CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING
FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 2023

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Certified Public Accountants

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the City Council City of Sundance, Wyoming Sundance, Wyoming

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and trust fund activities of City of Sundance, Wyoming, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively, comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and trust fund activities of the City of Sundance, Wyoming as of June 30, 2023 on the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing

standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the School District'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.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis and information regarding the Defined Benefit Pension Plan that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the statements of cash receipts and disbursements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 15 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 9, 2024, on our consideration of the City of Sundance, Wyoming's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report solely is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Sundance, Wyoming'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 the City of Sundance, Wyoming's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

NOTICE

The accompanying financial statements and our independent auditors' reports are for the purpose of meeting local, state and federal requirements and are for the use of those entities, management, and the City Council, and should not be used or relied upon by any other party for any purpose. Additional users of these financial statements and our independent auditors' reports are hereby advised that the liability of Leo Riley & Co., CPAs to third party users who use or rely on this information may be limited pursuant to 1995 Wyo. Sess. Laws, Chapter 155 creating Wyo. Stat. §33-3-201. However, the financial statements and our independent auditors' report on the financial statements are a matter of public record and their distribution is not limited.

February 9, 2024

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CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General		Recreation			
		Fund	Fund			Total
Cash receipts						
Taxes	\$	903,724	\$	-	\$	903,724
License and permits		17,578		-		17,578
Intergovernmental revenues		805,928		-		805,928
Charges for goods and services		-		16,294		16,294
Fines and forfeitures		354		-		354
Miscellaneous revenues		34,544		-		34,544
Interest income		43,570		-		43,570
Special funds		62,414				62,414
Total cash receipts	\$	1,868,112	\$	16,294	\$	1,884,406
Cash disbursements						
Municipal court	\$	100	\$	_	\$	100
Mayor and Council	•	34,047	•	_	·	34,047
Administration		153,034		_		153,034
Attorney		24,000		_		24,000
Supplies and services		170,230		-		170,230
Computer		24,903		-		24,903
Building		20,943		-		20,943
Police		288,741		-		288,741
Fire		83,628		-		83,628
Streets		391,826		-		391,826
Ambulance		6,341		-		6,341
Parks Department		21,015		-		21,015
Cemetery		8,314		-		8,314
Shop Department		23,757		-		23,757
Recreation		-		71,070		71,070
Total cash disbursements	\$	1,250,879	\$	71,070	\$	1,321,949
Net cash receipts over/(under) disbursements						
before transfers	\$	617,233	\$	(54,776)	\$	562,457
	Ψ	017,200	Ψ	(34,770)	Ψ	302,437
Beginning cash balance		877,785		(3,686)		874,099
Ending cash balance	\$	1,495,018	\$	(58,462)	\$	1,436,556
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(The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement)

CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Water Fund		Sewer Fund		Sanitation Fund			Total
Operating receipts								
Charges for services	\$	447,698	\$	154,755	\$	594,239	\$	1,196,692
Miscellaneous	·	3,196	•	-	•	11,267	•	14,463
Total operating receipts	\$	450,894	\$	154,755	\$	605,506	\$	1,211,155
Operating disbursements								
Salaries and benefits	\$	225,878	\$	42,878	\$	147,720	\$	416,476
Public works	•	194,511		29,966	•	343,752		568,229
Total operating disbursements	\$	420,389	\$	72,844	\$	491,472	\$	984,705
Receipts over/ (under) disbursements	\$	30,505	\$	81,911	\$	114,034	\$	226,450
Nonoperating receipts /(disbursements)								
Grant∖ loan receipts or payments	\$	3,908	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,908
Interest income		13,148		-		1,096		14,244
County contribution		-		-		4,088		4,088
Debt service		(20,410)		-		(74,992)		(95,402)
Capital outlay		(261,187)				(3,213)		(264,400)
Nonoperating receipts over/								
(under) disbursements total	\$	(264,541)	\$	-	\$	(73,021)	\$	(337,562)
Net receipts over/ (under) disbursements	\$	(234,036)	\$	81,911	\$	41,013	\$	(111,112)
Beginning cash balance		547,502		713,332		677,388		1,938,222
Ending cash balance	\$	313,466	\$	795,243	\$	718,401	\$	1,827,110

CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Cash receipts - Deposits	\$ 7,047
Cash disbursements - Refunds	 3,394
Net cash receipts	\$ 3,653
Beginning cash	53,040
Ending cash and certificates of deposits	\$ 56,693

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement)

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY OF SUNDANCE AND THE REPORTING ENTITY

Reporting Entity

The City of Sundance operates under a Mayor-Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), streets, sanitation, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The City, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds relevant to the operations of the City of Sundance. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the City of Sundance.

