0	0	5,555
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>15,244</b>	<b>(234,389)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(219,145)</b>
Net change in fund balances	252,898	(7,174)	251,415	(514,022)	(16,883)
Fund balances, January 1	3,896,124	7,174	1,746,017	684,136	6,333,451
<b>Fund balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$ 4,149,022</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 1,997,432</b>	<b>\$ 170,114</b>	<b>\$ 6,316,568</b>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF**  
**REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

**Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds** **\$ (16,883)**

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlays	\$ 2,096,512	
Depreciation/amortization	<u>(712,710)</u>	1,383,802

In the statement of activities, the gain/loss on the disposal of assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale of capital assets increases financial resources.

Cost of assets disposed	\$ (235,665)	
Related accumulated depreciation	<u>182,238</u>	(53,427)

Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.

Pension contributions	\$ 316,460	
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	<u>(495,833)</u>	(179,373)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds. These includes recognition of unavailable revenue. 10,205

The proceeds of debt issuance provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increased long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of principal on long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized in the governmental funds until due, but is recognized in the statement of activities as it accrues.

Debt principal repayments	\$ 93,751	
Net change in interest payable	<u>1,020</u>	94,771

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. These include the following:

Net change in compensated absences	<u>(23,814)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,215,281</u></u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 5,794,501	\$ 6,101,555	\$ 6,270,980	\$ 169,425
Licenses and permits	867,925	413,160	420,463	7,303
Fines and forfeitures	256,650	344,472	436,896	92,424
Charges for services	36,400	29,861	34,267	4,406
Intergovernmental	34,000	311,459	258,150	(53,309)
Interest	15,000	43,584	43,584	0
Contributions	0	102,941	102,941	0
Other	11,500	80,311	80,210	(101)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>7,015,976</b>	<b>7,427,343</b>	<b>7,647,491</b>	<b>220,148</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
General government				
Legislative	220,897	177,407	163,763	13,644
Executive	185,213	303,814	309,300	(5,486)
Financial administration	309,827	306,860	302,459	4,401
Judicial				
Municipal court	148,630	146,828	146,963	(135)
Public safety				
Police	2,247,738	2,586,979	2,460,223	126,756
Fire	2,130,287	2,363,915	2,235,013	128,902
Animal control	40,638	38,666	37,647	1,019
Public works				
Streets	1,037,399	1,051,161	946,074	105,087
Fleet maintenance and shop	50,277	46,565	35,353	11,212
Culture and recreation				
Parks and recreation	180,504	73,150	70,202	2,948
Housing and development				
Protective inspection	165,889	181,318	179,650	1,668
Planning and zoning	552,143	482,237	458,489	23,748
Debt service	66,163	66,163	64,701	1,462
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,335,605</b>	<b>7,825,063</b>	<b>7,409,837</b>	<b>415,226</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(319,629)	(397,720)	237,654	635,374
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	100,000	9,689	9,689	0
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	0	5,555	5,555	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	100,000	15,244	15,244	0
Net change in fund balance	(219,629)	(382,476)	252,898	635,374
Fund balances, January 1	219,629	382,476	3,896,124	3,513,648
<b>Fund balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 4,149,022</b>	<b>\$ 4,149,022</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>Budget</b>			<b>Variance with</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,484,036	\$ 1,484,036	\$ 224,700	\$ (1,259,336)
Interest	5,000	5,000	2,515	(2,485)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>1,489,036</u>	<u>1,489,036</u>	<u>227,215</u>	<u>(1,261,821)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Public works	1,489,036	1,489,036	0	1,489,036
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	227,215	227,215
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	0	0	(234,389)	(234,389)
Net change in fund balance	0	0	(7,174)	(7,174)
Fund balances, January 1	0	0	7,174	7,174
<b>Fund balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**December 31, 2024**

	Business-Type Activities		
	Water and Sewerage	Nonmajor Sanitation	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,722,566	\$ 26,332	\$ 1,748,898
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	858,044	0	858,044
Receivables			
Accounts (net)	1,013,635	23,170	1,036,805
Intergovernmental	725,547	0	725,547
Leases	12,408	0	12,408
Other	5,089	0	5,089
Due from other funds	534	0	534
Prepaid items	44,528	714	45,242
Inventories	207,841	0	207,841
Total current assets	4,590,192	50,216	4,640,408
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>			
Leases receivable	228,051	0	228,051
Capital assets			
Nondepreciable	20,077,860	0	20,077,860
Depreciable (net)	19,255,100	20,900	19,276,000
Total noncurrent assets	39,561,011	20,900	39,581,911
<b>Total assets</b>	44,151,203	71,116	44,222,319
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	281,695	21,828	303,523
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables			
Accounts	563,928	0	563,928
Retainages	842,027	0	842,027
Accrued salaries	25,026	1,532	26,558
Due to other funds	298,275	32,274	330,549
Compensated absences payable	39,740	508	40,248
Unearned revenue	24,768	0	24,768
Accrued interest payable	30,069	0	30,069
Notes payable	15,954,891	0	15,954,891
Bonds payable	312,000	0	312,000
Liabilities payable from restricted assets			
Customer deposits payable	858,044	0	858,044
Total current liabilities	18,948,768	34,314	18,983,082
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>			
Compensated absences payable	48,572	2,667	51,239
Net pension liability	648,699	41,484	690,183
Notes payable	3,558,833	0	3,558,833
Bonds payable	2,117,000	0	2,117,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	6,373,104	44,151	6,417,255
<b>Total liabilities</b>	25,321,872	78,465	25,400,337
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows of resources - leases	240,459	0	240,459
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	47,648	3,046	50,694
Total deferred inflows of resources	288,107	3,046	291,153
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	16,019,531	20,900	16,040,431
Unrestricted	2,803,388	(9,467)	2,793,921
<b>Total net position</b>	\$ 18,822,919	\$ 11,433	\$ 18,834,352

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	Business-Type Activities		
	Water and Sewerage	Nonmajor Sanitation	Totals
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Charges for service	\$ 6,366,028	\$ 289,411	\$ 6,655,439
Miscellaneous	37,856	0	37,856
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>6,403,884</b>	<b>289,411</b>	<b>6,693,295</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Cost of sales and services	3,433,521	204,946	3,638,467
Personal services	1,737,341	105,516	1,842,857
Depreciation	1,104,650	23,365	1,128,015
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>6,275,512</b>	<b>333,827</b>	<b>6,609,339</b>
Operating income	128,372	(44,416)	83,956
Non-operating revenues (expenses)			
Interest revenue	82,948	118	83,066
Interest expense	(737,852)	0	(737,852)
Debt issuance costs	(120,000)	0	(120,000)
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	8,042	0	8,042
<b>Total non-operating revenues (expenses)</b>	<b>(766,862)</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>(766,744)</b>
Net income before capital contributions and transfers	(638,490)	(44,298)	(682,788)
Capital contributions			
Intergovernmental revenue	544,222	0	544,222
Capital contributions	349,500	0	349,500
<b>Total capital contributions</b>	<b>893,722</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>893,722</b>
Net income before transfers	255,232	(44,298)	210,934
Transfers			
Transfers in	224,700	60,000	284,700
Transfers out	(60,000)	0	(60,000)
<b>Total transfers in (out)</b>	<b>164,700</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>224,700</b>
Change in net position	419,932	15,702	435,634
Net position, January 1, as previously reported	18,412,493	0	18,412,493
Change in accounting principle	(9,506)	(4,269)	(13,775)
Net position, January 1, as restated	18,402,987	(4,269)	18,398,718
<b>Net position, December 31</b>	<b>\$ 18,822,919</b>	<b>\$ 11,433</b>	<b>\$ 18,834,352</b>

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**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>		
	<b>Water and Sewerage</b>	<b>Nonmajor Sanitation</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 6,636,570	\$ 286,063	\$ 6,922,633
Payments to suppliers	(3,508,339)	(204,733)	(3,713,072)
Payments to employees	(1,854,081)	(115,038)	(1,969,119)
Other receipts	37,856	0	37,856
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	1,312,006	(33,708)	1,278,298
<b>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:</b>			
Payments to other funds	(60,534)	0	(60,534)
Receipts from other funds	94,108	77,889	171,997
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	33,574	77,889	111,463
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>			
Receipts of capital contributions	349,500	0	349,500
Acquisition of capital assets	(7,844,917)	0	(7,844,917)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	22,518	0	22,518
Payment of retainages payable	(429,321)	0	(429,321)
Payment of capital related accounts payable	(600,887)	0	(600,887)
Receipts from other funds	224,700	0	224,700
Principal payments - bonds payable	(312,000)	0	(312,000)
Proceeds from notes payable	7,122,823	0	7,122,823
Principal payments - notes payable	(363,046)	(20,571)	(383,617)
Payment of debt issuance costs	(120,000)	0	(120,000)
Interest paid	(721,795)	(4)	(721,799)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(2,672,425)	(20,575)	(2,693,000)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest received	82,948	118	83,066
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,243,897)	23,724	(1,220,173)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	3,824,507	2,608	3,827,115
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, December 31</b>	<b>\$ 2,580,610</b>	<b>\$ 26,332</b>	<b>\$ 2,606,942</b>



**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

**Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:**

Operating income	\$ 128,372	\$ (44,416)	\$ 83,956
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	1,104,650	23,365	1,128,015
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(360,063)	(3,348)	(363,411)
(Increase) decrease in other receivables	580,862	0	580,862
(Increase) decrease in prepaid items	906	213	1,119
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(75,724)	0	(75,724)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources - pension	86,428	5,835	92,263
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	11,199	(2,577)	8,622
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	3,048	0	3,048
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits payable	46,695	0	46,695
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(255,957)	(15,446)	(271,403)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pension	41,590	2,666	44,256
Total adjustments	1,183,634	10,708	1,194,342
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 1,312,006	\$ (33,708)	\$ 1,278,298

