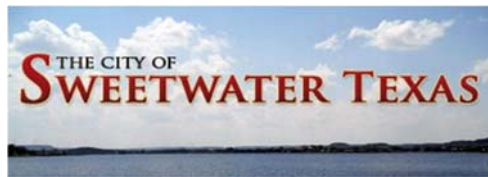


**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE, BID FORM
and
PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

\$2,000,000*

**CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
(Nolan County)**



**Combination Tax and Revenue
Certificates of Obligation,
Series 2025**

*The City will designate the Certificates as
“QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS”*

***Bids Due
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
at
9:00 A.M., Central Time***

*Preliminary, subject to change based on bid structures. See “THE CERTIFICATES – ADJUSTMENT OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AND MATURITY SCHEDULE FOR THE CERTIFICATES” in the Official Notice of Sale Relating to the Certificates.

This Official Notice of Sale does not alone constitute an invitation for bids but is merely notice of sale of the Certificates described herein. The invitation for bids on such Certificates is being made by means of this Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

\$2,000,000*

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

CERTIFICATES OFFERED FOR SALE AT COMPETITIVE BID: The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas (the "City" or "Issuer") is offering for sale at competitive bid \$2,000,000* Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the "Certificates").

Bidders must submit bids for the Certificates electronically by internet as described below in "BIDS BY INTERNET".

BIDS BY INTERNET: Interested bidders may, at their option and risk, submit their bid by electronic media, as described below, by 9:00 A.M., Central Daylight Time ("CDT"), on August 12, 2025. Bidders submitting a bid by internet **shall not be required to submit signed Official Bid Forms prior to the award**. Any prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid via the facilities of the i-Deal, LLC Parity System ("PARITY") and should, as a courtesy, register with PARITY by no later than 9:00 A.M., CDT, on August 12, 2025 indicating their intent to submit a bid by internet.

In the event of a malfunction in the electronic bidding process, bidders may submit their bids by email to mmcliney@samcocapital.com. If there is a malfunction of the electronic bidding process and a bidder submits a bid via an email, please call 210-832-9760 to notify the Financial Advisor of the incoming bid. Any bid received after the scheduled time for their receipt will not be accepted.

The official time for the receipt of bids shall be the time maintained by PARITY (or by the financial advisor if there is a problem with the electronic bidding system). All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form, and the Preliminary Official Statement. To the extent that any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Official Notice of Sale, the terms of this Official Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about the PARITY System, potential bidders may contact i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, Telephone 212-849-5021.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Certificates on the terms provided in this Official Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the Issuer. The Issuer shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of PARITY, the use of such facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder.

OPENING OF BIDS: Bids will be opened and publicly read at 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, following which the bids will be evaluated by SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. (the "Financial Advisor") and the City Council shall provide final approval of the award at a City Council meeting later that evening. The Mayor of the City or his representative shall award the Certificates as described in the section entitled "AWARD AND SALE OF THE CERTIFICATES" below.

AWARD AND SALE OF THE CERTIFICATES: At a regular meeting scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M., Central Time, on Tuesday August 12, 2025, the City Council will take action to reject all bids or ward the sale of the Certificates pursuant to an ordinance (the "Ordinance") to be adopted by the City Council on August 12, 2025. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities, except time of filing. See "CONDITIONS OF SALE – Basis of Award" herein.

* Preliminary, subject to change. See "ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS" herein.

THE CERTIFICATES

DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN TERMS OF THE CERTIFICATES: The Certificates will be dated August 15, 2025 (the "Dated Date") and interest on the Certificates shall accrue from the Dated Date and will be payable initially on February 15, 2026, and semiannually on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption. The Certificates will be issued as fully-registered obligations in book-entry form only and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). Book-entry interests in the Certificates will be made available for purchase in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a stated maturity. Purchasers of the Certificates ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Certificates purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Certificates, the principal of and interest on the Certificates will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar, initially BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Certificates. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" in the Preliminary Official Statement.)

MATURITY SCHEDULE

The Certificates will be stated to mature on August 15 in each of the following years in the following amounts:

Stated Maturity	Principal Amount*		Stated Maturity	Principal Amount*
2026	\$155,000		2034	\$110,000
2027	160,000		2035	110,000
2028	170,000		2036	115,000
2029	175,000		2037	120,000
2030	180,000		2038	130,000
2031	95,000		2039	135,000
2032	100,000		2040	140,000
2033	105,000			

ADJUSTMENT OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AND MATURITY SCHEDULE FOR THE CERTIFICATES: The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal (maturity) amount of any maturity of the Certificates, including the elimination of a maturity or maturities; provided, however, that the aggregate principal (denominational) amount of the Certificates shall not exceed \$2,000,000*. Notice of any such changes shall be given to the successful bidder as soon as practicable following the notification of award, as described below, and this Notice of Sale may be amended at the sole discretion of the City to reflect such increase or decrease. The City will attempt to maintain total per bond underwriter spread when adjusting maturities. No such adjustment will have the effect of altering the basis upon which the best bid is determined. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bids or change the rates bid or any initial reoffering prices as a result of any changes made to the principal (denominational) amounts.

SERIAL CERTIFICATES AND/OR TERM CERTIFICATES: Bidders may provide that all of the Certificates be issued as serial maturities or may provide that any two or more consecutive annual principal amounts be combined into one or more term certificates, not to exceed three term certificates (the "Term Certificates").

MANDATORY SINKING FUND REDEMPTION: If the successful bidder designates principal amounts to be combined into one or more Term Certificates, each such Term Certificate will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption commencing on August 15 of the first year which has been combined to form such Term Certificate and continuing on August 15 in each year thereafter until the stated maturity date of that Term Certificate. The amount redeemed in any year will be equal to the principal amount for such year set forth in the table under the caption "THE CERTIFICATES - Maturity Schedule" on page ii of the Notice of Sale. Certificates to be redeemed in any year by mandatory sinking fund redemption will be redeemed at par and will be selected by lot from among the Certificates then subject to such mandatory sinking fund redemption.

The principal amount of the Term Certificates of a stated maturity required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory redemption provisions may be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of Term Certificates of like stated maturity which, at least 50 days prior to a mandatory redemption date, (1) shall have been acquired by the City at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Certificates plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, (2) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the City at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Certificates plus accrued interest to the date of purchase or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions set forth above and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.

The Final Official Statement will incorporate the mandatory redemption provisions for the Certificates in the event the successful bidder elects to convert serial maturities into one or more Term Certificates.

* Preliminary, subject to change. See "ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS" herein.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION: The City reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Certificates maturing on or after August 15, 2035, in whole or in part, in principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of the redemption as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE AND SECURITY FOR PAYMENT: The Certificates are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), including particularly Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C, Chapter 271, as amended, Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, an ordinance (the "Ordinance") to be adopted by the City Council, and the City's Home Rule Charter. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Authority for Issuance" in the Preliminary Official Statement.)

The Certificates constitute direct obligations of the Issuer payable from a combination of the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property within the City, and further secured by a limited pledge (not to exceed \$1,000) of the surplus Net Revenues derived from the operation of the City's combined Waterworks and Sewer System (the "System"). (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Security for Payment" in the Preliminary Official Statement.)

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR: The initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. In the Ordinance, the City covenants to provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times while the Certificates are outstanding, and any Paying Agent/Registrar selected by the City shall be a commercial bank, trust company, financial institution or other entity qualified and authorized to serve in such capacity and perform the duties and services of Paying Agent/Registrar. The Paying Agent/Registrar will maintain the Security Register containing the names and addresses of the registered owners of the Certificates. In the Ordinance the City retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the Issuer, such Paying Agent/Registrar, promptly upon the appointment of a successor, is required to deliver the Security Register to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar.

In the event there is a change in the Paying Agent/Registrar, the City has agreed to notify each registered owner of the Certificates then outstanding by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, at the address in the Security Register, stating the effective date of the change and the mailing address of the successor Paying Agent/Registrar.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM: The City intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of DTC, with respect to the issuance of the Certificates. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" in the Preliminary Official Statement.)

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND OTHER TERMS AND COVENANTS IN THE ORDINANCE: Further details regarding the Certificates and certain covenants of the City contained in the Ordinance are set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement to which reference is made for all purposes.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

TYPES OF BIDS AND INTEREST RATES: The Certificates will be sold in one block on an "All or None" basis, and at a price of not less than their par value, plus accrued interest on the Certificates from the Dated Date of the Certificates to the date of Initial Delivery (defined herein) of the Certificates. **No bid producing a cash premium on the Certificates that results in a dollar price of less than 103% will be considered; provided, however, that any bid is subject to adjustment as described under the caption "ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS".** Bidders are invited to name the rate(s) of interest to be borne by the Certificates, provided that each rate bid must be in a multiple of 1/8 of 1% or 1/20 of 1% and the net effective interest for the Certificates (calculated in the manner required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 1204, as amended) must not exceed 15%. **The highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 200 basis points (or 2% in rate). No limitation is imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates or changes which may be used.** All Certificates of one stated maturity must bear one and the same rate. No bids involving supplemental interest rates will be considered.

BASIS OF AWARD: The sale of the Certificates will be awarded to the bidder making a bid that conforms to the specifications herein and which produces the lowest **True Interest Cost** rate to the Issuer (the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser"). The True Interest Cost rate is that rate which, when used to compute the total present value as of the Dated Date of all debt service payments on the Certificates on the basis of semi-annual compounding, produces an amount equal to the sum of the par value of the Certificates plus the premium any (but not interest accrued from the Dated Date to the date of their delivery). In the event of a bidder's error in interest cost rate calculation, the interest rates, and premium, if any, set forth in the Official Bid Form will be considered as the intended bid.

In order to provide the City and its consultants with information required to be submitted to the Texas Bond Review Board pursuant to Section 1202.008, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Initial Purchaser will be required to provide the City (on or before the 10th business day prior to the delivery of the Certificates) with a breakdown of its "underwriting spread" among the following categories: Takedown, Management Fee (if any), Legal Counsel Fee (if any) and Spread Expenses (if any).

ESTABLISHING THE ISSUE PRICE FOR THE CERTIFICATES: The Issuer intends to rely on Treasury Regulation section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of municipal bonds), which require, among other things, that the Issuer receives bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirement").

In the event that the bidding process does not satisfy the Competitive Sale Requirement as communicated by the Municipal Advisor to the winning bidder by 3:00 p.m., Bids will not be subject to cancellation and the winning bidder (i) agrees to promptly report to the Issuer the first prices at which at least 10% of each maturity of the Certificates (the AFirst Price Maturity@) have been sold to the Public on the Sale Date (the "10% Test") (if different interest rates apply within a maturity, each separate CUSIP number within that maturity will be subject to the 10% Test) and (ii) agrees to hold-the-offering-price of each maturity of the Certificates that does not satisfy the 10% Test ("Hold-the-Price Maturity"), as described below.

In order to provide the Issuer with information that enables it to comply with the establishment of the issue price of the Certificates under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the winning bidder agrees to complete, execute, and timely deliver to the Issuer or to the Issuer's municipal advisor, SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. (the "Issuer's Municipal Advisor") a certification as to the Certificates "issue price" (the "Issue Price Certificate") substantially in the form and to the effect attached hereto or accompanying this Notice of Sale, no later than 5 business days prior to the Closing Date if the Competitive Sale Requirement is satisfied or within 5 business days of the date on which the 10% Test is satisfied with respect to all of the First Price Maturities. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Certificates for sale to the Public (as defined herein) by the Closing Date, the Issue Price Certificate may be modified in a manner approved by the Issuer. It will be the responsibility of the winning bidder to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain such facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel (identified in the Preliminary Official Statement).

For purposes of this section of this Notice of Sale:

(i) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to the Underwriter;

(ii) "Underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public);

(iii) "Related Party" means any two or more persons (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) that are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other); and

(iv) "Sale Date" means the date that the Certificates are awarded by the Issuer to the winning bidder.

All actions to be taken by the Issuer under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Certificates may be taken on behalf of the Issuer by the Issuer's Municipal Advisor, and any notice or report to be provided to the Issuer may be provided to the Issuer's Municipal Advisor.

The Issuer will consider any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale to be a firm offer for the purchase of the Certificates, as specified in the bid and, if so stated, in the Official Bid Form.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Certificates of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of that maturity or all Certificates of that maturity have been sold to the Public, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Certificates of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Certificates of that maturity or all Certificates of that maturity have been sold to the Public, if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wire.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Certificates, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell any Hold-the-Price Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date; or (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of that Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than

the initial offering price to the Public. The winning bidder shall promptly advise the Issuer when the Underwriters have sold 10% of a Hold-the-Price Maturity to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS: The Issuer will designate the Certificates as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." See discussion under the caption "TAX MATTERS - Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions" contained in the Preliminary Official Statement.

ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS: The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal (maturity) amount of any maturity of the Certificates, including the elimination of a maturity or maturities; provided, however, that the aggregate principal (denominational) amount of the Certificates shall not exceed \$2,000,000*. Notice of any such changes shall be given to the successful bidder as soon as practicable following the notification of award, as described below, and this Notice of Sale may be amended at the sole discretion of the City to reflect such increase or decrease. The City will attempt to maintain total per bond underwriter spread when adjusting maturities. No such adjustment will have the effect of altering the basis upon which the best bid is determined. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bids or change the rates bid or any initial reoffering prices as a result of any changes made to the principal (denominational) amounts.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT: A bank cashier's check payable to the order of "City of Sweetwater, Texas" in the amount of \$40,000 which is 2% of the par value of the Certificates (the "Good Faith Deposit") is required. The Good Faith Deposit of the Initial Purchaser will be retained uncashed by the Issuer until the Certificates are delivered, and at that time it will be returned to the Initial Purchaser of the Certificates. The above-mentioned Good Faith Deposit may accompany the bid, or it may be submitted separately; however, if submitted separately, it shall be made available to the Issuer prior to the opening of the bids and shall be accompanied by instructions from the bank on which it is drawn which will authorize its use as a Good Faith Deposit by the Initial Purchaser who shall be named in such instructions. No interest will be paid or allowed on any Good Faith Deposit. The checks accompanying all other bids will be returned immediately after the bids are opened and the award of the sale of the Certificates has been made. In the event the Initial Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Certificates in accordance with its bid **then said check shall be cashed and accepted by the City as full and complete liquidated damages.**

If it is determined after the acceptance of its bid by the City that the Initial Purchaser was found not to satisfy the requirement described below under "ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF AWARD - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND VERIFICATION'S BY WINNING BIDDER" and as a result the Texas Attorney General will not deliver its approving opinion of the Certificates, then said check shall be cashed and accepted by the City. IF THE CITY CASHES THE PURCHASER'S GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, SUCH ACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE COMPLETE OR LIQUIDATED DAMAGES RELATED TO THE PURCHASER'S BREACH OF ANY OF THE COVERED VERIFICATIONS.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF AWARD — DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTY FORM:

Described hereinafter is the obligation of the City to receive information from the winning bidder if the bidder is not a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity (a "Privately Held Bidder"). Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act"), the City may not award the Certificates to a winning bidder which is a Privately Held Bidder unless such party submits a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the "Disclosure Form") to the City as prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission ("TEC"). In the event that a Privately Held Bidder's bid for the Certificates is the best bid received, the City, acting through its financial advisor, will promptly notify the winning Privately Held Bidder. That notification will serve as the City's conditional verbal acceptance of the bid, and will obligate the winning Privately Held Bidder to establish (unless such winning Privately Held Bidder has previously so established) an account with the TEC, and promptly file a completed Disclosure Form, as described below, in order to allow the City to complete the award.

Process for completing the Disclosure Form. Reference should be made to the Disclosure Form, the rules of the TEC with respect to the Disclosure Form (the "Disclosure Rules") and the Interested Party Disclosure Act. Instructional information regarding such matters are set forth at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm. For purposes of completing the Disclosure Form a Privately Held Bidder will need the following information: (a) item 2 – name of governmental entity: "City of Sweetwater, Texas" and (b) item 3 – the identification number assigned to this contract by the City: "City of Sweetwater, 2025 COs BPA", and a description of the services to be provided under the contract: Purchase of the City of Sweetwater, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025. The Interested Party Disclosure Act and the Disclosure Rules require Privately Held Bidders to complete the form at the TEC Internet "portal" that may be accessed at the URL set forth above, and then print, sign and deliver the Disclosure Form to the City at: kkoennecke@coswtr.org and CC the City's financial advisor at afriedman@samcocapital.com and the City's bond counsel at reseguara@mphlegal.com.

Following the award of the Certificates, the City will acknowledge receipt of the completed Disclosure Form through the TEC website, as required by the law.

Preparations for completion, and the significance of, the reported information. In accordance with the Interested Party Disclosure Act, the information reported by the winning Privately Held Bidder must be declared by an authorized agent of the Privately Held Winning Bidder. No exceptions may be made to that requirement. The Interested Party Disclosure Act and the Disclosure Form provides that such acknowledgment is made "under penalty of perjury." Consequently, a winning Privately Held Bidder should take appropriate steps prior to completion of the Disclosure Form to familiarize itself with the Interested Party Disclosure Act, the Disclosure Rules and the Disclosure Form. Time will be of the essence in submitting the form to the City, and no final award will be made by the City regarding the sale of the Certificates until a completed Disclosure Form is received. If applicable, the City reserves the right to reject any bid that does not satisfy the requirement

of a completed Disclosure Form, as described herein. Neither the City nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a Disclosure Form, and neither party has an obligation nor undertakes responsibility for advising any bidder with respect to (1) the bidder's obligation to submit the Disclosure Form or (2) the proper completion of the Disclosure Form. Consequently, an entity intending to bid on the Certificates should consult its own advisors to the extent it deems necessary and be prepared to submit the completed form, if required, promptly upon notification from the City that its bid is the conditional winning bid. Instructional videos on logging in and creating a certificate are provided on the TEC's website at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm. are provided on the TEC's website at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF AWARD - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND VERIFICATION'S BY WINNING BIDDER

By submission of a bid for the Bonds, each bidder makes the following representations and covenants (the "Covered Verifications") pursuant to Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274, and 2276, Texas Government Code (the "Government Code"), as heretofore amended. As used herein, "affiliate" means an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17 C.F.R. §230.405, and exists to make a profit. If the bidder's bid is accepted, then liability for breach of any such verification during the term of the contract for purchase and sale of the Bonds created thereby (the "Agreement") shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of the bid or this Notice of Sale, notwithstanding anything herein or therein to the contrary.

NOT A SANCTIONED COMPANY . . . Each bidder represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153, Government Code, or Section 2270.0201, Government Code. The foregoing representation excludes the bidder and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization.

NO BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL . . . Each bidder hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and, if its bid is accepted, will not boycott Israel during the term of the Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in Section 2271.001, Government Code.

NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARM ENTITIES . . . Each bidder hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and, if its bid is accepted, will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in Section 2274.001(3), Government Code.

NO BOYCOTT OF ENERGY COMPANIES . . . Each bidder hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and, if its bid is accepted, will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" has the meaning provided in Section 2276.001(1), Government Code.

REPRESENTATION REGARDING TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL STANDING LETTER AND BRINGDOWN VERIFICATION . . . By submission of a bid for the Bonds, each bidder represents and verifies that it is aware of the Office of the Texas Attorney General's (the "Texas Attorney General") All Bond Counsel Letter, dated November 1, 2023, that is available on the website of the Texas Office of the Texas Attorney General using the following link: (<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/public-finance/ABCLetter-11-01-2023.pdf>) and the Texas Attorney General's supplemental All Bond Counsel Letter, dated November 16, 2023, that is available on the website of the Texas Attorney General using the following link: (<https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/public-finance/ABCLetter-11-06-2023.pdf>). Each bidder represents and verifies that the bidder has (i) on file a standing letter ("Standing Letter") acceptable to the Texas Attorney General addressing the representations and verifications described under the heading "ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF AWARD - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND VERIFICATION'S BY WINNING BIDDER" and (ii) will, upon request of the City or Bond Counsel on behalf of the City, provide the City and Bond Counsel with a copy of its Standing Letter. Each bidder further represents and verifies that its Standing Letter remains in effect as of the date of the Agreement and that the Texas Attorney General has not notified the bidder that a determination has been made that the bidder boycotts energy companies or has a policy that discriminates against firearm entities or firearm trade associations under the laws of the State of Texas. Upon request of the City or Bond Counsel on the City's behalf, each bidder shall provide additional written certifications to the City and Bond Counsel (which may be by email) to the effect that the Texas Attorney General may continue to rely on the Standing Letter and the statutory representations and covenants contained in the Agreement through the closing date (the "Bringdown Verification"). The City reserves the right, and each bidder hereby expressly authorizes the City, to provide such Bringdown Verification to the Texas Attorney General.

FURTHER STATE LAW COMPLIANCE: THE CITY WILL NOT ACCEPT THE BID OF ANY BIDDER WHO IS, OR WHOSE PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATES IS, ON A LIST MAINTAINED BY THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OR HAS A PENDING OR UNRESOLVED INQUIRY FROM A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OR THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL RELATED TO COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 2274 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. BY SUBMITTING A BID, EACH BIDDER AGREES, SHOULD IT BE THE WINNING BIDDER, TO COOPERATE WITH THE CITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO FURTHER VERIFY AND CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW.

IMPACT OF BIDDING SYNDICATE ON AWARD: For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Certificates, the entity signing the bid form as Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Certificates. Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the City is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

To assist the Initial Purchaser in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the Issuer and the Initial Purchaser contract and agree, by the submission and acceptance of the winning bid, as follows:

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 15c2-12 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION: The Issuer has approved and authorized distribution of the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement for dissemination to potential purchasers of the Certificates but does not presently intend to prepare any other document or version thereof for such purpose, except as described below. Accordingly, the Issuer deems the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the SEC (the "Rule"), except for information relating to the offering prices, interest rates, final debt service schedule, selling compensation, identity of the Initial Purchaser and other similar information, terms and provisions to be specified in the competitive bidding process. The Initial Purchaser shall be responsible for promptly informing the Issuer of the initial offering yields of the Certificates.

Thereafter, the Issuer will complete and authorize distribution of the Final Official Statement identifying the Initial Purchaser and containing such omitted information. The Issuer does not intend to amend or supplement the Preliminary Official Statement otherwise, except to take into account certain subsequent events, if any, as described below. By delivering the Final Official Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto in the requested quantity to the Initial Purchaser on or after the sale date, the Issuer intends the same to be final as of such date, within the meaning of the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer makes no representation concerning the absence of material misstatements or omissions from the Preliminary Official Statement, except only as and to the extent under "CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT" as described below. To the best knowledge and belief of the Issuer, the Preliminary Official Statement contains information, including financial information or operating data, concerning every entity, enterprise, fund, account, or person that is material to an evaluation of the offering of the Certificates.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT: The City will agree in the Ordinance to provide certain periodic information and notices of material events in accordance with the Rule, as described in the Preliminary Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION." The Initial Purchaser's obligation to accept and pay for the Certificates is conditioned upon delivery to the Initial Purchaser or its agent of a certified copy of the Ordinance containing the agreement described under such heading.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR UNDERTAKINGS: During the last five years, the Issuer has complied in all material respects with its previous continuing disclosure agreements made pursuant to the Rule.

FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT: The Issuer will furnish to the Initial Purchaser, within seven (7) business days after the sale date, an aggregate maximum of fifty (50) copies of the Final Official Statement (and 50 copies of any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto), together with information regarding interest rates and other terms relating to the reoffering of the Certificates, in accordance with the Rule. The Issuer agrees to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Initial Purchaser the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto in such printed or electronic format may be required for the Initial Purchaser to comply with the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"). The Issuer consents to the distribution of such documents in electronic format. The Initial Purchaser may arrange at its own expense to have the Final Official Statement reproduced and printed if it requires more than 50 copies and may also arrange, at its own expense and responsibility, for completion and perfection of the first or cover page of the Final Official Statement so as to reflect interest rates and other terms and information related to the reoffering of the Certificates. The Initial Purchaser will be responsible for providing information concerning the Issuer and the Certificates to subsequent purchasers of the Certificates, and the Issuer will undertake no responsibility for providing such information other than to make the Final Official Statement available to the Initial Purchaser as provided herein. The Issuer's obligation to supplement the Final Official Statement to correct representations determined to be materially misleading, after the date of the Final Official Statement, shall terminate upon the earlier of (i) 90 days from the "end of the underwriting period" (as defined in the Rule) and (ii) the time when the Official Statement is available to any person from the MSRB, but in no case less than 25 days after the "end of the underwriting period" for the Certificates. The Initial Purchaser by submitting a bid for the Certificates agrees to promptly file the Official Statement with the MSRB. Unless otherwise notified in writing by the Initial Purchaser, the Issuer can assume that the "end of the underwriting period" for purposes of the Rule is the date of the initial delivery of the Certificates to the Initial Purchaser.

CHANGES TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT: If, subsequent to the date of the Final Official Statement, the Issuer learns, through the ordinary course of business and without undertaking any investigation or examination for such purposes, or is notified by the Initial Purchaser of any adverse event which causes the Final Official Statement to be materially misleading, and unless the Initial Purchaser elects to terminate its obligation to purchase the Certificates, as described below under "DELIVERY AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS – CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY," the Issuer will promptly prepare and supply to the Initial Purchaser an appropriate amendment or supplement to the Final Official Statement satisfactory to the Initial Purchaser; provided, however, that the obligation of the Issuer to do so will terminate on the date specified under "FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT" above.

MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE: In the event the Certificates are qualified for municipal bond insurance, and the Purchaser desires to purchase such insurance, the cost therefor will be paid by the Purchaser. The City shall pay the rating agency fee for S&P (hereinafter defined). Any other fees to be paid to rating agencies as a result of said insurance will be paid by the Purchaser. It will be the responsibility of the Purchaser to disclose the existence of insurance, its terms and the effect thereof with respect to the reoffering of the Certificates. Any downgrade by rating agencies of the bond insurance provider shall not relieve the Purchaser of its obligation to purchase the Certificates. See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT: At the time of payment for and delivery of the Initial Certificates, the Initial Purchaser will be furnished a certificate, executed by proper officials of the Issuer, acting in their official capacity, in the form specified in the Official Statement under the heading "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Certification of the Official Statement." The Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Sale will be approved as to form and content and the use thereof in the offering of the Certificates will be authorized, ratified and approved by the City Council on the date of sale, and the Initial Purchaser will be furnished, upon request, at the time of payment for and the delivery of the Certificates, a certified copy of such approval, duly executed by the proper officials of the Issuer.

DELIVERY AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

INITIAL DELIVERY OF INITIAL CERTIFICATE: Initial Delivery will be accomplished by the issuance of one fully registered Certificate, in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000*, payable to the Initial Purchaser (the "Initial Certificate"), signed by the Mayor and City Secretary, by their manual or facsimile signatures, approved by the Attorney General, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Initial Delivery will be at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Upon delivery of the Initial Certificate, it shall be immediately canceled and one definitive certificate for each maturity in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000* payable to Cede & Co. will be delivered to DTC in connection with DTC's Book-Entry-Only System. Payment for the Certificates must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the City, or as otherwise directed by the City. The Initial Purchaser will be given six business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Certificates. It is anticipated that the delivery of the Initial Certificate can be made on or about August 28, 2025, but if for any reason the City is unable to make delivery by August 28, 2025, then the City shall immediately contact the Initial Purchaser and offer to allow the Initial Purchaser to extend his obligation to take up and pay for the Certificates an additional 30 days. If the Initial Purchaser does not elect to extend its offer within six days thereafter, then its Good Faith Deposit will be returned, and both the City and the Initial Purchaser shall be relieved of any further obligation. In no event shall the City be liable for any damages by reason of its failure to deliver the Certificates, provided that such failure is due to circumstances beyond the City's reasonable control.

DTC DEFINITIVE CERTIFICATES: The Certificates will be issued in book-entry-only form. Cede & Co. is the nominee for DTC. All references herein and in the Official Statement to the holders or registered owners of the Certificates shall mean Cede & Co. and not the beneficial owners of the Certificates. Purchases of beneficial interests in the Certificates will be made in book-entry form in the denomination of \$5,000 principal amounts or any integral multiple thereof. Under certain limited circumstances, there may be a cessation of the immobilization of the Certificates at DTC, or another securities depository, in which case, such beneficial interests would become exchangeable for definitive printed obligations of like principal amount.

CUSIP NUMBERS: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Certificates, but neither the failure to print such number on any Certificate nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Initial Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Certificates in accordance with the terms of the Official Bid Form and this Official Notice of Sale. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Certificates shall be paid by the Issuer; however, **the CUSIP Service Bureau's charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be paid by the Initial Purchaser.**

CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY: The obligation to take up and pay for the Certificates is subject to the following conditions: the issuance of an approving opinion of the Attorney General of Texas, the Initial Purchaser's receipt of the legal opinion of Bond Counsel and the no-litigation certificate, and the non-occurrence of the events described below under the caption "NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE," all as described below. In addition, if the Issuer fails to comply with its obligations described under "OFFICIAL STATEMENT" above, the Initial Purchaser may terminate its contract to purchase the Certificates by delivering written notice to the Issuer within five (5) days thereafter.

NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE: The obligations of the Initial Purchaser to take up and pay for the Certificates, and of the Issuer to deliver the Certificates to the Initial Purchaser, are subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Certificates, there shall have been no material adverse change in the affairs of the Issuer subsequent to the date of sale from that set forth in the Official Statement, as it may have been finalized, supplemented or amended through the date of delivery.

LEGAL OPINIONS: The Certificates are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of certain legal matters by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and Bond Counsel (see discussion "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate" in the Official Statement).

CHANGE IN TAX-EXEMPT STATUS: At any time before the Certificates are tendered for initial delivery to the Initial Purchaser, the Initial Purchaser may withdraw its bid if the interest on obligations such as the Certificates shall be declared to be includable in the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Code, of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, either by Treasury regulations, by ruling or administrative guidance of the Internal Revenue Service, by a decision of any federal court, or by the terms of any federal income tax legislation enacted subsequent to the date of this Official Notice of Sale.

*Preliminary, subject to change.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

RATING: A municipal bond rating application has been made to S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"). The outcome of the results will be made available to the Initial Purchaser as soon as possible. (See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Rating" in the Preliminary Official Statement). An explanation of the significance of such rating, when received, may be obtained from S&P. A rating reflects only the view of such company at the time the rating is given, and the Issuer makes no representations as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that such a rating will continue for any given period of time, or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the company assigning such rating if, in the judgment of such company, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Certificates.

SALE OF ADDITIONAL DEBT: The City does not anticipate the issuance of any additional debt within the next twelve months.

REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR SALE: No registration statement relating to the Certificates has been filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions provided in such Act. The Certificates have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC, nor has the SEC passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the Official Statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The Certificates have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon exemptions contained therein, nor have the Certificates been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The Issuer assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Certificates under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Certificates may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Certificates shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

It is the obligation of the Initial Purchaser to register or qualify sale of the Certificates under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The Issuer agrees to cooperate, at the Initial Purchaser's written request and expense and within reasonable limits, in registering or qualifying the Certificates, or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification in any state where such action is necessary, but will in no instance execute a special or general consent to service of process in any state that the Certificates are offered for sale.

ADDITIONAL COPIES: Subject to the limitations described under "OFFICIAL STATEMENT" herein, additional copies of this Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form, and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., 1020 NE Loop 410, Suite 640, San Antonio, Texas 78209, Attention: Veronica Alonzo (210-832-9760, valonzo@samcocapital.com).

On the date of the sale, the City Council will, in the Ordinance awarding the sale of the Certificates, approve the form and content of the Final Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and authorize its further use in the reoffering of the Certificates by the Initial Purchaser.

ATTEST:

/s/

City Secretary
City of Sweetwater, Texas

/s/

Mayor
City of Sweetwater, Texas

OFFICIAL BID FORM

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Sweetwater
200 E. Fourth Street
Sweetwater, Texas 79556

August 12, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your Official Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated August 5, 2025, which terms are incorporated by reference to this proposal (and which are agreed to as evidenced by our submission of this bid), we hereby submit the following bid for \$2,000,000* City of Sweetwater, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, dated August 15, 2025 (the "Certificates").

For your legally issued Certificates, as described in said Official Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement, we will pay you a price of \$_____ (being a price of no less than 103% of the par value) plus accrued interest from their Dated Date to the date of delivery to us, for Certificates maturing August 15 and bearing interest as follows:

Year of Stated Maturity	Principal Amount as Stated Maturity	Coupon %	Year of Stated Maturity	Principal Amount as Stated Maturity	Coupon %
2026	\$155,000		2034	\$110,000	
2027	160,000		2035*	110,000	
2028	170,000		2036*	115,000	
2029	175,000		2037*	120,000	
2030	180,000		2038*	130,000	
2031	95,000		2039*	135,000	
2032	100,000		2040*	140,000	
2033	105,000				

**Maturities available for Term Certificates.*

Our calculation (which is not part of this bid) of the interest cost in accordance with the above bid is:

TRUE INTEREST COST _____ %

We are/are not having the Certificates of the following maturities _____ insured by _____ at a premium of \$_____. The premium will be paid by the Winning Bidder. Any fees due to Rating Agencies, other than S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), as a result of said insurance will be paid by the Winning Bidder. The City will pay the fee due to S&P.

In the event that the Issuer's Municipal Advisor informs the winning bidder that less than three bids were received for the Certificates, the winning bidder shall promptly report which maturities, if any, will be Hold-the-Price maturities on or before 3 p.m. on the date of the bid opening. See "ESTABLISHING THE ISSUE PRICE FOR THE CERTIFICATES" in this Notice of Sale.