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The basic criteria for inclusion in the City's financial statements is control by or dependence on the City. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding and appointment of the respective board. Based upon the application of these criteria, there are no potential component units which should be included in the reporting entity.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City's financial statements are prepared on a cash receipts and disbursements basis which is a comprehensive basis other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds are used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges for sales and purchases of goods and services between various functions of the City. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program receipts include (1) receipts from 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 receipts rather than as program receipts. Likewise, general receipts include all taxes.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating receipts of the enterprise funds are charges to customers for services and benefit fees. Operating disbursements for enterprise funds include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and capital outlay. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Budgetary Data

The City Treasurer submits an annual budget to the City Council prior to May 15 for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. In June, a public hearing is conducted to obtain public comments. Subsequently, the City Council adopts the annual fiscal year appropriated budget for City funds. These include General Government, Public Safety and Transportation, Public Works, Health, Welfare and Recreation, and Capital Outlay. Once approved the City Council may transfer any unencumbered or unexpended appropriation balance or part thereof from one fund, department or account to another after publication of notice. Budget amounts have been amended in accordance with Wyoming State Statutes.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on the cash and expenditures/encumbrance basis. Revenues are budgeted in the year receipt is expected; and expenditures, which include encumbrances, are budgeted in the year that the applicable purchase orders are expected to be issued. All appropriations excluding appropriations for capital projects shall lapse at fiscal year end to the extent they are not expended or encumbered.

Each fund's appropriated budget is prepared on a detailed line item basis. Revenues are budgeted by source. Expenditures are budgeted by department and class as follows: employee services, contractual services, materials and supplies, capital improvements, and special departmental expense. This constitutes the legal level of control. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at this level. Within these control levels, management may transfer appropriations without Council approval.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied, billed, and collected by Crook County on behalf of the City of Sundance. Taxes are levied on or about August 1 and payable in two installments on September 1 and March 1. The installments are considered delinquent if not paid by November 10 and May 10, respectively. If the taxpayer fails to pay the first installment by November 10, the taxpayer may pay the entire liability by December 31 and avoid an interest charge. If taxes are not paid in accordance with the prescribed delinquent dates, a tax lien attaches to the property on August 1. Property tax receipts are recognized when received.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City has assessed the maximum 8.00 mills available by statute for general operations. Therefore, the City has no additional tax margin available.

NOTE 3. CASH, CASH EQUIVILENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash, Certificates of Deposits and Investments

A portion of the City's funds are held in pooled accounts. Each fund's share of the pooled accounts is maintained. These shares are shown under beginning and ending cash in their respective cash receipt and disbursement financial statement.

At June 30, 2023, cash and certificates of deposits consisted of:

Cash	\$ 2,442,091
Cash on hand	225
Certificates of deposits	508,420
Investments in Government Securities (Cost)	115,000
Investments in Wyoming CLASS	254,623
<i>,</i>	\$ 3,320,359

Wyoming CLASS

The City Invests in Wyoming CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) which is administered by a Board of Trustees and Public Trust Advisors, LLC which is responsible for all program investments and administrative activities. This investment pool has not been assigned a risk category since the County is not issued securities, but rather owns an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of these pools. Wyoming CLASS operates similarly to a money market fund; each share is equal in value to \$1.00.

Government Securities

Wyoming State Statute 9-4-831 authorizes the City to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, obligations guaranteed by the Federal government agency or instrumentality, repurchase agreements of obligations of the U.S. government or guaranteed by the U.S. government, deposits in financial institutions which are federally insured, or secured by a pledge of assets, provided the pledge is authorized by the FDIC, commercial paper that is rated by Moody's as P-1 or by Standard & Poor's as A+1 or higher with maturity of less than 220 days, guarantee investment contracts, local investments pools organized by the Wyoming State Treasurer, or commingled funds of the eligible securities.

Investments held at June 30, 2023 by the City consisted of U.S. guaranteed real estate mortgages. All of the bonds are rated AAA. All of the securities are held in the City's name.