**Cash and cash equivalents reconciliation**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,722,566	\$ 26,332	\$ 1,748,898
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	858,044	0	858,044
	\$ 2,580,610	\$ 26,332	\$ 2,606,942

**Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities:**

Acquisition of capital assets through accounts payable totaled \$563,928.  
Acquisition of capital assets through retainages payable totaled \$842,027.  
Issuance of leases receivable through deferred inflows of resources totaled \$240,459.  
Issuance of notes payable through intergovernmental receivable totaled \$181,325.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**MUNICIPAL COURT CUSTODIAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**December 31, 2024**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,290
Accounts receivable	<u>4,660</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>85,950</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Due to others	<u>50,769</u>
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**NET POSITION**

Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u><u>\$ 35,181</u></u>
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**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**MUNICIPAL COURT CUSTODIAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

**ADDITIONS**

Court fees collected for other agencies	\$ 178,863
Court individual cases	<u>72,080</u>

<b>Total additions</b>	<u>250,943</u>
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**DEDUCTIONS**

Court fees distributed to other agencies	178,863
Payments to others	<u>118,698</u>

<b>Total deductions</b>	<u>297,561</u>
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Change in net position	(46,618)
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Net position, January 1	<u>81,799</u>
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<b>Net position, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$ 35,181</u></u>
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**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**COMPONENT UNITS**  
**December 31, 2024**

	<u>Industrial Development Authority</u>	<u>Jasper Development Authority</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,002	\$ 17,692	\$ 18,694
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Restricted for economic development	1,002	0	1,002
Unrestricted	<u>0</u>	<u>17,692</u>	<u>17,692</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,002</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,692</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,694</u></u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**COMPONENT UNITS**  
*For the year ended December 31, 2024*

	<u>Industrial Development Authority</u>	<u>Jasper Development Authority</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>\$          0</u>	<u>\$          313</u>	<u>\$          313</u>
<b>Program revenues</b>			
Total program revenues	<u>          0</u>	<u>          0</u>	<u>          0</u>
Net (expense) revenue	<u>          0</u>	<u>        (313)</u>	<u>        (313)</u>
<b>General revenues</b>			
Interest	<u>          1</u>	<u>          0</u>	<u>          1</u>
Change in net position	<u>          1</u>	<u>        (313)</u>	<u>        (312)</u>
Net position - January 1	<u>        1,001</u>	<u>        18,005</u>	<u>        19,006</u>
<b>Net position - December 31</b>	<u><u>        \$      1,002</u></u>	<u><u>        \$    17,692</u></u>	<u><u>        \$    18,694</u></u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

**A. Reporting Entity**

The City was established in 1857. The City operates under a City Council / Mayor form of government. Policy making and legislative authority are vested in an elected five-member City Council. The City provides the following services: public safety, street and sanitation, culture and recreation, public improvements, and general and administrative services. In addition, the City operates public utilities for water and sewer for the incorporated and immediate surrounding areas.

The accompanying financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by Statement No. 61, the financial statements of component units have been included in the City's financial statements. The City has three component units: two discretely presented and one blended component unit. The component unit column on the government-wide financial statements is used to emphasize that the entities are legally separate from the City. Financial information pertaining to the component units can be obtained from the City upon request.

The City of Jasper Downtown Development Authority (the "DDA") is reported as a blended component unit in the accompanying financial statements. Although legally separate from the City, the DDA is reported as if it were part of the primary government. The purpose of the DDA is to promote business and commerce within the downtown business district of the City. The Mayor and City Council appoint all of the board members to the DDA. Due to the insignificant amount of operating activity, the operations of the DDA are reported in the General Fund. Through an intergovernmental contract, the City is responsible for the repayment of the debt of the Authority. Separate financial statements are not issued.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**A. Reporting Entity (continued)**

The Industrial Development Authority (the “IDA”) is reported as a discretely presented component unit in the accompanying financial statements. The purpose of the IDA is to promote industry and commerce within the central business district of the City. The Mayor and City Council appoint all of the board members to the IDA. Information included herein has been compiled from the records of the IDA. Separate financial statements are not prepared for the IDA.

The Jasper Development Authority (the “JDA”) is reported as a discretely presented component unit in the accompanying financial statements. The purpose of the JDA is to promote business and commerce within the downtown business district of the City. The Mayor and City Council appoint all of the board members to the JDA. Information included herein has been compiled from the records of the JDA. Separate financial statements are not prepared for the JDA.

The Housing Authority is a related organization of the City. The City appoints the board members of the Authority. It exists in order to provide housing for low-income individuals that reside within the City limits and meet certain eligibility requirements. The Housing Authority makes payments in lieu of taxes to the City instead of property taxes.

**B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. (For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements). Government-wide financial statements do not provide information by fund, but distinguish between the City’s governmental activities and business-type activities. Governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from discretely presented component units. The Statement of Net Position will include noncurrent assets and noncurrent liabilities. In addition, the government-wide Statement of Activities reflects depreciation expense on the City’s capital assets.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)**

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.



**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation,**  
**continued**

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, fines and forfeitures, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions," the corresponding assets (receivables) in nonexchange transactions are recognized in the period in which the underlying exchange occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, when all eligibility requirements have been met, or when resources are received, depending on the revenue source.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The **American Rescue Plan Act Fund** is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

The **2020 SPLOST Fund** is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) funds.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The **Water and Sewerage Fund** accounts for the activity of the City's water and sewerage utility system.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation,**  
**continued**

The City also reports the following fund types:

**Governmental Fund Types**

The **Special Revenue Funds** are used to account for specific revenues, such as confiscations and forfeitures and hotel/motel tax revenues, which are legally restricted or committed to expenditures for specific, restricted purposes.

The **Capital Project Funds** are used to account for the collection and expenditures of certain restricted revenues, such as sales tax receipts and impact fee.

**Proprietary Fund Types**

**Enterprise Funds** - These funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The funds are self-supporting in nature where the costs, including depreciation, of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

**Fiduciary Fund Types**

**Custodial Funds** – Custodial funds are fiduciary in nature and are used to account for assets that are held for others. They are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. The City utilizes a custodial fund to account for the activity of the Municipal Court.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation, continued**

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges for goods and services provided. Operating expenses of the enterprise funds include the cost of these goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**D. Cash and Investments**

Amounts reported as cash by the City in the accompanying financial statements include cash on hand and on deposit with financial institutions.

Georgia statutes authorize the City to invest in the following: (1) obligations of Georgia or any other state; (2) obligations of the United States; (3) obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or one of its agencies; (4) obligations of any corporation of the United States government; (5) prime bankers' acceptances; (6) the State of Georgia local government investment pool; (7) repurchase agreements; and (8) obligations of any other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

Any investment or deposit in excess of the federal depository insured amounts must be collateralized by an equivalent amount of state or U.S. obligations. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of less than 90 days are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices.

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**E. Receivables and Payables**

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year as well as all other outstanding balances between funds is reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances." Customer accounts receivable include billed but uncollected amounts and unbilled receivables based upon a pro rata amount of subsequent monthly billings. Allowances for doubtful accounts are maintained based on historical results adjusted to reflect current conditions.

Advances between funds represent long-term borrowing arrangements with established repayment schedules and are offset by non-spendable fund balance in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

**F. Lease Receivable**

The City lease receivable is measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term.

A deferred inflow of resources is recorded for the lease. The deferred in flow of resources is recorded at the initiation of the lease in an amount equal to the initial recording of the lease receivable. The deferred inflow of resources is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

**G. Prepaid Items**

Prepaid items are accounted for using the consumption method. Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the current year are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**H. Inventories**

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost is recorded as an asset at the time the individual item is purchased and is adjusted when accounted for at interval periods during the year or at year-end.

**I. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Infrastructure (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) prior to January 1, 2004 have not been reported.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**I. Capital Assets, continued**

Capital assets of the primary government, as well as the component units, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<b>Useful Life</b>
	<b>in Years</b>
Infrastructure	10 to 50
Buildings and improvements	20 to 50
Vehicles	2 to 15
Machinery and equipment	3 to 15
Furniture and fixtures	3 to 15
Park improvements	10 to 20
Intangible right-to-use assets	
Software	3 to 5

The City has recorded intangible right-to-use assets as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The intangible right-to-use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related subscription liability plus any subscription payments made prior to the subscription term, less subscription incentives, and plus ancillary changes necessary to place the subscription into service. The intangible right-to-use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the underlying asset or life of the related subscription.

**J. Deferred Outflows / Inflows of Resources**

The City implemented GASB Statements No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position* and No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, as of January 1, 2013. These new standards establish accounting and financial reporting for deferred outflows / inflows of resources and the concept of net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of net position.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**J. Deferred Outflows / Inflows of Resources, continued**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense / expenditure) until then. The City reports deferred outflows of resources related to their defined benefit pension plan.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City's unavailable revenues arise only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, they are reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds balance sheet and government wide statement of net position report deferred inflow of resources for property taxes levied for the subsequent year as the amount represents resources associated with an imposed non-exchange revenue transaction reported as a receivable before the period for which the property taxes were levied. These revenues will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period for which they were levied. Additionally, the governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes as these amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available. The City also reports deferred inflows of resources related to their defined benefit pension plan and leases.

**K. Compensated Absences**

The City offers full-time employees compensated time off for personal leave, which may be used for vacation or sickness. Personal leave is accrued each pay period according to length of service. Policy permits employees to carry forward accumulated, but unused, 480 hours of vacation and sick leave. The City's liability has been calculated using the vesting method; leave amounts for both employees who are currently eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future for such payments, are included. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 101, the sick leave portion of the City's liability is accrued by estimating expected sick time to be used by employees with current economic resources.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**L. Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable discount or premium. Issuance costs are reported as expenses when incurred.

Proprietary fund type loans payable are reported as liabilities at their outstanding value. Loan issuance costs are reported as expenses when incurred. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued and related premiums or discounts as other financing sources and bond issuance costs as expenditures.

