



January 27, 2021

To the Honorable Mayor and the Members of the City Council  
Of the City of Sand Springs, Oklahoma

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Sand Springs, Oklahoma (the “City”) for the year ended June 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 19, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Findings

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. During fiscal year 2019, the City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations* and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt*. Statement No. 83 identifies the circumstances that trigger the recognition of a liability to perform future asset retirement activities related to tangible capital assets. Because the City was unable to identify the specific legally required costs of retirement, no provision has been established as permitted by the new standard. Statement No. 88 provides for enhanced disclosures and clarifies existing disclosures related to debt.

We noted no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the City’s financial statements were:

1. Management’s estimate of the allowance for uncollectable accounts receivable that is based on past due balances and historical collections experience.
2. Pension assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, which are based on actuarial reports and the City’s contribution towards the plan.
3. The liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits which is based on an actuarial report.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the reported amounts in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of employee pension and other benefit plans, risk management, and commitments and contingencies that, in management's judgment are material to the users of these financial statements as described in Note 4 to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

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

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No such misstatements were detected as a result of our audit procedures.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

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

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 27, 2021.

#### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. The City has employed Crawford & Associates, P.C., as consultants for the City and for assistance in drafting the City's financial statements. To our knowledge there were no consultations with Crawford & Associates, P.C. or other accountants which could affect our opinions on the City's financial statements.

#### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

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

#### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, the schedules for the police and firefighter's pensions, the budgetary comparison schedule - general fund, notes to required supplementary information and the other post-employment schedule, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the general fund combining schedules, nonmajor governmental funds combining schedules, budgetary comparison schedules, statements of cash flows for discretely presented component units, and debt coverage schedules listed as supplementary information, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory and statistical sections as listed in the table of contents of the report, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Members of the City Council and management of the City and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

*Arledge & Associates*

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