The City is exposed to risk that these investments will decline or increase in value based upon changes in current market interest rates. The future maturities of these investments are as follows:

					Maturities				
	Security Cost			Market Value	Less Than 1 Year				
FHL Bonds	\$	115,000	\$	112,834	\$	112,834			

NOTE 3. CASH, CASH EQUIVILENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

GASB Statement 72 establishes a hierarchy of inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. That hierarchy has three levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are inputs - other than quoted prices - included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Finally, Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, such as management's assumption of the default rate among underlying mortgages of a mortgage-backed security.

All investments that the City holds are valued at level 1 inputs.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the depository financial institution, or the counterparty (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of outside party. Custodial credit risk does not apply to the City's indirect investment in securities through the use of a government investment pool. The government deposit policy, in accordance with Wyoming State Statutes, states all deposits should be insured or collateralized. As of June 30, 2023, the City's bank balances of \$2,799,681 were covered by FDIC insurance of \$500,000 and securities pledged to collateralize the excess over FDIC insurance of \$2,299,537.

NOTE 4. PENSION PLAN

Wyoming Retirement System

The City participates in the Wyoming Retirement System ("System"), a statewide cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the State of Wyoming Retirement System Board. Substantially all City full-time employees are eligible to participate. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits according to predetermined formulas. Benefits are established by Title 9, Chapter 3 of the Wyoming Statutes. The System issues a publicly available financial report which includes audited financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Wyoming Retirement System, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 500 Cheyenne, WY 82002 retirement.state.wy.us

NOTE 4. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions

Both the County and Plan members (employees) are required to contribute a percentage of their annual covered salary as follows:

	Public Employee Plan					
	Employee	Employer				
	Contributions	Contribution				
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	9.25%	9.37%				

Legislation enacted in 1979 allows the employer to pay any or all of the employee's contribution in addition to the matching contribution. The City pays 100% of the contributions for employees under the Public Employee Plan and an equal amount of the contributions required to the Law Enforcement Plan. Law enforcement employees pay the difference of the law enforcement rate compared to the public plan rate.

Contribution rates are established by Title 9, Chapter 3 of the Wyoming Statutes. The City's contributions to the System for the years ended June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$84,150, \$84,127, and \$93,350, respectively.

The City's allocated percentage of the net pension obligation for the plans is as follows (as statements are presented on the cash basis these liabilities are not reflected):

		City's proportionate	Esti	imated share
	Plan net pension	share of	of	net pension
	benefit obligation	contributions		liability
Public Employee	\$ 2,732,814,262	0.0225130%	\$	615,238

NOTE 5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is a member of the Wyoming Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP). The LGLP was created to formulate, develop and administer a program of modified self-funding for the LGLP's membership, obtain lower costs for liability coverage and develop a comprehensive loss control program. The City is covered under the comprehensive loss control program and liability coverage. The City's agreement with the LGLP provides that the LGLP will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will provide individual loss coverage for member districts for claims of \$250,000 per person/\$500,000 per occurrence.

NOTE 6. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIPTS

During the year ended June 30, 2023, intergovernmental receipts in the General Fund consisted of the following:

4% sales tax	\$ 302,309
4% use tax	59,705
Gas tax	87,374
Cigarette tax	5,931
Special fuel tax	10,597
Mineral royalty	96,905
Lottery	7,448
Severance tax	37,538
Legislative distribution	146,311
State and Federal grants	39,368
Main street	11,672
American Rescue Plan	770
	\$ 805,928

NOTE 7. LOAN AGREEMENTS

The City has the following outstanding loans at June 30, 2023 and as the financial statements are presented on the cash basis these liabilities are reflected as receipts for loan proceeds and expenditures for the related debt service.

	Outstanding Loan Balances Balance								
		June 30,	Interest	Annual	Maturity				
Lender		2023	Rate	Payments	Date				
Sanitation\Landfill Fund									
Office of State Lands and									
Investments: JPA 13580	* \$	77,042	4.13%	\$ 15,150	December 1, 2032				
Office of State Lands and									
Investments: MWL 15015		198,300	0.00%	12,394	December 1, 2038				
Water Fund									
Office of State Lands and									
Investments: DWSRF 102		26,538	0.00%	3,791	July 15, 2030				
Office of State Lands and									
Investments: DWSRF 215		194,475	2.50%	9,748	November 15, 2050				
Wyoming Water									
Development Office		111,888	4.00%	16,619	December 1, 2031				
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	<u>\$</u>	608,243		\$ 57,702					

^{*} The City made an extra payment of \$47,448 on May 10, 2023.