**M. Fund Equity and Net Position**

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as “fund balance.” Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as “net position.”

**Fund Balance** – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the assets and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources under the current financial resources management focus of accounting. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in those funds can be spent.



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**M. Fund Equity and Net Position, continued**

Fund balances are classified as follows:

*Nonspendable* – Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments.

*Committed* – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal vote (resolution) of the City Council. Only the City Council may modify or rescind the commitment.

*Assigned* – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The City Council retains the authority to assign amounts for specific purposes by a formal vote (resolution). Only the City Council may modify or rescind the assignment.

*Unassigned* – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The City reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the General Fund.

**Flow Assumptions** – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the City's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the City's policy to use fund balance in the following order: (1) Committed, (2) Assigned, (3) Unassigned.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**M. Fund Equity and Net Position, continued**

**Net Position** – Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the City has spent) for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted using the same definition as used for restricted fund balance as described in the section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

**Net Position Flow Assumption** – Sometimes the City will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the City's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

**Minimum Fund Balance Policy** – The Mayor and City Council have adopted a financial policy to maintain a minimum level of unrestricted fund balance (the total of the committed, assigned, and unassigned components of fund balance) in the general fund. The target level is set at 20%, which is approximately two to three months of general fund annual revenues. This amount is intended to provide fiscal stability when economic downturns and other unexpected events occur. If fund balance falls below the minimum target level because it has been used, essentially as a "revenue" source, as dictated by current circumstances, the policy provides for actions to replenish the amount to the minimum target level. Generally, replenishment is to occur within a five-year period.

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**N. Management Estimates**

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

**O. Interfund Transactions**

Interfund services provided and used in the fund financial statements are accounted for as revenue, expenditures, or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

**P. Budgets**

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for all funds. The budgets for the proprietary funds are for management control purposes and are not required to be reported. Budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental funds. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the City.

**Q. Pensions**

For the purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense information about the fiduciary net position of the City of Jasper Employees' Pension Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

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**2. Legal Compliance - Budgets**

The applicable statutes of the State of Georgia require the City to operate under an annual balanced budget adopted by resolution for all governmental funds. A budget is defined as being balanced when the sum of estimated net revenues and appropriated fund balance is equal to appropriations. Annual budgets are adopted for the General Fund and each special revenue fund. Capital projects funds have project length budgets. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, and on the same basis of accounting used by each fund to which the budget applies. Each fund's appropriated budget is prepared on a detailed line-item basis. Revenues are budgeted by source and expenditures are budgeted by department, which constitutes the legal level of control and the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

Budget revisions at the department level are subject to final review by the City Council. Amendments to the budget were made for the year to reflect greater than expected revenues and increased operating costs in certain departments.

Although not required by state law, an operating budget is also adopted for the proprietary funds for administrative control purposes.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditures of resources are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the City.

**3. Deposits**

**Credit Risk:** The City's policy is to adhere to the State statutes as it relates to credit risk for investments. State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. government; prime banker's acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

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**3. Deposits (continued)**

**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits:** Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes, and City policy, require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities.

**Interest Rate Risk:** The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

**Concentration of Credit Risk:** The City has no formal policy on the amount the City may invest with any one issuer.

**Foreign Currency Risk:** The City has no investments denominated in a foreign currency.

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**4. Receivables**

Receivables at the end of the current year for the City's individual major funds and non-major funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts are as follows:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2020 SPLOST</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Receivables:				
Taxes	\$ 2,973,226	\$ 0	\$ 7,268	\$ 2,980,494
Intergovernmental	17,351	118,584	0	135,935
Less allowance for uncollectible	(158,928)	0	0	(158,928)
Net totals	<u>\$ 2,831,649</u>	<u>\$ 118,584</u>	<u>\$ 7,268</u>	<u>\$ 2,957,501</u>

<b>Business-type Activities</b>	<b>Water and Sewerage Fund</b>	<b>Nonmajor Sanitation Fund</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Receivables:			
Accounts	\$ 1,226,171	\$ 23,170	\$ 1,249,341
Intergovernmental	725,547	0	725,547
Other	5,089	0	5,089
Less allowance for uncollectible	(212,536)	0	(212,536)
Net totals	<u>\$ 1,744,271</u>	<u>\$ 23,170</u>	<u>\$ 1,767,441</u>

**5. Property Taxes**

Property tax rates are set by the City Council each year and are limited by statutory or constitutional provision. Property values are assessed as of January 1st each year. Property taxes for the 2024 tax digest year, based upon the assessments as of January 1, 2024, were levied on October 7, 2024, billed on November 1, 2024, and due on February 3, 2025. Unpaid tax bills become delinquent on February 4, 2025, and liens will be put on property with unpaid tax on March 6, 2025. The 2024 tax digest is to fund the 2025 budget. Therefore, the tax proceeds for this year have been reported as deferred inflows of resources.

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**6. Lease Receivable**

In December 2024, the City entered into a ten-year lease with a cell phone service provider to provide the tenant with the right to a portion of real property, together with the right to use the tower located thereon. The lease provides one additional ten-year term. Under the lease, the tenant will pay the City an annual amount of \$13,800 for the first year of the lease. On the annual anniversary date of the commencement date, the annual rent amount is increased by 2.0% of the rent paid in the previous year. The lease receivable is measured at the present value of the future minimum rent payments expected to be received during the lease term at an imputed discount rate of 3.411%. The value of the lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources associated with the lease was \$240,459 at December 31, 2024. During the current year, the City did not recognize any lease revenue (reported as other revenue on the statement of activities) or interest revenue under the lease.

The annual requirements to amortize the lease receivable as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 12,408	\$ 1,392	\$ 13,800
2026	6,174	7,902	14,076
2027	6,670	7,688	14,358
2028	7,188	7,457	14,645
2029	7,730	4,207	11,937
2030-2034	47,677	31,614	79,291
2035-2039	65,362	22,181	87,543
2040-2044	87,250	9,405	96,655
Totals	<u>\$ 240,459</u>	<u>\$ 91,846</u>	<u>\$ 332,305</u>

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**7. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers**

A summary of interfund receivables and payables at the end of the current year is as follows:

<b>Receivable Fund</b>	<b>Payable Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General	Water and Sewerage	\$ 298,275
	Nonmajor Governmental	15,508
	Nonmajor Enterprise	31,740
Water and Sewerage	Nonmajor Enterprise	534
		<u>\$ 346,057</u>

The balance reported as Due to/Due from represent loans between the borrower funds and the lender. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances”.

Interfund activity consisted of the following for the current year:

<b>Transfer Out Fund</b>	<b>Transfer In Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
American Rescue Plan Act	General	\$ 9,689
	Water and Sewerage	224,700
Water and Sewerage	Nonmajor Enterprise	60,000
		<u>\$ 294,389</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires collecting them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.



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**8. Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the current year is as follows:

	Balance Beginning	Increases	Decreases	Balance Ending
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Non-depreciable assets				
Land	\$ 3,385,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,385,966
Construction in progress	313,595	1,185,118	(1,095,217)	403,496
Total non-depreciable assets	3,699,561	1,185,118	(1,095,217)	3,789,462
Depreciable/amortizable assets				
Buildings and improvements	1,153,697	20,894	0	1,174,591
Infrastructure	3,193,724	314,542	0	3,508,266
Machinery and equipment	3,926,991	840,748	(235,665)	4,532,074
Park improvements	763,489	830,427	0	1,593,916
Intangible right-to-use assets				
Software	229,981	0	0	229,981
Total depreciable/amortizable assets	9,267,882	2,006,611	(235,665)	11,038,828
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(414,416)	(31,642)	0	(446,058)
Infrastructure	(1,184,790)	(132,455)	0	(1,317,245)
Machinery and equipment	(2,163,023)	(461,789)	182,238	(2,442,574)
Park improvements	(229,383)	(35,288)	0	(264,671)
Intangible right-to-use assets				
Software	(36,155)	(51,536)	0	(87,691)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(4,027,767)	(712,710)	182,238	(4,558,239)
Total depreciable/amortizable assets, net	5,240,115	1,293,901	(53,427)	6,480,589
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 8,939,676</u>	<u>\$ 2,479,019</u>	<u>\$ (1,148,644)</u>	<u>\$ 10,270,051</u>
<b>Business-type activities</b>				
Non-depreciable assets				
Land	\$ 1,423,264	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,423,264
Construction in progress	9,900,916	8,820,880	(67,200)	18,654,596
Total non-depreciable assets	11,324,180	8,820,880	(67,200)	20,077,860
Depreciable assets				
Buildings and improvements	2,552,603	23,874	0	2,576,477
Infrastructure	28,799,990	283,462	0	29,083,452
Machinery and equipment	2,026,325	147,356	(32,168)	2,141,513
Vehicle	1,044,096	42,500	0	1,086,596
Total depreciable assets	34,423,014	497,192	(32,168)	34,888,038
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(864,638)	(58,420)	0	(923,058)
Infrastructure	(11,755,453)	(848,124)	0	(12,603,577)
Machinery and equipment	(1,008,075)	(144,355)	17,692	(1,134,738)
Vehicle	(873,549)	(77,116)	0	(950,665)
Total accumulated depreciation	(14,501,715)	(1,128,015)	17,692	(15,612,038)
Total depreciable assets, net	19,921,299	(630,823)	(14,476)	19,276,000
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 31,245,479</u>	<u>\$ 8,190,057</u>	<u>\$ (81,676)</u>	<u>\$ 39,353,860</u>

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**8. Capital Assets (continued)**

Beginning balances of the governmental activities have been restated to reclassify assets from park improvements to construction in progress in the amount of \$13,390.