ADJUSTMENT OF INITIAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS: The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal (maturity) amount of any maturity of the Certificates, including the elimination of a maturity or maturities; provided, however, that the aggregate principal (denominational) amount of the Certificates shall not exceed \$2,000,000*. Notice of any such changes shall be given to the successful bidder as soon as practicable following the notification of award, as described below, and this Notice of Sale may be amended at the sole discretion of the City to reflect such increase or decrease. The City will attempt to maintain total per Certificate underwriter spread when adjusting maturities. No such adjustment will have the effect of altering the basis upon which the best bid is determined. The successful bidder may not withdraw its bids or change the rates bid or any initial reoffering prices as a result of any changes made to the principal (denominational) amounts.

** Preliminary, subject to change.*

Of the principal maturities set forth in the table above, we have created term certificates as indicated in the following table (which may include multiple term certificates, one term certificate or no term certificates if none is indicated). For those years which have been combined into a term certificate, the principal amount shown in the table above will be the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts in such years except that the amount shown in the year of the term certificate maturity date will mature in such year. The term certificates created are as follows:

Term Certificate Maturity Date August 15	Year of First Mandatory Redemption	Principal Amount of Term Certificate	Interest Rate

By its acceptance of this bid, we understand the City will provide the copies of the final Official Statement and of any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the Official Notice of Sale, and will cooperate to permit the undersigned to comply with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The bidder by submitting this bid for the Certificates agrees to promptly file the Official Statement when received from the City with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

The Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of the Initial Purchaser, which will upon payment for the Certificates, be canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Certificates will then be registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee), under the Book-Entry-Only System. We will advise DTC of registration instructions at least five business days prior to the date set for Initial Delivery.

Cashier's Check of the _____ Bank, _____, in the amount of \$40,000, which represents our Good Faith Deposit (is attached hereto) or (has been made available to you prior to the opening of this bid), and is submitted in accordance with the terms as set forth in the Official Notice of Sale. Upon delivery of the Certificates, said check shall be returned to the Initial Purchaser.

We agree to accept delivery of the Initial Bond(s) through DTC and make payment for the Initial Certificate in immediately available funds at BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, no later than 10:00 A.M., Central Time, on August 28, 2025, or thereafter on the date the Initial Certificate is tendered for delivery, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Official Notice of Sale.

The undersigned agrees to complete, execute and deliver to the City by the date of delivery of the Certificates, a certificate relating to the "issue price" of the Certificates in the form and to the effect attached to or accompanying the Official Notice of Sale, with such changes thereto as may be acceptable to the Bond Counsel for the Issuer. The undersigned also agrees to provide the City and its consultants, at least ten business days prior to the delivery of the Certificates, a breakdown of its "underwriting spread" among the following categories: Takedown, Management Fee (if any), Legal Counsel Fee (if any) and Spread Expenses (if any).

For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Certificates, the entity signing the bid form as Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Certificates. The Initial Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the City is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

VERIFICATIONS OF STATUTORY REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS . . . By submission of a bid for the Certificates, each bidder makes the following representations and covenants pursuant to Chapters 2252, 2271, 2274, and 2276, Texas Government Code (the "Government Code"), as heretofore amended. As used herein, "affiliate" means an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder within the meaning of SEC Rule 405, 17 C.F.R. §230.405, and exists to make a profit. If the bidder's bid is accepted, then liability for breach of any such verification during the term of the contract for purchase and sale of the Certificates created thereby (the "Agreement") shall survive until barred by the applicable statute of limitations and shall not be liquidated or otherwise limited by any provision of the bid or this Official Notice of Sale, notwithstanding anything herein or therein to the contrary.

NOT A SANCTIONED COMPANY . . . Each bidder represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153, Government Code, or Section 2270.0201, Government Code. The foregoing representation excludes the bidder and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization.

NO BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL . . . Each bidder hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and, if its bid is accepted, will not boycott Israel during the term of the Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in Section 2271.001, Government Code.

NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARM ENTITIES . . . Each bidder hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and, if its bid is accepted, will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the Agreement. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in Section 2274.001(3), Government Code.

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REPRESENTATION REGARDING TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL STANDING LETTER AND BRINGDOWN VERIFICATION . . . By submission of a bid for the Certificates, each bidder represents and verifies that it is aware of the Office of the Texas Attorney General's (the "Texas Attorney General") All Bond Counsel Letter, dated November 1, 2023, that is available on the website of the Texas Office of the Texas Attorney General using the following link: (<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/public-finance/ABCLetter-11-01-2023.pdf>) and the Texas Attorney General's supplemental All Bond Counsel Letter, dated November 16, 2023, that is available on the website of the Texas Attorney General using the following link: (<https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/public-finance/ABCLetter-11-06-2023.pdf>). Each bidder represents and verifies that the bidder has (i) on file a standing letter ("Standing Letter") acceptable to the Texas Attorney General addressing the representations and verifications described under the heading "Verifications of Statutory Representations and Covenants," and (ii) will, upon request of the City or Bond Counsel on behalf of the City, provide the City and Bond Counsel with a copy of its Standing Letter. Each bidder further represents and verifies that its Standing Letter remains in effect as of the date of the Agreement and that the Texas Attorney General has not notified the bidder that a determination has been made that the bidder boycotts energy companies or has a policy that discriminates against firearm entities or firearm trade associations under the laws of the State of Texas. Upon request of the City or Bond Counsel on the City's behalf, each bidder shall provide additional written certifications to the City and Bond Counsel (which may be by email) to the effect that the Texas Attorney General may continue to rely on the Standing Letter and the statutory representations and covenants contained in the Agreement through the closing date (the "Bringdown Verification"). The City reserves the right, and each bidder hereby expressly authorizes the City, to provide such Bringdown Verification to the Texas Attorney General.

By submitting this bid, the Purchaser understands and agrees that if Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Certificates in accordance with this bid, or it is determined that after the acceptance of this bid by the City that the Purchaser was found not to satisfy the requirements described in the Official Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions under the heading "ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF AWARD - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND VERIFICATION'S BY WINNING BIDDER" and as a result the Texas Attorney General will not deliver its approving opinion of the Certificates, then the check submitted herewith as the Purchaser's Good Faith Deposit shall be cashed and accepted by the City. IF THE CITY CASHES THE PURCHASER'S GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, SUCH ACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE COMPLETE OR LIQUIDATED DAMAGES RELATED TO THE PURCHASER'S BREACH OF ANY OF THE COVERED VERIFICATIONS.

The Purchaser (mark one):

☐ Agrees to timely make a filing of a completed Disclosure Form with the City.
or

☐ Hereby certifies that it is exempt from the Disclosure Form filing requirements by virtue of being a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity.

Respectfully submitted,

Underwriter

Telephone

Email

By:

Underwriter's Authorized Representative

ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING BID IS IN ALL THINGS HEREBY ACCEPTED this 12th day of August 2025, by the City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas.

ATTEST:

Mayor
City of Sweetwater, Texas

City Secretary,
City of Sweetwater, Texas

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\$2,000,000*
CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(Sales where at least 3 bids are received from underwriters)

The undersigned, as the underwriter or the manager of the syndicate of underwriters ("Purchaser"), with respect to the purchase at competitive sale of the Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 issued by the City of Sweetwater, Texas ("Issuer") in the principal amount of \$_____ ("Certificates"), hereby certifies and represents, based on its records and information, as follows:

(a) On the first day on which there was a binding contract in writing for the purchase of the Certificates by the Purchaser, the Purchaser's reasonably expected initial offering prices of each maturity of the Certificates with the same credit and payment terms (the "Expected Offering Prices") to a person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter are as set forth in the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Certificates, as attached to this Certificate as Schedule A. The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Certificates used by the Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Certificates.

(b) The Purchaser had an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Certificates and it was not given the opportunity to review other bids that was not equally given to all other bidders (i.e., no last look).

(c) The bid submitted by the Purchaser constituted a firm bid to purchase the Certificates.

(d) The Purchaser has []/has not [] purchased bond insurance for the Certificates. The bond insurance has been purchased from _____ (the "Insurer") for a fee of \$_____ (net any nonguarantee cost, e.g., rating agency fees). The amount of such fee is set forth in the Insurer's commitment and does not include any payment for any direct or indirect services other than the transfer of credit risk, unless the compensation for those other services is separately stated, reasonable, and excluded from such fee. Such fee does not exceed a reasonable, arm's-length charge for the transfer of credit risk and it has been paid to a person who is not exempt from federal income taxation and who is not a user or related to the user of any proceeds of the Certificates. The present value of the debt service savings expected to be realized as a result of such insurance exceeds the amount of the fee set forth above. For this purpose, present value is computed using the yield on the Certificates, determined by taking into account the amount of the fee set forth above, as the discount rate. No portion of the fee payable to the Insurer is refundable upon redemption of any of the Certificates in an amount which would exceed the portion of such fee that has not been earned.

For purposes of this Issue Price Certificate, the term "Underwriter" means (1) (i) a person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, or (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (1)(i) of this paragraph (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public) to participate in the initial sale of the Certificates to the Public, and (2) any person who has more than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly, with a person described in clause (1) of this paragraph.

The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Certificates, and by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Certificates is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Certificates. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the Purchaser is not engaged in the practice of law and makes no representation as to the legal sufficiency of the factual matters set forth herein.

EXECUTED and DELIVERED as of this _____.

_____, as Purchaser

By: _____

Name: _____

**Preliminary, subject to change.*

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SCHEDULE A

PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION

(Attached)

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This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment without notice. These securities may not be sold, nor may offers to buy them be accepted, prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of, these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration, qualification or filing under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

NEW ISSUE - BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

Rating: S&P: "Applied For"

(See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Rating", "BOND INSURANCE" AND "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein)

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

August 5, 2025

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Certificates will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions existing on the date of the initial delivery of the Certificates, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations.

The City will designate the Certificates as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations"

\$2,000,000*

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS (Nolan County)

COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

Dated Date: August 15, 2025

Due: August 15, as shown on page 2

The City of Sweetwater, Texas (the "City" or the "Issuer") \$2,000,000* Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the "Certificates") are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), including particularly Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C, Chapter 271, as amended, Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, an ordinance (the "Ordinance") to be adopted by the City Council on August 12, 2025, and the City's Home Rule Charter. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Authority for Issuance" herein.)

The Certificates constitute direct obligations of the Issuer payable from a combination of the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property within the City, and further secured by a limited pledge (not to exceed \$1,000) of the surplus Net Revenues derived from the operation of the City's combined Waterworks and Sewer System (the "System"). (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Security for Payment" herein.)

Interest on the Certificates will accrue from August 15, 2025 (the "Dated Date") as shown above and will initially be payable on February 15, 2026 and on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter, until maturity or prior redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The definitive Certificates will be issued as fully registered obligations in book-entry form only and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). Book-entry interests in the Certificates will be made available for purchase in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of the Certificates ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Certificates purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Certificates, the principal of and interest on the Certificates will be payable by BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, as Paying Agent/Registrar, to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Certificates. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)

Proceeds from the sale of the Certificates will be used to pay all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with (i) acquiring and equipping fire-fighting equipment and vehicles, including fire trucks; and legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Use of Certificate Proceeds" herein.)

The City has made application to municipal bond insurance companies to have the payment of the principal of and interest on the Certificates insured by a municipal bond insurance policy and will consider the purchase of such insurance after an analysis of the bids from such companies has been made. The Purchaser will be responsible for paying the bond insurer's bond insurance premium. See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein.

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR STATED MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, INITIAL YIELDS, CUSIP NUMBERS, AND REDEMPTION PROVISIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATES

The Certificates are offered for delivery, when, as and if issued and received by the initial purchaser (the "Purchaser") and subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel. (See Appendix C – Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel.) (See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate" herein). It is expected that the Certificates will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about August 28, 2025.

BIDS DUE ON AUGUST 12, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M., CENTRAL TIME

**Preliminary, subject to change*

\$2,000,000*
CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
(Nolan County)
COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

STATED MATURITY SCHEDULE*

(Due August 15)
Base CUSIP – 870581^(a)

Stated				CUSIP	Stated				CUSIP
Maturity	Principal	Interest	Initial	No.	Maturity	Principal	Interest	Initial	No.
<u>8/15</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Suffix</u> ^(a)	<u>8/15</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Suffix</u> ^(a)
2026	\$ 155,000				2034	\$ 110,000			
2027	160,000				2035	110,000			
2028	170,000				2036	115,000			
2029	175,000				2037	120,000			
2030	180,000				2038	130,000			
2031	95,000				2039	135,000			
2032	100,000				2040	140,000			
2033	105,000								

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

The Issuer reserves the right to redeem the Certificates maturing on and after August 15, 2035, on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest as further described herein. Additionally, the Purchaser may select certain consecutive maturities of the Certificates to be grouped together as a “Term Certificate” and such “Term Certificates” would also be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. (See “THE CERTIFICATES - Redemption Provisions” herein.)

*Preliminary, subject to change.

^(a) CUSIP numbers are included solely for the convenience of the owner of the Certificates. CUSIP is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services (“CGS”), managed by FactSet Research Systems on behalf of The American Bankers Association. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for the CUSIP Services. None of the City, the Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser is responsible for the selection or the correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein.

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
200 East 4th Street
Sweetwater, Texas 79556

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Name	Years Served	Term Expires May
Dr. Jerod Peek Mayor	19	2027
John McPherson Mayor Pro-Tem	4	2027
Kerry Baker Precinct 2	5	2026
Ricky Castro Precinct 3	18	2027
Stacy Boil Precinct 4	1	2026

ADMINISTRATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Municipal Experience</u>
Bryan Sheridan	Interim City Manager/Police Chief	*
Lisa Adames	Assistant City Manager	26
Kirsta Koennecke	Director of Finance	2
Becky Jimenez	City Secretary	9

*Bryan Sheridan has been the Interim City Manager since May 28, 2025.

CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS

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USE OF INFORMATION IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission, as amended (the "Rule"), this document constitutes a preliminary official statement of the Issuer with respect to the Certificates that has been, deemed "final" by the Issuer as of its date except for the omission of no more than the information permitted by the Rule.

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and the Appendices hereto, does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized to give information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information must not be relied upon.

Certain information set forth herein has been provided by sources other than the City that the City believes to be reliable, but the City makes no representation as to the accuracy of such information. Any information and expressions of opinion herein contained are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of the Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the City or other matters described herein since the date hereof. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the City's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

NEITHER THE CITY NOR ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ("DTC") OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM, OR THE INSURER, IF ANY, AND ITS MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY DESCRIBED HEREIN (OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE) UNDER THE HEADING "BOND INSURANCE", AND "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS", AS SUCH INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY DTC AND THE BOND INSURER, RESPECTIVELY.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS "FORWARD-LOOKING" STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 21E OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED. SUCH STATEMENTS MAY INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES, AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE THE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. INVESTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE SET FORTH IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. SEE "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS DISCLAIMER" HEREIN.

THE CERTIFICATES ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED THEREWITH. THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION, OR EXEMPTION OF THE CERTIFICATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THESE SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED, OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

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The cover page, subsequent pages hereof and appendices attached hereto, are part of this Official Statement

SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The selected data is subject in all respects to the more complete information and definitions contained or incorporated in this Official Statement. The offering of the Certificates to potential investors is made only by means of this entire Official Statement. No person is authorized to detach this page from this Official Statement or to otherwise use it without the entire Official Statement.

The Issuer	The City of Sweetwater, Texas (the “City”), located in Nolan County, Texas, is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and operates under a Mayor-Commission-Manager form of government with a city commission comprised of five members including the Mayor (the “City Council”). (See “APPENDIX B – GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AND NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS” herein.)
The Certificates	The Certificates are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas (the “State”), including particularly Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C, Chapter 271, as amended, Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, an ordinance (the “Ordinance”) to be adopted by the City Council on August 12, 2025, and the City’s Home Rule Charter. (See “THE CERTIFICATES – Authority for Issuance” herein.)
Paying Agent/Registrar	The initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates is BOKF, NA, Dallas Texas.
Security	The Certificates constitute direct general obligations of the Issuer payable from a combination of the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property within the City, and further secured by a limited pledge (not to exceed \$1,000) of the surplus Net Revenues derived from the operation of the City’s combined Waterworks and Sewer System (the “System”). (See “THE CERTIFICATES – Security for Payment” herein.)
Redemption Provision	The Issuer reserves the right, at its sole option, to redeem Certificates stated to mature on and after August 15, 2035, on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Additionally, the Purchaser may select certain consecutive maturities of the Certificates to be grouped together as a “Term Certificate” and such “Term Certificates” would also be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. (See “THE CERTIFICATES – Redemption Provisions” herein.)
Tax Matters	In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the interest on the Certificates will be excludable from gross income for federal tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date of the initial delivery of the Certificates, subject to the matters described under “TAX MATTERS” herein. (See “TAX MATTERS” for a discussion of the Opinion of Bond Counsel and “APPENDIX C – FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL” herein.)
Use of Certificate Proceeds	Proceeds from the sale of the Certificates will be used to pay all or a portion of the City’s contractual obligations incurred in connection with (i) acquiring and equipping fire-fighting equipment and vehicles, including fire trucks; and (ii) legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. (See “THE CERTIFICATES – Use of Certificate Proceeds” herein.)
Book-Entry-Only System	The Issuer intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York described herein. No physical delivery of the Certificates will be made to the beneficial owners of the Certificates. Such Book-Entry-Only System may affect the method and timing of payments on the Certificates and the manner the Certificates may be transferred. (See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.)
Rating	A municipal bond rating application has been made to S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”). The outcome of the result will be made available as soon as possible. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency. (See “OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Rating” herein.)
Bond Insurance	The City is considering qualifying the Certificates for municipal bond insurance and has made application to municipal bond insurance companies in connection with such consideration. (See “BOND INSURANCE” and “BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS” herein.)

Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations	The City <u>will</u> designate the Certificates as “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” for financial institutions. (See “TAX MATTERS – Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions” herein.)
Issuance of Additional Debt	The City does not anticipate the issuance of any additional debt within the next twelve months.
Payment Record	The City has never defaulted on the payment of its general obligation debt.
Delivery	When issued, anticipated on or about August 28, 2025.
Legality	Delivery of the Certificates is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of an opinion as to legality by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel, Dallas, Texas.

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PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT
relating to
\$2,000,000*
CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Nolan County, Texas)
COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement provides certain information in connection with the issuance by City of Sweetwater, Texas (the “City” or the “Issuer”) of its \$2,000,000* Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the “Certificates”) identified on the cover page hereof.

The Issuer is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and operates as a home-rule municipality under the statutes and the constitution of the State of Texas (the “State”). The Certificates are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, an ordinance (the “Ordinance”) to be adopted by the City Council authorizing the issuance of the Certificates, and the City’s Home Rule Charter. (See “THE CERTIFICATES – Authority for Issuance” herein.)

Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms used in this Official Statement have the same meanings assigned to such terms in the Ordinance. Included in this Official Statement are descriptions of the Certificates and certain information about the Issuer and its finances. **ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE SUMMARIES ONLY AND ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO EACH SUCH DOCUMENT.** Copies of such documents may be obtained from the Issuer or the Financial Advisor noted on page iii hereof.

THE CERTIFICATES

General

The Certificates will be dated August 15, 2025 (the “Dated Date”). The Certificates are stated to mature on August 15 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth on page 2 hereof. The Certificates shall bear interest from their Dated Date on the unpaid principal amounts, and the amount of interest to be paid with respect to each payment period shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Interest on the Certificates will be payable on February 15, 2026, and on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption. Principal is payable at the designated offices of the “Paying Agent/Registrar” for the Certificates, initially BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. Interest on the Certificates shall be paid to the registered owners whose names appear on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date (as hereinafter defined) and shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar (i) by check sent United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner recorded in the Security Register or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk of, the registered owner. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day when banking institutions in the city where the designated payment/transfer office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized to be closed, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a day, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the date payment was due.

Initially, the Certificates will be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described below. No physical delivery of the Certificates will be made to the Beneficial Owners. Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will distribute the amounts received to the appropriate DTC Participants, who shall in turn make payment to the Beneficial Owners of the Certificates. Such Book-Entry-Only System may change the method and timing of payment for the Certificates and the method of transfer. See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” below for a more complete description of such System.

Authority for Issuance

The Certificates are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including particularly Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C, Chapter 271, as amended, Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, the Ordinance and the City’s Home Rule Charter.

Security for Payment

The Certificates constitute direct obligations of the Issuer payable from a combination of the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property within the City, and further secured by a limited pledge (not to exceed \$1,000) of the surplus revenues derived from the operation of the City’s combined Waterworks and Sewer System (the “System”) remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve and other requirements in connection with all of the City’s revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding) which are payable from all or a part of the revenues of the System (“Net Revenues”). (See “CITY APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE” herein.)

*Preliminary, subject to change.

Tax Rate Limitation

All taxable property within the City is subject to the assessment, levy and collection by the City of a continuing, annual direct ad valorem tax sufficient to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on all ad valorem tax debt within the limit prescribed by law. Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution applicable to home-rule cities is applicable to the City, and limits the maximum ad valorem tax rate of the City to \$2.50 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation for all City purposes. The City's Home Rule Charter adopts the constitutionally authorized maximum tax rate of \$2.50 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation. Administratively, the Attorney General of the State of Texas will permit allocation of \$1.50 of the \$2.50 maximum tax rate for all general obligation debt service.

Use of Certificate Proceeds

Proceeds from the sale of the Certificates will be used to pay all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with (i) acquiring and equipping fire-fighting equipment and vehicles, including fire trucks; and (ii) legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The City does not anticipate the issuance of any additional debt within the next twelve months.

Redemption Provisions of the Certificates

The Issuer reserves the right, at its sole option, to redeem Certificates stated to mature, on or after August 15, 2035, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. In addition, two or more consecutive maturities of the Certificates may be grouped together as a "Term Certificate" by the Purchaser, and such "Term Certificates" would also be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. If less than all of the Certificates within a stated maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Certificates to be redeemed shall be selected by lot or by other customary random method by the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Notice of Redemption

At least 30 days prior to the date fixed for any redemption of any Certificates or portions thereof prior to stated maturity, the Issuer shall cause notice of such redemption to be sent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each Certificate or a portion thereof to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the day such notice of redemption is mailed. By the date fixed for any such redemption, due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Certificates or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed. If such notice of redemption is given and if due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, the Certificates or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the registered owner to receive the redemption price from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment.

ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER RECEIVED BY THE CERTIFICATEHOLDER, AND, PROVIDED THAT PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF THE REDEMPTION PRICE IS MADE AND ANY OTHER CONDITIONS TO REDEMPTION ARE SATISFIED, INTEREST ON THE REDEEMED CERTIFICATES SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE FROM AND AFTER SUCH REDEMPTION DATE NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A CERTIFICATE HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the Issuer, so long as a Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Certificates, will send any notice of redemption, notice of proposed amendment to the Ordinance or other notices with respect to the Certificates only to DTC. Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC participant, or of any DTC participant or indirect participant to notify the Beneficial Owner, will not affect the validity of the redemption of the Certificates called for redemption or any other action premised on any such notice. Redemption of portions of the Certificates by the Issuer will reduce the outstanding principal amount of such Certificates held by DTC. In such event, DTC may implement, through its Book-Entry-Only System, a redemption of such Certificates held for the account of DTC participants in accordance with its rules or other agreements with DTC participants and then DTC participants and indirect participants may implement a redemption of such Certificates from the Beneficial Owners. Any such selection of Certificates to be redeemed will not be governed by the Ordinance and will not be conducted by the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar will have any responsibility to DTC participants, indirect participants or the persons for whom DTC participants act as nominees, with respect to the payments on the Certificates or the providing of notice to DTC participants, indirect participants, or Beneficial Owners of the selection of portions of the Certificates for redemption. (See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.)

Selection of Certificates to be Redeemed

The Certificates of a denomination larger than \$5,000 may be redeemed in part (in increments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof). The Certificates to be partially redeemed must be surrendered in exchange for one or more new Certificates for the unredeemed portion of the principal. If less than all of the Certificates are to be redeemed, the Issuer will determine the amounts to be redeemed and will direct the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Certificates are in Book-Entry-Only form) to select, at random and by lot, the particular

Certificates, or portion thereof, to be redeemed. If a Certificate (or any portion of the principal sum thereof) will have been called for redemption and notice of such redemption will have been given, such Certificate (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed), will become due and payable on such redemption date and interest thereon will cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, provided funds for the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest thereon are held by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the redemption date.

Payment Record

The City has never defaulted on the payment of its general obligation debt.

Legality

The Certificates are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approvals of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel. A form of the legal opinion of Bond Counsel appears in Appendix C attached hereto.

Defeasance

The Ordinance provides for the defeasance of the Certificates when the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, on the Certificates, plus interest thereon to the due date thereof (whether such due date be by reason of maturity or otherwise) is provided by irrevocably depositing with the Paying Agent/Registrar or authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities that mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the defeased Certificates, and thereafter the City will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such defeased Certificates, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. The City has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Defeasance Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the City moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Ordinance provides that "Defeasance Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to discharge obligations such as the Certificates. Current State law permits defeasance with the following types of securities: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the City authorizes the defeasance of the Certificates, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that, on the date the City authorizes the defeasance of the Certificates, have been refunded and are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent. There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Certificates. Because the Ordinance does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners will be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used for defeasance purposes or that for any other Defeasance Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Certificates shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment or redemption of Certificates have been made as described above, all rights of the City to initiate proceedings to call such Certificates for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of such Certificates are extinguished; provided, however, that the right to call such Certificates for redemption is not extinguished if the City: (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call such Certificates for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of such Certificates immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

Amendments

In the Ordinance, the Issuer has reserved the right to amend the Ordinance without the consent of any holder for the purpose of amending or supplementing the Ordinance to (i) cure any ambiguity, defect or omission therein that does not materially adversely affect the interests of the registered owners of the Certificates, (ii) grant additional rights or security for the benefit of the registered owners of the Certificates, (iii) add events of default as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance that do not materially adversely affect the interests of the registered owners of the Certificates, (iv) qualify the Ordinance under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or corresponding provisions of federal laws from time to time in effect or (v) make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Ordinance that are not inconsistent with the provisions thereof and which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel for the City, do not materially adversely affect the interests of the registered owners of the Certificates.

The Ordinance further provides that the registered owners of the Certificates aggregating in principal amount a majority of the outstanding Certificates shall have the right from time to time to approve any amendment not described above to the Ordinance if it is deemed necessary or desirable by the City; provided, however, that without the consent of 100% of the registered owners of the Certificates in original principal amount of the then outstanding Certificates, no amendment may be made for the purpose of: (i) making

any change in the maturity of any of the outstanding Certificates; (ii) reducing the rate of interest borne by any of the outstanding Certificates; (iii) reducing the amount of the principal payable on any outstanding Certificates; (iv) modifying the terms of payment of principal of or interest on outstanding Certificates, or imposing any condition with respect to such payment; or (v) changing the minimum percentage of the principal amount of the Certificates necessary for consent to such amendment. Reference is made to the Ordinance for further provisions relating to the amendment thereof.

Default and Remedies

The Ordinance establishes specific events of default with respect to the Certificates. If the City defaults in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates when due or the City defaults in the observance or performance of any of the covenants, conditions, or obligations of the City, the failure to perform which materially, adversely affects the rights of the owners of the Certificates, including but not limited to, their prospect or ability to be repaid in accordance with the Ordinance, and the continuation thereof for a period of 60 days after notice of such default is given by any owner to the City, the Ordinance provides that any registered owner is entitled to seek a writ of mandamus from a court of proper jurisdiction requiring the City to make such payment or observe and perform such covenants, obligations, or conditions. The issuance of a writ of mandamus may be sought if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Certificates or the Ordinance and the City's obligations are not uncertain or disputed. The remedy of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles, so rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Certificates in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. The Ordinance does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the Certificateholders upon any failure of the City to perform in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. On June 30, 2006 Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W. 3d 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous language." Because it is unclear whether the Texas legislature has effectively waived the City's sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages, holders of the Certificates may not be able to bring such a suit against the City for breach of the covenants in the Certificates or in the Ordinance. Even if a judgment against the City could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the City's property. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the City or sell property within the City to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Certificates. In *Tooke*, the Court noted the enactment in 2005 of sections 271.151 through .160, Texas Local Government Code (the "Local Government Immunity Waiver Act"), which, according to the Court, waives "immunity from suit for contract claims against most local governmental entities under certain circumstances." The Local Government Immunity Waiver Act covers cities and relates to contracts entered into by cities for providing goods and services to cities.

On April 1, 2016, the Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Wasson Interests, Ltd. v. City of Jacksonville*, 489 S.W.3d 427 (Tex. 2016) ("Wasson I"), that governmental immunity does not imbue a city with derivative immunity when it performs a proprietary, as opposed to a governmental, function in respect to contracts executed by a city. On October 5, 2018, the Texas Supreme Court issued a second opinion to clarify *Wasson I*, *Wasson Interests LTD. v. City of Jacksonville*, 559 S.W.3d 142 (Tex. 2018) ("Wasson II", and together with *Wasson I* "Wasson"), ruling that to determine whether governmental immunity applies to a breach of contract claim, the proper inquiry is whether the municipality was engaged in a governmental or proprietary function at the time it entered into the contract, not at the time of the alleged breach. In *Wasson*, the Court recognized that the distinction between governmental and proprietary functions is not clear. Therefore, in regard to municipal contract cases (as opposed to tort claim cases), it is incumbent on the courts to determine whether a function was governmental or proprietary based upon the statutory and common law guidance at the time of the contractual relationship. Texas jurisprudence has generally held that proprietary functions are those conducted by a city in its private capacity, for the benefit only of those within its corporate limits, and not as an arm of the government or under authority or for the benefit of the State; these are usually activities that can be, and often are, provided by private persons, and therefore are not done as a branch of the State, and do not implicate the State's immunity since they are not performed under the authority, or for the benefit, of the State as sovereign. Issues related to the applicability of a governmental immunity as they relate to the issuance of municipal debt have not been adjudicated. Each situation will be evaluated based on the facts and circumstances surrounding the contract in question.

As noted above, the Ordinance provides that holders of the Certificates may exercise the remedy of mandamus to enforce the Certificates of the City under the Ordinance. Neither the remedy of mandamus nor any other type of injunctive relief was at issue in *Tooke*, and it is unclear whether *Tooke* will be construed to have any effect with respect to the exercise of mandamus, as such remedy has been interpreted by Texas courts. In general, Texas courts have held that a writ of mandamus may be issued to require public officials to perform ministerial acts that clearly pertain to their duties. Texas courts have held that a ministerial act is defined as a legal duty that is prescribed and defined with a precision and certainty that leaves nothing to the exercise of discretion or judgment, though mandamus is not available to enforce purely contractual duties. However, mandamus may be used to require a public officer to perform legally imposed ministerial duties necessary for the performance of a valid contract to which the State or a political subdivision of the State is a party (including the payment of monies due under a contract).

Furthermore, the City is eligible to seek relief from its creditors under Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, the pledge of ad valorem taxes in support of a general obligation of a bankrupt entity is not specifically recognized as a security interest under chapter 9. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other

legal action by creditors or owners of the Certificates of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the City avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state court); and the Bankruptcy Code provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in administering any proceeding brought before it. The opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Certificates are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors and by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

Initially, the only registered owner of the Certificates will be Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the duties of DTC with regard to ownership of the Certificates.

REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. In the Ordinance, the Issuer retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the Issuer, the new Paying Agent/Registrar shall accept the previous Paying Agent/Registrar's records and act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar, selected at the sole discretion of the Issuer, shall be a bank, trust company, financial institution or other entity qualified and authorized to serve in such capacity and perform the duties and services of Paying Agent/Registrar. Upon a change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates, the Issuer agrees to promptly cause written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Certificates by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid.

The Certificates will be issued in fully registered form in multiples of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity, and principal and semiannual interest will be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar. Interest will be paid to the registered owners appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the Record Date (as defined below) by check or draft mailed on February 15, 2026, and on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption of the Certificates, by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the last known address of the registered owner as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's books or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by and at the risk and expense of the registered owner. Principal of a Certificate will be paid to the registered owner at its stated maturity or its prior redemption upon presentation to the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day when banking institutions in the city where the designated payment/transfer office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking institutions are authorized to close; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Certificates, payments of principal of and interest on the Certificates will be made as described in "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Record Date

The record date ("Record Date") for interest payable to the registered owner of a Certificate on any Interest Payment Date means the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

In the event of a non-payment of interest on an Interest Payment Date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the Issuer. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

Future Registration

The Certificates are initially to be issued utilizing the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). In the event such Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, printed certificates will be issued to the owners of the Certificates and thereafter, the Certificates may be transferred, registered, and assigned on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender of such printed certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Certificate may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Certificate or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Certificate or Certificates will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Certificates being transferred or exchanged at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. New Certificates issued in an exchange or transfer of Certificates will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Certificates to be canceled in the

exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Certificates registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in denominations of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity or any integral multiple thereof and for a like aggregate principal amount and rate of interest as the Certificate or Certificates surrendered for exchange or transfer. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the system to be initially utilized in regard to ownership and transferability of the Certificates.)

Limitation on Transfer or Exchange of Certificates

The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Certificates or any portion thereof during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date or with respect to any Certificate or portion called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date, provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the uncalled balance of a Certificate called for redemption.