NOTE 7. LOAN AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following schedule summarizes debt activity for the year:

	I	Balance					Е	Balance	ln	terests
Loan	Jun	e 30, 2022	Addti	ions	Deletions		June 30, 2023		Paid	
Sanitation Fund										
SLIB JPA 13580	\$	131,288	\$	-	\$	(54,246)	\$	77,042	\$	8,351
MWL 15015		210,694		-		(12,394)		198,300		-
Water Fund										
SLIB DWSRF 102		30,329		-		(3,791)		26,538		-
SLIB DWSRF 215		199,242		-		(4,767)		194,475		4,981
WWDC		123,563		-		(11,675)		111,888		4,943
	\$	695,116	\$		\$	(86,873)	\$	608,243	\$	18,275
	_	555,110				(33,3.0)		555,210		

CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Variance with

		Budgeted	l Am	ounts	Actual		Final Budget Favorable	
		Original		Final	Amounts		(Unfavorable)	
Receipts:								
Taxes	\$	630,400	\$	630,400	\$	856,661	\$	226,261
Licenses and permits		16,250		16,250		17,578		1,328
Intergovernmental services		788,400		788,400		852,222		63,822
Charges for goods and services		50		50		210		160
Fines and forfeitures		150		150		354		204
Miscellaneous revenues		1,129,318		1,129,318		115,630		(1,013,688)
Interest income		12,250		12,250		20,718		8,468
Special funds		2,600		2,600		4,740	_	2,140
Total receipts	\$	2,579,418	\$	2,579,418	\$	1,868,113	\$	(711,305)
Disbursements:								
Municipal Court	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100	\$	
Mayor and Council	Ψ	91,119	Ψ	91,119	Ψ	34,047	Ψ	57,072
Elections		4,300		4,300		3,697		603
Administration		187,360		187,360		149,337		38,023
Attorney		24,000		24,000		24,000		50,025
Supplies and services		275,950		275,950		170,230		105,720
Computer		34,000		34,000		24,903		9,097
Building		25,000		25,000		20,943		4,057
Police		292,500		292,500		288,741		3,759
Fire		75,300		75,300		83,628		(8,328)
Streets		1,766,646		1,766,646		391,826		1,374,820
Ambulance		11,300		11,300		6,341		4,959
Parks Department		50,250		50,250		21,015		29,235
Cemetery		17,950		17,950		8,315		9,635
Shop Department		38,000		38,000		23,757		14,243
Special Funds		-		-		-		-
Total disbursements	\$	2,893,775	\$	2,893,775	\$	1,250,880	\$	1,642,895
Receipts over (under) disbursements	\$	(314,357)	\$	(314,357)	\$	617,233		931,590

CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - BUDGETARY DATA

NOTE 1. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL DATA (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)

The budget to actual comparison statements are prepared on a basis consistent with the City's budgeting system. The financial statements are prepared on the cash receipt and disbursement basis which is consistent with the budgetary basis. Therefore, there are no differences.

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

City Council City of Sundance, Wyoming Sundance, Wyoming

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and the trust fund activities, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Sundance, Wyoming's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon, dated February 9, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies. See item 2023-001.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Sundance, Wyoming's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

City of Sundance, Wyoming Response to Findings

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City of Sundance's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. City of Sundance's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of This Report

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

February 9, 2024

CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES JUNE 30, 2023

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

2023-001 Separation of Duties

Criteria: An effective internal control structure of an organization will include procedures and actions to:

- 1. Protect its assets against theft and waste.
- 2. Ensure compliance with the organization's policies, procedures and statutory requirements.
- 3. Evaluate the performance of personnel to promote efficient operations.
- 4. Ensure accurate and reliable operating and accounting data.

Separation of duties requires that someone other than the employee responsible for safeguarding the asset must maintain the accounting records for that asset. When an organization separates duties of the employees, it minimizes the probability of an error or irregularity occurring and not being timely detected.

Condition: Due to the small size of the accounting department of the City, the possibility of adequate separation of duties over certain transaction cycles is limited.

Recommendation: While we recognize that it is impractical for the City to achieve complete separation of duties over all transaction cycles within the City, it is important that the Council be aware of the chance of errors and irregularities not being timely detected is elevated.

Auditee Response: The City has separated duties to the extent possible and has implemented compensating controls to monitor the accounting activities.

CITY OF SUNDANCE, WYOMING

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES JUNE 30, 2023 STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

2022-001 Separation of Duties

Ongoing comment and condition. See Item 2023-001.