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

**Primary Government**

**Governmental activities**

General Government	\$ 22,311
Judicial	2,017
Public Safety	466,548
Public Works	167,070
Housing and Development	8,048
Culture and Recreation	<u>46,716</u>

Total depreciation/amortization expense for governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 712,710</u></u>
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**Business-type activities**

Water and Sewerage	\$ 1,104,650
Sanitation	<u>23,365</u>

Total depreciation expense for business-type activities	<u><u>\$ 1,128,015</u></u>
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**9. Long-Term Liabilities**

**Notes from Direct Borrowings**

**Governmental Activities**

*Finance Purchases*

The City has entered into multiple agreements with various financial institutions to finance the purchase of certain vehicles and equipment. The notes are secured by the equipment. The balances of these agreements at the end of the current year are \$385,139. Individual notes outstanding at the end of the current year are listed below with their related interest rate and maturity.

- \$80,925 equipment finance purchase due in monthly installments of \$1,463 through September 2024, interest at 3.23%. This obligation was paid in full in the current year.
- \$568,924 equipment finance purchase due in monthly installments of \$53,008 through September 2033, interest at 4.51%, \$385,139 outstanding.

Annual debt service requirements for notes from direct borrowings are as follows:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 35,641	\$ 17,367	\$ 53,008
2026	37,248	15,760	53,008
2027	38,928	14,080	53,008
2028	40,683	12,325	53,008
2029	42,518	10,490	53,008
2030-2033	190,121	21,905	212,026
Totals	<u>\$ 385,139</u>	<u>\$ 91,927</u>	<u>\$ 477,066</u>

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**9. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Notes from Direct Borrowings, continued**

**Business-Type Activities**

*GEFA Loans*

The City has entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance improvements to the City's water and sewerage system. The City borrowed \$757,484 due in monthly installments of \$4,661 of principal and interest through September 2024; interest at 4.21%. Note payments and performance obligations are secured by revenues on taxes, fees and charges collected by the City. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable. This obligation was paid in full in the current year.

The City has entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance improvements to the City's water and sewerage system. The City borrowed \$1,660,000 due in monthly installments of \$8,257 of principal and interest through July 2035; interest at 1.82% (\$953,142 outstanding). Note payments and performance obligations are secured by revenues on taxes, fees and charges collected by the City. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable.

The City has entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in the amount of \$4,500,000 to finance improvements to the City's water and sewerage system. As of December 31, 2024, the City has drawn \$102,125 on this agreement. Principal and interest will be payable in 239 consecutive monthly installments, which are expected to commence on the earlier of either the completion of the project or May 1, 2026; interest at 2.36%. Note payments and performance obligations are secured by revenues on taxes, fees and charges collected by the City. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable. This note is still in drawdown phase at December 31, 2024 and, therefore, is not included in the amortization schedule below.

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**9. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Notes from Direct Borrowings, continued**

**Business-Type Activities, continued**

*GEFA Loans, continued*

The City has entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in the amount of \$3,500,000 to finance improvements to the City's water and sewerage system. As of December 31, 2024, the City has drawn \$79,200 on this agreement. Principal and interest will be payable in 239 consecutive monthly installments, which are expected to commence on the earlier of either the completion of the project or April 1, 2026; interest at 2.28%. Note payments and performance obligations are secured by revenues on taxes, fees and charges collected by the City. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable. This note is still in drawdown phase at December 31, 2024 and, therefore, is not included in the amortization schedule below.

The City has entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in the amount of \$63,525 to finance investigations into the lead service lines in the City's drinking water system. As of December 31, 2024, the City has drawn \$50,328 and recognized \$50,328 in principal forgiveness on this agreement. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable.

*Bond Anticipation Notes*

The City has entered into a contract with United Community Bank for the issuance of a \$10,000,000 tax-exempt, 4.20% interest, drawdown bond anticipation note, to finance expansion of the City's water treatment plant. The City may draw down funds up to \$10,000,000 (\$10,000,000 outstanding). Subsequent to year end, this note was paid in full with a multi-series Revenue Bond.

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**9. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Notes from Direct Borrowings, continued**

**Business-Type Activities, continued**

*Bond Anticipation Notes, continued*

The City has entered into a contract with United Community Bank for the issuance of a \$5,627,000 taxable, 5.61% interest, drawdown bond anticipation note, to finance expansion of the City's water treatment plant. The City may draw down funds up to \$5,627,000 (\$5,627,000 outstanding). Subsequent to year end, this note was paid in full with a multi-series Revenue Bond.

*Finance Purchases*

The City has entered into multiple agreements with various financial institutions to finance the purchase of certain vehicles, equipment, and property. The notes are secured by the equipment. The balances of these agreements at the end of the current year are \$2,752,257. Individual notes outstanding at the end of the current year are listed below with their related interest rate and maturity.

- \$196,715 equipment finance purchase due in monthly installments of \$3,555 through September 2024, interest at 3.23%. This obligation was paid in full in the current year.
- \$111,821 property finance purchase due in monthly installments of \$1,000 through December 2029, interest at 1.42%, \$57,889 outstanding.
- \$2,915,290 equipment finance purchase due in monthly installments of \$32,157 through December 2033, interest at 5.86%, \$2,694,368 outstanding.

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**9. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Notes from Direct Borrowings, continued**

**Business-Type Activities, continued**

The City's notes from direct borrowings debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 15,954,891	\$ 206,428	\$ 16,161,319
2026	343,663	153,302	496,965
2027	360,313	136,651	496,964
2028	377,897	119,068	496,965
2029	396,465	100,500	496,965
2030-2034	1,841,623	197,876	2,039,499
2035	57,547	349	57,896
Totals	<u>\$ 19,332,399</u>	<u>\$ 914,174</u>	<u>\$ 20,246,573</u>

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**9. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Revenue Bonds**

**Business-Type Activities**

Revenue bonds were issued through the Downtown Development Authority of Jasper Blended Component Unit and were comprised of the following individual issue for the current fiscal year:

- \$3,642,000 – Downtown Development Authority of Jasper Revenue Bonds (\$2,429,000 outstanding) – Series 2020 bonds due in monthly principal and interest payments of \$25,000 - \$28,000, interest at 1.4%, through June 1, 2032. The bonds were issued for the purpose of prepaying five previously issued GEFA notes from direct borrowings and to fund the 2020 Facilities Project Fund of which proceeds will be used to finance the costs to expand the City's Water Treatment Plant. The bonds are secured by a pledge of an installment sale agreement between the Authority and the City. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the bondholders may declare the principal balance and any accrued interest thereon to be immediately due and payable. Upon any declaration of acceleration, the bondholder shall immediately declare all payments due under the intergovernmental installment sale agreement to be immediately due and payable. In the event that the City has insufficient funds to pay the installment sale agreement, the City shall levy an ad valorem tax on all available taxable property located in the boundaries of the City in an amount sufficient to fulfill the City's obligations under the installment sale agreement.

The City's Revenue bonds debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 312,000	\$ 26,060	\$ 338,060
2026	312,000	22,504	334,504
2027	321,000	18,913	339,913
2028	324,000	15,225	339,225
2029	324,000	11,531	335,531
2030-2032	836,000	12,360	848,360
Totals	<u>\$ 2,429,000</u>	<u>\$ 106,593</u>	<u>\$ 2,535,593</u>



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**9. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Subscriptions Payable**

**Governmental Activities**

The City entered into an agreement to subscribe to certain software. The subscription agreements qualify as subscriptions under GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, and have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum subscription payments at their inception. Subscriptions payable are comprised of the following individual subscriptions at the end of the current year:

- \$76,174 camera software due in annual installments of \$20,295 through September 2026, interest at 2.565%, \$39,063 outstanding.
- \$153,807 camera software due in annual installments of \$32,467 through July 2027, interest at 2.738%, \$92,238 outstanding.

The City's subscriptions payable debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 49,190	\$ 3,571	\$ 52,761
2026	50,520	2,242	52,762
2027	31,591	876	32,467
Totals	<u>\$ 131,301</u>	<u>\$ 6,689</u>	<u>\$ 137,990</u>

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**9. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Changes in Long-Term Liabilities**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities of the City for the current year:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>Due Within One Year</b>
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
Notes from direct borrowings	\$ 430,995	\$ 0	\$ (45,856)	\$ 385,139	\$ 35,641
Subscriptions payable	179,196	0	(47,895)	131,301	49,190
Compensated absences	207,675	23,814	0	231,489	108,800
	<u>\$ 817,866</u>	<u>\$ 23,814</u>	<u>\$ (93,751)</u>	<u>\$ 747,929</u>	<u>\$ 193,631</u>
<b>Business-type activities</b>					
Notes from direct borrowings	\$ 12,593,193	\$ 7,304,148	\$ (383,617)	\$ 19,513,724	\$ 15,954,891
Revenue bonds	2,741,000	0	(312,000)	2,429,000	312,000
Compensated absences	90,680	807	0	91,487	40,248
	<u>\$ 15,424,873</u>	<u>\$ 7,304,955</u>	<u>\$ (695,617)</u>	<u>\$ 22,034,211</u>	<u>\$ 16,307,139</u>

Beginning balances of the governmental activities and business-type activities have been restated for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The restatement totaled \$89,798 and \$13,775, respectively.

The total interest incurred and charged to expense for the current year was \$22,691 and \$737,852 for the governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively.

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**10. Net Investment in Capital Assets**

The net investment in capital assets reported on the government-wide statement of net position is calculated as follows for the current year:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>
Cost of capital assets, net	\$ 10,270,051	\$ 39,353,860
Unspent debt proceeds	0	35,250
Retainage payable	0	(842,027)
Capital related accounts payable	(6,183)	(563,928)
Notes payable	(385,139)	(19,513,724)
Bonds payable	0	(2,429,000)
Subscriptions payable	(131,301)	0
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 9,747,428</u>	<u>\$ 16,040,431</u>

**11. Pension Plans**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

*Plan Description.* The City, as authorized by the City Council, has established a defined benefit pension plan (The City of Jasper Retirement Plan) covering all full-time employees. The City's pension plan is affiliated with the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. Contributions made by the City are commingled with contributions made by other members of GMEBS for investment purposes. Participants are not allowed to contribute to the Plan. The City does not own any securities on its own. Investment income from the securities is allocated on a pro rata basis. The Georgia Municipal Association issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS. That report may be obtained by writing to Georgia Municipal Association, Risk Management and Employee Benefit Services, 201 Pryor Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 or by calling (404) 688-0472.