Replacement Certificates

In the Ordinance, provision is made for the replacement of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificates upon surrender of the mutilated Certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the receipt of satisfactory evidence of destruction, loss, or theft, and the receipt by the Issuer and Paying Agent/Registrar of security or indemnity as may be required by either of them to hold them harmless. The Issuer may require payment of taxes, governmental charges, and other expenses in connection with any such replacement.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

The following describes how ownership of the Certificates is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates are to be paid to and credited by DTC (defined below) while the Certificates are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The City, the Financial Advisor and the Purchasers believe the source of such information to be reliable but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The City and the Purchasers cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Certificates, or redemption, or other notices, to DTC Participants, (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Certificates), or redemption, or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the securities (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for the Securities, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of

their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the City as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the City or Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, Agent, or the City, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the City or Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Securities purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Securities by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Securities, on DTC's records, to Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of Securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Securities are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Securities to Agent's DTC account.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to the City or Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The City may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the City believes to be reliable, but the City takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of This Official Statement

In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Certificates are in the Book-Entry-Only System, references in other sections of this Official Statement to registered owners should be read to include the person for which the Participant acquires an interest in the Certificates, but (i) all rights of ownership must be exercised through DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System, and (ii) except as described above, notices that are to be given to registered owners under the Order will be given only to DTC.

Effect of Termination of Book-Entry-Only System

In the event that the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by DTC or the use of the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by the City, printed physical Bond certificates will be issued to the respective holders and the Certificates will be subject to transfer, exchange and registration provisions as set forth in the Order and summarized under the caption "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE" above.

BOND INSURANCE

The City has applied for municipal bond insurance on the Certificates. No representation is hereby made that the City will use municipal bond insurance in connection with the issuance of the Certificates. The City shall notify the Purchaser upon obtaining a commitment from a municipal bond insurance company (the "Bond Insurer") concerning the Certificates. If the City accepts a bid for the Certificates that utilizes municipal bond insurance, the premium for a municipal bond insurance policy (the "Policy") shall be paid by the Purchaser. The final Official Statement shall disclose, to the extent necessary, any relevant information relating to the Bond Insurer and the Policy.

BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS

The following are risk factors relating to bond insurance.

In the event of default on the payment of principal or interest with respect to the Certificates when all or some becomes due, any owner of the Certificates shall have a claim under the Policy for such payments. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Certificates by the City which is recovered by the City from the Bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law may be covered by the Policy, however, such payments will be made by the Bond Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the City unless the Bond Insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date.

Payment of principal and interest is not subject to acceleration, but other legal remedies upon the occurrence of non-payment do exist. See "THE CERTIFICATES – Default and Remedies". The Bond Insurer may direct and must consent to any remedies that the Paying Agent/Registrar exercises and the Bond Insurer's consent may be required in connection with amendments to any applicable Bond documents.

In the event the Bond Insurer is unable to make payment of principal and interest as such payments become due under the Policy, the Certificates are payable solely from moneys pledged pursuant to the Ordinance. In the event the Bond Insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Certificates, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price of the Certificates or the marketability (liquidity) for the Certificates.

If a Policy is acquired, the long-term ratings on the Certificates are dependent in part on the financial strength of the Bond Insurer and its claim paying ability. The Bond Insurer's financial strength and claims paying ability are predicated upon a number of factors which could change over time. No assurance is given that the long-term ratings of the Bond Insurer and of the ratings on the Certificates insured by the Bond Insurer will not be subject to downgrade and such event could adversely affect the market price of the Certificates or the marketability (liquidity) for the Certificates. See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Ratings" herein.

The obligations of the Bond Insurer are general obligations of the Bond Insurer and in an event of default by the Bond Insurer, the remedies available to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency of insurance companies.

None of the City, the Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser have made independent investigation into the claims-paying ability of any potential Bond Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of any potential Bond Insurer is given. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the City to pay principal and interest on the Certificates and the claims-paying ability of any potential Bond Insurer, particularly over the life of the Certificates.

Claims-Paying Ability and Financial Strength of Municipal Bond Insurers

Moody's Investor Services, Inc., S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business, and Fitch Ratings, Inc. have downgraded and/or placed on negative watch the claims-paying ability and financial strength of most providers of municipal bond insurance. Additional downgrades or negative changes in the rating outlook for all bond insurers is possible.

In addition, past events in the credit markets have had substantial negative effects on the bond insurance business. These developments could be viewed as having a material adverse effect on the claims-paying ability of such bond insurers, including any bond insurer of the Certificates. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of any such bond insurer to pay principal and interest on the Certificates and the claims-paying ability of any such bond insurer, particularly over the life of the Certificates.

INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES OF THE ISSUER

The City invests funds in instruments authorized by Texas law, specifically the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code (the "PFIA"), in accordance with investment policies approved by the City Council. The City Council appoints the City Manager as the "Investment Officer" of the City. Both State law and the City's investment policies are subject to change.

Under State law, the City is authorized to invest in: (1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (the "NCUSIF") or their respective successors; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits, other than those described in clause (7), that (i) are invested through a broker or institution with a main office or branch office in this state and selected by the City in compliance with the PFIA, (ii) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the City's account, (iii) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (iv) the City appoints as its custodian of the banking deposits, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (8)(i) above, a bank, or a broker-dealer; (9) certificates of deposit and share certificates meeting the requirements of the PFIA (i) that are issued by an institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State and are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the NCUSIF, or their respective successors, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8), above, or secured in accordance with Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, or in any other manner and amount provided by law for City deposits, or (ii) where (a) the funds are invested by the City through a broker or institution that has a main office or branch office in the State and selected by the City in compliance with the PFIA, (b) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the City, (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (d) the City appoints, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (9)(ii)(a) above, a bank, or broker-dealer as custodian for the City with respect to the certificates of deposit; (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are secured by a combination of cash and obligations described by clauses (1) or (12), which are pledged to the City, held in the City's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the City or with a third party selected and approved by the City, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (11) certain bankers' acceptances with a stated maturity of 270 days or less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank, or of the holding company of which the bank is the largest subsidiary, are rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or less that is rated at least A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent by either (i) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies, or (ii) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the commercial paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a United States or state bank; (13) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and complies with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7; (14) no-load mutual funds that are registered and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission that have a weighted maturity of less than two years and either (i) have a duration of one year or more and are invested exclusively in obligations approved in this paragraph, or (ii) have a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset backed securities; (15) guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations described in clause (1), excluding obligations which the City is explicitly prohibited from investing in, and in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract; and (16) securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, including accrued income, (ii) a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time, (iii) a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than A or its equivalent, or (c) cash invested in obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, clauses (12) through (14) above, or an authorized investment pool, (iv) the terms of a loan made under the program require that the securities being held as collateral be pledged to the City, held in the City's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the City or with a third party designated by the City, (v) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State, and (vi) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less.

City may invest in such obligations directly or through government investment pools that invest solely in such obligations provided that the pools are rated no lower than AAA or Aaam or an equivalent by at least one nationally recognized rating service. The City may also contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control for a term up to two years, but the City retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciary of its assets. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the City must do so by order, ordinance, or resolution. The City is specifically prohibited from investing in: (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal; (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity of greater than 10 years; and (4) collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

Governmental bodies in the State such as the City are authorized to implement securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time and a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations that are described in clauses (1) through (6) of the second paragraph under this caption, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "A" or its equivalent, or (c) cash invested in obligations that are described in clauses (1) through (6) and (10) through (12) of the second paragraph under this caption, or an authorized investment pool; (ii) securities held as collateral under a loan are pledged to the governmental body, held in the name of the governmental body and deposited at the time the investment is made with the City or a third party designated by the City; (iii) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State of Texas; and (iv) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less.

Under Texas law, the City is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity; that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and that include a list of authorized investments for City funds, the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment and the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups, methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds, a requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis, and procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the PFIA. All City funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's investment. Each Investment Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

Under Texas law, the City's investments must be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of capital and probable income to be derived." At least quarterly the City's investment officers must submit an investment report to the City Council detailing: (1) the investment position of the City, (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, the ending market value and the fully accrued interest for the reporting period of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the end of the reporting period, (5) the maturity date of each separately invested asset, (6) the account or fund or pooled fund group for which each individual investment was acquired, and (7) the compliance of the investment portfolio as it relates to: (a) adopted investment strategies and (b) Texas law. No person may invest City funds without express written authority from the City Council.

Under Texas law, the City is additionally required to: (1) annually review its adopted policies and strategies, (2) adopt a rule, order, ordinance or resolution stating that it has reviewed its investment policy and investment strategies and records any changes made to either its investment policy or investment strategy in the respective rule, order, ordinance or resolution, (3) require any investment officers with personal business relationships or relatives with firms seeking to sell securities to the entity to disclose the relationship and file a statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and the City Council; (4) require the qualified representative of firms offering to engage in an investment transaction with the City to: (a) receive and review the City's investment policy, (b) acknowledge that reasonable controls and procedures have been implemented to preclude investment transactions conducted between the City and the business organization that are not authorized by the City's investment policy (except to the extent that this authorization is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the City's entire portfolio or requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards), and (c) deliver a written statement in a form acceptable to the City and the business organization attesting to these requirements; (5) perform an annual audit of the management controls on investments and adherence to the City's investment policy; (6) provide specific investment training for the City's designated Investment Officer; (7) restrict reverse repurchase agreements to not more than 90 days and restrict the investment of reverse repurchase agreement funds to no greater than the term of the reverse purchase agreement; (8) restrict the investment in no-load mutual funds in the aggregate to no more than 15% of the City's monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service; (9) require local government investment pools to conform to the new disclosure, rating, net asset value, yield calculation, and advisory board requirements, and (10) at least annually review, revise, and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the City.

Current Investments

As of June 19, 2025 the City's investable funds were invested in the investment categories / percentage shown below:

<u>Investment Description</u>	<u>Total Invested</u>	<u>Percent of Portfolio</u>
First Financial Bank:		
Consolidated Checking	\$ 3,622,781	19.00%
Consolidated Investment Savings	841,670	4.42%
Ent Debt Service Account	2,088,579	10.96%
General Fund Debt Service	362,262	1.90%
Money Market	<u>12,147,348</u>	<u>63.72%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,062,640</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

As of such date, the market value of such investments (as determined by the City by reference to published quotations, dealer bids, and comparable information) was approximately 100% of their book value. No funds of the City are invested in derivative securities, i.e., securities whose rate of return is determined by reference to some other instrument, index, or commodity.

EMPLOYEE PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN

The City participates as one of 936 plans in the nontraditional, joint contributory, hybrid defined benefit pension plan administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). TMRS is an agency created by the State of Texas and administered in accordance with the TMRS Act, Subtitle G, Title 8, Texas Government Code (the TMRS Act) as an agency multiple-employer retirement system for municipal employees in the State of Texas. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of the System with a six-member Board of Trustees. Although the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the Board, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State of Texas. TMRS's defined benefit pension plan is a tax-qualified plan under Sections 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. TMRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that can be obtained at www.tmrs.org.

For more information see the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Note 8.

AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

The following is a summary of certain provisions of State law as it relates to ad valorem taxation and is not intended to be complete. Prospective investors are encouraged to review Title I of the Texas Tax Code, as amended (the "Property Tax Code"), for identification of property subject to ad valorem taxation, property exempt or which may be exempted from ad valorem taxation if claimed, the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes, and the procedures and limitations applicable to the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

Valuation of Taxable Property

The Property Tax Code provides for countywide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State an appraisal district and an appraisal review board (the "Appraisal Review Board") responsible for appraising property for all taxing units within the county. The appraisal of property within the City is the responsibility of the Nolan County Appraisal District (the "Appraisal District"). Except as generally described below, the Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100% of its market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. In determining market value of property, the Appraisal District is required to consider the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal, and use the method the chief appraiser of the Appraisal District considers most appropriate. The Property Tax Code requires appraisal districts to reappraise all property in its jurisdiction at least once every three years. A taxing unit may require annual review at its own expense, and is entitled to challenge the determination of appraised value of property within the taxing unit by petition filed with the Appraisal Review Board.

State law requires the appraised value of an owner's principal residence ("homestead" or "homesteads") to be based solely on the property's value as a homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the property. State law further limits the appraised value of a homestead to the lesser of (1) the market value of the property or (2) 110% of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year plus the market value of all new improvements to the property (the "10% Homestead Cap"). See "Table 1 – Assessed Valuation" for the reduction in taxable valuation attributable to the 10% Homestead Cap.

Effective January 1, 2024, an appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on certain non-homestead properties (the "Subjected Property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5,000,000 (the "maximum property value") to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property. After the 2024 tax year, through December 31, 2026 (unless extended by the Legislature), the maximum property value may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year's increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to the maximum property value.

State law provides that eligible owners of both agricultural land and open-space land, including open-space land devoted to farm or ranch purposes or open-space land devoted to timber production, may elect to have such property appraised for property taxation on the basis of its productive capacity ("Productivity Value"). The same land may not be qualified as both agricultural and open-space land. See "Table 1 – Assessed Valuation" for the reduction in taxable valuation attributable to valuation by Productivity Value.

The appraisal values set by the Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal rolls, as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, are used by taxing units, such as the City, in establishing their tax rolls and tax rates. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Issuer and Taxpayer Remedies."

State Mandated Homestead Exemptions

State law grants, with respect to each taxing unit in the State, various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action, and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty. See "Table 1 – Assessed Valuation" for the reduction, if any, attributable to state mandated homestead exemptions.

Local Option Homestead Exemptions

The governing body of a taxing unit, including a city, county, school district, or special district, at its option may grant: (1) an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of all homesteads (but not less than \$5,000) and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the local option homestead exemptions and at what percentage or dollar amount, as applicable. The exemption described in (2), above, may be created, increased, decreased or repealed at an election called by the governing body of a taxing unit upon presentment of a petition for such creation, increase, decrease, or repeal of at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the taxing unit. See "Table 1 – Assessed Valuation" for the reduction, if any, attributable to local option homestead exemptions.

Cities, counties and school districts are prohibited from repealing or reducing an optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 through December 31, 2027.

Local Option Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled

The governing body of a county, municipality or junior college district may, at its option, provide for a freeze on the total amount of ad valorem taxes levied on the homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older or of disabled persons above the amount of tax imposed in the year such residence qualified for such exemption. Also, upon voter initiative, an election may be held to determine by majority vote whether to establish such a freeze on ad valorem taxes. Once the freeze is established, the total amount of taxes imposed on such homesteads cannot be increased except for certain improvements, and such freeze cannot be repealed or rescinded. See "Table 1 – Assessed Valuation" for the reduction, if any, attributable to the local option freeze for the elderly and disabled.

Personal Property

Tangible personal property (furniture, machinery, supplies, inventories, etc.) used in the "production of income" is taxed based on the property's market value. Taxable personal property includes income-producing equipment and inventory. Intangibles such as goodwill, accounts receivable, and proprietary processes are not taxable. Tangible personal property not held or used for production of income, such as household goods, automobiles or light trucks, and boats, is exempt from ad valorem taxation unless the governing body of a taxing unit elects to tax such property.

Freeport and Goods-In-Transit Exemptions

Certain goods that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded outside the State, and are detained in the State for 175 days or less for the purpose of assembly, storage, manufacturing, processing or fabrication ("Freeport Property") are exempt from ad valorem taxation unless a taxing unit took official action to tax Freeport Property before April 1, 1990 and has not subsequently taken official action to exempt Freeport Property. Decisions to continue taxing Freeport Property may be reversed in the future; decisions to exempt Freeport Property are not subject to reversal.

Certain goods that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded to another location within or without the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or without the State within 175 days ("Goods-in-Transit"), are generally exempt from ad valorem taxation; however, the Property Tax Code permits a taxing unit, on a local option basis, to tax Goods-in-Transit if the taxing unit takes official action after conducting a public hearing, before January 1 of the first tax year in which the taxing unit proposes to tax Goods-in-Transit. Goods-in-Transit and Freeport Property do not include oil, natural gas or petroleum products, and Goods-in-Transit does not include aircraft or special inventories such as manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer's motor vehicle, boat, or heavy equipment inventory.

A taxpayer may receive only one of the Goods-in-Transit or Freeport Property exemptions for items of personal property.

See "Table 1 – Assessed Valuation" for the reduction, if any, attributable to Freeport Property and/or Goods-in-Transit exemptions.

TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFIED PROPERTY DAMAGED BY A DISASTER

The Property Tax Code entitles the owner of certain qualified (i) tangible personal property used for the production of income, (ii) improvements to real property, and (iii) manufactured homes located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area following a disaster and is at least 15 percent damaged by the disaster, as determined by the chief appraiser, to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the property. The amount of the exemption ranges from 15 percent to 100 percent based upon the damage assessment rating assigned by the chief appraiser. Except in situations where the territory is declared a disaster on or after the date the taxing unit adopts a tax rate for the year in which the disaster declaration is issued, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If a taxpayer qualifies for the exemption after the beginning of the tax year, the amount of the exemption is prorated based on the number of days left in the tax year following the day on which the governor declares the area to be a disaster area. For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Tax Code. Section 11.35 of the Tax Code, Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code, as was recently amended to limit the temporary tax exemption to apply to property physically harmed as a result of a declared disaster.

Other Exempt Property

Other major categories of exempt property include property owned by the State or its political subdivisions if used for public purposes, property exempt by federal law, property used for pollution control, farm products owned by producers, property of nonprofit corporations used for scientific research or educational activities benefitting a college or university, designated historic sites, solar and wind-powered energy devices, and certain classes of intangible personal property.

Tax Increment Financing Zones

A city or county, by petition of the landowners or by action of its governing body, may create one or more tax increment financing zones ("TIRZ") within its boundaries, and other overlapping taxing units may agree to contribute taxes levied against the "Incremental Value" in the TIRZ to finance or pay for project costs, as defined in Chapter 311, Texas Government Code, general located within the TIRZ. At the time of the creation of the TIRZ, a "base value" for the real property in the TIRZ is established and the difference between any increase in the assessed valuation of taxable real property in the TIRZ in excess of the base value is known as the "Incremental Value", and during the existence of the TIRZ, all or a portion of the taxes levied by each participating taxing unit against the Incremental Value in the TIRZ are restricted to paying project and financing costs within the TIRZ and are not available for the payment of other obligations of such taxing units. See "CITY APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE" for descriptions of any TIRZ created in the City.

Tax Abatement Agreements

Taxing units may also enter into tax abatement agreements to encourage economic development. Under the agreements, a property owner agrees to construct certain improvements on its property. The taxing unit, in turn, agrees not to levy a tax on all or part of the increased value attributable to the improvements until the expiration of the agreement. The abatement agreement could last for a period of up to 10 years. See "CITY APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE" for descriptions of any of the City's tax abatement agreements. For a discussion of how the various exemptions described above are applied by the City, See "CITY APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE" herein.

Public Hearing and Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate Limitations

The Following terms as used in this section have the meanings provided below:

"adjusted" means lost values are not included in the calculation of the prior year's taxes and new values are not included in the current year's taxable values.

"de minimis rate" means the maintenance and operations tax rate that will produce the prior year's total maintenance and operations tax levy (adjusted) from the current year's values (adjusted), plus the rate that produces an additional \$500,000 in tax revenue when applied to the current year's taxable value, plus the debt service tax rate.

"foregone revenue amount" means the greater of zero or the amount expressed in dollars calculated according to the following formula: the voter-approval tax rate less the actual tax rate, then multiplied by the taxing unit's current total value in the applicable preceding tax year.

"no-new-revenue tax rate" means the combined maintenance and operations tax rate and debt service tax rate that will produce the prior year's total tax levy (adjusted) from the current year's total taxable values (adjusted).

"preceding total value" means a taxing unit's current total value in the applicable preceding tax year.

"special taxing unit" means a city for which the maintenance and operations tax rate proposed for the current tax year is 2.5 cents or less per \$100 of taxable value.

"unused increment rate" means the greater of (i) zero; or (ii) the sum of the foregone revenue amount for each of the tax years 2022 foregone revenue amount, the 2024 foregone revenue amount, and 2024 foregone revenue amount divided by the current total value.

“voter-approval tax rate” means the maintenance and operations tax rate that will produce the prior year’s total maintenance and operations tax levy (adjusted) from the current year’s values (adjusted) multiplied by 1.035, plus the debt service tax rate, plus the “unused increment rate”.

The City’s tax rate consists of two components: (1) a rate for funding of maintenance and operations expenditures in the current year (the “maintenance and operations tax rate”), and (2) a rate for funding debt service in the current year (the “debt service tax rate”). Under State law, the assessor for the City must submit an appraisal roll showing the total appraised, assessed, and taxable values of all property in the City to the City Council by August 1 or as soon as practicable thereafter.

A city must annually calculate its “voter-approval tax rate” and “no-new-revenue tax rate” (as such terms are defined above) in accordance with forms prescribed by the State Comptroller and provide notice of such rates to each owner of taxable property within the city and the county tax assessor-collector for each county in which all or part of the city is located. A city must adopt a tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll, except that a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate must be adopted not later than the 71st day before the next occurring November uniform election date. If a city fails to timely adopt a tax rate, the tax rate is statutorily set as the lower of the no-new-revenue tax rate for the current tax year or the tax rate adopted by the city for the preceding tax year.

As described below, the Property Tax Code provides that if a city adopts a tax rate that exceeds its voter-approval tax rate or, in certain cases, its de minimis rate, an election must be held to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate. A city may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the voter-approval tax rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate until each appraisal district in which such city participates has posted notice prominently on the appraisal district’s website (if the appraisal district maintains a website) and the assessor for the city has prominently posted on the city’s website notice informing property owners of the estimated total amount of property taxes owed and the city has held a public hearing on the proposed tax increase. The appraisal district is also required to post notice in a newspaper of general circulation by August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable or if there is no newspaper of general circulation, the notice must be posted in the appraisal district’s office.

For cities with a population of 30,000 or more as of the most recent federal decennial census, if the adopted tax rate for any tax year exceeds the voter-approval tax rate, that city must conduct an election on the next occurring November uniform election date to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate.

For cities with a population less than 30,000 as of the most recent federal decennial census, if the adopted tax rate for any tax year exceeds the greater of (i) the voter-approval tax rate or (ii) the de minimis rate, the city must conduct an election on the next occurring November uniform election date to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate. However, for any tax year during which a city has a population of less than 30,000 as of the most recent federal decennial census and does not

qualify as a special taxing unit, if a city’s adopted tax rate is equal to or less than the de minimis rate but greater than both (a) the no-new-revenue tax rate, multiplied by 1.08, plus the debt service tax rate or (b) the city’s voter-approval tax rate, then a valid petition signed by at least three percent of the registered voters in the city would require that an election be held to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate.

Any city located at least partly within an area declared a disaster area by the Governor of the State or the President of the United States during the current year may calculate its “voter-approval tax rate” using a 1.08 multiplier, instead of 1.035, until the earlier of (i) the second tax year in which such city’s total taxable appraised value exceeds the taxable appraised value on January 1 of the year the disaster occurred, or (ii) the third tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred.

State law provides cities and counties in the State the option of assessing a maximum one-half percent (1/2%) sales and use tax on retail sales of taxable items for the purpose of reducing its ad valorem taxes, if approved by a majority of the voters in a local option election. If the additional sales and use tax for ad valorem tax reduction is approved and levied, the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate must be reduced by the amount of the estimated sales tax revenues to be generated in the current tax year.

The calculations of the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate do not limit or impact the City’s ability to set a debt service tax rate in each year sufficient to pay debt service on all of the City’s tax-supported debt obligations, including the Certificates.

Reference is made to the Property Tax Code for definitive requirements for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes and the calculation of the various defined tax rates.

2025 REGULAR AND SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS . . . The 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025, and adjourned on June 2, 2025 (the “89th Regular Session”). The Governor of Texas (the “Governor”) has called a special session to convene on July 21, 2025. The Governor of Texas may call additional special sessions, at the Governor’s discretion, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. During the legislative session, the Legislature will consider a general appropriations act and may enact laws that materially change the Property Tax Code and other current law as it relates to ad valorem taxation. The City can make no representations or predictions regarding any actions the Legislature has taken or may take or the effect of any such factors.

Issuer and Taxpayer Remedies

Under certain circumstances, the City and its taxpayers may appeal the determinations of the Appraisal District by timely initiating a protest with the Appraisal Review Board. Additionally, taxing units such as the City may bring suit against the Appraisal District to compel compliance with the Property Tax Code.

Owners of certain property with a taxable value in excess of the current year “minimum eligibility amount,” as determined by the State Comptroller, and situated in a county with a population of 1.2 million or more as of the most recent federal decennial census may additionally protest the determinations of appraisal district directly to a three-member special panel of the appraisal review board, selected by a State district judge, consisting of highly qualified professionals in the field of property tax appraisal. The minimum eligibility amount was set at \$61,349,201 for the 2025 tax year, and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

The Property Tax Code sets forth notice and hearing procedures for certain tax rate increases by the City and provides for taxpayer referenda that could result in the repeal of certain tax increases (See “– Public Hearing and Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate Limitations”). The Property Tax Code also establishes a procedure for notice to property owners of reappraisals reflecting increased property value, appraisals which are higher than renditions, and appraisals of property not previously on an appraisal roll.

The foregoing sections represents the City’s current understanding of the recently adopted Senate Bill 2, however the City cannot represent at this time what impact such legislation may have on the City. The City may revise and update this information as more information about Senate Bill 2 and its specific impact on the City becomes available.

Issuer’s Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

Taxes levied by the City are a personal obligation of the owner of the property as of January 1 of the year for which the tax is imposed. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all State and local taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. The lien exists in favor of the State and each local taxing unit, including the City, having power to tax the property. Personal property, under certain circumstances, is subject to seizure and sale for the payment of delinquent taxes. At any time after taxes on property become delinquent, the City may file suit to foreclose the lien securing payment of the tax, to enforce personal liability for the tax, or both. In filing a suit to foreclose a tax lien on real property, the City must join other taxing units that have claims for delinquent taxes against all or part of the same property. Collection of delinquent taxes may be adversely affected by the amount of taxes owed to other taxing units, by the effects of market conditions on the foreclosure sale price, by taxpayer redemption rights (a taxpayer may redeem property within two (2) years after the purchaser’s deed issued at the foreclosure sale is filed in the county records) or by bankruptcy proceedings which restrict the collection of taxpayer debts. Federal bankruptcy law provides that an automatic stay of actions by creditors and other entities, including governmental units, goes into effect with the filing of any petition in bankruptcy. The automatic stay prevents governmental units from foreclosing on property and prevents liens for post-petition taxes from attaching to property and obtaining secured creditor status unless, in either case, an order lifting the stay is obtained from the bankruptcy court. In many cases, post-petition taxes are paid as an administrative expense of the estate in bankruptcy or by order of the bankruptcy court.

CITY APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE

The City grants an exemption of \$5,000 to the market value of the residence homestead of persons 65 years of age or older. See Appendix A – Table 4 for a listing of the amounts of these exemptions.

The City does not grant the additional of up to 20% exemption for residence homesteads.

The City has not adopted the tax freeze for citizens who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older, which became a local option and subject to local referendum on January 1, 2004, as described above under “AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES - Property Subject to Taxation by the Issuer - Homestead Tax Limitation” herein.

The City does not tax “non-business” leased vehicles.

The Nolan County Tax Collector collects property taxes for the City. The Tax Collector does not allow split payments or discounts.

The City does not grant the Freeport Property Exemption.

The City does not grant the exemption for Goods-in-Transit.

The City does not participate in a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.

The City has one tax abatement:

The EMA Electromechanics, Inc. Agreement (the “EMA Agreement”) allows for 100% of M&O taxes to be abated for 10 years. No I&S taxes will be abated.

ADDITIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS

Texas law provides that local sales and use taxes ("sales tax") cannot exceed a combined maximum of 2%.

Municipal Sales Tax Collections

The City has adopted the provisions of Chapter 321 of the Tax Code, as amended, to provide for the levy of a one percent sales tax which may be used by the City for any lawful purpose except that the City may not pledge any of the anticipated sales tax revenue to secure the payment of the Certificates or other indebtedness. Net collections on a fiscal year basis are shown in Table 8 of Appendix A – Financial Information of the Issuer.

Optional Sales Tax

The Tax Code provides certain cities and counties the option of assessing a sales tax on retail sales of taxable items for the purpose of reducing its ad valorem taxes, if approved by a majority of the voters in a local option election. If the additional tax is approved and levied, the ad valorem property tax levy must be reduced by the amount of the estimated sales tax revenues to be generated in the current year. Further, the Tax Code provides certain cities the option of assessing a sales tax on retail sales of taxable items for economic development purposes, if approved by a majority of the voters in a local option election.

At an election held in October 1990, registered voters of the City approved the imposition of a one-half percent (1/2%) additional sales tax for property tax reduction and an additional sales and use tax of one-half percent (1/2%) for economic development effective October 1990 through December 2018. **Such sales tax proceeds are not pledged for the payment of the Certificates.**

The City has not held an election regarding an additional sales tax for economic development purposes in accordance with Chapters 501, 502 and 504, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (Type A economic development corporation).

TAX MATTERS

Opinion

On the date of initial delivery of the Certificates, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel to the Issuer, will render its opinion that, in accordance with statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof ("Existing Law"), (1) interest on the Certificates for federal income tax purposes will be excludable from the "gross income" of the holders thereof and (2) the Certificates will not be treated as "specified private activity bonds" the interest on which would be included as an alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Except as stated above, Bond Counsel to the Issuer will express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Certificates. See "Appendix C - Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel".

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon (a) certain information and representations of the Issuer, including information and representations contained in the Issuer's federal tax certificate, and (b) covenants of the Issuer contained in the Certificate documents relating to certain matters, including arbitrage, and the use of the proceeds of the Certificates and the property financed or refinanced therewith. Failure by the Issuer to observe the aforementioned representations or covenants could cause the interest on the Certificates to become taxable retroactively to the date of issuance of the Certificates.

The Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder contain a number of requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Certificates in order for interest on the Certificates to be, and to remain, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Certificates to be included in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Certificates. The opinion of Bond Counsel is conditioned on compliance by the Issuer with such requirements, and Bond Counsel has not been retained to monitor compliance with these requirements subsequent to the issuance of the Certificates.

Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of Existing Law and the reliance on the aforementioned information, representations and covenants. Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result. Existing Law is subject to change by the Congress and to subsequent judicial and administrative interpretation by the courts and the Department of the Treasury. There can be no assurance that Existing Law or the interpretation thereof will not be changed in a manner which would adversely affect the tax treatment of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Certificates.

A ruling was not sought from the Internal Revenue Service by the Issuer with respect to the Certificates or the property financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Certificates. No assurances can be given as to whether or not the Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Certificates, or as to whether the Internal Revenue Service would agree with the opinion of Bond Counsel. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Internal Revenue Service is likely to treat the Issuer as the taxpayer and the Owner may have no right to participate in such procedure. No additional interest will be paid upon any determination of taxability.

Federal Income Tax Accounting Treatment of Original Issue Discount

The initial public offering price to be paid for one or more maturities of the Certificates may be less than the principal amount thereof or one or more periods for the payment of interest on the Certificates may not be equal to the accrual period or be in excess of one year (the "Original Issue Discount Certificates"). In such event, the difference between (i) the "stated redemption price at maturity" of each Original Issue Discount Certificate, and (ii) the initial offering price to the public of such Original Issue Discount Certificate would constitute original issue discount. The "stated redemption price at maturity" means the sum of all payments to be made on the Certificates less the amount of all periodic interest payments. Periodic interest payments are payments which are made during equal accrual periods (or during any unequal period if it is the initial or final period) and which are made during accrual periods which do not exceed one year.

Under Existing Law, any owner who has purchased an Original Issue Discount Certificate in the initial public offering is entitled to exclude from gross income (as defined in section 61 of the Code) an amount of income with respect to such Original Issue Discount Certificate equal to that portion of the amount of such original issue discount allocable to the accrual period. For a discussion of certain collateral federal tax consequences, see discussion set forth below.

In the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of such Original Issue Discount Certificate prior to stated maturity, however, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Original Issue Discount Certificate in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Original Issue Discount Certificate was held by such initial owner) is includable in gross income.

Under Existing Law, the original issue discount on each Original Issue Discount Certificate is accrued daily to the stated maturity thereof (in amounts calculated as described below for accrual period and ratably within each such six-month period) and the accrued amount is added to an initial owner's basis for such Original Issue Discount Certificate for purposes of determining the amount of gain or loss recognized by such owner upon the redemption, sale or other disposition thereof. The amount to be added to basis for each accrual period is equal to (a) the sum of the issue price and the amount of original issue discount accrued in prior periods multiplied by the yield to stated maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) less (b) the amounts payable as current interest during such accrual period on such Original Issue Discount Certificate.

The federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of Original Issue Discount Certificates which are not purchased in the initial offering at the initial offering price may be determined according to rules which differ from those described above. All owners of Original Issue Discount Certificates should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal, state and local income tax purposes of the treatment of interest accrued upon redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Certificates and with respect to the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Certificates.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following discussion is a summary of certain collateral federal income tax consequences resulting from the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Certificates. This discussion is based on Existing Law, which is subject to change or modification, retroactively.

The following discussion is applicable to investors, other than those who are subject to special provisions of the Code, such as financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals allowed an earned income credit, certain S corporations with accumulated earnings and profits and excess passive investment income, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, taxpayers qualifying for the health insurance premium assistance credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase tax-exempt obligations.

THE DISCUSSION CONTAINED HEREIN MAY NOT BE EXHAUSTIVE. INVESTORS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE, SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX TREATMENT WHICH MAY BE ANTICIPATED TO RESULT FROM THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF TAX-EXEMPT CERTIFICATES BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER TO PURCHASE THE CERTIFICATES.

Interest on the Certificates may be includable in certain corporations' "adjusted financial statement income" determined under section 56A of the Code to calculate the alternative minimum tax imposed by section 55 of the Code.