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**11. Pension Plans (continued)**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

At July 1, 2024, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, participants consisted of the following:

Active participants	72
Vested terminated participants	46
Retired participants and beneficiaries	40
Total number of participants	<u>158</u>

*Benefits Provided.* As provided by state law, benefit provisions for participants in GMEBS are established by the respective employers. As authorized by City Council, the plan provides pension benefits and death and disability benefits for plan members and beneficiaries. Eligibility for participation is available immediately beginning with the date of employment for all full-time employees working more than 20 hours per week. Elected officials are not covered by the Plan. Employee benefits vest 50% after five years of service and continue vesting an additional 10% each year thereafter. Benefits fully vest after ten years of service. A City employee who retires at age 65 with five years of service is entitled to full benefits of 1.25% - 2.00% of final average earnings in excess of covered compensation. An employee may elect early retirement at age 55 provided he/she has a minimum of 10 years total credited service. Retirement between the ages of 55 and 65 will result in a reduced monthly benefit. To receive full benefits, an employee must be employed until age 65. The benefit is calculated on the last five years' highest averaged earnings. Effective January 1, 2022, a participant is eligible for retirement benefits at a 1.50% flat formula at the age of 52 with 5 years of service or when participant's age and years of service sum to 80 or greater. Effective January 3, 2022, benefits of the City Manager vest immediately.

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**11. Pension Plans (continued)**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

*Contributions.* The plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The Board of Trustees of GMEBS has adopted an actuarial funding policy for the plan which meets the state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provide the benefits under the plan. The funding policy for the plan, as adopted by the City Council, is to contribute an amount equal to or greater than the recommended contribution rate. This rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by the plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The City's contributions to the plan for the current year totaled \$340,210, or 7.94% of covered payroll. Employees do not contribute to the plan.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.* At the end of the current year, the City reported a net pension liability of \$2,509,953. The net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2024. For the current year, the City recognized pension expense of \$480,972.

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**11. Pension Plans (continued)**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

The components of the net pension liability are as follows:

	<b>Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(a) - (b)</b>
<b>Balances at March 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 7,979,718</b>	<b>\$ 5,014,604</b>	<b>\$ 2,965,114</b>
<b>Changes for the year:</b>			
Service cost	141,988	0	141,988
Interest	581,213	0	581,213
Differences between expected and actual experience	(19,876)	0	(19,876)
Contributions—employer	0	340,210	(340,210)
Net investment income (loss)	0	829,973	(829,973)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(481,713)	(481,713)	0
Administrative expense	0	(11,697)	11,697
<b>Net changes</b>	<b>221,612</b>	<b>676,773</b>	<b>(455,161)</b>
<b>Balances at March 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 8,201,330</b>	<b>\$ 5,691,377</b>	<b>\$ 2,509,953</b>

Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	69.40%
Covered payroll	\$ 3,920,335
Employer's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	64.02%

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**11. Pension Plans (continued)**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

At the end of the current year, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 363,737	\$ 0
Changes in participant fund allocation	109,396	(109,396)
Differences between expected and actual experience	342,234	(26,731)
Changes of assumptions	0	(1,059)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	(156,570)
Totals	<u>\$ 815,367</u>	<u>\$ (293,756)</u>

The \$363,737 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net position liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2025	\$ (15,052)
2026	210,951
2027	55,137
2028	(93,162)
Totals	<u>\$ 157,874</u>

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**11. Pension Plans (continued)**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

*Actuarial Assumptions.* The total pension liability in the July 1, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Projected salary increases	2.25% plus service-based merit increases
Cost of living adjustments	0.00%
Net investment rate of return	7.375%

Healthy mortality rates were based on the Sex-Distinct Pri-2012 Head-Count Weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25. Disabled mortality rates were based on the Sex-Distinct Pri-2012 Head-Count Weighted Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.

The mortality and economic actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The difference between the resulting rate and the rate on the ongoing basis is a margin for adverse deviation.



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**11. Pension Plans (continued)**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of March 31, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	45%	6.91%
International equity	20%	7.21%
Real estate	10%	3.61%
Global fixed income	5%	1.67%
Domestic fixed income	20%	1.61%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

*Discount Rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.375 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employer will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the 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 Plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Net Pension Asset/Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.* The following presents what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.375 percent) or one percentage-point higher (8.375 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability</u>
1% decrease	6.375%	\$ 3,576,536
Current discount rate	7.375%	\$ 2,509,953
1% increase	8.375%	\$ 1,626,638

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**11. Pension Plans (continued)**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

*Plan Fiduciary Net Position.* Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System financial report.

**Other Plans**

In addition to the plan above, various City employees are also covered under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia and the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund. Further information regarding these plans can be obtained from the plans' annual reports. These plans are immaterial to the financial statements.

**12. Deferred Compensation Plan**

The City of Jasper offers its employees a deferred compensation plan (the City of Jasper Savings and Retirement Plan) created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The Mayor and Council established this defined contribution plan and Valic administers the plan. Full-time City employees are eligible after completing 12 months of employment and participation is optional. Employees' actual contributions are calculated and made based on a weekly payroll basis, and employees' contributions are 100% vested immediately. The deferred compensation benefits are not available to employees until termination of employment, retirement, death (payable to a beneficiary) or unforeseeable emergency. During the current year, employee contributions were \$11,725.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 32 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans," the assets and liabilities of the City's Deferred Compensation Plan are not included within the City's financial statements.

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**13. Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax**

The City has levied a 6% lodging tax in accordance with OCGA 48-13-51. The City is required to spend an amount equal to at least 66.66% for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows or for facilities used for these purposes. A summary of the transactions for the current year follows:

Lodging tax receipts	\$ 97,186
Disbursements for tourism	\$ 105,919 109.0% of tax receipts

The City did not transfer any Hotel/Motel receipts to the General Fund during the current year.

**14. Joint Ventures**

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the northwest Georgia area, is a member of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (NWGRC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. Membership in a regional commission (RC) is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34, which provides for the organizational structure of the RCs in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official in each county and municipality of the Notes area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. A copy of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission financial statements can be obtained directly from their office at 503 Waugh Street, Dalton, GA 30720.

The City is a member of the Northwest Georgia Water Resources Partnership. This is an organization of water withdrawal permit holders, local governments, and other advocacy entities with an interest in water issues. The purpose of the Water Resources Partnership is to establish a regional organization of water-related interest in Northwest Georgia for monitoring and contributing to the development of federal, state, and local policy, educating the citizenry on water-related issues, funding and managing regional water-related activities, and coordination the activities of federal, state, and local entities. No annual dues are required to be paid by the City. Complete financial statements of the Northwest Georgia Water Resources Partnership can be obtained directly from the entity at P.O. Box 1793, Rome, GA 30162.

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**15. Risk Management**

The City is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the City carries commercial insurance in amounts deemed prudent by City management. There have been no significant reductions of insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year and settled claims have not exceeded the coverages in the past three years.

**16. Commitments and Contingencies**

**Contractual Commitments**

At the end of the current year, contractual commitments on uncompleted contracts were \$4,505,749.

**Litigation**

The City is a defendant in several lawsuits. Management intends to contest these open cases vigorously. The City's legal counsel has stated that the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable. The City expects insurance to cover any negative judgements.

**17. New Accounting Pronouncements**

The City implemented GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, effective for the City's current year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The impact of this statement is described in Note 18, Changes in Beginning Balances.

The City implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, effective for the City's current year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The impact of this statement is described in Note 18, Changes in Beginning Balances.

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**18. Changes in Beginning Balances**

**Change in Accounting Principle**

**Governmental Activities**

An adjustment has been made to adjust the beginning balance of compensated absences. This adjustment decreased beginning net position by \$89,798.

**Business-Type Activities**

*Water and Sewerage Fund*

An adjustment has been made to adjust the beginning balance of compensated absences. This adjustment decreased beginning net position by \$9,506.

*Sanitation Fund*

An adjustment has been made to adjust the beginning balance of compensated absences. This adjustment decreased beginning net position by \$4,269.

A summary of the changes in beginning balances is presented below:

	<b>Beginning As Previously Reported</b>	<b>Changes in Accounting Principles</b>	<b>Beginning As Restated</b>
<b>Government-Wide</b>			
Governmental Activities	\$ 13,216,439	\$ (89,798)	\$ 13,126,641
Business-type Activities	18,412,493	(13,775)	18,398,718
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<u>\$ 31,628,932</u>	<u>\$ (103,573)</u>	<u>\$ 31,525,359</u>
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>			
Water and Sewerage Fund	\$ 18,412,493	\$ (9,506)	\$ 18,402,987
Sanitation Fund	0	(4,269)	(4,269)
<b>Total Enterprise Funds</b>	<u>\$ 18,412,493</u>	<u>\$ (13,775)</u>	<u>\$ 18,398,718</u>