Under section 6012 of the Code, holders of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Certificates, may be required to disclose interest received or accrued during each taxable year on their returns of federal income taxation.

Section 1276 of the Code provides for ordinary income tax treatment of gain recognized upon the disposition of a tax-exempt obligation, such as the Certificates, if such obligation was acquired at a "market discount" and if the fixed maturity of such obligation is equal to, or exceeds, one year from the date of issue. Such treatment applies to "market discount bonds" to the extent such gain does not exceed the accrued market discount of such bonds; although for this purpose, a de minimis amount of market discount is ignored. A "market discount bond" is one which is acquired by the holder at a purchase price which is less than the stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of a bond issued at an original issue discount, the "revised issue price" (i.e., the issue price plus accrued original issue discount). The "accrued market discount" is the amount which bears the same ratio to the market discount as the number of days during which the holder holds the obligation bears to the number of days between the acquisition date and the final maturity date.

Future and Proposed Legislation

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the Federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Certificates under Federal or state law and could affect the market price or marketability of the Certificates. Any such proposal could limit the value of certain deductions and exclusions, including the exclusion for tax-exempt interest. The likelihood of any such proposal being enacted cannot be predicted. Prospective purchasers of the Certificates should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

State, Local and Foreign Taxes

Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax implications of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Certificates under applicable state or local laws. Foreign investors should also consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences unique to investors who are not United States persons.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Subject to certain exceptions, information reports describing interest income, including original issue discount, with respect to the Certificates will be sent to each registered holder and to the Internal Revenue Service. Payments of interest and principal may be subject to backup withholding under section 3406 of the Code if a recipient of the payments fails to furnish to the payor such owner's social security number or other taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), furnishes an incorrect TIN, or otherwise fails to establish an exemption from the backup withholding tax. Any amounts so withheld would be allowed as a credit against the recipient's federal income tax. Special rules apply to partnerships, estates and trusts, and in certain circumstances, and in respect of Non-U.S. Holders, certifications as to foreign status and other matters may be required to be provided by partners and beneficiaries thereof.

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions

Section 265(a) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that interest paid or incurred by a taxpayer, including a "financial institution," on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations is not deductible in determining the taxpayer's taxable income. Section 265(b) of the Code provides an exception to the disallowance of such deduction for any interest expense paid or incurred on indebtedness of a taxpayer that is a "financial institution" allocable to tax-exempt obligations, other than "private activity bonds," that are designated by a "qualified small issuer" as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." A "qualified small issuer" is any governmental issuer (together with any "on-behalf of" and "subordinate" issuers) who issues no more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations during the calendar year. Section 265(b)(5) of the Code defines the term "financial institution" as any "bank" described in Section 585(a)(2) of the Code, or any person accepting deposits from the public in the ordinary course of such person's trade or business that is subject to federal or state supervision as a financial institution. Notwithstanding the exception to the disallowance of the deduction of interest on indebtedness related to "qualified tax-exempt obligations" provided by Section 265(b) of the Code, Section 291 of the Code provides that the allowable deduction to a "bank," as defined in Section 585(a)(2) of the Code, for interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase "qualified tax-exempt obligations" shall be reduced by twenty-percent (20%) as a "financial institution preference item."

The Issuer expects that the Certificates will be designated, or deemed designated, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of section 265(b) of the Code. In furtherance of that designation, the Issuer will covenant to take such action that would assure, or to refrain from such action that would adversely affect, the treatment of the Certificates as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." **Potential purchasers should be aware that if the issue price to the public exceed \$10,00,000 there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the payment of a de minimis amount of premium in excess of \$10,000,000 is disregarded; however the Internal Revenue Service could take a contrary view. If the Internal Revenue Service takes the position that the amount of such premium is not disregarded, then such obligations might fail to satisfy the \$10,000,000 limitation and the Certificates would not be "qualified tax-exempt obligations."**

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The offering of the Certificates qualifies for the Rule 15c2-12(d)(2) exemption from Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) regarding the City's continuing disclosure obligations, because the City does not currently have outstanding more than \$10,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of municipal securities (excluding securities offered in transactions that were exempt from the Rule) and no person is committed by contract or other arrangement with respect to payment of the Certificates. Pursuant to the exemption, in the Ordinance, the City has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Certificates. The City is required to observe the

agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Certificates. Under the agreement, the City will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of certain specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system, free of charge at www.emma.msrb.org.

Annual Reports

The City will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB annually. The information to be updated includes financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in this Official Statement, but only the extent such information is customarily prepared by the Issuer and is publicly available, which presently consists of the City's annual audited financial statements. The City will update and provide this information within twelve months after the end of each fiscal year ending in or after 2025. The City will provide the updated information to the MSRB through the EMMA information system in accordance with recent amendments to Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the SEC.

The financial information and operating data to be provided may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC, as permitted by the Rule. The updated information will include audited financial statements, if the City commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the City will provide unaudited financial information that is available to the City by the required time, and will provide audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB, when and if the audit report on such statements become available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX D or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation.

The City's current fiscal year end is September 30. Accordingly, it must provide updated financial information and operating data by the last day in March in each year and financial statement by September 30, unless the City changes its fiscal year. If the City changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB of the change.

Notice of Certain Events

The City will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The City will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Certificates to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Certificates, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Certificates; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Certificates, if material; (8) Certificate calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Certificates, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the City, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the City, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In addition, the City will provide timely notice of any failure by the City to provide annual financial information or operating data in accordance with their agreement described above under "Annual Reports".

For these purposes, any event described in (12) of the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the City in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City.

For the purposes of the above described event notices (15) and (16), the term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided however, that a "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

Availability of Information from MSRB

The Issuer has agreed to provide the foregoing information only as described above. Investors will be able to access continuing disclosure information filed with the MSRB free of charge at www.emma.msrb.org.

Limitations and Amendments

The Issuer has agreed to update information and to provide notices of certain specified events only as described above. The Issuer has not agreed to provide other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of its financial results of operations, condition, or prospects or agreed to update any information that is provided, except as described above. The Issuer makes no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Certificates at any future date. The Issuer disclaims any contractual or tort liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders or beneficial owners of Certificates may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the Issuer to comply with its agreement.

The Issuer may amend its agreement to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the Issuer, if the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Certificates in the offering described herein in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and either the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Certificates consent or any person unaffiliated with the Issuer (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Certificates. The Issuer may also repeal or amend its agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or any court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but in either case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Certificates in the primary offering of the Certificates giving effect to (a) such provisions as so amended and (b) any amendments or interpretations of the Rule. If the Issuer amends its agreement, it must include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and data provided.

Compliance with Prior Agreements

During the past five years, the City has complied in all material respects with its previous continuing disclosure agreements made in accordance with the SEC Rule 15c2-12.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

Registration and Qualification of Certificates for Sale

The sale of the Certificates has not been registered under the Federal Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2); and the Certificates have not been qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Certificates been qualified under the securities acts of any jurisdiction. The Issuer assumes no responsibility for qualification of the Certificates under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Certificates may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for qualification for sale or other disposition of the Certificates shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration provisions.

Litigation

In the opinion of the City Attorney, the Issuer is not a party to any litigation or other proceeding pending or to its knowledge, threatened, in any court, agency or other administrative body (either state or federal) which, if decided adversely to the Issuer, would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the City.

Future Debt Issuance

The City does not anticipate the issuance of any additional debt within the next twelve months.

Legal Investments and Eligibility to Secure Public Funds in Texas

Section 1201.041 of the Public Security Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code) provides that the Certificates are negotiable instruments governed by Chapter 8, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and are real and authorized investments for insurance companies, fiduciaries, and trustees, and for the sinking funds of municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State. With respect to investment in the Certificates by municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State, the PFIA requires that the Certificates be assigned a rating of not less than "A" or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency. See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Ratings" herein. In addition, various provisions of the Texas Finance Code provide

that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Certificates are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with capital of one million dollars or more, and savings and loan associations. The Certificates are eligible to secure deposits of any public funds of the State, its agencies, and its political subdivision, and are legal security for those deposits to the extent of their fair market value. No review by the City has been made of the laws in other states to determine whether the Certificates are legal investments for various institutions in those states.

No representation is made that the Certificates will be acceptable to public entities to secure their deposits or acceptable to such institutions for investment purposes. The City has made no investigation of other laws, rules, regulations or investment criteria which might apply to any such persons or entities or which might otherwise limit the suitability of the Certificates for any of the foregoing purposes or limit the authority of such persons or entities to purchase or invest in the Certificates for such purposes. Additionally, with respect to the Certificates, Section 271.051 of the Texas Local Government Code expressly provides that certificates of obligation approved by the Attorney General of Texas are legal authorized investments for banks, savings banks, trust companies, and savings and loan associations, insurance companies, fiduciaries, trustees, and guardians, and sinking funds of municipalities, counties, school districts, or other political corporations or subdivisions of the State.

Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate

The Issuer will furnish the Purchaser with a complete transcript of proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Certificates, including the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas to the effect that the Certificates are valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approval of certain legal matters by Bond Counsel, to the effect that the Certificates are valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer and, subject to the qualifications set forth herein under "TAX MATTERS," the interest on the Certificates is excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions existing on the date of the initial delivery of the Certificates, including the alternative minimum tax on corporations. The customary closing papers, including a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending to restrain the issuance and delivery of the Certificates, or which would affect the provision made for their payment or security, or in any manner questioning the validity of the Certificates will also be furnished. Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Notice of Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained therein, except that, in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information describing the Certificates in the Official Statement to verify that such description conforms to the provisions of the Ordinance. Such firm has not, however, independently verified any of the factual information contained in this Official Statement nor has it conducted an investigation of the affairs of the Issuer for the purpose of passing upon the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. No person is entitled to rely upon such firm's limited participation as an assumption of responsibility for, or an expression of opinion of any kind with regard to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein. The legal fees to be paid Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Certificates are contingent on the sale and delivery of the Certificates. Though it may represent the Financial Advisor and certain entities that may bid on the Certificates from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Certificates, Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the City in connection with the issuance of the Certificates.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Certificates express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of the expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or of the future performance of the parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise from the transaction.

Rating

A municipal bond rating application has been made to S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"). The outcome of the result will be made available as soon as possible. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency. A rating by a rating agency reflects only the view of such company at the time the rating is given, and the Issuer makes no representations as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that such a rating will continue for any given period of time, or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency if, in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Certificates.

CYBERSECURITY

The City's operations are increasingly dependent on information technologies and services, which are exposed to cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents or attacks. While the City continually assesses and monitors its cybersecurity risks, the City has been (and may be in the future) subject to cyber-attacks from time to time. In response to such assessments and monitoring, the City takes actions it deems appropriate in response to cybersecurity risks, including, but not limited to, implementing cybersecurity training programs, obtaining technology improvements to mitigate cybersecurity risks, and taking other similar measures. To date, the City has not been the victim of

any cyber-attack that has had a material adverse effect on its operations or financial condition. However, no assurance can be given that the City will fully prevent or successfully remediate the operational and/or financial impact of any cybersecurity incursions or incidents arising from events wholly or partially beyond the City's control, including electrical telecommunications outages, natural disasters or cyber-attacks initiated by criminal activities of individuals or organizations. Any such occurrence could materially and adversely affect the City's operations and/or financial condition.

WEATHER EVENTS

The City is located in the central region of Texas. Land located in this area is susceptible to high winds, tornadoes, fires, snow storms, and arid conditions. If a future weather event significantly damages all or part of the properties comprising the tax base within the City, the assessed value of property within the City could be substantially reduced, which could result in a decrease in tax revenue and/or necessitate an increase in the City tax rate. Under certain conditions, Texas law allows a city to increase property tax rates without voter approval upon the occurrence of certain disasters such as a tornado, flooding or extreme drought and upon gubernatorial or presidential declaration of disaster. There can be no assurance that a casualty loss to taxable property within the City will be covered by insurance (or that property owners will carry flood or the appropriate, applicable other casualty insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds or that insurance proceeds will be used to rebuild or repay any damaged improvements within the City or be sufficient for such purposes. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values within the City could be adversely affected.

Financial Advisor

SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. is employed as the Financial Advisor to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Certificates. In this capacity, the Financial Advisor has compiled certain data relating to the Certificates and has assisted in drafting this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not independently verified any of the data contained herein or conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the Issuer to determine the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Because of its limited participation, the Financial Advisor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein. The fees for Financial Advisor are contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of the Certificates.

The Financial Advisor has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with its responsibilities to the City and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Financial Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Winning Bidder

After requesting competitive bids for the Certificates, the City accepted the bid of _____ (previously defined as the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") to purchase the Certificates at the interest rates shown on the page 2 of this Official Statement at a price of par, plus a [net] reoffering premium of \$_____, less an underwriting discount of \$ _____, plus accrued interest on the Certificates from their Dated Date to their date of initial delivery. The City can give no assurance that any trading market will be developed for the City after their sale by the City to the Purchaser. The City has no control over the price at which the Certificates are subsequently sold and the initial yield at which the Certificates will be priced and reoffered will be established by and will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

Certification of the Official Statement

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Certificates, the Purchaser will be furnished a certificate executed by the proper officials of the City acting in their official capacity, to the effect that: (a) the descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the City contained in its Official Statement relating to the Certificates, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, on the date of such Official Statement, on the date of the sale of said Certificates, and on the date of the delivery, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the City and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, such Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statement therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) to the best of their knowledge, insofar as the descriptions and statements, including financial data, of or pertaining to entities, other than the City and its activities, contained in such Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the City believes to be reliable and the City has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect; and (d) there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the City since September 30, 2022, the date of the last audited financial statements of the Issuer, portions of which appear in the Official Statement.

The Official Statement will be approved as to form and content and the use thereof in the offering of the Certificates will be authorized, ratified and approved by the City Council on the date of sale, and the Purchaser will be furnished, upon request, at the time of payment for and the delivery of the Certificates, a certified copy of such approval, duly executed by the proper officials of the Issuer.

Links to Websites

The City has provided links to websites in this Official Statement to allow investors independent access to information or expertise that may be of value. INFORMATION ON SUCH WEBSITES IS NOT INCORPORATED INTO THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE. The inclusion of any links does not imply a recommendation or endorsement of the information or views expressed within a website. The City has not participated in the preparation, compilation or selection of information or views in any website referenced in this Official Statement, and assumes no responsibility or liability for the information or views, or accuracy or completeness thereof, in any website referenced herein.

Forward-Looking Statements Disclaimer

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in any other information provided by the City, that are not purely historical, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the City's expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available to the City on the date hereof, and the City assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. The City's actual results could differ materially from those discussed in such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements included herein are necessarily based on various assumptions and estimates and are inherently subject to various risks and uncertainties, including risks and uncertainties relating to the possible invalidity of the underlying assumptions and estimates and possible changes or developments in social, economic, business, industry, market, legal, and regulatory circumstances and conditions and actions taken or omitted to be taken by third parties, including customers, suppliers, business partners and competitors, and legislative, judicial, and other governmental authorities and officials. Assumptions related to the foregoing involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, and market conditions and future business decisions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond the control of the City. Any of such assumptions could be inaccurate and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement will prove to be accurate.

Concluding Statement

The financial data and other information contained in this Official Statement have been obtained from the City's records, audited financial statements and other sources which are believed to be reliable. There is no guarantee that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will be realized. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and ordinances contained in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents and ordinances. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such documents for further information. Reference is made to original statutes, documents and ordinances in all respects.

This Official Statement will be approved by the City Council of the Issuer for distribution in accordance with the provisions of the SEC Rule 15c2-12.

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

/s/

Mayor

City of Sweetwater, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/

City Secretary

City of Sweetwater, Texas

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APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

(This appendix contains quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the Issuer. The information is only a partial representation and does not purport to be complete. For further and more complete information, reference should be made to the original documents, which can be obtained from various sources, as noted.)

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

ASSESSED VALUATION

TABLE 1

2025 Market Value of Taxable Property (100% of Market Value).....	\$	941,336,659
Less Exemptions:		
Local Optional Over-65 or Disabled Exemption.....	\$	4,949,600
Disabled and Deceased Veterans'		6,245,780
Productivity Value Loss.....		1,507,280
Other Exemptions.....		180,956,178
10% Per Year Cap on Residential Homestead.....		25,286,820
Pollution Control Loss.....		10,020
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		218,955,678
2025 Certified Net Assessed Value of Taxable Property.....	\$	722,380,981

Source: Nolan County Appraisal District.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDED DEBT

(as of August 1, 2025)

General Obligation Debt Principal Outstanding

Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014	\$	980,000
Combination Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015		1,385,000
Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016		3,040,000
Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021A		1,877,000
Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021B		2,060,000
Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023		1,970,000
Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the "Certificates")		2,000,000 *
Total Gross General Obligation Debt	\$	13,312,000 *

Less: Self Supporting Debt

Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014 (100% Utility System)	\$	980,000
Combination Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (100% Utility System)		1,385,000
Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016 (100% Utility System)		3,040,000
Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021A (100% Utility System)		1,877,000
Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021B (100% Utility System)		2,060,000
Total Self-Supporting Debt	\$	9,342,000
Total Net General Obligation Debt Outstanding	\$	3,970,000 *

2025 Certified Net Assessed Valuation	\$	722,380,981
Ratio of Total Gross General Obligation Debt Principal to 2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation		1.84% *
Ratio of Net General Obligation Debt to 2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation		0.55% *

Population: 1990 - 11,967; 2000 - 11,415; 2010 - 10,906; est. 2025 -10,622

Per Capita Certified Net Taxable Assessed Valuation - \$68,008

Per Capita Gross General Obligation Debt Principal - \$1,253

Per Capita Net General Obligation Debt Principal - \$374

*Preliminary, subject to change.

OTHER OBLIGATIONS**TABLE 2**

At September 30, 2024, leases payable consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

US Bank Lease payable, dated November 2019 for the acquisition and use of internal service equipment in the amount of \$747,105 for five years due in annual installments through November 2024, bearing an interest rate of 2.48%. The City will acquire the equipment at the end of the lease. Right-to-use Leased equipment under capital leases in capital assets is \$740,165 with accumulated depreciation of \$160,315. Amortization of this leased equipment is included in depreciation in the internal service fund.

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	156,830	3,889	160,719
	<u>\$ 156,830</u>	<u>\$ 3,889</u>	<u>\$ 160,719</u>

Peacemaker Technologies lease payable, dated January 1, 2024 for acquisition and use of police computer equipment. An initial lease liability of \$182,854 was recorded this fiscal year. There was no interest rate specified in the original lease agreement. The City has used the City's effective interest for borrowings, which is 8.5%. Annual requirements to amortize this lease liability and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 40,281	\$ 11,169	\$ 51,450
2026	43,704	7,746	51,450
2027	47,419	4,031	51,450
	<u>\$ 131,404</u>	<u>\$ 22,946</u>	<u>\$ 154,350</u>

Right-to-use leased equipment under this police department lease included in capital assets is \$182,854 with accumulated depreciation of \$27,427. Amortization of this leased equipment is included in depreciation in public safety depreciation on the government wide statements. This lease is a hardware-as-a-subscription with an equipment refresh each (4*) months with a new subscription.

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 25,395	\$ 2,470	\$ 27,865
2024	26,600	1,265	27,865
	<u>\$ 51,995</u>	<u>\$ 3,735</u>	<u>\$ 55,730</u>

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

TABLE 3

FYE 9/30	Outstanding Debt Service	The Certificates*			Total	Combined		Less:		Total Net Debt Service
		Principal	Interest			Debt Service	Debt			
2025	\$ 2,277,421			-	\$ 2,277,421	\$ 2,073,421	\$		\$ 204,000	
2026	859,805	\$ 155,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 245,000	1,104,805	641,305			463,500	
2027	885,265	160,000	83,025	243,025	1,128,290	643,265			485,025	
2028	878,650	170,000	75,825	245,825	1,124,475	639,650			484,825	
2029	880,532	175,000	68,175	243,175	1,123,707	639,782			483,925	
2030	877,541	180,000	60,300	240,300	1,117,841	640,541			477,300	
2031	884,029	95,000	52,200	147,200	1,031,229	646,029			385,200	
2032	878,651	100,000	47,925	147,925	1,026,576	640,151			386,425	
2033	878,543	105,000	43,425	148,425	1,026,968	640,043			386,925	
2034	757,593	110,000	38,700	148,700	906,293	519,593			386,700	
2035	755,317	110,000	33,750	143,750	899,067	516,117			382,950	
2036	518,175	115,000	28,800	143,800	661,975	518,175			143,800	
2037	254,720	120,000	23,625	143,625	398,345	254,720			143,625	
2038	252,980	130,000	18,225	148,225	401,205	252,980			148,225	
2039	255,943	135,000	12,375	147,375	403,318	255,943			147,375	
2040	254,556	140,000	6,300	146,300	400,856	254,556			146,300	
2041	251,896	-	-	-	251,896	251,896			-	
Total	\$ 12,601,617	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 682,650	\$ 2,682,650	\$ 15,284,267	\$ 10,028,167	\$		\$ 5,256,100	

*Preliminary, subject to change. Interest calculated at an assumed rate for illustration purposes only.

TAX ADEQUACY (Includes Self-Supporting Debt)

2025 Certified Assessed Value of Taxable Property	\$ 722,380,981
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements (Fiscal Year Ending 9-30-2025)	\$ 2,277,421
Indicated Required I&S Fund Tax Rate at 98% Collections to produce Maximum Debt Service Requirements	\$ 0.3217

Note: Above computations are exclusive of investment earnings, delinquent tax collections and penalties and interest on delinquent tax collections.

TAX ADEQUACY (Excludes Self-Supporting Debt)

2025 Certified Assessed Value of Taxable Property	\$ 722,380,981
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements (Fiscal Year Ending 9-30-2027)	\$ 485,025
Indicated Required I&S Fund Tax Rate at 98% Collections to produce Maximum Debt Service Requirements	\$ 0.0685

Note: Above computations are exclusive of investment earnings, delinquent tax collections and penalties and interest on delinquent tax collections.

GENERAL OBLIGATION PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

(as of August 1, 2025)

Fiscal Year Ending 9/30	Currently Outstanding^(a)	The Certificates*	Total*	Principal Unpaid at End of the Year	Percent of Principal Retired (%)
2025	\$ 2,060,000		\$ 2,060,000	\$ 11,252,000	15%
2026	700,000	\$ 155,000	855,000	10,397,000	22%
2027	736,000	160,000	896,000	9,501,000	29%
2028	742,000	170,000	912,000	8,589,000	35%
2029	757,000	175,000	932,000	7,657,000	42%
2030	768,000	180,000	948,000	6,709,000	50%
2031	789,000	95,000	884,000	5,825,000	56%
2032	799,000	100,000	899,000	4,926,000	63%
2033	815,000	105,000	920,000	4,006,000	70%
2034	711,000	110,000	821,000	3,185,000	76%
2035	721,000	110,000	831,000	2,354,000	82%
2036	497,000	115,000	612,000	1,742,000	87%
2037	238,000	120,000	358,000	1,384,000	90%
2038	239,000	130,000	369,000	1,015,000	92%
2039	245,000	135,000	380,000	635,000	95%
2040	247,000	140,000	387,000	248,000	98%
2041	248,000	-	248,000	-	100%
Total	\$ 11,312,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 13,312,000		

^(a) Includes self-supporting debt. See TABLE 1 - General Obligation Bonded Debt for a detail of the City's self-supported debt outstanding.

*Preliminary, subject to change.

<u>Category</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 384,994,305	40.90%	\$ 377,376,152	43.12%	\$ 322,845,810	40.15%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	12,342,640	1.31%	11,375,783	1.30%	12,995,476	1.62%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	11,035,340	1.17%	11,637,420	1.33%	10,529,860	1.31%
Real, Acreage (Land Only)	108,470	0.01%	95,670	0.01%	113,120	0.01%
Farm and Ranch Improvements	4,210,460	0.45%	4,280,520	0.49%	3,856,820	0.48%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	168,766,054	17.93%	154,385,638	17.64%	142,827,951	17.76%
Real; Minerals	830,270	0.09%	1,950,380	0.22%	1,718,310	0.21%
Real & Tangible, Personal Utilities	40,215,680	4.27%	38,111,630	4.35%	34,013,490	4.23%
Tangible Personal, Commercial and Industrial	152,389,780	16.19%	117,570,070	13.43%	115,986,321	14.42%
Tangible Personal/Mobile Homes	4,216,400	0.45%	4,391,990	0.50%	4,465,980	0.56%
Real Property Inventory	3,858,690	0.41%	3,746,140	0.43%	3,859,650	0.48%
Other	<u>158,368,570</u>	<u>16.82%</u>	<u>150,234,650</u>	<u>17.17%</u>	<u>150,884,269</u>	<u>18.76%</u>
Total Market Value	\$ 941,336,659	100.00%	\$ 875,156,043	100.00%	\$ 804,097,057	100.00%
Less Exemptions:						
Local Option Over-65 /Disabled	\$ 4,949,600		\$ 4,792,880		\$ 4,824,230	
Disabled and Deceased Veterans'	6,245,780		5,601,840		5,299,380	
Productivity Loss	1,507,280		1,520,080		1,176,460	
Other Exemptions	180,956,178		176,828,557		153,032,067	
10% Homestead Cap Loss	25,286,820		40,063,500		24,723,220	
TCEQ/Pollution Control Loss	<u>10,020</u>		<u>3,590</u>		<u>4,240</u>	
Total Exemptions	<u>\$ 218,955,678</u>		<u>\$ 228,810,447</u>		<u>\$ 189,059,597</u>	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ <u>722,380,981</u>		\$ <u>646,345,596</u>		\$ <u>615,037,460</u>	

^(a) See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES - Property Tax Code and Countywide Appraisal District" herein.

Source: Nolan County Appraisal District

Tax Year	Net Taxable		% Collections		Year Ended
	Assessed Valuation	Tax Levy	Current	Total	
2015	\$ 465,192,840	\$2,232,971	96.69%	99.15%	9-30-16
2016	462,659,282	2,219,828	94.68%	98.83%	9-30-17
2017	447,364,550	2,225,365	95.67%	98.22%	9-30-18
2018	454,939,623	2,262,601	95.08%	98.30%	9-30-19
2019	467,031,440	2,517,299	95.59%	97.34%	9-30-20
2020	483,468,233	2,605,894	96.07%	99.04%	9-30-21
2021	497,367,474	2,705,679	97.06%	99.76%	9-30-22
2022	549,091,708	2,987,059	93.80%	96.61%	9-30-23
2023	615,037,460	3,145,270	94.00%	97.00%	9-30-24
2024	646,345,596	3,275,679	93.08%	95.28%	9-30-25*

*Collections as of May 31, 2025.

Sources: Texas Municipal Report published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas, the Nolan County Appraisal District and the Issuer's 2024 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS - 2024

TABLE 6 *

Name	Type of Business or Property	2024 Total Net Assessed Valuation	% of Total 2024 Net Assessed Valuation
Ludlum Measurements Inc.	Radioactive Measuring Equipment	24,315,420	3.76%
CSI Acquisition Company	Heavy Construction Equipment Rental	21,181,880	3.28%
ONCOR Electric Delivery Company	Electric Utility	13,655,120	2.11%
ATOMOS Energy/Mid Tex Dist	Utility	7,136,790	1.10%
Crest Pumping Technologies LLC	Construction	6,885,730	1.07%
Loves Hospitality LLC	Hotel	6,768,190	1.05%
Union Pacific Railroad	Railroad	6,581,290	1.02%
Wal-Mart Stores LP	Retail	5,100,000	0.79%
Suddenlink Communications	Utility	4,995,980	0.77%
GFS Americas	Retail/Grocery	4,614,690	0.71%
Total		\$ 101,235,090	15.66%

The total combined top ten taxpayers in the City currently account for over 14% of the City's tax base. Any adverse development related to these taxpayers and their ability to conduct business at their respective locations within the City's boundaries may result in less local tax revenue, thereby affecting the City's finances and its ability to repay outstanding indebtedness.

* 2025 Principal Taxpayers not available at time of printing.

Source: Nolan County Appraisal District

TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION

TABLE 7

The City levies an ad valorem tax for maintenance and operations but has historically not levied an ad valorem tax for debt service. The Certificates are expected to be repaid from ad valorem taxes.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
M&O	\$0.4758	\$0.4743	\$0.5075	\$0.5480	\$0.5440
I&S	\$0.0310	\$0.0328	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
	<u>\$0.5068</u>	<u>\$0.5072</u>	<u>\$0.5075</u>	<u>\$0.5480</u>	<u>\$0.5440</u>

OVERLAPPING DEBT INFORMATION*(As of August 1, 2025)*

The following table indicates the indebtedness, defined as outstanding bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, of governmental entities overlapping the City and the estimated percentages and amounts of such indebtedness attributable to property within the City. Expenditures of the various taxing bodies overlapping the territory of the Issuer are paid out of ad valorem taxes levied by these taxing bodies on properties overlapping the Issuer. These political taxing bodies are independent of the Issuer and may incur borrowings to finance their expenditures. The following statements of direct and estimated overlapping ad valorem tax bonds was developed from information contained in the "Texas Municipal Reports" published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Except for the amounts relating to the Issuer, the Issuer has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information, and no person should rely upon such information as being accurate or complete. Furthermore, certain of the entities listed below may have authorized or issued additional obligations since the date stated below, and such entities may have programs requiring the authorization and/or issuance of substantial amounts of additional obligations, the amount of which cannot be determined.

Taxing Body	Gross Debt (As of 8/1/2025)	% Overlapping	Amount Overlapping
Nolan County	\$ 1,384,000	23.59%	\$ 326,486
Nolan County Hospital District	\$ 17,541,691	23.59%	\$ 4,138,085
Sweetwater Independent School District	41,452,000	45.29%	\$ 18,773,611
Total Gross Overlapping Debt			<u>\$ 23,238,181</u>
City of Sweetwater			\$ 13,312,000 *
Total Gross Direct and Overlapping Debt			<u>\$ 36,550,181 *</u>
Ratio of Gross Direct and Overlapping Debt to 2025 Net Assessed Taxable Value			5.06% *
Per Capita Gross Direct and Overlapping Debt			\$ 3,441 *

Note: The above figures show Gross General Obligation Debt for the Issuer. The Issuer's Net General Obligation Debt is \$3,970,000. Calculations on the basis of Net General Obligation Debt would change the above figures as follows:

Total Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$ 27,208,181 *
Ratio of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt to 2025 Net Assessed Taxable Value	3.77% *
Per Capita Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$2,561.49 *

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas

* Preliminary, subject to change. Includes the Certificates.

ASSESSED VALUATION AND TAX RATE OF OVERLAPPING ISSUERS

Governmental Subdivision	2024 Assessed Valuation	% of Actual	2024 Tax Rate
Nolan County	\$ 2,739,417,105	100%	\$ 0.4220
Nolan County Hospital District	2,517,346,135	100%	-
Sweetwater Independent School District	1,338,331,563	100%	0.9710

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS

Issuer	Date of Authorization	Purpose	Amount Authorized	Issued To-Date	Unissued
Nolan County	None	-	-	-	-
Nolan County Hospital District	None	-	-	-	-
Sweetwater Independent School District	None	-	-	-	-
Sweetwater, City of	None	-	-	-	-

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX ^(a)**TABLE 8**

The City has adopted the provisions of Municipal Sales and Use Tax Act, Texas Tax Code, which grants the City the power to impose and levy a 1% Local Sales and Use Tax within the City. The proceeds are credited to the General Fund and are not pledged to the payment of the Bonds. In addition, some political subdivisions may impose, with voter approval, certain other sales and use taxes for various authorized purposes, including property tax relief and economic development (not to exceed an aggregate tax rate of 8.25%, including the 6.25% sales tax levied by the State of Texas). The City does not levy these additional sales and use taxes.

Calendar	Total 2%	1% City	½% Property	% of	\$ Equivalent	½% Economic
Year	Collections	Collections	Tax Reduction	Ad Valorem	of Ad Valorem	Development
				Tax Levy ^(b)	Tax Rate ^(b)	
2015	\$ 3,803,765	\$ 1,901,883	\$ 950,941	127.76%	0.61	950,941
2016	4,445,812	2,222,906	1,111,453	150.21%	0.72	1,111,453
2017	3,722,961	1,861,481	930,740	125.47%	0.62	930,740
2018	3,963,310	1,981,655	990,828	131.37%	0.65	990,828
2019	2,959,518	1,479,759	739,880	88.18%	0.48	739,880
2020	2,849,078	1,424,539	712,270	82.00%	0.44	712,270
2021	3,099,698	1,549,849	774,925	85.92%	0.47	774,925
2022	3,613,310	1,806,655	903,327	90.72%	0.49	903,327
2023	3,586,907	1,793,454	896,727	80.40%	0.44	896,727
2024	4,369,121	2,184,560	1,092,280	93.19%	0.51	1,092,280
2025	1,933,149	966,575	483,287	(As of June 2025)		483,287

^(a) See "ADDITIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS - Municipal Sales Tax Collections" for a complete discussion of the City's sales tax.

^(b) Based on 1 ½% collections (1% collections for City plus ½% collections for property tax reduction).

Source: Website of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Sales Tax Link)

Note: The Comptroller's website figures list sales tax revenues in the month they are delivered to the City, which is two months after they are generated/collected.

**GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
AND ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

TABLE 9

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$ 3,077,091	\$ 2,691,746	\$ 2,705,437	\$ 2,620,725	\$ 2,464,658
Sales Taxes	4,379,864	3,594,541	3,558,272	3,040,622	2,842,706
Occupancy	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	12,952	10,970	11,970	13,809	9,232
Franchise Fees	1,155,173	1,148,435	1,082,083	1,058,911	1,201,782
Intergovernmental	107,197	188,046	1,336,018	144,802	942,223
Charges for Services	2,826,638	2,566,199	2,230,823	1,963,207	1,827,697
Rents and Royalties	644,827	636,341	680,489	558,804	694,252
Contributions and Donations	305,734	64,513	639,735	327,400	746,427
Licenses and Permits	153,677	91,715	102,711	91,054	61,525
Investment Income	377,241	125,524	29,687	47,239	57,134
Fines and Forfeitures	107,654	101,075	92,077	50,316	47,256
Miscellaneous	423,323	488,292	577,202	513,412	637,501
Total Revenues	\$ 13,571,371	\$ 11,707,397	\$ 13,046,504	\$ 10,430,301	\$ 11,532,393
Expenditures					
Current:					
General Government	\$ 2,465,123	\$ 2,521,292	\$ 2,327,326	\$ 2,038,949	\$ 1,873,355
Public Safety	7,542,436	6,548,042	6,576,908	5,759,349	5,373,302
Public Works	1,244,155	1,238,677	1,176,823	929,398	1,082,168
Culture and Recreation	950,037	891,956	796,300	819,362	733,256
Community Services	80,573	96,774	73,617	68,166	67,115
Airport	312,242	289,263	301,310	204,070	193,891
Debt Service:					
Principal	245,142	-	71,631	-	-
Interest	105,704	-	3,621	-	-
Capital Outlay:					
General Government	-	15,000	-	-	82,497
Public Safety	234,381	33,100	291,886	222,480	392,811
Public Works	-	160,037	58,173	7,820	10,875
Culture and Recreation	327,146	-	169,115	-	756,527
Airport	-	-	1,330,906	17,484	473,038
Total Expenditures	13,576,758	11,794,141	13,177,616	10,067,078	11,038,835
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Leases (as lesee)	\$ 182,854	\$ -	\$ 175,098	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers In	\$ 1,035,424	1,053,616	1,256,356	675,250	-
Operating Transfers Out	(1,108,914)	(1,132,025)	(944,651)	(901,965)	(831,925)
Bonds Issued	2,070,000	-	-	-	-
Premium on bonds issued	101,799	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):	\$ 2,281,163	\$ (78,409)	\$ 486,803	\$ (226,715)	\$ (831,925)
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses					
	\$ (5,387)	\$ (85,744)	\$ (131,112)	\$ 136,508	\$ (338,367)
Fund Balance - October 1	\$ 3,690,048	\$ 3,854,201	\$ 3,498,510	\$ 3,362,002	\$ 3,700,555
Fund Balance - September 30	\$ 5,965,824	\$ 3,690,048	\$ 3,854,201	\$ 3,498,510	\$ 3,362,188

Source: The Issuer's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports.

* The City anticipates closing the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 with an unaudited general fund balance of \$3,965,824. The drawdown is due to the purchase of a ladder truck for the fire department.

CONDENSED WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING STATEMENTS
TABLE 10

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Revenues (Including Investment Income)	\$ 10,572,436	\$ 9,898,466	\$ 9,372,995	\$ 8,494,285	\$ 8,075,202	
Expenses	6,075,634	6,148,068	5,233,482	4,674,891	5,024,384	
Net Revenues Available for Debt Service	\$ 4,496,802	\$ 3,750,398	\$ 4,139,513	\$ 3,819,394	\$ 3,050,818	
Debt Service Requirements	\$ 2,072,410	\$ 2,074,525	\$ 2,070,807	\$ 1,826,419	\$ 1,815,714	
Debt Service Coverage	2.17X	1.81X	2.00X	2.09X	1.68X	
Water Connections	4,325	4,359	4,390	4,377	4,418	
Sewer Connections	3,900	3,613	3,684	3,982	4,000	

WATER RATES
TABLE 11
(Based on Monthly Billing)

**New Rates
(Effective October 1, 2024)**

INSIDE CITY LIMITS
Residential:

First 2,000 Gallons	\$ 21.62 per month
Next 23,000 Gallons	9.33 per 1,000 gallons
Next 25,000 Gallons	10.05 per 1,000 gallons

Apartments and Trailer Parks:

The computation for this classification is based on 80% of the number of Rental units per metered complex, times the minimum charge per unit. Plus, a meter charge based on the size of the meter account.

Minimum unit charge	\$ 32.37
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All usage above the minimum allowed on a per computed unit basis per thousand up to 25,000 gallons	\$ 9.33
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Any usage above 25,000 gallons	\$ 10.05
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Meter charges are identical to commercial accounts

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Residential: \$37.82 minimum for the first 2,000 gallons plus \$14.16 per 1,000 gallons for all over 2,000 gallons

Apartments and Trailer Parks:

The computed units are based on 80% of the rental units per metered complex rounded to the nearest whole unit. Rate per unit are the same as the residential charge \$37.82 with a minimum based on the number of Computed units times the minimum allowed on a per computed unit basis will be charged \$14.16 per thousand gallons.

Commercial (excluding large industrial plants and other municipalities)

Commercial users will be charged a minimum based on meter size plus \$14.16 per 1,000 gallons usage. See in-City commercial meter size schedule.

Large Industrial users are charged the same as inside city and other municipalities are charged by contract.

Large dock fee of \$57.88 plus \$14.63 per 1,000 gallons.

Fire Hydrant Meter (Construction) - \$86.82 per month, plus \$14.63 per 1,000 gallons.

(Based on Monthly Billing)

Old Rates
(Effective October 1, 2022)

INSIDE CITY LIMITS**Residential:**

First 2,000 Gallons	\$	19.61	per month
Next 23,000 Gallons		8.47	per 1,000 gallons
Next 25,000 Gallons		9.11	per 1,000 gallons

Apartments and Trailer Parks:

The computation for this classification is based on 80% of the number of Rental units per metered complex, times the minimum charge per unit. Plus, a meter charge based on the size of the meter account.

Minimum unit charge	\$	29.36
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All usage above the minimum allowed on a per computed unit basis per thousand up to 25,000 gallons	\$	8.47
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Any usage above 25,000 gallons	\$	9.11
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Meter charges are identical to commercial accounts

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Residential: \$34.31 minimum for the first 2,000 gallons plus \$12.85 per 1,000 gallons for all over 2,000 gallons

Apartments and Trailer Parks:

The computed units are based on 80% of the rental units per metered complex rounded to the nearest whole unit. Rate per unit are the same as the residential charge \$34.31 with a minimum based on the number of Computed units times the minimum allowed on a per computed unit basis will be charged \$12.85 per thousand gallons.

Commercial (excluding large industrial plants and other municipalities)

Commercial users will be charged a minimum based on meter size plus \$12.83 per 1,000 gallons usage.
See in-City commercial meter size schedule.

Large Industrial users are charged the same as inside city and other municipalities are charged by contract.

Large dock fee of \$52.50 plus \$13.27 per 1,000 gallons.

Fire Hydrant Meter (Construction) - \$78.75 per month, plus \$13.27 per 1,000 gallons.

*(Based on Monthly Billing)***New Rates****(Effective October 1, 2024)****Inside City Limits****Residential:**

\$38.50 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$3.71 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to a maximum of 10,000 gallons
 \$68.15 Maximum Charge

Apartments and Trailer Parks:

The computation for this classification is based on 80% of the number of rental units per metered complex rounded to the nearest whole unit. Rates per unit are the same as the residential charge \$38.50 with a minimum based on the number of computed units times the minimum charge per unit and maximum based on usage up to 10,000 gallons per computed units at \$3.71 per thousand gallons above the minimum allowance based on aggregate usage.

Commercial and Industrial:

\$44.17 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to 50,000 gallons
 \$3.14 per 1,000 gallons for all over 50,000 gallons with no maximum
 Where sewer is available to in-city customers who are not connected to the system, they shall be charged a minimum of \$44.17 per month.

Outside City Limits**Residential:**

\$63.66 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$7.37 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to 10,000 gallons
 \$122.63 Maximum Charge

Apartments and Trailer Parks:

The computed units are based on 80% of rental units per metered complex rounded to the nearest whole unit. Rates per unit are the same as the residential charge \$63.66 with a minimum based on the number of computed units times the minimum charge per unit and maximum based on usage up to 10,000 gallons per computed units of \$7.37 per thousand gallons above the minimum allowance based on aggregate usage.

Commercial and Industrial:

\$73.04 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$8.46 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to 50,000 gallons
 \$6.23 per 1,000 gallons for all over 50,000 gallons with no maximum
 All industrial customers using water in direct manufacturing process will be prorated on an individual basis by the City Administration upon presentation of acceptable data to compute such proration.

Old Rates**(Effective October 1, 2023)****Inside City Limits****Residential:**

\$36.67 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$3.53 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to a maximum of 10,000 gallons
 \$64.91 Maximum Charge

Commercial:

\$42.07 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$4.05 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to 50,000 gallons
 \$2.99 per 1,000 gallons for all over 50,000 gallons

Outside City Limits**Residential:**

\$60.03 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$7.02 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to 10,000 gallons
 \$116.79 Maximum Charge

Apartments and Trailer Parks:

The computed units are based on 80% of rental units per metered complex rounded to the nearest whole unit. Rates per unit are the same as the residential charge \$36.77 with a minimum based on the number of computed units times the minimum charge per unit and maximum based on usage up to 10,000 gallons per computed units of \$3.53 per thousand gallons above the minimum allowance based on aggregate usage.

Commercial:

\$42.07 minimum for first 2,000 gallons
 \$4.05 per 1,000 gallons thereafter up to 50,000 gallons
 \$2.99 per 1,000 gallons for all over 50,000 gallons

<u>Name of Customer</u>	<u>Annual Consumption (1000's Gallons)</u>	<u>Annual Bill</u>
Georgia Pacific	190,141	\$ 1,612,758
USG	101,438	854,040
City of Roby	47,015	358,061
City of Trent	17,949	136,806
Housing Authority	15,356	185,971
Sweetwater Independent School District	14,327	130,003
Rolling Plains Hospital	5,040	50,179
Texas State Technical College	4,444	64,828
Love's RV	2,978	41,064
Apple Creek Apts	2,659	43,457
Total	<u>401,347</u>	<u>\$ 3,477,167</u>

Source: The City.

<u>Name of Customer</u>	<u>Annual Consumption (1000's Gallons)</u>	<u>Annual Bill</u>
United States Gypsum	110,496	\$ 65,265
Housing Authority	3,938	35,576
Texas State Technical College	3,807	24,495
Love's RV	2,978	28,033
Apple Creek Apts	2,659	45,827
Housing Authority	2,345	17,516
Parkdale Enterprises LLC	2,297	19,479
Apache Bend Apartments	2,243	23,907
Hilcrest Apartments	1,783	15,105
Housing Authority	1,470	18,336
Total	<u>\$ 134,016</u>	<u>\$ 293,539</u>

Source: The City.

APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AND NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS

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General Information regarding the City of Sweetwater, and Nolan County

The City

The City of Sweetwater, Texas (the “City”) is the county seat and principal commercial center of Nolan County, Texas (the “County”), a northwest Texas County. The City is located 40 miles west of Abilene, Texas and 100 miles east of Midland, Texas on Interstate Highway 20. The City was incorporated in 1902 and has operated under the council-manager form of government since 1902. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a City Council consisting of the Mayor and four other members, all elected on a non-partisan basis. The City Council appoints the government’s manager, who in turn appoints the heads of various departments. The Council is elected from single member districts. Council members serve two-year staggered terms, with two council members elected every year. The Mayor is elected to serve a two-year term and is elected at-large.

Some of the City’s attractions include two historical museums and the world’s largest rattlesnake round up. The City also homes the Nolan County Coliseum Complex and the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium and Henderson Gallery. The Coliseum can accommodate a variety of events and regularly hosts large crowds for equine and livestock events.

Economy

The City is a center for manufacturing, oil, transportation, wind and solar energy generation and agriculture. The area is a center for livestock, ranching and farming with cotton, grains and sorghum being the principal crops.

Several manufacturing companies are located in close proximity to the City of Sweetwater. A cement production facility, two gypsum-based sheetrock production plants and growing wind energy industry provide a tremendous economic boost to the City and help maintain employment rates at a level that is consistently higher than the state average. The largest employer is a radioactive detection equipment manufacturing company, Ludlum Measurements.

2024 Principal Employers

Employer	Employees	% of Total County Employment
Ludlum Measurements	410	5.7%
Sweetwater ISD	399	5.6%
Rolling Plains Hospital	350	4.9%
United States Gypsum	240	3.4%
Georgia Pacific	190	2.7%
Wal-Mart	170	2.4%
City of Sweetwater	148	2.1%
Buzzi Unicem/Lone Star Cement	129	1.8%
Nolan County	113	1.6%
Crest Pumping Technologies	105	1.5%

Source: The City’s 2024 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Nolan County

Nolan County (the “County”) was created in 1876 and organized in 1881. The county seat is the City of Sweetwater. The County is located in west central Texas and has a total area of 914 Square miles. The County is traversed by IH-20, as well as State Highways 70 and 153, and US Route 84.

Labor Force Statistics

	2025 ⁽²⁾	2024 ⁽³⁾	2023 ⁽³⁾	2022 ⁽³⁾
Civilian Labor Force	6,168	6,164	6,037	6,005
Total Employed	5,939	5,928	5,806	5,756
Total Unemployed	229	236	231	249
%Unemployed	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	4.1%
% Unemployed (Texas)	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%

(1) Source: Texas Workforce Commission.

(2) As of June 2025.

(3) Average Annual Statistics.

APPENDIX C

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

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*An opinion in substantially the following form will be delivered by McCall,
Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel, upon the delivery of the
Certificates, assuming no material changes in facts or law.*

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION,
SERIES 2025, DATED AUGUST 15, 2025,
IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$ _____

AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE ISUER (the "Issuer") of the Certificates described above (the "Certificates"), we have examined into the legality and validity of the Certificates, which bear interest from the dates and mature on the dates, and are subject to redemption, in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the text of the Certificates and in the ordinance of the Issuer authorizing the issuance and sale of the Certificates (the "Ordinance"). Terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given in the Ordinance.

WE HAVE EXAMINED the applicable and pertinent provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, a transcript of certified proceedings of the Issuer, and other pertinent instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance and sale of the Certificates, including executed Certificate Number T-1.

BASED ON SAID EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that the Certificates have been duly authorized, issued, and delivered in accordance with law; and that, except as may be limited by laws applicable to the Issuer relating to sovereign immunity of political subdivisions, bankruptcy, reorganization and other similar matters affecting creditors' rights generally or by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion, the Certificates constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer; and that ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of said Certificates have been levied and pledged for such purpose, within the limit prescribed by law, and that the Certificates are additionally secured by and payable from surplus revenues of the Issuer's waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the Issuer's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the Issuer's waterworks and sewer system, as provided in the Ordinance.

IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION, except as discussed below, that the interest on the Certificates is excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes under the statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions existing on the date of this opinion. We are further of the opinion that the Certificates are not "specified private activity bonds" and that, accordingly, interest on the Certificates will not be included as an individual alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). In expressing the aforementioned opinions, we have relied on, certain representations, the accuracy of which we have not independently verified, and assume compliance with certain covenants regarding the use and investment of the proceeds of the Certificates and the use of the property financed therewith. We call your



attention to the fact that if such representations are determined to be inaccurate or if the Issuer fails to comply with such covenants, interest on the Certificates may become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Certificates.

EXCEPT AS STATED ABOVE, we express no opinion as to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences of acquiring, carrying, owning, or disposing of the Certificates, including the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Certificates. Owners of the Certificates should consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of any collateral tax consequences of owning the Certificates.

WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT that the interest on tax-exempt obligations, such as the Certificates, may be includable in a corporation's adjusted financial statement income for purposes of determining the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations by section 55 of the Code.

WE EXPRESS NO OPINION as to any insurance policies issued with respect to the payments due for the principal of and interest on the Certificates, nor as to any such insurance policies issued in the future.

OUR SOLE ENGAGEMENT in connection with the issuance of the Certificates is as Bond Counsel for the Issuer, and, in that capacity, we have been engaged by the Issuer for the sole purpose of rendering an opinion with respect to the legality and validity of the Certificates under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and with respect to the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Certificates for federal income tax purposes, and for no other reason or purpose. The foregoing opinions represent our legal judgment based upon a review of existing legal authorities that we deem relevant to render such opinions and are not a guarantee of a result. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and have not independently investigated or verified, any records, data, or other material relating to the financial condition or capabilities of the Issuer, or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Certificates, and have not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the marketability of the Certificates and have relied solely on certificates executed by officials of the Issuer as to the current outstanding indebtedness of and assessed valuation of taxable property within, and the sufficiency of the pledged revenues of, the Issuer. Our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Certificates has been limited as described therein.

OUR OPINIONS ARE BASED ON EXISTING LAW, which is subject to change. Such opinions are further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. We assume no duty to update or supplement our opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to our attention or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, our opinions are not a guarantee of result and are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the "Service"); rather, such opinions represent our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above that we deem relevant to such opinions. The Service has an ongoing audit program to determine compliance with rules that relate to whether interest on state or local obligations is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. No assurance can be given whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Certificates. If an audit is commenced, in accordance with its current published procedures the Service is



likely to treat the Issuer as the taxpayer. We observe that the Issuer has covenanted not to take any action, or omit to take any action within its control, that if taken or omitted, respectively, may result in the treatment of interest on the Certificates as includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Respectfully,

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APPENDIX D

EXCERPTS FROM THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

(Independent Auditor's Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis, General Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements - not intended to be a complete statement of the Issuer's financial condition. Reference is made to the complete Annual Financial Report for further information.)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor Jim McKinzie and
Members of the City Council
Sweetwater, Texas 79556

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, (City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's, basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my 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, discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

I conducted my 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. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the City and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

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'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

My 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 my 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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are

considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, I:

- 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'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's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I 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 pension and other postemployment information as listed 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, other schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, and other schedules 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 report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and I do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with my audit of the basic financial statements, my 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, I conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, I am required to describe it in my report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 24, 2025, on my consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cathrine Wilks CPA LLC

Sweetwater, Texas
February 24, 2025

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the City of Sweetwater, we offer readers of the City of Sweetwater's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Sweetwater for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, which can be found on pages 1-4 of this report. All amounts in this analysis, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands of dollars.

Financial Highlights

- The primary government's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$37,266 (*net position*). The majority of the City's net position, \$33,204 (89%), is net investment in capital assets and is not available for future spending. The City's total net position decreased \$551 and the unrestricted net position is \$2,361 (6%), which may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Sweetwater's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$7,573 an increase of \$2,432 compared to the previous year; of this amount, \$3,195, or 42%, is *available for spending* at the government's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*), \$1,534, or 20%, is committed, \$2,827, or 37%, is restricted and \$17, or less than 1%, is non-spendable.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unrestricted fund balance (the total of the *committed*, *assigned*, and *unassigned* components of fund balance) for the General Fund was \$3,278 of that, \$3,195 is unassigned. The notes to the financial statements can be found on page 35 of this report.
- On a budgetary basis the City's General Fund revenues were above budget by \$64 and total expenditures were above budget by \$246.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Sweetwater's basic financial statements. The City of Sweetwater's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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

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

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

Both government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City of Sweetwater that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the City of Sweetwater include general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community services and airport. The business-type activities of the City of Sweetwater include the Water and Wastewater Fund, Solid Waste Management Fund and the Ambulance Fund.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the City of Sweetwater itself (known as the *primary government*), but also Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development - Municipal Development District (SEED-MDD) a legally separate political subdivision of the State of Texas and the City. Financial information for this *component unit* has been discretely reported with the financial information presented for the primary government itself. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 23 and 24 of this report.

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Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City of Sweetwater, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City of Sweetwater can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide 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. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The City of Sweetwater maintains six individual governmental 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, which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other five governmental funds is combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report. The City of Sweetwater adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 26-39 of this report.

Proprietary funds. The City of Sweetwater maintains two different types of proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The City of Sweetwater uses enterprise funds to account for its Water and Wastewater, Solid Waste Management and Ambulance activities. *Internal service funds* are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the City of Sweetwater's various functions. The City of Sweetwater uses internal service funds to account for its Central Garage and Stores and for its Self-Insured Employee Benefit (health care) services. Because both of these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Water and Wastewater Fund, the Solid Waste Management and Ambulance Funds, which are all considered to be major funds. Conversely, both internal service funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation in the proprietary fund financial statements. Individual fund data for the internal service funds are provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 30-32 of this report.

Fiduciary fund. The City is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets held and managed for others. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The City is only responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in this fund are used for their intended purposes. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The City's fiduciary activity is reported in a separate Statement of Net Position located on pages 33-34 of this report.

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 starting on page 35 of this report.

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Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the City of Sweetwater's pension plans. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 69-76 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds and internal service funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 77-87 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Sweetwater, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$37,266 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

City of Sweetwater's Net position

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Assets:						
Current & other assets	\$7,957	\$10,127	\$16,199	\$16,191	\$24,156	\$26,318
Capital assets	9,422	9,380	30,356	29,559	39,778	38,939
Total assets	17,379	19,507	46,555	45,750	63,934	65,257
Deferred outflows of resources	7,140	5,108	4,401	2,910	11,541	8,018
Liabilities:						
Long-term liabilities outstanding	14,888	15,249	21,098	18,455	35,986	33,704
Other liabilities	366	478	874	774	1,240	1,252
Total liabilities	15,254	15,727	21,972	19,229	37,226	34,956
Deferred inflows of resources	265	635	167	418	432	1,053
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	8,886	8,970	23,127	24,234	32,013	33,204
Restricted	587	943	693	758	1,280	1,701
Unrestricted	(473)	(1,660)	4,997	4,021	4,524	2,361
Total net position	\$9,000	\$8,253	\$28,817	\$29,013	\$37,817	\$37,266

A significant portion of the City of Sweetwater's net position \$33,203 (89%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The City of Sweetwater uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the City of Sweetwater'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. An additional portion of the City of Sweetwater's net position, \$1,701 (5%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position*, \$2,361 (6%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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There was a \$746 decrease in the ending net position of governmental activities and an increase of \$196 in the ending net position of business-type activities. The total primary government's ending net position decreased from the previous year by \$551. This decrease was due to the increase in total assets of \$1,323, primarily capital assets net of depreciation, a decrease in total liabilities of \$2,270, and a net total pension deferred outflows and inflows of resources positive decrease of \$2,902.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Sweetwater can report a government-wide positive balance of \$37,266 in the ending net position. The governmental activities had a negative unrestricted net position of \$1,660. This deficit was an increase of \$2,133 over the previous fiscal year. Details of this swing are discussed further below under the Governmental activities' key elements. The government's separate governmental and business-type activities had positive ending fund balances or net position, except for the ambulance activity which had a deficit net position due to the implementation of GASB 68 in a prior fiscal year. Previous to the implementation, the entity reported all positive balances net position.

City of Sweetwater's Changes in Net Position

	Governmental activities		Business-type activities		Total	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Revenues:						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$3,250	\$3,590	\$12,249	\$13,014	\$15,499	\$16,604
Operating Grants and Contributions	362	314	-	-	362	314
Capital Grants and Contributions	51	267	665	-	716	267
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	2,742	3,124	-	-	2,742	3,124
Sales Taxes	3,594	4,380	-	-	3,594	4,380
Other Taxes	1,844	1,784	-	-	1,844	1,784
Grants and Contributions not restricted	-	-	2,135	-	2,135	-
Other	836	1,235	823	898	1,659	2,133
Total Revenues	12,679	14,694	15,872	13,912	28,551	28,606
Expenses:						
General Government	2,650	2,435	-	-	2,650	2,435
Public Safety	8,467	9,093	-	-	8,467	9,093
Public Works	1,271	1,235	-	-	1,271	1,235
Culture and Recreation	1,708	1,688	-	-	1,708	1,688
Community Services	661	628	-	-	661	628
Airport	652	604	-	-	652	604
Water and Sewer	-	-	7,985	8,010	7,985	8,010
Solid Waste	-	-	1,845	2,023	1,845	2,023
Emergency Medical Services	-	-	3,201	3,441	3,201	3,441
Total Expenses	15,409	15,683	13,031	13,474	28,440	29,157
Increase in Net position Before	(2,729)	(988)	2,841	438	112	(551)
Transfers	295	242	(295)	(242)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	(2,434)	(746)	2,546	196	112	(551)
Net position - beginning	11,435	9,000	26,271	28,817	37,706	37,817
Net position	9,000	8,253	\$28,817	\$29,013	37,817	37,266

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The key elements of the decrease to the City of Sweetwater's combined net position by \$551 are as follows:

Governmental activities. Governmental activities decreased the City of Sweetwater's ending net position by \$747. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

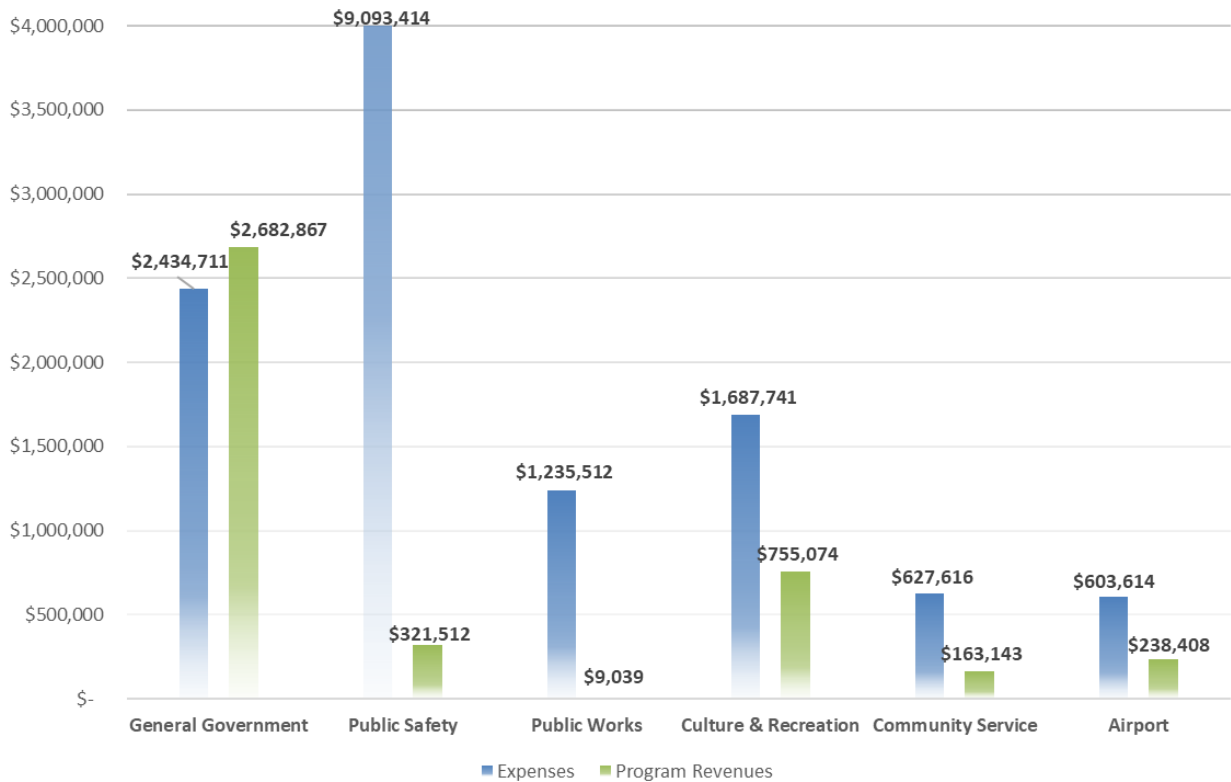
- Governmental Activities revenues had an overall increase of \$2,015 (16%) and expenditures increased \$274 (2%).
- The City's charges for services increased by \$340, primarily from increased administrative fees from enterprise funds
- The City's total tax collections, including property, sales, and franchise taxes, increased by \$1108. The increase in tax collections was primarily due to the healthy sales tax increase of \$786.
- Governmental-type expenses increased from the previous year by \$274. The increase was over all sectors and was due to the increased cost of supplies to maintain city activities and a turnover of police and fire personnel. Purchase requests were carefully considered for necessity before approval was given.

Business-type activities. Business-type activities increased the City of Sweetwater's ending net position by \$196. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

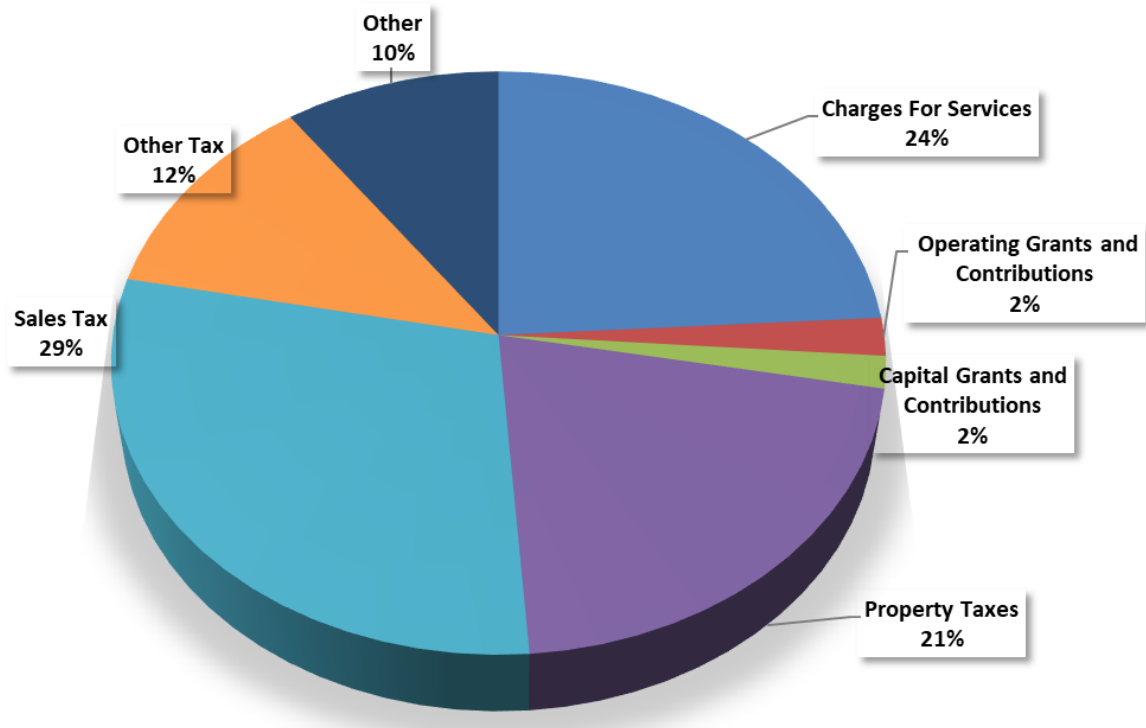
- Business type total revenues had an overall decrease of \$1,960 (12%) and expenditures increased \$443 (3%).
- Charges for services for the business-type activities increased by \$765 (7%).
 - An increase of \$708 in water and sewer revenues reflects a 5% increase in residential rates.
 - Ambulance charges increased \$61 (4%)
- Transfers from the general fund into the ambulance department increased by \$35.
- Transfers from the water and sewer fund into the general fund to assist with public safety decreased \$17.