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**19. Subsequent Events**

On January 17, 2025, the City issued revenue bonds with the United States Department of Agriculture to finance the expansion of the City's water pollution control plant in the amount of \$15,627,000; interest ranging from 1.375% to 1.500%, which shall be due and payable in 480 consecutive monthly installments beginning February 17, 2025 through January 17, 2065. The proceeds on these bonds were used to pay off the City's bond anticipation notes.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**December 31, 2024**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year End		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Total pension liability</b>			
Service cost	\$ 141,988	\$ 119,147	\$ 112,209
Interest	581,213	521,969	495,273
Differences between expected and actual experience	(19,876)	593,057	(29,561)
Changes of assumptions	0	0	0
Change of benefit terms	0	0	0
Other changes	0	0	167,435
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(481,713)	(425,707)	(354,911)
Net change in total pension liability	221,612	808,466	390,445
Total pension liability - beginning	7,979,718	7,171,252	6,780,807
<b>Total pension liability - ending (a)</b>	<b>\$ 8,201,330</b>	<b>\$ 7,979,718</b>	<b>\$ 7,171,252</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>			
Contributions - employer	\$ 340,210	\$ 353,573	\$ 353,460
Net investment income	829,973	(366,319)	313,276
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(481,713)	(425,707)	(354,911)
Administrative expense	(11,697)	(13,618)	(12,662)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	676,773	(452,071)	299,163
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	5,014,604	5,466,675	5,167,512
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)</b>	<b>\$ 5,691,377</b>	<b>\$ 5,014,604</b>	<b>\$ 5,466,675</b>
<b>Net pension liability (asset) - ending : (a) - (b)</b>	<b>\$ 2,509,953</b>	<b>\$ 2,965,114</b>	<b>\$ 1,704,577</b>
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	69.40%	62.84%	76.23%
Covered payroll	\$ 3,920,335	\$ 3,439,172	\$ 3,096,780
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	64.02%	86.22%	55.04%



Fiscal Year End						
2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 124,477	\$ 97,074	\$ 76,252	\$ 83,554	\$ 96,340	\$ 93,171	\$ 86,325
463,282	339,475	316,332	267,312	274,439	247,450	225,394
155,588	87,530	77,892	466,554	(324,913)	111,686	100,123
0	(6,354)	0	52,508	0	0	(34,541)
0	1,417,725	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(239,697)	(175,110)	(190,332)	(164,875)	(110,788)	(97,349)	(88,050)
503,650	1,760,340	280,144	705,053	(64,922)	354,958	289,251
6,277,157	4,516,817	4,236,673	3,531,620	3,596,542	3,241,584	2,952,333
<u>\$ 6,780,807</u>	<u>\$ 6,277,157</u>	<u>\$ 4,516,817</u>	<u>\$ 4,236,673</u>	<u>\$ 3,531,620</u>	<u>\$ 3,596,542</u>	<u>\$ 3,241,584</u>
\$ 220,754	\$ 130,284	\$ 137,285	\$ 154,727	\$ 138,580	\$ 123,819	\$ 150,163
1,616,301	(270,448)	136,896	429,790	383,621	9,291	264,083
(239,697)	(175,110)	(190,332)	(164,875)	(110,788)	(97,349)	(88,050)
(12,234)	(13,905)	(13,030)	(11,796)	(12,015)	(8,219)	(7,498)
1,585,124	(329,179)	70,819	407,846	399,398	27,542	318,698
3,582,388	3,911,567	3,840,748	3,432,902	3,033,504	3,005,962	2,687,264
<u>\$ 5,167,512</u>	<u>\$ 3,582,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,911,567</u>	<u>\$ 3,840,748</u>	<u>\$ 3,432,902</u>	<u>\$ 3,033,504</u>	<u>\$ 3,005,962</u>
<u>\$ 1,613,295</u>	<u>\$ 2,694,769</u>	<u>\$ 605,250</u>	<u>\$ 395,925</u>	<u>\$ 98,718</u>	<u>\$ 563,038</u>	<u>\$ 235,622</u>
76.21%	57.07%	86.60%	90.65%	97.20%	84.35%	92.73%
\$ 3,192,704	\$ 3,499,237	\$ 3,510,420	\$ 2,938,575	\$ 2,883,728	\$ 3,101,939	\$ 2,826,201
50.53%	77.01%	17.24%	13.47%	3.42%	18.15%	8.34%

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**December 31, 2024**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Fiscal Year End</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 340,210	\$ 356,617	\$ 352,558
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(340,210)</u>	<u>(353,573)</u>	<u>(352,558)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3,044</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 4,287,282	\$ 3,660,096	\$ 3,134,494
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.94%	9.66%	11.25%

Fiscal Year End						
2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 353,761	\$ 158,776	\$ 137,295	\$ 135,782	\$ 144,938	\$ 137,308	\$ 121,121
<u>(366,992)</u>	<u>(156,986)</u>	<u>(138,020)</u>	<u>(135,782)</u>	<u>(144,938)</u>	<u>(137,308)</u>	<u>(121,121)</u>
<u>\$ (13,231)</u>	<u>\$ 1,790</u>	<u>\$ (725)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
\$ 2,765,656	\$ 3,216,286	\$ 3,626,192	\$ 3,542,587	\$ 3,048,645	\$ 2,883,728	\$ 3,101,939
13.27%	4.88%	3.81%	3.83%	4.75%	4.76%	3.90%

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**December 31, 2024**

**1. Valuation Date**

The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of July 1, 2024, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution rate will be reported for the year ending December 31, 2025.

**2. Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates**

Actuarial cost method = Projected unit credit

Amortization method = Closed level dollar for remaining unfunded liability

Remaining amortization period = Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 16 years

Asset valuation method = Sum of actuarial value at beginning of year and the cash flow during the year plus the assumed investment return, adjusted by 10% of the amount that the value exceeds or is less than the market value at end of year. The actuarial value is adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of market value.

Net investment rate of return = 7.375%

Projected salary increases = 2.25% plus service-based merit increases

Cost of living adjustments = 0.00%

Retirement age for inactive vested participants = 65

Mortality = Healthy mortality rates were based on the Sex-Distinct Pri-2012 Head-Count Weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25. Disabled mortality rates were based on the Sex-Distinct Pri-2012 Head-Count Weighted Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**December 31, 2024**

**3. Changes in Benefits**

There were no changes in benefit provisions in the last two fiscal years.

**4. Changes of Assumptions**

There were no changes in assumptions in the last two fiscal years.

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***COMBINING STATEMENTS***  
***NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS***

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**December 31, 2024**

	Special Revenue			Capital Projects	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Technology Surcharge	Confiscated Assets	Hotel/Motel Tax	2014 SPLOST	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 43,077	\$ 28,462	\$ 44,127	\$ 108,927	\$ 224,593
Taxes receivable	0	0	7,268	0	7,268
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 43,077</b>	<b>\$ 28,462</b>	<b>\$ 51,395</b>	<b>\$ 108,927</b>	<b>\$ 231,861</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,851	\$ 0	\$ 23,744	\$ 13,660	\$ 39,255
Unearned revenue	0	6,984	0	0	6,984
Due to other funds	0	0	15,508	0	15,508
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>6,984</b>	<b>39,252</b>	<b>13,660</b>	<b>61,747</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>					
Restricted for:					
Judicial and law enforcement					
technology equipment and supplies	23,912	0	0	0	23,912
Law enforcement equipment and supplies	17,314	21,478	0	0	38,792
Capital outlay	0	0	0	95,267	95,267
Assigned for tourism	0	0	12,143	0	12,143
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>41,226</b>	<b>21,478</b>	<b>12,143</b>	<b>95,267</b>	<b>170,114</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 43,077</b>	<b>\$ 28,462</b>	<b>\$ 51,395</b>	<b>\$ 108,927</b>	<b>\$ 231,861</b>



**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>			<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>Technology Surcharge</u>	<u>Confiscated Assets</u>	<u>Hotel/Motel Tax</u>	<u>2014 SPLOST</u>	
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 97,186	\$ 0	\$ 97,186
Fines and forfeitures	75,620	6,155	0	0	81,775
Interest	737	29	41	1,552	2,359
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>76,357</u>	<u>6,184</u>	<u>97,227</u>	<u>1,552</u>	<u>181,320</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
Judicial	23,932	0	0	0	23,932
Public safety	8,355	0	0	0	8,355
Housing and development	0	0	105,919	0	105,919
Capital outlay	0	0	0	504,375	504,375
Debt service	52,761	0	0	0	52,761
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>85,048</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>105,919</u>	<u>504,375</u>	<u>695,342</u>
Net change in fund balance	(8,691)	6,184	(8,692)	(502,823)	(514,022)
Fund balances, January 1	<u>49,917</u>	<u>15,294</u>	<u>20,835</u>	<u>598,090</u>	<u>684,136</u>
<b>Fund balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 41,226</u>	<u>\$ 21,478</u>	<u>\$ 12,143</u>	<u>\$ 95,267</u>	<u>\$ 170,114</u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**TECHNOLOGY SURCHARGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 73,962	\$ 75,620	\$ 1,658
Interest	800	737	(63)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>74,762</u>	<u>76,357</u>	<u>1,595</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current			
Judicial	23,950	23,932	18
Public safety	8,355	8,355	0
Debt service	52,762	52,761	1
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>85,067</u>	<u>85,048</u>	<u>19</u>
Net change in fund balance	(10,305)	(8,691)	1,614
Fund balances, January 1	<u>10,305</u>	<u>49,917</u>	<u>39,612</u>
<b>Fund balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 41,226</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 41,226</u></u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**CONFISCATED ASSETS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 0	\$ 6,155	\$ 6,155
Interest	20	29	9
	<u>20</u>	<u>6,184</u>	<u>6,164</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>6,184</u>	<u>6,164</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current			
Public safety	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	20	6,184	6,164
Other financing sources (uses)			
Contingency	15,298	0	(15,298)
	<u>15,298</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(15,298)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(15,278)	6,184	21,462
Fund balances, January 1	15,278	15,294	16
	<u>15,278</u>	<u>15,294</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>Fund balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 21,478</u>	<u>\$ 21,478</u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**HOTEL/MOTEL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 97,000	\$ 97,186	\$ 186
Interest	45	41	(4)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>97,045</u>	<u>97,227</u>	<u>182</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current			
Housing and development	<u>107,200</u>	<u>105,919</u>	<u>1,281</u>
Net change in fund balance	(10,155)	(8,692)	1,463
Fund balances, January 1	<u>10,155</u>	<u>20,835</u>	<u>10,680</u>
<b>Fund balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,143</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,143</u></u>