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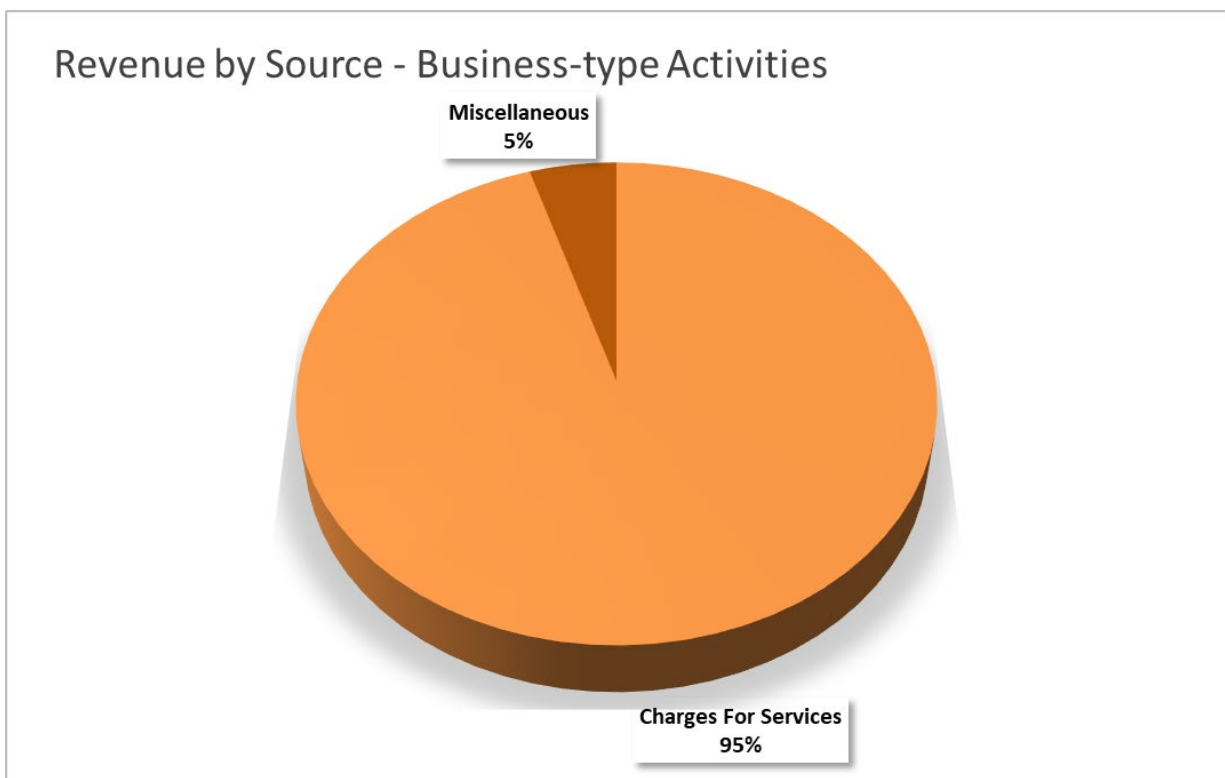
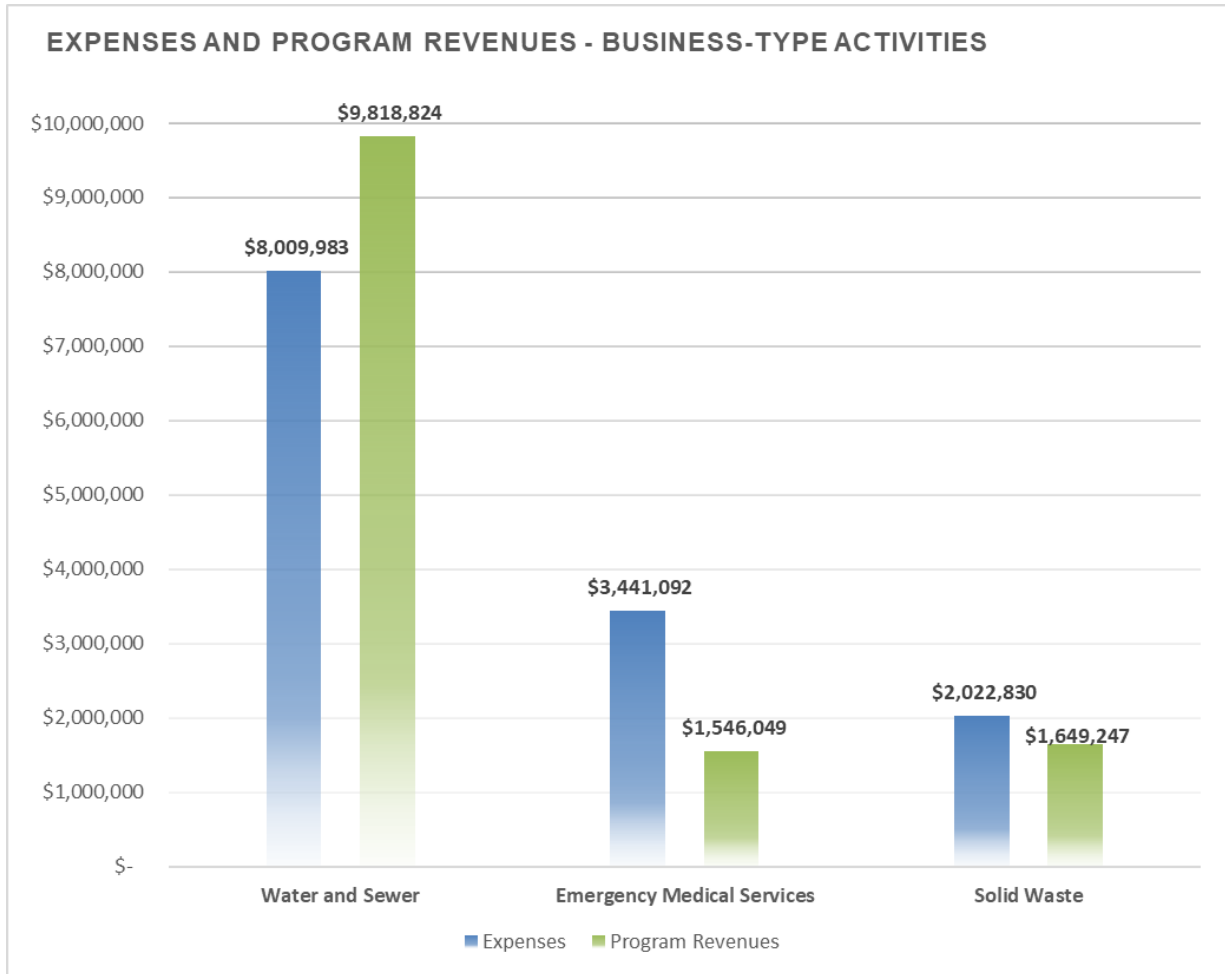
EXPENSES AND PROGRAM REVENUES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



Revenue By Source - Governmental Activities



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Individual Fund Reporting

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

Governmental funds. The focus of the City of Sweetwater'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 of Sweetwater'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 fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Sweetwater's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$7,573. The combined ending fund balances consist of \$3,195 in unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion, and \$4,378 in committed, restricted, and non-spendable fund balances, which must be spent for the purpose in which the designation is intended.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the City of Sweetwater. At the end of the current fiscal year, total fund balance of the general fund was \$5,966 of which \$3,195 was unassigned. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Total fund balance represents 44% of total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the City of Sweetwater's general fund increased by \$2,276 during the current fiscal year. The key factors in this increase are as follows:

- Restricted funds increased \$2,265 from the receiving of Certificate of Obligation funds received.
- Transfers from the general fund decreased \$123 from 2023.
- The Water and Wastewater Fund transferred \$949 into the General Fund to help with its support of public safety.

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

Unrestricted net position of the Water and Wastewater Fund at the end of the year amounted to \$9,051. The total increase in net position for this Fund was \$1,428. The Solid Waste Management Fund had an decrease in net position of \$151 even after the \$261 transfers in from the Water Wastewater Fund. The Ambulance Fund had a decrease in net position of \$1,081 which includes \$793 transfers from the General Fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The city prepares its annual operating budget on a basis which differs from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP basis). See Note C of the notes to financial statements for further explanation of the differences in methods. There was one amendment to the budget passed during the year which had the effect of increasing the general fund's budgeted revenues by \$870 and decreased its budgeted expenditures by \$1,258. Following are the main components of the amendments:

- Increase in contributions from donations and charges for service for Police, Streets, and Parks Departments.
- Increase in Sales Tax Revenue.
- Increase in demolition and development projects in the code enforcement department.
- Increase in contracted expenditures for city-wide software development and change.
- Increase in personnel expenditures for additional police and fire department positions.
- Increase in supplies and contracted services for the animal control department.

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- Decrease in General Fund Debt service due to asset not being ready.

The General Fund's actual budget basis revenues, expenditures, and other financing sources (uses) for fiscal year 2024 resulted in an increase in fund balance of \$2,276. The actual budget basis total revenues were \$13,571 while budgeted total revenues were \$13,507. The positive variance of \$64 was primarily due to miscellaneous revenues not meeting expectations and interest revenues exceeded expectations with a positive variance of \$287.

General Fund's fiscal year 2024 actual budget basis expenditures before other financing sources (uses) were \$13,577 while budgeted expenditures were \$13,331. The negative variance of \$246 was primarily due to personnel and necessary public safety expenditures.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The City of Sweetwater's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2024, amounts to \$39,939 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and systems, improvements, machinery and equipment, park facilities, streets, and bridges.

City of Sweetwater's Capital Assets
(net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Land	\$ 178	\$ 230	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,594	\$ 2,646
Buildings	3,090	2,804	5,314	4,943	8,404	7,747
Improvement other than buildings	3,033	2,913	14,606	15,809	17,639	18,722
Machinery and equipment	2,375	2,845	656	3,604	3,031	6,449
Right-to-use leased equipment	746	587	-	-	746	587
Construction in progress	-	-	7,364	2,787	7,364	2,787
Total	\$9,423	\$9,380	\$30,356	\$29,559	\$39,779	\$38,939

Additional information on the City of Sweetwater's capital assets can be found in Note (4) starting on page 44 of this report.

City of Sweetwater's Long-Term Obligations

	Governmental activities		Business-type activities		Total	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Leases	\$ 537	\$ 288	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 537	\$ 288
Net pension liability	13,310	11,720	9,039	8,329	22,349	20,049
Net OPEB liability	268	302	118	127	386	429
Note Payable	-	100	-	-	-	100
Compensated Absences	773	776	208	249	981	1,025
General Obligation Bonds	-	-	2,720	1,385	2,720	1,385
Certificates of Obligation	-	1,970	8,521	7,957	8,521	9,927
Bond premium	-	93	151	55	151	148
Landfill post-closure	-	-	341	353	341	353
Total	\$14,888	\$15,249	\$21,098	\$18,455	\$35,986	\$33,704

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Long-term Obligations. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Sweetwater had \$33,704 of long-term obligations, a decrease of \$2,282. Included in the long-term obligations is bonded debt outstanding of \$11,460, which represents bonds secured by revenue and tax sources.

The City of Sweetwater's decrease in total long-term obligations of \$2,282 (6%) during the current fiscal year was due to a decreased net pension liability and an increase in Certificate of Obligation. There were new leases and bonded debt obligations issued during the fiscal year.

The City of Sweetwater maintains an "AA-" rating from Standard & Poor's and Fitch for its revenue and tax certificates of obligation debt.

Additional information on the City of Sweetwater's long-term debt can be found in Note (5) starting on page 46 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The unemployment rate for the City's County, Nolan, at year-end was 3.5%, a decrease from the 3.6% rate a year ago. This decrease compares favorably to the state's average unemployment rate for the same period of 4.1% and the United States rate of 4.1%. The city is optimistic about several smaller new business startups, and new business and residential construction projects. It should be mentioned that the efforts of the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development – MDD have had an enormous impact in generating more interest in our small town.
- With more activity being generated by the new business and construction projects mentioned above, there is a demand for more city services such as public safety and the maintenance of the City's aging infrastructure. The City Council set the FY 2025 property tax rate at \$0.506817 per \$100 of valuation to meet the community's needs. This rate is just slightly under the rollback rate.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the City of Sweetwater's budget for the 2025 fiscal year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Sweetwater's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report for the City or its component unit, Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development - Municipal Development District, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the City Comptroller, P.O. Box 450, Sweetwater, Texas 79556-0450.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Statement of Net Position September 30, 2024

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	SEED MDD
Assets				
Current cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,128,279	\$ 9,321,553	\$ 15,449,832	\$ 7,400,033
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	1,003,841	1,402,200	2,406,041	98,289
Internal balances	77,917	(77,917)	-	-
Due from other governments	21,125	116,114	137,239	-
Inventories	67,439	598,515	665,954	-
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,828,812	4,830,569	7,659,381	-
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation):				
Land	229,859	2,415,757	2,645,616	-
Construction in-progress	-	2,787,656	2,787,656	-
Buildings	2,804,024	4,942,736	7,746,760	-
Improvements other than buildings	2,912,895	15,809,272	18,722,167	-
Machinery and equipment	2,845,805	3,603,899	6,449,704	-
Right-to-use leased equipment	587,235	-	587,235	-
Total assets	19,507,231	45,750,354	65,257,585	7,498,322
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred pension outflow	5,102,036	2,905,509	8,007,545	-
Deferred OPEB outflow	5,513	4,935	10,448	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	5,107,549	2,910,444	8,017,993	-
Liabilities				
Accounts payable.	302,014	201,497	503,511	42,127
Retainage payable	-	52,536	52,536	-
Customer security deposits	-	482,413	482,413	-
Accrued liabilities	81,979	37,483	119,462	-
Due to other governments	93,903	-	93,903	-
Long-term liabilities:				
Due within one year	423,835	2,030,502	2,454,337	-
Due in more than one year	14,825,219	16,424,934	31,250,153	-
Total liabilities	15,726,950	19,229,365	34,956,315	42,127
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred pension inflow	586,259	398,898	985,157	-
Deferred OPEB inflow	48,607	19,114	67,721	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	634,866	418,012	1,052,878	-
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	8,969,755	24,233,645	33,203,400	-
Restricted for:				
Community services	12,259	-	12,259	-
Opioid remediation	25,592	-	25,592	-
PEG capital costs	244,972	-	244,972	-
Public safety	118,222	-	118,222	-
Debt service	314,565	729,171	1,043,736	-
Court costs	32,842	-	32,842	-
Capital improvements	-	29,494	29,494	-
Development projects	194,745	-	194,745	2,812,872
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,659,988)	4,021,111	2,361,123	4,643,323
Total Net Position	\$ 8,252,964	\$ 29,013,421	\$ 37,266,385	\$ 7,456,195

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Function/Program Activities	Program Revenues			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary Government:				
Governmental Activities				
General government	\$ 2,434,711	\$ 2,682,867	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	9,093,414	175,884	145,628	-
Public works	1,235,512	9,039	-	-
Culture and recreation	1,687,741	483,603	4,771	266,700
Community services	627,616	-	163,143	-
Airport	603,614	238,408	-	-
Total governmental activities	15,682,608	3,589,801	313,542	266,700
Business-type Activities:				
Water and wastewater	8,009,983	9,818,824	-	-
Solid waste management	2,022,830	1,649,247	-	-
Ambulance	3,441,092	1,546,049	-	-
Total business-type activities	13,473,905	13,014,120	-	-
Total Primary Government	\$ 29,156,513	\$ 16,603,921	\$ 313,542	\$ 266,700
Component Unit:				
SEED - Municipal Development District	1,666,339	-	-	-
Total component units	\$ 1,666,339	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

General revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes, levied for general purposes

Sales tax

Franchise tax

Occupancy tax

Alcohol beverage

Investment earnings

Other

Transfers

Total general revenues, special item and transfers

Change in net position

Net position - beginning

Net position - ending

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Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Primary Government			Component Unit
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	SEED MDD
\$ 248,156	\$ -	\$ 248,156	\$ -
(8,771,902)	-	(8,771,902)	-
(1,226,473)	-	(1,226,473)	-
(932,667)	-	(932,667)	-
(464,473)	-	(464,473)	-
(365,206)	-	(365,206)	-
(11,512,565)	-	(11,512,565)	-
-	1,808,840	1,808,840	-
-	(373,583)	(373,583)	-
-	(1,895,043)	(1,895,043)	-
-	(459,786)	(459,786)	-
\$ (11,512,565)	\$ (459,786)	\$ (11,972,351)	\$ -
-	-	-	(1,666,339)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,666,339)
3,124,007	-	3,124,007	-
4,379,864	-	4,379,864	1,490,462
1,155,173	-	1,155,173	-
615,755	-	615,755	-
12,952	-	12,952	-
447,302	702,003	1,149,305	387,999
787,934	196,419	984,353	11,250
242,198	(242,198)	-	-
10,765,186	656,224	11,421,410	1,889,711
(747,379)	196,439	(550,940)	223,372
9,000,343	28,816,982	37,817,325	7,232,823
\$ 8,252,964	\$ 29,013,421	\$ 37,266,385	\$ 7,456,195

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Balance Sheet Governmental Funds September 30, 2024

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Current cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,011,630	\$ 1,695,136	\$ 4,706,766
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	1,003,841	-	1,003,841
Due from other funds	-	277	277
Due from other governments	-	21,019	21,019
Inventories	17,104	-	17,104
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	2,670,445	-	2,670,445
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,703,020</u>	<u>\$ 1,716,432</u>	<u>\$ 8,419,452</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	111,803	11,635	123,438
Accrued liabilities	57,694	1,822	59,516
Due to other funds	130,135	1,967	132,102
Due to other governments	-	93,903	93,903
Total liabilities	<u>299,632</u>	<u>109,327</u>	<u>408,959</u>
Deferred inflow of resources:			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	<u>437,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>437,564</u>
Fund balances:			
Non-spendable	17,104	-	17,104
Restricted	2,670,445	156,073	2,826,518
Committed	83,241	1,451,032	1,534,273
Unassigned	<u>3,195,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,195,034</u>
Total fund balances	<u>5,965,824</u>	<u>1,607,105</u>	<u>7,572,929</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and fund balances	<u>\$ 6,703,020</u>	<u>\$ 1,716,432</u>	<u> </u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			6,501,340
Deferred outflows of resources are not reported in the governmental funds.			4,919,660
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			(14,452,889)
Deferred inflows of resources are not reported in the governmental funds.			(604,287)
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.			437,564
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of central garage and stores as well as employee benefits. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.			<u>3,878,647</u>
Net position of governmental activities			<u>\$ 8,252,964</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,077,091	\$ -	\$ 3,077,091
Sales	4,379,864	-	4,379,864
Occupancy	-	615,755	615,755
Alcoholic beverage	12,952	-	12,952
Franchise Fees	1,155,173	-	1,155,173
Intergovernmental	107,197	143,637	250,834
Charges for services	2,826,638	3,400	2,830,038
Rents and royalties	644,827	-	644,827
Contributions and donations	305,734	19,596	325,330
Licenses and permits	153,677	-	153,677
Investment income	377,241	70,061	447,302
Fines and forfeitures	107,654	-	107,654
Miscellaneous	423,323	222,295	645,618
Total revenues	<u>13,571,371</u>	<u>1,074,744</u>	<u>14,646,115</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
General government	2,465,123	-	2,465,123
Public safety	7,542,436	86,867	7,629,303
Public works	1,244,155	-	1,244,155
Culture and recreation	950,037	615,755	1,565,792
Community services	80,573	531,301	611,874
Airport	312,242	-	312,242
Debt service:			
Principal	245,142	-	245,142
Interest	105,704	-	105,704
Issuance costs	69,819	-	69,819
Capital outlay:			
Public safety	234,381	-	234,381
Culture and recreation	327,146	-	327,146
Total expenditures	<u>13,576,758</u>	<u>1,233,923</u>	<u>14,810,681</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(5,387)</u>	<u>(159,179)</u>	<u>(164,566)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in	1,035,424	332,050	1,367,474
Bonds issued	2,070,000	-	2,070,000
Premium on bonds issued	101,799	-	101,799
Leases (as lessee)	182,854	-	182,854
Transfers out	<u>(1,108,914)</u>	<u>(16,362)</u>	<u>(1,125,276)</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>2,281,163</u>	<u>315,688</u>	<u>2,596,851</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>2,275,776</u>	<u>156,509</u>	<u>2,432,285</u>
Fund balances - beginning	3,690,048	1,450,596	5,140,644
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ 5,965,824</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,607,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,572,929</u></u>

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CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds To the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (page 25) are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (page 27)	\$ 2,432,285
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. This is the amount by which depreciation (\$978,741) exceeded capital outlays of \$398,416 in the current year.	(580,325)
Governmental funds report additions and reductions in debt as revenue and expenditures. These payments are reclassified to reduce the long-term liability on the statement of activities.	(1,976,489)
Included in the changes related to debt is the recognition of deferred outflows of resources of (\$1,936,049), deferred inflows of resources of (\$348,381) and net pension and OPEB liability of \$1,417,176 associated with pension and other post-employment benefit plans.	(867,254)
Reclassification entries to convert modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing deferred revenue as revenue, and adjusting current year revenue to show revenue earned from the current year's tax levy, as well as revenue earned on a current year contract yet not available in the current year.	46,916
The net gain of certain activities of internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.	<u>197,488</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (page 25)	<u><u>\$ (747,379)</u></u>

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final budget- Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 3,061,310	\$ 3,061,310	\$ 3,077,091	\$ 15,781
Sales	3,677,900	4,282,904	4,379,864	96,960
Alcoholic beverage	15,000	15,000	12,952	(2,048)
Franchise tax	1,172,774	1,172,774	1,155,173	(17,601)
Intergovernmental	162,500	162,500	107,197	(55,303)
Charges for services	2,655,642	2,655,642	2,826,638	170,996
Rents and royalties	739,075	739,075	644,827	(94,248)
Contributions and donations	70,000	305,000	305,734	734
Licenses and permits	150,300	150,300	153,677	3,377
Investment income	90,000	90,000	377,241	287,241
Fines and forfeitures	99,275	99,275	107,654	8,379
Miscellaneous	743,700	773,700	423,323	(350,377)
Total revenues	<u>12,637,476</u>	<u>13,507,480</u>	<u>13,571,371</u>	<u>63,891</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government:				
Mayor and commission	22,250	22,250	11,941	10,309
City administration	585,174	600,174	607,035	(6,861)
City finance	468,959	468,959	440,336	28,623
Municipal court	148,599	148,599	143,188	5,411
Code enforcement	581,921	656,921	592,764	64,157
Non-departmental	490,918	625,918	669,857	(43,939)
Public safety:				
Police department	4,609,382	4,981,680	5,566,264	(584,584)
Fire department	4,561,118	2,501,118	2,364,569	136,549
Public works:				
Streets and signals	1,209,122	1,209,122	1,004,936	204,186
Animal control	213,179	214,979	239,219	(24,240)
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and cemetery	811,150	1,006,150	1,037,170	(31,020)
Golf course	105,966	113,966	107,741	6,225
Aquatics	141,825	141,825	132,272	9,553
Community services	76,500	76,500	80,573	(4,073)
Airport	367,479	367,479	312,242	55,237
Debt Service:				
Principal	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Interest	95,370	95,370	96,830	(1,460)
Bond issuance costs	-	-	69,819	(69,819)
Total expenditures	<u>14,588,912</u>	<u>13,331,010</u>	<u>13,576,758</u>	<u>(245,748)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,951,436)</u>	<u>176,470</u>	<u>(5,387)</u>	<u>(181,857)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	1,037,000	1,037,000	1,035,424	(1,576)
Bonds issued	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,070,000	(30,000)
Premium on bonds issued	-	-	101,799	101,799
Leases (as lessee)	-	-	182,854	182,854
Transfers out	(1,047,569)	(1,110,569)	(1,108,914)	1,655
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>2,089,431</u>	<u>2,026,431</u>	<u>2,281,163</u>	<u>254,732</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>137,995</u>	<u>2,202,901</u>	<u>2,275,776</u>	<u>72,875</u>
Fund balances - beginning	3,690,048	3,690,048	3,690,048	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 3,828,043</u>	<u>\$ 5,892,949</u>	<u>\$ 5,965,824</u>	<u>\$ 72,875</u>

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CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds September 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water and Wastewater	Solid Waste Management	Ambulance	Totals	
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,962,636	\$ 339,284	\$ 19,633	\$ 9,321,553	\$ 1,421,513
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	209,742
Due from other governments	-	-	116,114	116,114	106
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	1,154,970	151,110	96,120	1,402,200	-
Inventories	598,515	-	-	598,515	50,335
Restricted assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	4,830,569	-	-	4,830,569	158,367
Total current assets	<u>15,546,690</u>	<u>490,394</u>	<u>231,867</u>	<u>16,268,951</u>	<u>1,840,063</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital assets:					
Land	2,097,901	317,856	-	2,415,757	-
Construction in-progress	2,787,656	-	-	2,787,656	-
Buildings	13,902,466	108,187	-	14,010,653	254,893
Improvements other than buildings	40,155,325	180,872	-	40,336,197	49,726
Machinery and equipment	7,849,979	980,933	334,274	9,165,186	7,935,506
Right-to-use leased equipment	-	-	-	-	740,165
Less accumulated depreciation	(37,910,505)	(954,127)	(291,497)	(39,156,129)	(6,101,812)
Total capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>28,882,822</u>	<u>633,721</u>	<u>42,777</u>	<u>29,559,320</u>	<u>2,878,478</u>
Total assets	<u>44,429,512</u>	<u>1,124,115</u>	<u>274,644</u>	<u>45,828,271</u>	<u>4,718,541</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Pension Plans	462,435	61,465	2,381,609	2,905,509	186,432
OPEB	2,223	2,696	16	4,935	1,459
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>464,658</u>	<u>64,161</u>	<u>2,381,625</u>	<u>2,910,444</u>	<u>187,891</u>
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	92,577	94,857	14,063	201,497	178,576
Retainage payable	52,536	-	-	52,536	-
Customer security deposits	482,413	-	-	482,413	-
Due to other funds	47,560	13,657	16,700	77,917	-
Accrued liabilities	21,392	3,733	12,358	37,483	14,193
Compensated absences-Current	4,034	1,121	19,768	24,923	3,316
Note payable	-	-	-	-	30,706
Lease payable	-	-	-	-	156,830
Bond obligations-Current	2,005,579	-	-	2,005,579	-
Total current liabilities	<u>2,706,091</u>	<u>113,368</u>	<u>62,889</u>	<u>2,882,348</u>	<u>383,621</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Compensated absences	36,308	10,087	177,912	224,307	29,850
Net pension liability	1,236,707	356,785	6,735,053	8,328,545	474,295
OPEB liability	92,859	30,616	3,419	126,894	39,974
Landfill post-closure	-	353,188	-	353,188	-
Note payable	-	-	-	-	69,465
Bond obligations	7,392,000	-	-	7,392,000	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>8,757,874</u>	<u>750,676</u>	<u>6,916,384</u>	<u>16,424,934</u>	<u>613,584</u>
Total liabilities	<u>11,463,965</u>	<u>864,044</u>	<u>6,979,273</u>	<u>19,307,282</u>	<u>997,205</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Pension Plans	48,516	6,584	343,798	398,898	24,657
OPEB	15,324	3,199	591	19,114	5,922
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>63,840</u>	<u>9,783</u>	<u>344,389</u>	<u>418,012</u>	<u>30,579</u>
Net Position					
Net investment in capital assets	23,557,147	633,721	42,777	24,233,645	2,621,477
Restricted for debt service	729,171	-	-	729,171	158,367
Restricted for capital improvements	29,494	-	-	29,494	-
Unrestricted	9,050,553	(319,272)	(4,710,170)	4,021,111	1,098,804
Total net position	<u>\$ 33,366,365</u>	<u>\$ 314,449</u>	<u>\$ (4,667,393)</u>	<u>\$ 29,013,421</u>	<u>\$ 3,878,648</u>

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CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water and Wastewater	Solid Waste Management	Ambulance	Totals	
Operating revenues:					
Charges for sales and services:					
Water sales	\$ 6,928,536	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,928,536	\$ -
Sewer charges	2,755,556	-	-	2,755,556	-
Delinquent penalties	109,281	-	-	109,281	-
Water and sewer taps	25,450	-	-	25,450	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	792,089	792,089	-
Other charges for services	-	1,649,247	753,960	2,403,207	4,207,322
Other revenue	31,713	14,552	8,868	55,133	182,102
Total operating income	<u>9,850,536</u>	<u>1,663,799</u>	<u>1,554,917</u>	<u>13,069,252</u>	<u>4,389,424</u>
Operating expenses:					
Personal services	2,003,272	428,583	2,548,874	4,980,729	884,736
Supplies	568,092	81,558	330,942	980,592	34,770
Other services and charges	3,504,270	1,472,925	549,916	5,527,111	2,818,822
Depreciation	1,857,871	39,764	11,360	1,908,995	539,946
Total operating expenses	<u>7,933,505</u>	<u>2,022,830</u>	<u>3,441,092</u>	<u>13,397,427</u>	<u>4,278,274</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>1,917,031</u>	<u>(359,031)</u>	<u>(1,886,175)</u>	<u>(328,175)</u>	<u>111,150</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):					
Interest income	657,091	32,918	11,994	702,003	94,882
Rents and royalties	141,287	-	-	141,287	-
Interest expense	(76,478)	-	-	(76,478)	(8,543)
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)	<u>721,900</u>	<u>32,918</u>	<u>11,994</u>	<u>766,812</u>	<u>86,339</u>
Net income (loss) before capital contributions and transfers	2,638,931	(326,113)	(1,874,181)	438,637	197,489
Transfers in	-	261,500	793,226	1,054,726	-
Transfers out	(1,210,500)	(86,424)	-	(1,296,924)	-
Change in net position	<u>1,428,431</u>	<u>(151,037)</u>	<u>(1,080,955)</u>	<u>196,439</u>	<u>197,489</u>
Total net position - beginning	31,937,934	465,486	(3,586,438)	28,816,982	3,681,159
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 33,366,365</u>	<u>\$ 314,449</u>	<u>\$ (4,667,393)</u>	<u>\$ 29,013,421</u>	<u>\$ 3,878,648</u>

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CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water and Wastewater	Solid Waste Management	Ambulance	Totals	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities					
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 10,345,145	\$ 1,715,485	\$ 1,552,451	\$ 13,613,081	\$ 279,574
Receipts from interfund services provided	-	-	-	-	4,102,279
Payments to suppliers	(4,205,709)	(1,543,469)	(886,090)	(6,635,268)	(1,171,459)
Payments for claims	-	-	-	-	(1,614,261)
Payments to employees	(2,016,993)	(431,101)	(1,452,628)	(3,900,722)	(905,316)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>4,122,443</u>	<u>(259,085)</u>	<u>(786,267)</u>	<u>3,077,091</u>	<u>690,817</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities					
Rents and royalties	141,287	-	-	141,287	-
Transfers in	-	261,500	793,226	1,054,726	-
Transfers out	(1,210,500)	(86,424)	-	(1,296,924)	-
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(1,069,213)</u>	<u>175,076</u>	<u>793,226</u>	<u>(100,911)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities					
Proceeds of note	-	-	-	-	129,397
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,065,129)	(47,064)	-	(1,112,193)	(1,077,378)
Principal paid on capital obligations	(1,899,000)	-	-	(1,899,000)	(182,261)
Interest and paying agent fees	(171,757)	-	-	(171,757)	(8,543)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(3,135,886)</u>	<u>(47,064)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,182,950)</u>	<u>(1,138,785)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities					
Interest and dividends received	657,091	32,918	11,994	702,003	94,882
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>657,091</u>	<u>32,918</u>	<u>11,994</u>	<u>702,003</u>	<u>94,882</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	574,435	(98,155)	18,953	495,233	(353,086)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	13,218,770	437,439	680	13,656,889	1,932,966
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 13,793,205</u>	<u>\$ 339,284</u>	<u>\$ 19,633</u>	<u>\$ 14,152,122</u>	<u>\$ 1,579,880</u>
As reported on balance sheet:					
Cash	\$ 8,962,636	\$ 339,284	\$ 19,633	\$ 9,321,553	\$ 1,421,513
Restricted Cash	4,830,569	-	-	4,830,569	158,367
Total cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 13,793,205</u>	<u>\$ 339,284</u>	<u>\$ 19,633</u>	<u>\$ 14,152,122</u>	<u>\$ 1,579,880</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:					
Operating income (loss)	1,917,031	(359,031)	(1,886,175)	(328,175)	111,150
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:					
Depreciation expense	1,857,871	39,764	11,360	1,908,995	539,946
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	479,949	51,686	(1,594)	530,041	-
(Increase) in due from other governments	-	-	(872)	(872)	12
(Increase) in due from other funds	-	-	-	-	(7,570)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(26,940)	-	-	(26,940)	(8,160)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	235,669	24,829	1,229,823	1,490,321	96,307
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(22,458)	1,140	(6,746)	(28,064)	76,019
Increase (decrease) in retainage payable	(76,653)	-	-	(76,653)	-
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	(16,961)	3,202	3,714	(10,045)	3,820
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	14,660	-	-	14,660	-
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	(9,006)	999	48,587	40,580	(2,602)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(281,422)	(38,197)	(390,656)	(710,275)	(143,001)
Increase (decrease) in total OPEB liability	7,608	1,031	415	9,054	3,864
Increase (decrease) in landfill post-closure	-	12,273	-	12,273	-
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	1,718	(2,399)	1,514	833	-
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	41,377	5,618	204,363	251,358	21,032
Total adjustments	<u>2,205,412</u>	<u>99,946</u>	<u>1,099,908</u>	<u>3,405,266</u>	<u>579,667</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 4,122,443</u>	<u>\$ (259,085)</u>	<u>\$ (786,267)</u>	<u>\$ 3,077,091</u>	<u>\$ 690,817</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds September 30, 2024

	Pension Trust Fund	Custodial Funds Evidence Funds
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 155,637	\$ 25,397
Investments		
Westwood large cap value equity fund	894,108	-
Baron Emerging Markets Fund	542,316	-
Westwood all cap growth fund	-	-
Pgim Jennison Growth Fund	891,074	-
iShares 20 year Treasury bond fund	261,834	-
Westwood smid cap value equity fund	446,806	-
Westwood small cap value equity fund	448,388	-
Vanguard FTSE Developed Markets	812,863	-
Vanguard Scottsdal Russell 2000	632,330	-
Westwood core investment grade bond fund	1,675,628	-
Westwood high income bond fund	529,526	-
Westwood total return fund	882,832	-
Westwood alternative income fund	87,514	-
Westwood income opportunity fund	798,941	-
Contributions receivable	31,612	-
Total assets	9,091,409	25,397
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	12,626	-
Payable to participants	91,319	-
Total liabilities	103,945	-
Net Position		
Restricted for:		
Individuals and organizations	-	25,397
Defined benefit pension plan	8,987,464	-
Total net position	\$ 8,987,464	\$ 25,397

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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Pension Trust Fund	Custodial Funds Evidence Funds
Additions		
Contributions		
Employer - defined benefit plan	\$ 383,027	\$ -
Employees - defined benefit plan	361,748	-
Funds received as evidence	-	585
Total Contributions	744,775	585
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	984,073	-
Interest and dividends	255,471	1,255
Less: investment expenses	(49,230)	-
Net investment income	1,190,314	1,255
Total Additions	1,935,089	1,840
Deductions		
Benefits and refunds paid directly to participants	1,104,649	-
Benefits paid to individuals	-	-
Administrative expenses	64,589	-
Total Deductions	1,169,238	-
Change in net position	765,851	1,840
Net position - beginning	8,221,613	23,557
Net position - ending	\$ 8,987,464	\$ 25,397

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. General Statement

The City of Sweetwater, Texas, is a municipal corporation incorporated under Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas (Home Rule Amendment). The enabling legislation for home rule cities is Article 1175 V.A.T.C.S. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government and provides such services as are authorized by its charter to advance welfare, health, morale, comfort, safety, and convenience of the City and its inhabitants.

B. Financial Reporting Entity

The City's combined financial statements include the accounts of all City operations.

Discretely presented component unit. The Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development – Municipal Development District (SEED-MDD) is a legally separate nonprofit corporation. It is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and the City, created in accordance with Chapter 377 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), and other applicable laws. SEED-MDD was created for the purpose of developing and financing all development projects as that term is defined in Section 377.001(3) of the ACT, as amended (a "Development Project"). The City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board. The City is able to impose its will on the organization and SEED-MDD has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City.

Condensed statements of the discretely presented component units are shown on the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities in separate component unit columns.

Financial statements for SEED-MDD may be obtained by writing the City's finance office in City Hall at 200 East 4th Street, Sweetwater, Texas 79556.

Fiduciary Component Unit. The Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund (the "Fund") is established and controlled through various State of Texas legislative enactments. The Fund is administered locally by a seven-member Board of Trustees, composed of three members elected from and by the fund members, two representatives of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, and two citizen members. The Board of Trustees are subject to the administrative supervision of and report to the Texas Pension Review Board. The Pension Fund is funded by contributions from firefighters and the City. Title to assets is vested in the fund and not the City. There is a fiscal dependency on the City, and there is a potential that exclusion would result in misleading financial reporting.

Related Organizations. The Housing Authority of the City of Sweetwater, Texas (the Authority), created October 10, 1949, is a political sub-division of the State of Texas pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly the Housing Authorities Law, and Texas Civil Statutes (now codified as Chapter 392 of the Local Government Code.) The Authority was authorized by a duly adopted and proper resolution of the City of Sweetwater City Council to transact business and exercise its powers under the Housing Authorities Law. The purpose of the Authority is to, among other things, undertake activities, including the construction, maintenance, or operation of decent, safe, and sanitary housing for persons of low income in the City of Sweetwater, Texas. The Authority was also organized to administer and receive grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the benefit of these low-income persons. The Authority, through its component unit the Sweetwater Housing Development Corporation (SHDC) can issue revenue bonds for the construction of Section 8 housing. The component unit SHDC shares the same governing board. The powers of the Authority are vested in the commissioners of the Authority, who are appointed by the City Council. However, the City is not financially accountable for the Authority, because the Authority's operations are subsidized by the federal government, it sets its own budget subject to federal approval, sets its rental rate, and it can issue debt in its own name. The City is not responsible for deficits or liabilities of the Authority or its component unit, SHDC. The operations of the Authority are not a part of the City and thus are

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excluded from the accompanying financial statements.

The City Council is responsible for appointing some members to various other boards of organizations, but the City's accountability for those organizations does not extend beyond making the appointments.

C. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of Interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are 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 certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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 properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary 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*. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheets. (The City's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are noncurrent.) The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. 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 government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property taxes, sales taxes, intergovernmental revenues, other taxes, 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. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

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The government reports the following major governmental fund:

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

Additionally, the government reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

Special Revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes or funds with restrictions imposed by the governing body.

The government reports the following major proprietary fund:

The *water and wastewater fund* accounts for the activities of the City. The City of Sweetwater supplies water to city residents, some smaller municipalities, and a non-profit corporation; disposal of wastewater is primarily limited to the citizens of Sweetwater.

The *solid waste management* fund provides solid waste collection and disposal within the City.

The *ambulance* fund provides emergency medical services for all of Nolan County.

The government reports the following non-major proprietary fund types:

Internal service funds account for central garage and stores, information technology services performed for other departments, as well as employee benefits provided to other departments or agencies of the government, or to other governments, on a cost reimbursement basis.

The government reports the following fiduciary funds:

Pension Trust Fund is used to account for the assets held in trust for members and beneficiaries of the Sweetwater Firefighter's Relief and Retirement Fund.

Custodial Funds are used to account for assets held by the City as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governmental units. Custodial funds include evidence funds that the police department holds for individuals.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the government's general fund and the private purpose trust fund. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* 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 City enterprise fund and the government's internal service funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The City also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal service funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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E. Budgetary Control

The City Charter establishes the fiscal year as the twelve-month period beginning October 1. The departments submit to the City Manager a budget of estimated expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year after which the City Manager subsequently submits a budget of estimated expenditures and revenues to the City Council by August 15. Governmental funds with legally adopted budgets are the General Operating fund, Senior Nutrition Activities Program, Hotel and Motel fund, and the Cemetery Perpetual Care fund.

Upon receipt of the budget estimates, the Council holds a first reading on the Budget Ordinance and Tax Roll Ordinance. Information about the Budget Ordinance is then published in the official newspaper of the City. The Council is precluded from passing the Budget Ordinance (second reading) until ten days have passed after the Ordinance Publication and after the first Monday in September.

Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted or is amended by the City Council on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The City Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between line items and departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the City Council.

There was one amendment approved this past year, and it is material in relation to the original appropriations which were adopted. This amendment increased revenue by \$870,004 and decreased expenditures by \$1,194,902 in the general fund. The revenue accounts were increased for additional sales tax revenue in the amount of \$605,004 and park improvement donations of \$215,000. The main departments with expenditure increases were the police department for additional salaries and capital outlay. Park expenses were increased \$195,000 for improvements made as a result of contributions. There were also non-departmental expenditure increases for insurance and transfers to support losses in SNAP and EMS, as well as other contracted services for a water mitigation analysis for the municipal auditorium. The City had budgeted \$2,100,000 for the purchase of a fire truck that won't be received until fiscal year 2025, thus the budget was reduced to reflect that change. The water and wastewater fund had additional capital outlay costs of \$501,071. This same budget amendment increased additional line items of revenues and expenditures in these, as well as other funds, but these additions were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were adopted.

F. Cash and Investments

Cash of all funds, including restricted cash, but excluding the payroll fund, employee benefit, SEED-MDD, drug enforcement, debt service funds, and construction funds are pooled into one common pooled account in order to maximize investment opportunities. Each fund whose monies are deposited in the pooled cash account has an equity interest therein, and interest earned on the investment of these monies is allocated based upon relative equity at month end. An individual fund's pooled Cash and Cash Investments are available upon demand and are considered to be "cash equivalents" when preparing these financial statements.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Enterprise and Internal Service Funds consider all highly liquid investments, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

Investments – Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund

Investments are valued at fair value and consist of money market funds, mutual funds, common trust funds, and securities traded on a national exchange. Investments are valued at the last reported sales price. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments includes net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and net realized gains (losses) on the sale of

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investments during the period.

G. Prepaid Items

Prepaid balances are for payments made by the City in the current year to provide services occurring in the subsequent fiscal year.

H. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories are controlled and reported by an Internal Service Fund as well as the Water and Wastewater Fund. Most purchases, other than water and wastewater purchases, are recorded as inventory in the Internal Service Fund, and are recorded as an expenditure or expense in the appropriate fund when issued. The Internal Service Fund is then reimbursed through an interfund transfer.

Airport fuel is recorded using the purchases method through the general fund. Inventories still on hand at year-end are recorded in the years the amount is considered significant.

I. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Short-term amounts owed between funds are classified as "Due to/from other funds".

J. Restricted Assets

The City has funds with the following restricted cash and cash equivalents:

General Fund	\$ 2,670,445
Internal Service Fund	\$ 158,367
Water and Wastewater Fund	\$ 4,830,569

Monies received from a state issued franchise, which includes a one-percent fee are restricted for capital costs related to public, educational, and governmental (PEG) channels. These funds were \$244,972 at year-end. The general fund has restricted funds for local court costs in the amount of \$32,842. The general fund has donor designated funds of \$194,745 for the parks department. There are also bond related funds restricted for capital outlay in the amount of \$2,041,688 and bonded debt service of \$156,198. Certain resources set aside for enterprise fund and internal service fund debt repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because they are maintained in a separate bank account and their use is limited by applicable debt covenants. This restricted cash balance in the enterprise funds was \$729,171 at year-end, and \$158,367 in the internal service fund. The City has funds restricted for construction from their 2021 bond issues in the amount of \$4,101,398. These funds will be used for improvements to the City's water and waterworks systems.

K. 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 columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of five years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

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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. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government, as well as the component units, is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Vehicles	3 – 5
Machinery and Equipment	6 – 30
Buildings	40 – 60
Improvements	27.5 – 60

L. Compensated Absences

It is the government's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is not liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the government does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the government. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements and each governmental fund will liquidate their obligation.

M. Net Pension Liability

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

Total OPEB Liability

For purposes of measuring Total OPEB Liability (TOL) and deferred outflows of resources and OPEB expense have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TMRS. The City reports as a member municipality of the Supplemental Death Benefit Fund (SDBF).

N. Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net 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 and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. The City has two items that qualify for reporting in this category; the deferred outflow related to pension and the deferred outflow related to OPEB. Both of these are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position, Proprietary fund financial statements, and Internal Service fund financial statements.

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In addition to liabilities, the statement of net 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 a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has two items that qualify as deferred inflows of resources. The first item arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The deferred inflow is reclassified to revenue on the government-wide financial statements. The second is the deferred inflow related to pensions reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position, Proprietary fund financial statements, and Internal Service fund financial statements.

The components of the City's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business Activities				Total Primary Government
		Water and Wastewater	Solid Waste Management	Ambulance	Total	
Deferred Outflows of Resources:						
Pension activities TMRS	\$ 1,692,244	\$ 462,435	\$ 61,465	\$ 20,336	\$ 544,236	\$ 2,236,480
Pension activities FRR	3,409,792	-	-	2,361,273	2,361,273	5,771,065
OPEB activities	5,513	2,223	2,696	16	4,935	10,448
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 5,107,549	\$ 464,658	\$ 64,161	\$ 2,381,625	\$ 2,910,444	\$ 8,017,993
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Pension activities TMRS	\$ 214,372	\$ 48,516	\$ 6,584	\$ 2,641	\$ 57,741	\$ 272,113
Pension activities FRR	371,887	-	-	341,157	341,157	713,044
OPEB activities	48,607	15,324	3,199	591	19,114	67,721
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 634,866	\$ 63,840	\$ 9,783	\$ 344,389	\$ 418,012	\$ 1,052,878

O. Payments Between the City and Component Units

Resource flows (except those that affect the statement of net position/balance sheet only, such as loans and repayments) between a primary government and its discretely presented component units are reported as external transactions – that is, as revenues and expenses.

P. Nature and Purpose of Classifications of Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance:

Nonspendable – amounts that are either not in a spendable form or are legally or contractually required to remain intact.

Restricted - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of City Charter, City Code, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.

Committed – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the City itself, determined by a resolution of the City Council. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City takes the same action to remove or change the constraint.

Unassigned - all other spendable amounts. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

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As of September 30, 2024, fund balances are composed of the following:

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Non-spendable:			
Inventories	\$ 17,104	\$ -	\$ 17,104
Restricted:			
PEG capital costs	244,972	-	244,972
Court costs	32,842	-	32,842
Capital outlay	2,041,688	-	2,041,688
Debt	156,198		156,198
Culture and recreation	194,745		194,745
Opioid remediation	-	25,592	25,592
Drug enforcement	-	118,222	118,222
Senior nutrition program	-	12,259	12,259
Committed:			
Property abatement	83,241	-	83,241
Cemetery care	-	1,451,032	1,451,032
Unassigned Fund Balances	<u>3,195,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,195,034</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,965,824</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,105</u>	<u>\$ 7,572,929</u>

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the City considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the City considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the City Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

Q. Minimum Fund Balance Policy

The General Fund unrestricted fund balance should be at least 25% of the General Fund annual expenditures. This percentage is the equivalent of 92 days expenditures. The circumstances in which the unrestricted balance can be "spent down" include unforeseen revenue shortfalls, unpredicted one-time expenditures or a deliberate spending of accumulated funds in the Committed or Assigned fund balance categories. The balances would be replenished with budgetary measures in the following fiscal year as appropriate.

R. Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements, the net position is reported in three components: (1) net investment in capital assets; (2) restricted; and (3) unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents the City's total investment in capital assets, net of depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restriction imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The government-wide statement of net position of the primary government reported restricted net position of \$1,701,862, of which \$303,406 of net position is restricted by enabling legislation.

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(2) Deposits and Investments

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

Cash Deposits:

At September 30, 2024, the City's deposits were fully secured at year-end as required by the state statutes. The deposits of the component unit were fully secured by Federal Depository Insurance and pledged assets. At year-end, the carrying amount of the City's deposits totaled \$23,134,610 and its component unit's carrying amount of deposits totaled \$7,400,093. The respective bank balances totaled \$23,819,591 and \$7,534,903.

Of the City's First Financial Bank balances of \$19,732,245, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance and pledged collateral with a market value of \$23,725,082. The City's other funds of \$4,087,345 are bond escrow funds held by BOK Financial. The component unit's bank balances were fully covered by Federal Depository Insurance in the amount of \$250,000 with the balance covered by pledged securities. The collateral is held by First Financial Bank of Abilene, Texas. All collateral is in the City's or SEED-MDD's name under a joint safekeeping agreement with Frost National Bank.

The carrying amounts of the primary government's deposits as of September 30, 2024 is reported in the financial statements as follows:

Government-wide Statement of Net Position	
Governmental Activities unrestricted	\$ 6,128,279
Governmental Activities restricted	2,828,812
Business-type Activities unrestricted	9,321,553
Business-type Activities restricted	4,830,569
Fiduciary Funds Statement of Net Position	
Custodial Funds – Evidence funds	25,397
Total carrying amount of deposits	<u>\$23,134,610</u>

Investments:

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

The Public Funds Investment Act (Act) requires an annual audit of investment practices. Audit procedures in this area conducted as a part of the audit of the basic financial statements disclosed that in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies, the City adhered to the requirements of the Act. Additionally, investment practices of the City were in accordance with local policies. The Act determines the types of investments which are allowable for the City. These include, with certain restrictions, 1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas, 2) certificates of deposit, 3) certain municipal securities, 4) securities lending program, 5) repurchase agreements, 6) bankers acceptances, 7) mutual funds, 8) investment pools, 9) guaranteed investment contracts, and 10) commercial paper.

The City did not have any investments at September 30, 2024.

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(3) Receivables

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

	General Fund	Water Wastewater Fund	Solid Waste Management	Ambulance Fund	Total
Receivables:					
Accounts	\$ 255,382	\$1,186,999	\$ 156,429	\$ 200,716	\$ 1,799,526
Taxes	771,489	-	-	-	771,489
Gross Receivables	1,026,871	1,186,999	156,429	200,716	2,571,015
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	(23,030)	(32,029)	(5,319)	(104,596)	(164,974)
Net total receivables	\$ 1,003,841	\$1,154,970	\$ 151,110	\$ 96,120	\$ 2,406,041

Intergovernmental receivables are classified separately in the accompanying financial statements. All significant receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

Primary Government	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 178,332	\$ 51,527	\$ -	\$ 229,859
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	178,332	51,527	-	229,859
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	7,883,193	-	-	7,883,193
Improvements other than buildings	10,183,388	309,457	-	10,492,845
Machinery and equipment	9,582,290	1,095,079	(21,220)	10,656,149
Right-to-use leased equipment	1,107,374	182,844	(367,209)	923,009
Total capital assets being depreciated	28,756,245	1,587,381	(388,429)	29,955,197
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(4,792,711)	(286,458)	-	(5,079,169)
Improvements other than buildings	(7,150,265)	(429,684)	-	(7,579,950)
Machinery and equipment	(7,207,450)	(673,561)	21,220	(7,810,344)
Right-to-use leased equipment	(361,438)	(128,984)	204,095	(335,774)
Total accumulated depreciation	(19,511,865)	(1,518,687)	225,315	(20,805,237)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	9,244,380	68,693	(163,114)	9,149,960
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 9,422,712	\$ 120,220	\$ (163,114)	\$ 9,379,818

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Business-type activities:	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,415,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,415,757
Construction in-progress	7,363,934	719,147	(5,295,425)	2,787,656
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	9,779,691	719,147	(5,295,425)	5,203,413
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and system	14,010,653	-	-	14,010,653
Improvements other than buildings	37,777,852	2,558,345	-	40,336,197
Machinery and equipment	6,035,061	3,130,125	-	9,165,186
Total capital assets being depreciated	57,823,566	5,688,470	-	63,512,036
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and system	(8,696,656)	(371,261)	-	(9,067,917)
Improvements other than buildings	(23,171,799)	(1,355,126)	-	(24,526,925)
Machinery and equipment	(5,378,679)	(182,608)	-	(5,561,287)
Total accumulated depreciation	(37,247,134)	(1,908,995)	-	(39,156,129)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	20,576,431	3,779,475	-	24,355,907
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 30,356,122</u>	<u>\$ 4,498,622</u>	<u>\$ (5,295,425)</u>	<u>\$ 29,559,320</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 32,849
Public safety	468,004
Public works	14,830
Culture and recreation	144,649
Community services	26,066
Airport	292,343
Internal Service	539,946
Total depreciation expense – governmental activities	<u>\$1,518,687</u>
Business-type activities:	
Water and wastewater	\$1,857,871
Solid waste management	39,764
Ambulance	11,360
Total depreciation expense – business-type activities	<u>\$1,908,995</u>

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(5) Leases

At September 30, 2024, leases payable consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

US Bank lease payable, dated November 2019 for the acquisition and use of internal service equipment in the amount of \$747,105 for five years due in annual installments through November 2024, bearing an interest rate of 2.48%. The City will acquire the equipment at the end of the lease. Right-to-use leased equipment under leases in capital assets is \$740,165 with accumulated depreciation of \$308,377. Amortization of this leased equipment is included in depreciation in the internal service fund.

Annual requirements to amortize this lease liability and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	156,830	3,889	160,719
	<u>\$ 156,830</u>	<u>\$ 3,889</u>	<u>\$ 160,719</u>

Peacemaker Technologies lease payable, dated January 1, 2024 for the acquisition and use of police computer equipment. An initial lease liability of \$182,854 was recorded this fiscal year. There was no interest rate specified in the original lease agreement. The City has used the City's effective interest for borrowings, which is 8.5%. Annual requirements to amortize this lease liability and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	40,281	11,169	51,450
2026	43,704	7,746	51,450
2027	47,419	4,031	51,450
	<u>\$ 131,404</u>	<u>\$ 22,946</u>	<u>\$ 154,350</u>

Right-to-use leased equipment under this police department lease included in capital assets is \$182,854 with accumulated depreciation of \$27,427. Amortization of this leased equipment is included in depreciation in public safety depreciation on the government wide statements. This lease is a hardware-as-a-subscription with an equipment refresh each (48) months with a new subscription.

(5) Long-Term Obligations

At September 30, 2024, notes payable, and bonds payable consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

Zoll Medical Corporation issued a secured note payable in the amount of \$129,397 with a down payment of \$29,226 due at signing. The note is payable in annual payments of \$39,221 due on December 1st of each year. The note was a non-interest-bearing note, with the City imputing interest using the City's effective interest for borrowings, which is 8.5%. The equipment is collateral for the loan.

\$ 100,171

2023 Combination Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, dated October 11, 2023 for \$2,070,000 due in annual installments through August 15, 2035, bearing interest rates of 4% to 5%.

1,970,000

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These bonds will be repaid by the general fund which has an Interest and Sinking ad valorem tax rate that fulfills the funding requirements of the certificates of obligation.

Annual requirements to retire the note and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 30,706	\$ 8,515	\$ 39,221
2026	33,317	5,904	39,221
2027	36,148	3,073	39,221
	<u>\$ 100,171</u>	<u>\$ 17,492</u>	<u>\$ 117,663</u>

Default Provisions for Note Payable

Upon default of the note (non-payment, breach of contract, insolvency), Zoll shall have the right to declare all unpaid balances due and payable.

Annual requirements to retire the bonds and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 110,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 204,000
2026	130,000	88,500	218,500
2027	160,000	82,000	242,000
2028	165,000	74,000	239,000
2029	175,000	65,750	240,750
2030 - 2034	1,000,000	190,000	1,190,000
2035 - 2039	230,000	9,200	239,200
	<u>\$ 1,970,000</u>	<u>\$ 603,450</u>	<u>\$ 2,573,450</u>

Business-Type Activities:

2014 Combination Tax & Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, dated January 1, 2014 for \$1,935,000 due in annual installments through August 15, 2033, bearing interest rates of 0% to 2.78%. \$ 980,000

2015 Combination Tax & Revenue Refunding Bonds, dated May 1, 2015 for \$8,480,000 due in annual installments through August 15, 2025, bearing interest rates of 2% to 3.5%. 1,385,000

2016 Combination Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, dated July 15, 2016 for \$5,000,000 due in annual installments through August 15, 2036, bearing interest rates of 0% to 0.8%. 3,040,000

2021A Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Dated May 1, 2021 for \$2,187,000 due in annual installments through August 15, 2041, bearing interest rates of .6% to 1.44%. 1,877,000

2021B Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Dated May 1, 2021 for \$2,400,000 due in annual installments through August 15, 2041, bearing interest rates of .60% to 1.69%. 2,060,000

Total Business-Type Activities Bonds Payable \$ 9,342,000

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Annual requirements to retire the bonds and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 123,421	\$ 2,073,421
2026	570,000	71,305	641,305
2027	576,000	67,265	643,265
2028	577,000	62,650	639,650
2029	582,000	57,782	639,782
2030 - 2034	2,882,000	204,357	3,086,357
2035 - 2039	1,710,000	87,936	1,797,936
2040 - 2041	495,000	11,452	506,452
	<u>\$ 9,342,000</u>	<u>\$ 686,167</u>	<u>\$10,028,167</u>

All five bond issues constitute direct obligations of the City secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property located within the City, within the limits prescribed by law. The Certificates are additionally secured by a first lien pledge of the Net Revenues of the Water and Wastewater System. If the City has sufficient surplus revenues set aside and available in advance of the time when ad valorem taxes are scheduled to be levied for any year, they have the option of reducing the required tax levy required to be deposited in the interest and sinking fund. The City has chosen to set aside adequate surplus water revenues, thus reducing the required ad valorem tax requirement to zero. The City has not adopted an interest and sinking tax rate for these business-type bonds and considers all debt to be enterprise fund debt to be repaid by enterprise fund revenue. Net Revenues consist of the gross revenues of the system less the expenses of operation and maintenance of the system to render adequate service to the users.

The City is in compliance with all significant financial requirements as of September 30, 2024.

Changes in Outstanding Obligations

Transactions for the year ended September 30, 2024 are summarized as follows:

	Balance September 30, 2023	New Issue or Additions	Payments or Expenditures	Balance September 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
Certificates of Obligation	\$ -	\$ 2,070,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,970,000	\$ 110,000
Bond premium	-	101,799	8,453	93,346	8,453
Total bond payable	-	2,171,799	108,453	2,063,346	118,453
Leases	536,958	182,854	431,578	288,234	197,111
Note payable	-	129,397	29,226	100,171	30,706
Net pension liability	13,309,575	-	1,589,909	11,719,666	-
Total OPEB liability	268,389	33,596	-	301,985	-
Compensated Absences	772,767	45,913	43,028	775,652	77,565
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 14,887,689</u>	<u>\$ 2,563,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,202,194</u>	<u>\$ 15,249,054</u>	<u>\$ 423,835</u>

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	Balance September 30, 2023	New Issue or Additions	Payments or Expenditures	Balance September 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
Business-type Activities					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 2,720,000	\$ -	\$ 1,335,000	\$ 1,385,000	1,385,000
Certificates of Obligation	8,521,000	-	564,000	7,957,000	565,000
Bond premium	150,858	-	95,279	55,579	55,579
Total bonds payable	11,391,858	-	1,994,279	9,397,579	2,005,579
Landfill post-closure	340,915	12,273	-	353,188	-
Net pension liability	9,038,820	-	710,275	8,328,545	-
Total OPEB liability	117,840	9,054	-	126,894	-
Compensated Absences	208,650	49,586	9,006	249,230	24,923
Total Business-type Activities	\$ 21,098,083	\$ 70,913	\$ 2,713,560	\$ 18,455,436	\$ 2,030,502

Internal service funds predominantly serve the governmental funds. Accordingly, long-term liabilities for them are included as part of the above totals for governmental activities. Compensated absences and net pension liability that pertain to internal service employees will be liquidated by Central Garage and Stores fund. For the other governmental activities, compensated absences and net pension liabilities are mainly liquidated by the general fund.

Restricted Asset Account for Debt

Below is a summary of the business-type restricted asset account for debt:

Bond Accrued Interest Payable	\$ 15,216
Current Maturities of Bonds	713,955
Total Interest and Sinking Fund	<u>\$ 729,171</u>

Direct Interest

The bonds listed in note (5) were issued for the creation or continuing existence of specific programs for the City's water and wastewater system. Interest on those bonds is reported in the water and wastewater fund as direct expenses on the Statement of Activities. The governmental bond was issued for the purchase of a firetruck; therefore the interest is reflected as a direct expense of public safety. The note payable was issued for medical equipment and is also reported as a direct expense of public safety.

(6) Net Investment in Capital Assets

Net investment in capital assets is composed of the following:

	Capital Assets - Net	Related Debt	Unspent Debt Proceeds	Total
Governmental Activities	\$ 9,379,818	\$ 2,451,751	\$ 2,041,688	\$ 8,969,755
Business-type Activities:				
Water and Wastewater Fund	28,882,822	9,397,579	4,071,904	23,557,147
Solid Waste Management	633,721	-	-	633,721
Ambulance Fund	42,777	-	-	42,777
Total Business-type Activities	<u>\$ 29,559,320</u>	<u>\$ 9,397,579</u>	<u>\$ 4,071,904</u>	<u>\$ 24,233,645</u>

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(7) Property Tax

The City's property tax is levied and becomes a lien each October 1, on 100 percent of assessed value listed for all real and personal property located in the City as of the prior January 1. Assessed values are established by the Nolan County Central Appraisal District and certified by the Board of Review.

The City is permitted by Article II, Section 5 of the State of Texas constitution to levy taxes up to \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation for general governmental services including the payment of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt. Taxes are due on the levy date and are delinquent on January 31, following the October 1, levy date. Current tax collections for the year ended September 30, 2024 were 94 percent of the tax levy.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available means collected within the current period and the amount expected to be collected soon after year-end to pay liabilities of the current period not to exceed 60 days. The amount of taxes collected in the balance of taxes receivable, net of allowance, is recorded as deferred revenue.

Beginning in 1982, the Appraisal District is required under the Property Tax Code to assess all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100 percent of its appraised market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. The value of property within the Appraisal District must be reviewed every four years; however, the City may at its own expense, require annual reviews of appraised values. The City may challenge appraised values established by the Appraisal District through various appeals and if necessary, legal action. Under this legislation the City continues to set tax rates on City property. However, if the effective tax rates, excluding tax rates for bonds and other contractual obligations, adjusted for new improvements, exceeds the rate for the previous year by more than 8 percent, qualified voters of the City may petition for an election to determine whether to limit the tax rate to no more than 8 percent above the calculated tax rate of the previous year levy and the current year valuation.

(8) Employee Retirement Systems Texas Municipal Retirement System

Plan Description

The City participates as one of 936 member cities in the defined benefit cash-balance plan administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). TMRS is a statewide public retirement plan created by the State of Texas and administered in accordance with the TMRS Act, Title 8, Subtitle G, Texas Government Code (the TMRS Act) as an agent multiple-employer retirement system for employees of Texas participating cities. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of the System with a six-member, Governor-appointed Board of Trustees; however, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State of Texas. TMRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (Annual Report) that can be obtained at www.tmrs.com. All eligible employees of the city are required to participate in TMRS.

Benefits Provided

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

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

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Vesting and Retirement Eligibility

TMRS members vest after 5 years of service. If a vested member leaves covered employment before reaching retirement eligibility, the member may leave his or her deposits with TMRS, earn interest on the deposits, and, upon reaching age 60, apply for and receive a monthly retirement payment. A member becomes eligible for service retirement based on various combinations of age and service, depending on which provisions have been adopted by the employing municipality. The City of Sweetwater has adopted a 5 yrs/age 60, 25 yrs/any age provision for their service retirement eligibilities.

Cost of Living adjustments

Cost-of-living adjustments are calculated at 1% for a recurring COLA and .95% for a No Recurring COLA.

Employees covered by benefit terms

At the December 31, 2023 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	96
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	45
Active employees	<u>110</u>
Total	<u>251</u>

Contributions

The contribution rates for employees in TMRS are either 5%, 6%, or 7% of employee gross earnings, and the city matching percentages are either 100%, 150% or 200% both as adopted by the governing body of the city. Under the state law governing TMRS, the contribution rate for each city is determined annually by the actuary, using the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method. The City's contribution rate is based on the liabilities created from the benefit plan options selected by the City and any changes in benefits or actual experience over time.

Employees for the City of Sweetwater were required to contribute 7% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the City were 17.37 % and 17.62% in calendar years 2023 and 2024, respectively. The City's contributions to TMRS for the year ended September 30, 2024 were \$1,262,330 and were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The city's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions:

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.5% per year
Overall payroll growth	2.75% per year, adjusted down for population declines, if any
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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

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

Actuarial assumptions were developed primarily from the actuarial investigation of the experience of TMRS over the four- year period December 31, 2018 through December 31, 2022. They were adopted in 2023 and first used in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation. The post-retirement mortality assumption for Annuity Purchase Rates (APRs) is based on the Mortality Experience Investigation Study covering 2009 through 2011 and dated December 31, 2013. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation as well as the production of income in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TMRS.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by best estimate ranges of expected returns for each major asset class. The long-term expected rate of return is determined by weighting the expected return for each major asset class by the respective target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	35.0%	6.7%
Core Fixed Income	6.0%	4.7%
Non-Core Fixed Income	20.0%	8.0%
Other Public & Private Markets	12.0%	8.0%
Real Estate	12.0%	7.6%
Hedge Funds	5.0%	6.4%
Private Equity	<u>10.0%</u>	11.6%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

Discount Rate

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

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Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Total Pension Liability [a]	Plan Fiduciary Net Position [b]	Net Pension Liability [a] – [b]
Balance at 12/31/2022	\$ 39,736,659	\$ 32,620,032	\$ 7,116,627
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	1,142,793	-	1,142,793
Interest	2,651,340	-	2,651,340
Changes in benefit terms including substantially automatic status	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	422,194		422,194
Changes in assumptions	(384,095)	-	(384,095)
Contributions – employer	-	1,185,093	(1,185,093)
Contributions – employee	-	477,585	(477,585)
Net investment income	-	3,772,107	(3,772,107)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(2,057,874)	(2,057,874)	-
Administrative expense	-	(24,018)	24,018
Other changes	-	(168)	168
Net changes	\$ 1,774,358	\$ 3,352,725	\$ (1,578,367)
Balance at 12/31/2023	\$ 41,511,017	\$ 35,972,757	\$ 5,538,260

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

	Discount rate	Net pension liability
1% decrease	5.75%	\$ 10,926,451
Current discount rate	6.75%	\$ 5,538,260
1% increase	7.75%	\$ 1,092,946

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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

For the year ended September 30, 2024 the city recognized pension expense of \$1,087,480. At September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between projected and actual economic experience	\$ 417,810	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	272,113
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	898,160	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	920,510	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,236,480</u>	<u>\$ 272,113</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement dates of \$920,510 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the measurement year ending December 31, 2024 (i.e. recognized in the city's financial statements September 30, 2025).

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

Plan Year ending Dec 31:

2024	\$ 345,690
2025	317,511
2026	694,707
2027	(314,051)
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,043,857</u>

Other Post-Employment Benefits

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

The death benefit for active employees provides a lump-sum payment approximately equal to the employee's annual salary (calculated based on the employee's actual earnings, for the 12-month period preceding the month of death); retired employees are insured for \$7,500; this coverage is an "other postemployment benefit" or OPEB. Membership in the plan at December 31, 2023, the valuation and measurement date, consisted of:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	73
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	15
Active employees	<u>110</u>
	<u>198</u>

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The City's Total OPEB Liability (TOL), as of December 31, 2023 was calculated as follows:

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Total OPEB Liability – beginning of year	\$ 386,229
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	13,645
Interest on total OPEB liability	15,642
Changes in benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	7,604
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	19,403
Benefit payments	<u>(13,645)</u>
Net changes	<u>42,649</u>
Total OPEB liability – end of year	<u>\$ 428,878</u>

The City contributes to the SDBF at a contractually required rate as determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The rate is equal to the cost of providing on-year term life insurance. The funding policy for the SDBF program is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year; the intent is not to pre-fund retiree life insurance during employees' entire careers. The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period ending December 31, 2022.

The assumptions are summarized below:

Inflation	2.5% per year
Salary increases	3.6% to 11.85% including inflation
Discount rate*	3.77%
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	\$0
Administrative expenses	All administrative expenses are paid through the Pension Trust and accounted for under reporting requirements under GASB 68.
Mortality rates – service retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.
Mortality rates – disabled retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with a 4-year set-forward for males and a 3 year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and females, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale MP-2021 (with immediate convergence) to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

* The discount rate was based on the Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" rate as of December 31, 2023.

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

For the Plan Year Ended	Total SDBF Contribution	Retiree Portion of SDBF Contribution
	Rate	Rate
2024	0.42%	0.20%
2023	0.43%	0.20%
2022	0.30%	0.18%
2021	0.26%	0.14%
2020	0.24%	0.06%

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

The following presents the Total OPEB liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 3.77%, as well as what the City's Total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.77%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.77%) than the current rate:

	Discount rate	Total OPEB liability
1% decrease	2.77%	\$ 501,764
Current discount rate	3.77%	\$ 428,878
1% increase	4.77%	\$ 370,645

The City's Total OPEB expense as of December 31, 2023 was calculated as follows:

Service cost	\$ 13,645
Interest on total OPEB liability	15,642
Employer administrative costs	-
Recognition of deferred outflows/inflows of resources:	
Differences between expected and actual experience	(6,916)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs ¹	(6,095)
Total OPEB expense	<u>\$ 16,276</u>

¹. Generally, this will only be the annual change in the municipal bond index rate. However, for this valuation, the changes in assumptions also include the changes in the actuarial assumptions adopted in 2023.