***OTHER INFORMATION***

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS**  
**December 31, 2024**

DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT DATE	DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT	INTEREST PORTION	PRINCIPAL PORTION
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>				
2019 Fire Truck	09/15/2025	53,008	17,367	35,641
09/15/2018 - \$568,923.59	09/15/2026	53,008	15,760	37,248
Annual Debt Service - 4.51%	09/15/2027	53,008	14,080	38,928
Mature - 09/15/2033	09/15/2028	53,008	12,325	40,683
100-80000	09/15/2029	53,008	10,490	42,518
	09/15/2030	53,008	8,573	44,435
	09/15/2031	53,007	6,569	46,438
	09/15/2032	53,007	4,475	48,532
	09/15/2033	53,004	2,288	50,716
		<u>\$ 477,066</u>	<u>\$ 91,927</u>	<u>\$ 385,139</u>
Body Camera Software	09/01/2025	20,295	1,014	19,281
01/01/2023 - \$76,174	09/01/2026	20,295	513	19,782
Annual Debt Service - 2.565%		<u>\$ 40,590</u>	<u>\$ 1,527</u>	<u>\$ 39,063</u>
Mature - 09/01/2026				
Fleet Camera Software	07/01/2025	32,466	2,557	29,909
07/01/2023 - \$153,807	07/01/2026	32,467	1,729	30,738
Annual Debt Service - 2.738%	07/01/2027	32,467	876	31,591
Mature - 07/01/2027		<u>\$ 97,400</u>	<u>\$ 5,162</u>	<u>\$ 92,238</u>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>				<u>\$ 516,440</u>
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>				
<b>Water Sewer Fund</b>				
Land Finance Purchase	01/31/2025	1,000	68	932
1/31/2020 - \$111,820.61	02/28/2025	1,000	67	933
Monthly Debt Service - 1.418%	03/31/2025	1,000	66	934
Mature - 12/31/2029	04/30/2025	1,000	65	935
	05/31/2025	1,000	64	936
	06/30/2025	1,000	63	937
	07/31/2025	1,000	62	938
	08/31/2025	1,000	61	939
	09/30/2025	1,000	60	940
	10/31/2025	1,000	58	942
	11/30/2025	1,000	57	943
	12/31/2025	1,000	56	944
	01/31/2026	1,000	55	945
	02/28/2026	1,000	54	946
	03/31/2026	1,000	53	947
	04/30/2026	1,000	52	948
	05/31/2026	1,000	51	949
	06/30/2026	1,000	50	950
	07/31/2026	1,000	48	952
	08/31/2026	1,000	47	953
	09/30/2026	1,000	46	954
	10/31/2026	1,000	45	955

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS**  
**December 31, 2024**

DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT DATE	DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT	INTEREST PORTION	PRINCIPAL PORTION
	11/30/2026	1,000	44	956
	12/31/2026	1,000	43	957
	01/31/2027	1,000	42	958
	02/28/2027	1,000	40	960
	03/31/2027	1,000	39	961
	04/30/2027	1,000	38	962
	05/31/2027	1,000	37	963
	06/30/2027	1,000	36	964
	07/31/2027	1,000	35	965
	08/31/2027	1,000	34	966
	09/30/2027	1,000	33	967
	10/31/2027	1,000	31	969
	11/30/2027	1,000	30	970
	12/31/2027	1,000	29	971
	01/31/2028	1,000	28	972
	02/29/2028	1,000	27	973
	03/31/2028	1,000	26	974
	04/30/2028	1,000	24	976
	05/31/2028	1,000	23	977
	06/30/2028	1,000	22	978
	07/31/2028	1,000	21	979
	08/31/2028	1,000	20	980
	09/30/2028	1,000	19	981
	10/31/2028	1,000	18	982
	11/30/2028	1,000	16	984
	12/31/2028	1,000	15	985
	01/31/2029	1,000	14	986
	02/28/2029	1,000	13	987
	03/31/2029	1,000	12	988
	04/30/2029	1,000	11	989
	05/31/2029	1,000	9	991
	06/30/2029	1,000	8	992
	07/31/2029	1,000	7	993
	08/31/2029	1,000	6	994
	09/30/2029	1,000	5	995
	10/31/2029	1,000	4	996
	11/30/2029	1,000	2	998
	12/31/2029	1,000	2	998
		<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,111</u>	<u>\$ 57,889</u>
Equipment Finance Purchase	01/01/2025	32,157	13,157	19,000
12/31/2023 - \$2,915,290	02/01/2025	32,157	13,065	19,092
Monthly Debt Service - 5.860%	03/01/2025	32,157	12,971	19,186
Mature - 12/1/2033	04/01/2025	32,157	12,878	19,279
	05/01/2025	32,157	12,784	19,373
	06/01/2025	32,157	12,689	19,468
	07/01/2025	32,157	12,594	19,563
	08/01/2025	32,157	12,498	19,659
	09/01/2025	32,157	12,402	19,755
	10/01/2025	32,157	12,306	19,851
	11/01/2025	32,157	12,209	19,948
	12/01/2025	32,157	12,112	20,045

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS**  
**December 31, 2024**

DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT DATE	DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT	INTEREST PORTION	PRINCIPAL PORTION
	01/01/2026	32,157	12,014	20,143
	02/01/2026	32,157	11,915	20,242
	03/01/2026	32,157	11,817	20,340
	04/01/2026	32,157	11,717	20,440
	05/01/2026	32,157	11,617	20,540
	06/01/2026	32,157	11,517	20,640
	07/01/2026	32,157	11,416	20,741
	08/01/2026	32,157	11,315	20,842
	09/01/2026	32,157	11,213	20,944
	10/01/2026	32,157	11,111	21,046
	11/01/2026	32,157	11,008	21,149
	12/01/2026	32,157	10,905	21,252
	01/01/2027	32,157	10,801	21,356
	02/01/2027	32,157	10,697	21,460
	03/01/2027	32,157	10,592	21,565
	04/01/2027	32,157	10,487	21,670
	05/01/2027	32,157	10,381	21,776
	06/01/2027	32,157	10,275	21,882
	07/01/2027	32,157	10,168	21,989
	08/01/2027	32,157	10,060	22,097
	09/01/2027	32,157	9,952	22,205
	10/01/2027	32,157	9,844	22,313
	11/01/2027	32,157	9,735	22,422
	12/01/2027	32,157	9,626	22,531
	01/01/2028	32,157	9,515	22,642
	02/01/2028	32,157	9,405	22,752
	03/01/2028	32,157	9,294	22,863
	04/01/2028	32,157	9,182	22,975
	05/01/2028	32,157	9,070	23,087
	06/01/2028	32,157	8,957	23,200
	07/01/2028	32,157	8,844	23,313
	08/01/2028	32,157	8,730	23,427
	09/01/2028	32,157	8,616	23,541
	10/01/2028	32,157	8,501	23,656
	11/01/2028	32,157	8,385	23,772
	12/01/2028	32,157	8,269	23,888
	01/01/2029	32,157	8,152	24,005
	02/01/2029	32,157	8,035	24,122
	03/01/2029	32,157	7,917	24,240
	04/01/2029	32,157	7,799	24,358
	05/01/2029	32,157	7,680	24,477
	06/01/2029	32,157	7,561	24,596
	07/01/2029	32,157	7,440	24,717
	08/01/2029	32,157	7,320	24,837
	09/01/2029	32,157	7,199	24,958
	10/01/2029	32,157	7,077	25,080
	11/01/2029	32,157	6,954	25,203
	12/01/2029	32,157	6,831	25,326
	01/01/2030	32,157	6,707	25,450
	02/01/2030	32,157	6,583	25,574
	03/01/2030	32,157	6,458	25,699
	04/01/2030	32,157	6,333	25,824
	05/01/2030	32,157	6,207	25,950



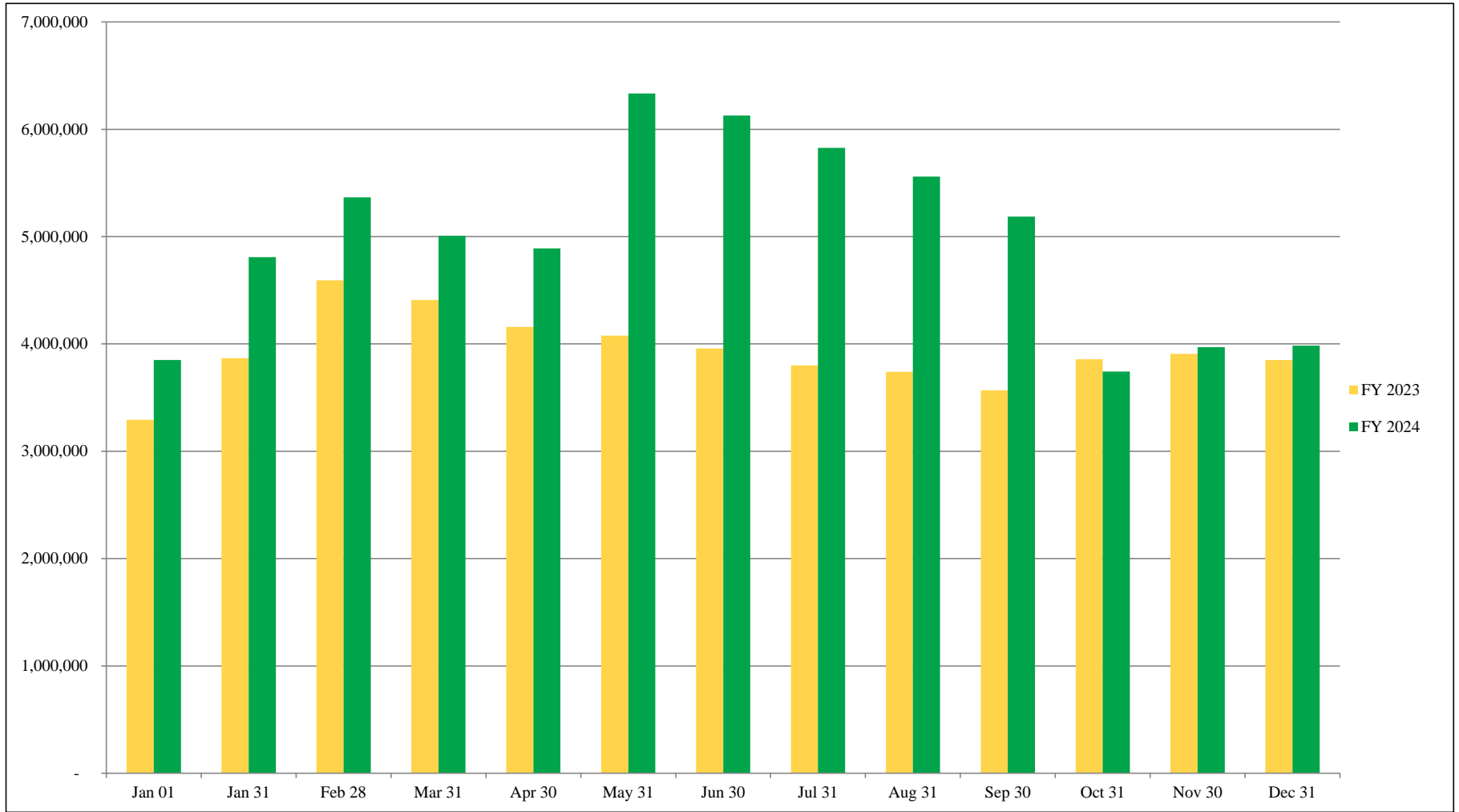
**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS**  
**December 31, 2024**

DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT DATE	DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT	INTEREST PORTION	PRINCIPAL PORTION
	06/01/2030	32,157	6,080	26,077
	07/01/2030	32,157	5,953	26,204
	08/01/2030	32,157	5,825	26,332
	09/01/2030	32,157	5,696	26,461
	10/01/2030	32,157	5,567	26,590
	11/01/2030	32,157	5,437	26,720
	12/01/2030	32,157	5,306	26,851
	01/01/2031	32,157	5,175	26,982
	02/01/2031	32,157	5,044	27,113
	03/01/2031	32,157	4,911	27,246
	04/01/2031	32,157	4,778	27,379
	05/01/2031	32,157	4,644	27,513
	06/01/2031	32,157	4,510	27,647
	07/01/2031	32,157	4,375	27,782
	08/01/2031	32,157	4,239	27,918
	09/01/2031	32,157	4,103	28,054
	10/01/2031	32,157	3,966	28,191
	11/01/2031	32,157	3,828	28,329
	12/01/2031	32,157	3,690	28,467
	01/01/2032	32,157	3,551	28,606
	02/01/2032	32,157	3,411	28,746
	03/01/2032	32,157	3,271	28,886
	04/01/2032	32,157	3,130	29,027
	05/01/2032	32,157	2,988	29,169
	06/01/2032	32,157	2,846	29,311
	07/01/2032	32,157	2,703	29,454
	08/01/2032	32,157	2,559	29,598
	09/01/2032	32,157	2,414	29,743
	10/01/2032	32,157	2,269	29,888
	11/01/2032	32,157	2,123	30,034
	12/01/2032	32,157	1,976	30,181
	01/01/2033	32,157	1,729	30,428
	02/01/2033	32,157	1,581	30,576
	03/01/2033	32,157	1,432	30,725
	04/01/2033	32,157	1,283	30,874
	05/01/2033	32,157	1,132	31,025
	06/01/2033	32,157	981	31,176
	07/01/2033	32,157	868	31,289
	08/01/2033	32,157	777	31,380
	09/01/2033	32,157	624	31,533
	10/01/2033	32,157	470	31,687
	11/01/2033	32,157	315	31,842
	12/01/2033	32,157	159	31,998
		<u>\$ 3,472,956</u>	<u>\$ 778,588</u>	<u>\$ 2,694,368</u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS**  
**December 31, 2024**

DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT DATE	DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT	INTEREST PORTION	PRINCIPAL PORTION
GEFA CW	FY2025	99,081	16,662	82,419
\$1,658,605 - 01/01/2015	FY2026	99,081	15,150	83,931
\$8,257/monthly - APR - 1.82%	FY2027	99,081	13,609	85,472
Debt Service shown is Total of Payments for FY	FY2028	99,081	12,041	87,040
Mature -01/01/2035	FY2029	99,081	10,443	88,638
	FY2030	99,081	8,817	90,264
	FY2031	99,081	7,160	91,921
	FY2032	99,081	5,473	93,608
	FY2033	99,081	3,755	95,326
	FY2034	99,081	2,006	97,075
	FY2035	57,797	349	57,448
		<u>\$ 1,048,607</u>	<u>\$ 95,465</u>	<u>\$ 953,142</u>
UCB Non-Taxable Note	FY2025	<u>\$ 10,019,833</u>	<u>\$ 19,833</u>	<u>\$ 10,000,000</u>
\$10,000,000 - 10/31/2022				
APR - 4.20%				
Debt Service shown is Total of Payments for FY				
Mature -01/17/2025				
UCB Taxable Note	FY2025	<u>\$ 5,644,423</u>	<u>\$ 17,423</u>	<u>\$ 5,627,000</u>
\$5,627,000 - 10/31/2022				
APR - 5.61%				
Debt Service shown is Total of Payments for FY				
Mature -01/17/2025				
City of Jasper Facilities Project-Series 2020	FY2025	338,060	26,060	312,000
\$3,642,000 9/2/2020	FY2026	334,504	22,504	312,000
\$1,626/monthly - APR - 2.82%	FY2027	339,913	18,913	321,000
Debt Service shown is Total of Payments for FY	FY2028	339,225	15,225	324,000
Mature -07/01/2034	FY2029	335,531	11,531	324,000
Combined/Refinanced 9/2/2020 - 2020 Bond	FY2030	339,811	7,811	332,000
	FY2031	339,990	3,990	336,000
	FY2032	168,559	559	168,000
		<u>\$ 2,535,593</u>	<u>\$ 106,593</u>	<u>\$ 2,429,000</u>
<b>Total Water Sewer Fund</b>				<u>\$ 21,761,399</u>
Notes currently in drawdown phase at December 31, 2024 (amortization schedule not available)				<u>\$ 181,325</u>
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>				<u>\$ 21,942,724</u>
<b>TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>				<u>\$ 22,459,164</u>

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE BY MONTH**  
*Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024*



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***OTHER REPORTING SECTION***

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***SINGLE AUDIT SECTION***

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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***

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Jasper, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Jasper, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Jasper, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 16, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Jasper, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Jasper, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Jasper, Georgia's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify and deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Jasper, Georgia's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Jasper, Georgia'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.

*Rushton, LLC*

Gainesville, Georgia  
May 16, 2025

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on  
Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Jasper, Georgia

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the City of Jasper, Georgia's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Jasper, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. The City of Jasper, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City of Jasper, Georgia 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 December 31, 2024.

***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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City of Jasper, Georgia 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 Jasper, Georgia's 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 Jasper, Georgia's federal programs.

## ***Auditor's 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 Jasper, Georgia's 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 Jasper, Georgia's 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 Jasper, Georgia's 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 Jasper, Georgia's 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 Jasper, Georgia's 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.

## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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.

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.

*Rushton, LLC*

Gainesville, Georgia  
May 16, 2025

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

<b>Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</b>	<b>Federal Assistance Listing Number</b>	<b>Pass- Through Number</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	10.760	N/A	<u>\$ 7,616,718</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u></b>			
<u>Highway Safety Cluster</u>			
Passed through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police:			
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	GA-2024-405cM3DA-027-R1	<u>24,936</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of the Treasury</u></b>			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	<u>224,700</u>
<b><u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u></b>			
Passed through Georgia			
Environmental Finance Authority:			
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	66.458	CW2024007	<u>102,125</u>
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	DW2024004	79,200
		DWLSL2022147-L	<u>50,328</u>
			<u>129,528</u>
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			<u>231,653</u>
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>			<u><u>\$ 8,098,007</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Jasper, Georgia, under programs for the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because this schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the City.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**3. De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate**

The City of Jasper, Georgia has elected not to use the 10-percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**4. Payments to Subrecipients**

For the current year, the City of Jasper, Georgia did not pass federal funds through to subrecipients.

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

**1. Summary of the Auditor's Results**

**A. Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None reported
Significant deficiencies identified not considered material weaknesses?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	None reported

**B. Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None reported
Significant deficiencies identified not considered material weaknesses?	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance?	None reported
Identification of major program:	
10.760   Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish Between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No



**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

**2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses**

None noted

**3. Prior Year Audit Findings Follow-Ups**

**2023-001**

*Condition:* The City lacks sufficient controls and procedures regarding year-end close to ensure timely and accurate financial reporting. This included material adjustments to capital assets and debt during the audit process.

Corrected

**4. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

The audit of our basic financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards disclosed no audit findings or questioned costs which are required to be reported under Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

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***STATE REPORTING SECTION***

**CITY OF JASPER, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH**  
**SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

Project	Estimated Cost *		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
<b>2014 Referendum</b>					
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 5,172,599	\$ 504,375	\$ 5,676,974
<b>2020 Referendum</b>					
Roads, Streets, and Bridges;					
Water and Sewer Facilities;					
Public Safety; and Parks					
and Recreation	\$ 5,002,400	\$ 5,284,034			
Roads, Streets, and Bridges			\$ 101,900	\$ 70,660	\$ 172,560
Water and Sewer Facilities			142,622	0	142,622
Public Safety - Vehicles,					
Facilities, and Equipment			1,474,632	450,463	1,925,095
Parks and Recreation Facilities			450,487	564,596	1,015,083
Total	\$ 5,002,400	\$ 5,284,034	\$ 2,169,641	\$ 1,085,719	\$ 3,255,360

\* Estimated cost represents the portion of these projects to be financed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Actual costs that are in excess of these amounts have been financed through alternative funds.