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

OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

For the year ended September 30, 2024 the city recognized OPEB expense of \$16,276. The City also reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 3,305
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	-	64,416
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	10,448	-
Total	<u>\$ 10,448</u>	<u>\$ 67,721</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$10,448 will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability for the measurement year ending December 31, 2024 (i.e. recognized in the city's financial statements September 30, 2025).

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

Plan Year ending Dec 31:	Net deferred outflows (inflows) of resources
2024	\$ (28,158)
2025	(36,681)
2026	(5,665)
2027	2,783
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>\$ (67,721)</u>

Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Plan Description

The Board of Trustees is the administrator of the Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund, a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. The plan is an independent entity for financial reporting purposes. The city of Sweetwater, Texas is the only contributing employer. Members of the fund also contribute to the plan. The plan covers current and former fire fighters of the City of Sweetwater, Texas as well as certain beneficiaries of former fire fighters. The plan is open to new entrants. The plan's benefit provisions are established under the authority of the Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement Act (TLFFRA). Specific plan provisions are governed by a plan document executed by the Board of Trustees. The fund was established November 3, 1941 and was most recently amended August 1, 2017. The plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for that plan. The report is available by writing P.O. Box 450, Sweetwater, Texas 79556.

Authority for the Fund and Definitions

The Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund is established under the authority of the Texas Local Fire Fighter's Retirement Act (TLFFRA). The fund is administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board is made up of three members elected from and by the fund's members, two representatives of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, and two citizen members.

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The City of Sweetwater contributes 18% of each member's total pay (including regular, longevity and overtime pay, but excluding lump sum distributions for unused sick leave, or vacation) and members contributed 17%.

Employee contributions are "picked up" by the City, as permitted under Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. For this reason, a member's contributions are excluded from taxable income when paid into the fund.

Fund members receive credit for service for the period during which they pay into, and keep on deposit in the fund, the contributions required by the fund. Service is also granted for certain periods during which a member received disability benefits from the fund; however, service granted during periods of disability is limited to the amount of service, if any, needed to bring a member's service up to 20 years.

Retirement, death, disability, and termination benefits are calculated based upon a member's average monthly salary for the highest 3 years, of the 72 consecutive pay periods which will produce the highest average.

Eligibility

All active employees of the Fire Department of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, are members of the Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund.

Service Retirement Benefits

A member is eligible for service retirement upon termination of credited service after completion of 20 years of service and attainment of age 50. A member who retires under the service retirement provisions of the fund will receive a monthly benefit equal to the sum of a. and b., below, where:

- a. Members starting service before August 1, 2017 equals 3.95% of the member's high three-year average monthly salary multiplied by his years of service, not in excess of 20. Members starting service after August 1, 2017 equals 3.5% of the member's high five-year average monthly salary multiplied by his year of service, not in excess of 20, and
- b. Equals \$50.00 per month for each year of service in excess of 20.

Service retirement benefits are payable for the member's lifetime. In the event the member's death precedes that of his spouse, two-thirds of the member's pension will be continued to the spouse for her lifetime. A member may elect at the time of his retirement to receive a modified monthly amount payable for as long as either he or his spouse is living.

Disability Benefits

An active member who becomes disabled will receive a monthly disability benefit. Disability benefits are payable in the same form as service retirement benefits. However, disability benefits stop if the member recovers to the point that he no longer meets the definition of disability under the fund. The application for continuing disability benefits must also be made in accordance with procedures adopted by the board of trustees.

Definition of Disability

For the first two and one-half years, the member need only be disabled to the extent of being unable to perform the duties of a position offered him in the fire department providing equal or greater pay. After two and one-half years, the member must be unable to perform the duties of any occupation for which he is reasonably suited by reason of education, training or experience.

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Amount of Disability Benefit

The amount of monthly disability benefit payable under the fund will equal the sum of a. and b., below, where:

- a. Members service starting before August 1, 2017 equals 79.0% of the member's high three-year average monthly salary. Members service starting after August 1, 2017 equals 70.0% of the member's high five-year average monthly salary, and
- b. Equals the \$50.00 multiplied by his number of years of service in excess of 20.

A member's disability benefit will commence once his regular salary, including vacation and sick leave pay, has ceased. Disability benefits are payable in the same joint-and-survivor form as service retirement benefits. A member may elect at the time of his disability retirement to receive a modified monthly amount payable for as long as either he or his spouse is living.

If a disabled member receives workers' compensation benefits, Social Security benefits or a combination of these two benefits, the monthly disability benefit payable under the plan will be the lesser of (i) the disability benefit specified above or (ii) 100 percent of the member's average monthly compensation less the equivalent benefit received from workers' compensation and Social Security. For members whose service begins after August 1, 2017 the average changes to high five-year average monthly compensation.

Death Benefits

If a member whose service starts before August 1, 2017 dies while in active service, after completing at least 10 years of credited service, his widow will receive an immediate monthly benefit, payable for as long as she is living. The amount of the benefit will be equal to the sum of (i) a standard benefit equal to 52.67% of his average salary; plus (ii) two-thirds (2/3) of any additional service benefit the member had earned as of the date of his death.

If a member whose service starts after August 1, 2017 dies while in active service, after completing at least 10 years of credited service, his widow will receive an immediate monthly benefit, payable for as long as she is living. The amount of the benefit will be equal to the sum of (1) a standard benefit equal to 46.67% of his average salary; plus (ii) two-thirds (2/3) of any additional service benefit the member had earned as of the date of his death.

If a member dies while in active service prior to completing at least 10 years of credited service, his widow will receive an immediate monthly benefit of \$100, payable for as long as she is living and does not remarry. In addition, such widow will receive a one-time payment of \$40,000.

In addition to the above widow's benefit, each unmarried child of the member will receive a monthly benefit of 10.53% of the fire fighter's high three-year average monthly salary and members service starting after August 1, 2017 the monthly benefit is 9.33% of the high five-year average monthly compensation. Orphan benefits continue until the child reaches age 18. However, benefits will continue until age 22 for a child who is a full-time student. Orphan benefits are continued for life to disabled children.

The total of all benefits paid as a result of the death of an active fund member may not exceed the disability or retirement benefit such member had earned as of the date of his death. The total of all benefits paid as a result of the death of a retired member may not exceed the retirement benefit the member was receiving as of the date of his death. Benefits are reduced pro rata, if necessary, in order to satisfy these limitations.

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Termination Benefits

Members with at Least Ten Years of Service

A fund member who terminates employment after completing at least 10 years of credited service, but prior to the date he becomes eligible for a service retirement benefit, will be entitled to receive a monthly benefit starting on the date he would have both completed 20 years of credited service and attained age 50. The amount the member will receive equals the monthly service retirement benefit he had accumulated on the date he separated from service.

Members with Less Than Ten Years of Service

A fund member who terminates employment prior to completing 10 years of service will be entitled to the return of the excess of his contributions to the fund over the amount of any benefits he has received from the fund. such refund will not include any interest on the member's contributions.

The DROP Option

A member is eligible to receive his benefit under the plan's DROP provision after he has both completed 23 years of service and attained age 53. The election to participate in the DROP may be made at the time the member elects to retire.

Amount of Monthly Retirement Income to DROP Program Participants

The monthly retirement income payable to a member who retires under the DROP will equal his service retirement benefit under the plan based on average monthly salary and years of service as of the member's DROP Eligibility Date. The member's benefit will be calculated, however, using the benefit formula in effect on the member's actual date of retirement.

A member's DROP Eligibility Date is the later of (a) the date the member meets the eligibility requirements for the DROP or (b) the date is two years prior to the member's actual retirement date. Upon retirement, the member will receive - in addition to his monthly retirement benefit - a single payment equal to the total of the monthly retirement benefits the member would have received between his DROP Eligibility Date and the time he retired under the plan.

Amendment of the Plan

The plan document may be amended as provided in Section 7 of the Texas Fire Fighters' Retirement Act (Article 6243e. V.T.C.S.). Amending the plan requires approval of any proposed change by (a) an eligible actuary and (b) a majority of the participating members of the fund.

Employees covered by the plan

At December 31, 2022 valuation and December 31, 2023 measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	31
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	4
Active members	<u>25</u>
Total	<u>60</u>

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 5.41%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.41%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.41%) than the current rate:

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	Discount rate	Net pension liability
1% decrease	4.41%	\$ 17,985,363
Current discount rate	5.41%	\$ 14,509,951
1% increase	6.41%	\$ 11,707,257

Investments and the Long-term Expected rate of Return on Pension Plan Assets

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Stock	35%	5.2%
International Stock	7%	4.6%
Emerging markets	5%	8.6%
Bonds	30%	4.6%
Multi-Asset	23%	4.8%
Total	100%	

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability
	[a]	[b]	[a] – [b]
Balance at 12/31/2022	\$ 23,453,382	\$ 8,221,613	\$ 15,231,769
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	661,082	-	661,082
Interest	1,220,519	-	1,220,519
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(732,918)	-	(732,918)
Contributions – employer	-	383,027	(383,027)
Contributions – employee	-	361,748	(361,748)
Net investment income	-	1,190,315	(1,190,315)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,104,650)	(1,104,650)	-
Administrative expense	-	(64,589)	64,589
Net changes	\$ 44,033	\$ 765,851	\$ (721,818)
Balance at 12/31/2023	\$ 23,497,415	\$ 8,987,464	\$ 14,509,951

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

For the year ended September 30, 2024 the city recognized pension expense of \$2,461,773.

At September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 175,154	\$ 67,262
Changes of assumptions	4,539,489	645,782
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments	766,369	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	290,053	-
Total	\$ 5,771,065	\$ 713,044

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$290,053 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the measurement year ending December 31, 2024 (i.e. recognized in the city's financial statements September 30, 2025).

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

Plan year ending Dec 31:	
2024	\$ 1,634,966
2025	1,672,392
2026	1,725,116
2027	(264,506)
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,767,968</u>

The plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for that plan. The report is available by writing P.O. Box 450, Sweetwater, Texas 79556.

Aggregate Totals for Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense at September 30, 2024:

	TMRS Plan	Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Plan	Total
Net Pension Liability	\$5,538,260	\$14,509,951	\$20,048,211
Pension expense (Income)	1,087,480	2,461,773	3,549,253

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(9) Fund Balance Deficit

The Ambulance Enterprise fund had a deficit fund balance at September 30, 2024, of \$4,710,170. The Solid Waste Management fund also had a deficit fund balance at September 30, 2024 of \$319,272. Funds are budgeted in the general fund to support these funds and to reduce the deficits over future years.

The City of Sweetwater will increase the contribution rates to the ambulance pension plan starting in fiscal year 2025 in order to comply with the pension board guidelines necessary to decrease the amortization period.

(10) Individual Fund Disclosures

For fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the City has expended funds in excess of appropriations at the level of control in the following areas for those funds with budgets presented:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Department/Control Level</u>	<u>Excess Amount</u>
General Fund	City administration	\$ 6,861
	Non-departmental	43,939
	Police department	584,584
	Animal control	24,240
	Parks and cemetery	31,020
	Community services	4,073
	Interest expense	1,460
	Bond issuance costs	69,819

These over-expenditures were mainly funded by decreased expenditures in other departments, and in some cases, revenues in excess of budgeted amounts.

(11) Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of September 30, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>
General fund	\$ -	\$ 130,135
Non-major governmental funds	277	1,967
Major enterprise funds:		
Water and wastewater fund	-	47,560
Solid waste management fund	-	13,657
Ambulance	-	16,700
Internal service funds	209,742	-
	<u>\$ 210,019</u>	<u>\$ 210,019</u>

The central garage and stores is an internal service fund that makes inventory purchases for the City and is then reimbursed by the other funds through a transfer. All balances due are scheduled to be collected in the subsequent year.

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	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	\$ 1,035,424	\$ 1,108,914
Non-major governmental funds	332,050	16,362
Major enterprise fund:		
Water and wastewater	-	1,210,500
Solid waste management	261,500	86,424
Ambulance	793,226	-
	<u>\$ 2,422,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,200</u>

Interfund transfers relate to the funding of deficits by the general fund to the senior nutrition project, cemetery fund and the ambulance fund. The water and wastewater fund transfers budgeted funds to support the general fund's aid to the ambulance fund and non-major governmental funds.

(12) Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. To manage these risks, the City obtains general liability, errors and omissions, and workers' compensation coverage at a cost that is considered to be economically justifiable by joining together with other governmental entities in the State as a member of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool ("TML"). TML is a self-funded pool operating as a common risk management and insurance program. The City pays an annual premium to TML for its above insurance coverage. The agreement for the formation of TML provides that TML will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of acceptable risk levels; however, each category of coverage has its own level of reinsurance. There were no significant reductions in commercial insurance coverage in the past fiscal year and settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

In addition to the above insurance coverage, the City also has a self-funded employee benefit fund. This fund was established in the fiscal year 1994 for funding the City's employees' health claims and premiums. This plan is a "self-insured" minimum premium cash flow plan. The City and each covered employee make a predetermined monthly contribution to the plan. All claims are reviewed and processed by an independent plan administrator. The plan administrator pays claims based on the health plan, from the City's checking account and the City releases the checks. The plan administrator charges the City a monthly fee.

The City informally budgets for current claims based on current health care statistics. The City incurred \$1,685,507 in health claims and stop-loss premiums for the year ended September 30, 2024. The City contributed \$866,250 and City employees contributed \$290,606 to the health insurance program for the year ended September 30, 2024. Administrative costs paid to the health plan program administrator are paid directly from the other funds based on their covered employees. The City obtained excess loss insurance which limited annual claims to \$65,000 for any individual participant.

Incurred but not reported estimated health claims have been accrued as a liability based on the claims submitted after September 30, 2024, and on the City's remaining exposure under the aggregate stop-loss insurance coverage. The estimated liability for health claims is \$139,071 at September 30, 2024.

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	Balance at Beginning <u>Fiscal Year</u>	Current Year Claims and Changes in <u>Estimates</u>	Claim <u>Payments</u>	Balance At End of <u>Fiscal Year</u>
2021-2022	\$ 386,014	\$ 1,313,138	\$ 1,557,652	\$ 141,500
2022-2023	\$ 141,500	\$ 1,762,057	\$ 1,835,731	\$ 67,826
2023-2024	\$ 67,826	\$ 1,756,752	\$ 1,685,507	\$ 139,071

(13) Segment Information

The Government issued revenue bonds to finance its water treatment plant and its wastewater treatment plant. The water and wastewater fund is a major enterprise fund, therefore, the required segment information is already provided in the basic financial statements and condensed information is not required.

(14) Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the City expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

(15) Commitments

Construction Commitments

The City has several construction projects at fiscal year-end. There is one drinking water improvement project and a sewer system improvement project ongoing.

At fiscal year-end, the City's commitments with contractors and vendors are as follows:

<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Spent-to-date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitments</u>
Enterprise Fund – Water and Wastewater Fund:		
Drinking water improvements	\$ 1,606,105	\$ 87,025
Sewer system improvements	\$ 166,500	\$ 143,500

The drinking water improvements projects are being funded by \$2,187,000 in Texas Water Development bond issuance 2021A certificates of deposit and a \$913,725 TWDB grant. The 2020 DWSRF Improvement projects are expected to be completed in 2025.

The 2020 CWSRF project is being funded by \$2,400,000 2021B Certificates of Obligation bond issue. This project is expected to be completed in 2025 as well.

(16) Landfill Closure and Post-closure Care Costs

The City of Sweetwater Type IV landfill site was approved by TCEQ on May 9, 1995. A major amendment #50B, was approved by the TCEQ May 12, 2004. State and federal laws and regulations require the City to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for 5 years after closure. A liability is reported in the solid waste management fund which represents the estimated remaining current cost of all post-closure care. However, due to changes in technology, laws or regulations these costs may change in the future.

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The Sanitation Department opened a new landfill site in fiscal year 2020. Municipal Solid Waste Permit No. MSW 50B has a closure cost estimate of \$119,543 and a post-closure cost estimate of \$21,933. Permit No. MSW 2385 has a closure cost estimate of \$166,892 and a post-closure cost estimate of \$44,819 for a total of \$353,188 for both locations.

As previously noted, the City of Sweetwater has two landfills. The old landfill was approved as a Type IV landfill in 1995 and the new one is also a Type IV landfill approved for receiving garbage late fiscal year 2019. The old landfill has reached capacity as of October 2019 and the post closure process has begun. The new landfill has a 120-year estimated life and began accepting garbage October 2019.

(17) Tax Abatements

Tax abatement agreements entered into directly by the City

The City has entered a Chapter 380 grant in the form of a municipal sales tax rebate. Grants are authorized under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380. A business or entity shall be eligible to participate in the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program on terms and conditions established by the City Council on a case-by-case basis if: (a) the business or entity enters a binding contract with the City under which the business or entity (Operator) is required to make specific and verifiable employment and other commitments that serve the public purposes overseen by the City. The Operator shall deliver to the City a report by January 31 of each year stating (i) the cost of improvements, as set forth in the contract and (ii) the number of new full-time jobs and the number of new part-time jobs at the property.

Subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in the contract, the City shall pay Operator one-third of the reimbursable sales tax collected by the City for all sales generated within the project up to but not to exceed the maximum reimbursement amount of \$500,000. Such payment is due to Operator 60 days after the City's receipt of the respective payment from the State of Texas. If the recipient of a Chapter 380 award breaches any of the terms or conditions of the Economic Development Program Agreement and fails to cure such a breach in accordance with the Economic Development Grant Agreement, the City shall have the right to terminate the Agreement.

No additional commitments were made by the City as part of these agreements. The gross dollar amount, on accrual basis, by which the City sales tax revenues were reduced as a result of the abatement agreement were as follows:

Fiscal Year	Sales tax reduction
9/30/2020	\$12,044
9/30/2021	\$22,048
9/30/2022	\$19,615
9/30/2023	\$18,785
9/30/2024	\$18,137

Tax abatement agreements entered into by SEED-MDD

SEED-MDD is a participant in the same agreement with Operator on the above Economic Development Program Agreement pursuant to Section 377 of the Texas Local Government Code pertaining to the Project which is intended to compliment the City's agreement. Additionally, the SEED-MDD agreement contains identical development requirements to those in the City's contract. The contract requirements are universal to both agreements and not intended to be duplicated. The gross dollar amount, on the accrual basis, by which SEED-MDD sales tax revenues were reduced as a result of the abatement agreement were as follows:

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Fiscal Year	Sales tax reduction
9/30/2020	\$10,210
9/30/2021	\$23,882
9/30/2022	\$19,615
9/30/2023	\$18,785
9/30/2024	\$18,137

(18) Accounting Pronouncements Implemented

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, which amends GASB Statement No. 62. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

(19) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB has issued the following statements which will become effective in future years.

In June 2022, the GASB also issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

In December 2023, the GASB issued Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued.

The City Council is evaluating the impact, if any, upon its financial position, results of operations or cash flows upon adoption of these statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Texas Municipal Retirement System Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios Last 10 years

	Measurement Year 2023	Measurement Year 2022	Measurement Year 2021	Measurement Year 2020
Total pension liability				
Service Cost	\$ 1,142,793	\$ 1,061,707	\$ 977,779	\$ 950,245
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	2,651,340	2,528,543	2,392,302	2,297,475
Changes of benefit terms including substantively automatic status	-	233,169	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	422,194	206,809	332,265	10,958
Change of assumptions	(384,095)	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	<u>(2,057,874)</u>	<u>(1,978,891)</u>	<u>(1,939,304)</u>	<u>(1,795,882)</u>
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	1,774,358	2,051,337	1,763,042	1,462,796
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	<u>39,736,659</u>	<u>37,685,322</u>	<u>35,922,280</u>	<u>34,459,484</u>
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	<u><u>\$ 41,511,017</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,736,659</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 37,685,322</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,922,280</u></u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
Contributions - Employer	\$ 1,185,093	\$ 1,022,091	\$ 989,564	\$ 1,037,427
Contributions - Employee	477,585	442,115	423,805	409,588
Net Investment Income	3,772,107	(2,607,593)	4,183,990	2,290,002
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(2,057,874)	(1,978,891)	(1,939,304)	(1,795,882)
Administrative Expense	(24,018)	(22,575)	(19,362)	(14,820)
Other	<u>(168)</u>	<u>26,938</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>(578)</u>
Net change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	3,352,725	(3,117,914)	3,638,825	1,925,736
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	<u>32,620,032</u>	<u>35,737,946</u>	<u>32,099,121</u>	<u>30,173,385</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	<u><u>\$ 35,972,757</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,620,032</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,737,946</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,099,121</u></u>
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$ 5,538,260	\$ 7,116,627	\$ 1,947,376	\$ 3,823,159
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	86.66%	82.09%	94.83%	89.36%
Covered Payroll	\$ 6,822,644	\$ 6,315,928	\$ 6,054,360	\$ 5,851,259
Net Pension Liability as a % of Covered Payroll	81.17%	112.68%	32.16%	65.34%

Notes to Schedule:

N/A

Measurement Year 2019	Measurement Year 2018	Measurement Year 2017	Measurement Year 2016	Measurement Year 2015	Measurement Year 2014
\$ 973,702	\$ 920,875	\$ 892,819	\$ 860,020	\$ 792,135	\$ 671,107
2,244,948	2,157,453	2,079,395	1,979,740	1,976,956	1,911,569
-	-	-	-	-	-
(665,254)	(126,129)	(298,136)	248,458	(226,424)	(329,247)
40,035	-	-	-	72,076	-
<u>(1,811,161)</u>	<u>(1,553,626)</u>	<u>(1,509,744)</u>	<u>(1,746,755)</u>	<u>(1,376,124)</u>	<u>(1,383,552)</u>
782,270	1,398,573	1,164,334	1,341,463	1,238,619	869,877
<u>33,677,214</u>	<u>32,278,641</u>	<u>31,114,307</u>	<u>29,772,844</u>	<u>28,534,225</u>	<u>27,664,348</u>
<u>\$ 34,459,484</u>	<u>\$ 33,677,214</u>	<u>\$ 32,278,641</u>	<u>\$ 31,114,307</u>	<u>\$ 29,772,844</u>	<u>\$ 28,534,225</u>
\$ 1,043,464	\$ 1,007,103	\$ 967,945	\$ 962,349	\$ 967,603	\$ 930,310
413,838	389,494	381,081	371,155	352,957	326,100
4,090,589	(822,415)	3,364,048	1,563,907	34,208	1,262,036
(1,811,161)	(1,553,626)	(1,509,744)	(1,746,755)	(1,376,124)	(1,383,552)
(23,115)	(15,895)	(17,433)	(17,661)	(20,836)	(13,177)
<u>(694)</u>	<u>(830)</u>	<u>(884)</u>	<u>(952)</u>	<u>(1,029)</u>	<u>(1,083)</u>
3,712,921	(996,169)	3,185,013	1,132,043	(43,222)	1,120,634
<u>26,460,464</u>	<u>27,456,633</u>	<u>24,271,620</u>	<u>23,139,577</u>	<u>23,182,799</u>	<u>22,062,165</u>
<u>\$ 30,173,385</u>	<u>\$ 26,460,464</u>	<u>\$ 27,456,633</u>	<u>\$ 24,271,620</u>	<u>\$ 23,139,577</u>	<u>\$ 23,182,799</u>
\$ 4,286,099	\$ 7,216,750	\$ 4,822,008	\$ 6,842,687	\$ 6,633,267	\$ 5,351,426
87.56%	78.57%	85.06%	78.01%	77.72%	81.25%
\$ 5,911,976	\$ 5,564,202	\$ 5,444,016	\$ 5,302,221	\$ 5,042,236	\$ 4,658,574
72.50%	129.70%	88.57%	129.05%	131.55%	114.87%

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Texas Municipal Retirement System Schedule of Pension Contributions Last 10 years

	9/30/2024	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	9/30/2019
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 1,262,330	\$ 1,127,538	\$ 1,016,763	\$ 971,152	\$ 1,052,211	\$ 1,032,752
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>\$ 1,262,330</u>	<u>\$ 1,127,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,763</u>	<u>\$ 971,152</u>	<u>\$ 1,052,211</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,752</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 7,192,112	\$ 6,611,661	\$ 6,266,133	\$ 5,815,781	\$ 5,941,673	\$ 5,814,837
Contributions as a % of covered payroll	17.55%	17.05%	16.23%	16.70%	17.71%	17.76%

	9/30/2018	9/30/2017	9/30/2016	9/30/2015
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 994,574	\$ 962,349	\$ 963,144	\$ 957,565
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>\$ 994,574</u>	<u>\$ 962,349</u>	<u>\$ 963,144</u>	<u>\$ 957,565</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 5,548,494	\$ 5,447,328	\$ 5,229,357	\$ 4,581,299
Contributions as a % of covered payroll	17.93%	17.67%	18.42%	20.90%

Notes to Schedule of Contributions

Valuation Date:

Notes

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

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization Period	22 years (longest amortization ladder)
Asset Valuation Method	10 Year smoothed market; 12% soft corridor
Inflation	2.5%
Salary Increases	3.60% to 11.85% including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the City's plan of benefits. Last updated for the 2023 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period ending 2022.
Mortality	Post-retirement: 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. Male rates are multiplied by 103% and female rates are multiplied by 105%. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by the most recent Scale MP-2021 (with immediate convergence). Pre-retirement: PUM (10) mortality tables, with the 110% of the Public Safety table used for males and the 100% of the General Employee table used for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by the most recent Scale MP-2021 (with immediate convergence).

Other information:

Notes

There were no benefit changes during the year.

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Texas Municipal Retirement System Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios Last 10 years (will ultimately be displayed)

	Measurement Year 2023	Measurement Year 2022	Measurement Year 2021	Measurement Year 2020
Changes in the Total OPEB Liability				
Total OPEB Liability - beginning of year	\$ 386,229	\$ 546,931	\$ 512,203	\$ 424,084
Changes for the year				
Service Cost	13,645	25,895	24,823	20,479
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	15,642	10,197	10,408	11,896
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	7,604	(12,120)	(7,573)	(3,028)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	19,403	(173,305)	15,546	62,284
Benefit payments**	(13,645)	(11,369)	(8,476)	(3,511)
Net changes	42,649	(160,702)	34,728	88,120
Total OPEB Liability - end of year	<u>\$ 428,878</u>	<u>\$ 386,229</u>	<u>\$ 546,931</u>	<u>\$ 512,203</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 6,822,644	\$ 6,315,928	\$ 6,054,360	\$ 5,851,259
Total OPEB Liability as a % of covered payroll	6.29%	6.12%	9.03%	8.75%

	Measurement Year 2019	Measurement Year 2018	Measurement Year 2017
Changes in the Total OPEB Liability			
Total OPEB Liability - beginning of year	\$ 349,209	\$ 379,565	\$ 328,847
Changes for the year			
Service Cost	15,962	17,805	15,243
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	13,175	12,794	12,646
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(17,662)	(34,226)	-
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	67,538	(22,834)	26,640
Benefit payments**	(4,138)	(3,895)	(3,811)
Net changes	74,875	(30,356)	50,718
Total OPEB Liability - end of year	<u>\$ 424,084</u>	<u>\$ 349,209</u>	<u>\$ 379,565</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 5,911,976	\$ 5,564,202	\$ 5,444,016
Total OPEB Liability as a % of covered payroll	7.17%	6.28%	6.97%

** Due to the SDBF being considered in unfunded OPEB plan under GASB 75, benefit payments are treated as being equal to the employer's yearly contributions for retirees.

Notes to RSI:

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period ending December 31, 2022.

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios Last 10 years

	Measurement Year 2023	Measurement Year 2022	Measurement Year 2021	Measurement Year 2020
Total pension liability				
Service Cost	\$ 661,082	\$ 341,268	\$ 366,375	\$ 339,236
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	1,220,519	1,212,860	1,179,548	1,141,733
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	242,839	-	(48,688)
Change of assumptions	(732,918)	7,388,383	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,104,649)	(1,102,890)	(1,105,949)	(867,523)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	44,034	8,082,460	439,974	564,758
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	23,453,382	15,370,922	14,930,948	14,366,190
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	<u>\$ 23,497,415</u>	<u>\$ 23,453,382</u>	<u>\$ 15,370,922</u>	<u>\$ 14,930,948</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
Contributions - Employer	\$ 383,027	\$ 334,598	\$ 338,890	\$ 306,973
Contributions - Employee	361,748	316,010	320,063	289,919
Net investment income	1,239,544	(1,518,147)	986,090	1,016,738
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,104,649)	(1,102,890)	(1,105,949)	(867,523)
Administrative Expense	(113,819)	(36,673)	(52,313)	(23,665)
Other	-	-	-	-
Net change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	765,851	(2,007,101)	486,781	722,442
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	8,221,612	10,228,713	9,741,932	9,019,490
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	<u>\$ 8,987,464</u>	<u>\$ 8,221,612</u>	<u>\$ 10,228,713</u>	<u>\$ 9,741,932</u>
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$ 14,509,951	\$ 15,231,770	\$ 5,142,209	\$ 5,189,016
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	38.25%	35.06%	66.55%	65.25%
Covered Payroll (Estimated)	\$ 2,127,517	\$ 1,859,295	\$ 1,882,073	\$ 1,705,405
Net Pension Liability as a % of Covered Payroll	682.0%	819.2%	273.2%	304.3%

Measurement Year 2019	Measurement Year 2018	Measurement Year 2017	Measurement Year 2016	Measurement Year 2015	Measurement Year 2014
\$ 386,150	\$ 386,326	\$ 371,467	\$ 357,180	\$ 341,799	\$ 327,271
1,051,335	1,007,032	962,131	975,941	939,280	865,092
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	204,380	-	(105,695)	-	(971,741)
-	306,387	-	(631,974)	-	1,473,737
(789,512)	(774,953)	(799,457)	(765,290)	(911,057)	(686,376)
647,973	1,129,172	534,141	(169,838)	370,022	1,007,983
13,718,217	12,589,045	12,054,904	12,224,742	11,854,720	10,846,737
<u>\$ 14,366,190</u>	<u>\$ 13,718,217</u>	<u>\$ 12,589,045</u>	<u>\$ 12,054,904</u>	<u>\$ 12,224,742</u>	<u>\$ 11,854,720</u>
\$ 298,733	\$ 292,460	\$ 284,446	\$ 256,845	\$ 236,832	\$ 221,847
282,136	276,212	268,643	252,797	236,832	221,847
1,494,775	(543,173)	1,001,682	543,748	(216,775)	412,292
(789,512)	(774,953)	(799,457)	(765,290)	(911,057)	(686,376)
(27,624)	(36,736)	(35,021)	(41,956)	(29,349)	(34,337)
-	-	-	69	-	-
1,258,508	(786,190)	720,293	246,213	(683,517)	135,273
7,760,982	8,547,172	7,826,879	7,580,666	8,264,183	8,128,910
<u>\$ 9,019,490</u>	<u>\$ 7,760,982</u>	<u>\$ 8,547,172</u>	<u>\$ 7,826,879</u>	<u>\$ 7,580,666</u>	<u>\$ 8,264,183</u>
\$ 5,346,700	\$ 5,957,235	\$ 4,041,873	\$ 4,228,025	\$ 4,644,076	\$ 3,590,537
62.78%	56.63%	67.89%	61.18%	62.01%	69.71%
\$ 1,659,628	\$ 1,624,778	\$ 1,580,254	\$ 1,554,689	\$ 1,480,200	\$ 1,386,544
322.2%	366.6%	255.8%	272.0%	313.7%	259.0%

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

Sweetwater Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Schedule of Contributions Last 10 years

	<u>9/30/2024</u>	<u>9/30/2023</u>	<u>9/30/2022</u>	<u>9/30/2021</u>	<u>9/30/2020</u>
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 402,901	\$ 366,592	\$ 331,423	\$ 325,178	\$ 302,909
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>402,901</u>	<u>366,592</u>	<u>331,423</u>	<u>325,178</u>	<u>302,909</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 2,238,338	\$ 2,036,625	\$ 1,841,239	\$ 1,806,542	\$ 1,682,827
Contributions as a % of covered payroll	18.00%	18.00%	18.00%	18.00%	18.00%
	<u>9/30/2019</u>	<u>9/30/2018</u>	<u>9/30/2017</u>	<u>9/30/2016</u>	<u>9/30/2015</u>
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 298,504	\$ 290,565	\$ 283,387	\$ 247,893	\$ 231,566
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>298,504</u>	<u>290,565</u>	<u>283,387</u>	<u>247,893</u>	<u>231,566</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 1,658,360	\$ 1,614,247	\$ 1,574,371	\$ 1,549,334	\$ 1,447,285
Contributions as a % of covered payroll	18.00%	18.00%	18.00%	16.00%	16.00%

Notes to Schedule of Contributions

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Valuation Date	December 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining Amortization Period	Infinite years
Asset Valuation Method	5 year smoothed market value
Inflation	3.00%
Projected Salary Increases	Service Based
Investment Rate of Return, Net of Expenses Compounded Annually	7.5% per year
Retirement Rates	Age and service related

Significant Factors Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information

There were not any significant changes in plan provisions and actuarial assumptions from the prior year that significantly affect the identification of trends in the amounts reported in the required schedules.

Financial Advisory Services
Provided By:

