

Financial Statements
December 31, 2024 and 2023

# City of Faulkton



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the City Council City of Faulkton Faulkton, South Dakota

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Adverse and Unmodified Opinions**

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, and each major fund of the City of Faulkton (the City), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 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.

### Adverse Opinion on Discretely Presented Component Unit

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the modified cash basis financial position of the discretely presented component unit of the City of Faulkton, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the modified cash basis changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, the Business-Type Activities, and Each Major Fund

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Faulkton as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows — modified cash basis thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City of Faulkton 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 adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit

The financial statements do not include financial data for the City of Faulkton's legally separate component unit. Accounting principles applicable to the City's modified cash basis of accounting require the financial data for the component unit to be reported with the financial data of the City of Faulkton's primary government unless the City of Faulkton also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component unit. The City of Faulkton has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the City of Faulkton's legally separate component unit on the discretely presented component unit has not been determined.

#### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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.

### 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 GAAS 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 GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
  include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
  statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the City'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.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The schedule of employer's share of net pension liability (asset) and schedule of pension contributions, budgetary comparison schedules, and schedule of changes in long-term debt are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the supplementary information referred to above.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 29, 2025, on our consideration of the City'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 is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Esde Bailly LLP

August 29, 2025

	Primary Government						
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total				
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Restricted assets	\$ 1,040,096 96,924	\$ 288,060 -	\$ 1,328,156 96,924				
Cash and cash equivalents Investments		132,366 113,256	132,366 113,256				
Total assets	\$ 1,137,020	\$ 533,682	\$ 1,670,702				
Net Position							
Restricted for Debt service Equipment repairs and replacement 2nd Penny Fund Gross Receipts Fund Unrestricted	\$ - - 351,253 29,661 756,106	\$ 210,822 34,800 - - 288,060	\$ 210,822 34,800 351,253 29,661 1,044,166				
Total net position	1,137,020	533,682	1,670,702				
	\$ 1,137,020	\$ 533,682	\$ 1,670,702				

	Primary Government					
	Governmental Activities			iness-Type activities		Total
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Restricted assets	\$	971,973 95,724	\$	296,912 -	\$	1,268,885 95,724
Cash and cash equivalents Investments		<u>-</u>		104,624 111,854		104,624 111,854
Total assets	\$	1,067,697	\$	513,390	\$	1,581,087
Net Position						
Restricted for						
Debt service	\$	-	\$	184,078	\$	184,078
Equipment repairs and replacement		-		32,400		32,400
2nd Penny Fund		256,116		-		256,116
Gross Receipts Fund		27,890		-		27,890
Unrestricted		783,691		296,912		1,080,603
Total net position		1,067,697		513,390		1,581,087
	\$	1,067,697	\$	513,390	\$	1,581,087

## City of Faulkton Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2024

			Program Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
		Charges for	Operating Grants and	Capital Grants and	Governmental	Primary Governme Business-Type	ent
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Primary Government							
Governmental activities							
General government	\$ 147,993	\$ 13,853	\$ 6,015	\$ -	\$ (128,125)	\$ -	\$ (128,125)
Public safety	59,965	3,900	-	45,269	(10,796)	-	(10,796)
Public works	424,661	3,617	64,720	=	(356,324)	=	(356,324)
Health and welfare Culture and recreation	11,257	20.400	-	- 215	(11,257)	-	(11,257)
Conservation and development	140,124 67,630	28,489	-	315	(111,320) (67,630)	-	(111,320) (67,630)
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Total governmental activities	851,630	49,859	70,735	45,584	(685,452)		(685,452)
Business-type activities							
Water	297,950	321,684	3,332	=	-	27,066	27,066
Sewer	213,916	204,768				(9,148)	(9,148)
Total business-type activities	511,866	526,452	3,332			17,918	17,918
Total primary government	\$ 1,363,496	\$ 576,311	\$ 74,067	\$ 45,584	(685,452)	17,918	(667,534)
General Revenues							
Taxes							
Property taxes					266,053	-	266,053
Sales taxes					438,560	-	438,560
Gross receipts					21,945	-	21,945
State shared revenues Unrestricted investment earnings					7,180	- 2 274	7,180
Gain in sale of property					13,324 706	2,374	15,698 706
Miscellaneous revenue					7,007	_	7,007
Total general revenues					754,775	2,374	757,149
<b>G</b>					69,323	20,292	89,615
Change in Net Position							
Net Position - Beginning					1,067,697	513,390	1,581,087
Net Position - Ending					\$ 1,137,020	\$ 533,682	\$ 1,670,702

See Notes to Financial Statements

## City of Faulkton Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2023

			Program Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
		Charges for	Operating Grants and	Capital Grants and	Governmental	Primary Governm Business-Type	ent
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Primary Government Governmental activities General government	\$ 132,386	\$ 14,494	\$ 31,841	\$ -	\$ (86,051)	\$ -	\$ (86,051)
Public safety Public works Health and welfare Culture and recreation	63,824 487,323 14,350 247,074	3,200 3,170 - 31,158	6,467 60,472 - -	32,741 - - -	(21,416) (423,681) (14,350) (215,916)	- - -	(21,416) (423,681) (14,350) (215,916)
Conservation and development  Total governmental activities	<u>77,928</u> 1,022,885	52,022	98,780	32,741	(77,928) (839,342)		(77,928) (839,342)
Business-type activities Water Sewer	300,166 206,636	297,980 201,984	8,172	-	-	5,986 (4,652)	5,986 (4,652)
Total business-type activities	506,802	499,964	8,172		<u>-</u>	1,334	1,334
Total primary government	\$ 1,529,687	\$ 551,986	\$ 106,952	\$ 32,741	(839,342)	1,334	(838,008)
General Revenues Taxes Property taxes Sales taxes Gross receipts State shared revenues Unrestricted investment earnings Gain in sale of property Miscellaneous revenue					256,843 434,328 16,218 7,489 11,260 150 1,417	- - - - 740 - -	256,843 434,328 16,218 7,489 12,000 150 1,417
Total general revenues					727,705	740	728,445
Change in Net Position					(111,637)	2,074	(109,563)
Net Position - Beginning					1,179,334	511,316	1,690,650
Net Position - Ending					\$ 1,067,697	\$ 513,390	\$ 1,581,087

See Notes to Financial Statements

	General Fund		2nd Penny Fund		Gross Receipts Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
Assets  Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$	659,182 96,924	\$	351,253 -	\$	29,661 -	\$	1,040,096 96,924
Total assets	\$	756,106	\$	351,253	\$	29,661	\$	1,137,020
Fund Balances Restricted Assigned Unassigned	\$	- 250,250 505,856	\$	351,253 - -	\$	29,661 - -	\$	380,914 250,250 505,856
Total fund balance		756,106		351,253		29,661		1,137,020
	\$	756,106	\$	351,253	\$	29,661	\$	1,137,020

	General Fund		2nd Penny Fund		Gross Receipts Funds		Go 	Total overnmental Funds
Assets  Cash and cash equivalents	\$	687,967	\$	256,116	\$	27,890	\$	971,973
Investments		95,724		-				95,724
Total assets	\$	783,691	\$	256,116	\$	27,890	\$	1,067,697
Fund Balances Restricted Assigned Unassigned	\$	100,250 683,441	\$	256,116 - -	\$	27,890 - -	\$	284,006 100,250 683,441
Total fund balance		783,691		256,116		27,890		1,067,697
	\$	783,691	\$	256,116	\$	27,890	\$	1,067,697

Revenues	General Fund	2nd Penny Fund	Gross Receipts Fund	Total Governmental Funds
310 Taxes				
311 General property taxes	\$ 265,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,640
313 General sales and use taxes	219,280	219,280	· -	438,560
314 Gross receipts business taxes	213,200	213,200	21,945	21,945
319 Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	413	_	-	413
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Total taxes	485,333	219,280	21,945	726,558
320 Licenses and permits	13,853			13,853
330 Intergovernmental revenue				
331 Federal grants	-	45,269	_	45,269
334 State grants	3,500	2,515	_	6,015
335 State shared revenue	5,555	_,		5,5 =5
335.01 Bank franchise tax	1,531	_	_	1,531
335.03 Liquor tax reversion	5,649	_	_	5,649
335.04 Motor vehicle licenses (5%)	19,744	_	_	19,744
335.08 Local government highway and bridge fund	39,334	_	_	39,334
335.20 Other	3,120	_	_	3,120
338 County shared revenue	,			,
338.01 County road tax (25%)	2,422	-	_	2,422
338.99 Other	100			100
Total intergovernmental revenue	75,400	47,784		123,184
-				
340 Charges for goods and services				
344 Sanitation	3,617	-	-	3,617
346 Culture and recreation	23,179			23,179
Total charges for goods and services	26,796			26,796
350 Fines and forfeits				
351 Court fines and costs	3,875	-	-	3,875
359 Other fines and forfeits	25			
Total fines and forfeits	3,900			3,900
360 Miscellaneous revenue				
	2.070	10,304	42	12 224
361 Investment earnings	2,978	10,304	42	13,324
362 Rentals	5,310	-	-	5,310
367 Contributions and donations from private sources	315	-	-	315
369 Other	7,007			7,007
Total miscellaneous revenue	15,610	10,304	42	25,956
Total revenues	620,892	277,368	21,987	920,247

	General Fund	2nd Penny Fund	Gross Receipts Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Expenditures				
410 General government				
411 Legislative	13,736	-	-	13,736
412 Executive	8,369	-	-	8,369
414 Financial administration 419 Other	100,738 25,150	-	_	100,738 25,150
413 0ther	23,130			23,130
Total general government	147,993			147,993
420 Public safety				
421 Police	46,229	-	-	46,229
422 Fire	13,736			13,736
Total public safety	59,965			59,965
430 Public works				
431 Highways and streets	262,468	125,000	-	387,468
432 Sanitation	13,731	-	-	13,731
435 Airport	11,937	7,525	-	19,462
437 Cemeteries	4,000			4,000
Total public works	292,136	132,525		424,661
440 Health and welfare				
441 Health	11,257			11,257
Total health and welfare	11,257			11,257
450 Culture and recreation				
451 Recreation	95,125	29,706	_	124,831
452 Parks	15,293	-	-	15,293
Total culture and recreation	110,418	29,706		140,124
ASO Concernation and development				
460 Conservation and development 465 Economic development and assistance	27,414	20,000	20,216	67,630
403 Economic development and assistance	27,717	20,000	20,210	07,030
Total conservation and development	27,414	20,000	20,216	67,630
Total expenditures	649,183	182,231	20,216	851,630
Other Financing Sources				
391.03 Sale of municipal property	706	-	-	706
Total other Consideration	706			706
Total other financing sources	706			706
Net Change in Fund Balance	(27,585)	95,137	1,771	69,323
Fund Balance - Beginning	783,691	256,116	27,890	1,067,697
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 756,106	\$ 351,253	\$ 29,661	\$ 1,137,020

	General Fund	2nd Penny Fund	Gross Receipts Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
310 Taxes				
311 General property taxes	\$ 256,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 256,298
313 General sales and use taxes	217,164	217,164	-	434,328
314 Gross receipts business taxes	-	-	16,218	16,218
319 Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	545			545
Total taxes	474,007	217,164	16,218	707,389
320 Licenses and permits	14,494			14,494
330 Intergovernmental revenue				
331 Federal grants	6,467	32,741	_	39,208
334 State grants	31,841	32,741	_	31,841
335 State shared revenue	31,041			31,041
335.01 Bank franchise tax	1,811	_	_	1,811
335.03 Liquor tax reversion	5,678	_	_	5,678
335.04 Motor vehicle licenses (5%)	18,214	_	_	18,214
335.08 Local government highway and bridge fund	39,836	_	_	39,836
338 County shared revenue	33,030			33,030
338.01 County road tax (25%)	2,422			2,422
Total intergovernmental revenue	106,269	32,741		139,010
340 Charges for goods and services				
344 Sanitation	3,170	_	_	3,170
346 Culture and recreation	23,792			23,792
Total charges for goods and services	26,962			26,962
350 Fines and forfeits				
351 Court fines and costs	3,200			3,200
Total fines and forfeits	3,200			3,200
260 Missellangous royonus				
360 Miscellaneous revenue 361 Investment earnings	1,439	9,821		11,260
362 Rentals	7,366	9,021	-	7,366
369 Other		-	-	
SUS Other	1,417			1,417
Total miscellaneous revenue	10,222	9,821		20,043
Total revenues	635,154	259,726	16,218	911,098

	General Fund	2nd Penny Fund	Gross Receipts Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Expenditures				
410 General government				
411 Legislative	14,901	-	-	14,901
412 Executive	8,795	-	-	8,795
413 Elections	334	-	-	334
414 Financial administration 419 Other	83,033	-	-	83,033
419 Ottlet	25,323			25,323
Total general government	132,386			132,386
420 Public safety				
421 Police	46,229	_	-	46,229
422 Fire	17,595	-	-	17,595
Total public safety	63,824			63,824
420 Buldia consulta				
430 Public works 431 Highways and streets	316,665	100,000	_	416,665
432 Sanitation	15,900	100,000	_	15,900
435 Airport	8,096	42,662	_	50,758
437 Cemeteries	4,000	-	-	4,000
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Total public works	344,661	142,662		487,323
440 Health and welfare				
441 Health	14,350	_	_	14,350
Total health and welfare	14,350			14,350
450 Culture and recreation				
451 Recreation	98,492	125,000	_	223,492
452 Parks	11,342	9,362	_	20,704
456 Auditorium	2,878	-	_	2,878
Total culture and recreation	112,712	134,362		247,074
460 Conservation and development				
465 Economic development and assistance	39,719	20,000	18,209	77,928
Total conservation and development	39,719	20,000	18,209	77,928
Total expenditures	707,652	297,024	18,209	1,022,885
Other Financing Sources				
391.03 Sale of municipal property	150	-	-	150
Total other financing sources	150			150
Net Change in Fund Balance	(72,348)	(37,298)	(1,991)	(111,637)
Fund Balance - Beginning	856,039	293,414	29,881	1,179,334
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 783,691	\$ 256,116	\$ 27,890	\$ 1,067,697

	Enterprise Funds						
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Totals				
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 216,786	\$ 71,274	\$ 288,060				
Total current assets	216,786	71,274	288,060				
Noncurrent Assets Restricted cash and cash equivalents Restricted investments	87,301 	45,065 113,256	132,366 113,256				
Total noncurrent assets	87,301	158,321	245,622				
Total assets	\$ 304,087	\$ 229,595	\$ 533,682				
Net Position Restricted							
Debt service Equipment repairs and replacement Unrestricted	\$ 52,501 34,800 216,786	\$ 158,321 - 71,274	\$ 210,822 34,800 288,060				
Total net position	304,087	229,595	533,682				
	\$ 304,087	\$ 229,595	\$ 533,682				

	Enterprise Funds				
	Water Fund	Water Fund Sewer Fund			
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 191,471	\$ 105,441	\$ 296,912		
Total current assets	191,471	105,441	296,912		
Noncurrent Assets Restricted cash and cash equivalents Restricted investments	84,901 	19,723 111,854	104,624 111,854		
Total noncurrent assets	84,901	131,577	216,478		
Total assets	\$ 276,372	\$ 237,018	\$ 513,390		
Net Position Restricted					
Debt service Equipment repairs and replacement Unrestricted	\$ 52,501 32,400 191,471	\$ 131,577 - 105,441	\$ 184,078 32,400 296,912		
Total net position	276,372	237,018	513,390		
	\$ 276,372	\$ 237,018	\$ 513,390		

	Enterprise Funds				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Totals		
Operating Revenue 380 Charges for goods and services 371 Surcharge as security for debt	\$ 321,684 -	\$ 70,696 134,072	\$ 392,380 134,072		
Total operating revenue	321,684	204,768	526,452		
Operating Expenses 410 Personal services 420 Other current expense 426.2 Materials	46,961 52,361 141,840	45,308 19,910 	92,269 72,271 141,840		
Total operating expenses	241,162	65,218	306,380		
Operating Income	80,522	139,550	220,072		
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense) 330 Operating grants 361 Investment earnings 441 Debt service (principal) 442 Debt service (interest)	3,332 649 (25,770) (31,018)	1,725 (81,908) (66,790)	3,332 2,374 (107,678) (97,808)		
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)	(52,807)	(146,973)	(199,780)		
Change in Net Position	27,715	(7,423)	20,292		
Net Position - Beginning	276,372	237,018	513,390		
Net Position - Ending	\$ 304,087	\$ 229,595	\$ 533,682		

	Enterprise Funds					
		iter Fund	Se	Sewer Fund		Totals
Operating Revenue 380 Charges for goods and services 371 Surcharge as security for debt	\$	297,980 <u>-</u>	\$	70,535 131,449	\$	368,515 131,449
Total operating revenue		297,980		201,984		499,964
Operating Expenses 410 Personal services 420 Other current expense 426.2 Materials		47,708 48,849 146,821		46,095 11,844 -		93,803 60,693 146,821
Total operating expenses		243,378		57,939		301,317
Operating Income		54,602		144,045		198,647
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense) 330 Operating grants 361 Investment earnings 441 Debt service (principal) 442 Debt service (interest)		8,172 437 (24,955) (31,833)		303 (80,187) (68,510)		8,172 740 (105,142) (100,343)
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)		(48,179)		(148,394)		(196,573)
Change in Net Position		6,423		(4,349)		2,074
Net Position - Beginning		269,949	_	241,367		511,316
Net Position - Ending	\$	276,372	\$	237,018	\$	513,390

	Enterprise Funds			
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Totals	
Cash Flows from (used for) Operating Activities Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers Payments to employees	\$ 321,684 (194,201) (46,961)	\$ 204,768 (19,910) (45,308)	\$ 526,452 (214,111) (92,269)	
Net Cash from Operating Activities	80,522	139,550	220,072	
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities Operating grants	3,332		3,332	
Net Cash from Noncapital Financing Activities	3,332		3,332	
Cash Flows used for Capital and Related Financing Activities Principal paid on long-term debt Interest paid on long-term debt	(25,770) (31,018)	(81,908) (66,790)	(107,678) (97,808)	
Net Cash used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(56,788)	(148,698)	(205,486)	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Cash received for interest	649	323	972	
Net Cash from Investing Activities	649	323	972	
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	27,715	(8,825)	18,890	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning	276,372	125,164	401,536	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending	\$ 304,087	\$ 116,339	\$ 420,426	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Consist of Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 216,786 87,301	\$ 71,274 45,065	\$ 288,060 132,366	
	\$ 304,087	\$ 116,339	\$ 420,426	
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash from Operating Activities Operating income	\$ 80,522	\$ 139,550	\$ 220,072	
Net Cash from Operating Activities	\$ 80,522	\$ 139,550	\$ 220,072	

	Enterprise Funds			
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Totals	
Cash Flows from (used for) Operating Activities Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers Payments to employees	\$ 297,980 (195,670) (47,708)	\$ 201,984 (11,844) (46,095)	\$ 499,964 (207,514) (93,803)	
Net Cash from Operating Activities	54,602	144,045	198,647	
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities Operating grants	8,172		8,172	
Net Cash from Noncapital Financing Activities	8,172		8,172	
Net Cash used for Capital and Related Financing Activities Principal paid on long-term debt Interest paid on long-term debt	(24,955) (31,833)	(80,187) (68,510)	(105,142) (100,343)	
Net Cash used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(56,788)	(148,697)	(205,485)	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Cash received for interest	437	247	684	
Net Cash from Investing Activities	437	247	684	
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,423	(4,405)	2,018	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning	269,949	129,569	399,518	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending	\$ 276,372	\$ 125,164	\$ 401,536	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Consist of Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 191,471 84,901	\$ 105,441 19,723	\$ 296,912 104,624	
	\$ 276,372	\$ 125,164	\$ 401,536	
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash from Operating Activities Operating income	\$ 54,602	\$ 144,045	\$ 198,647	
Net Cash from Operating Activities	\$ 54,602	\$ 144,045	\$ 198,647	

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 1.C., the financial statements are presented in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

## A. Financial Reporting Entity

The reporting entity of the City of Faulkton (the City), consists of the primary government (which includes all of the funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that make up the legal entity); those organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, the City of Faulkton, and one component unit, The Faulkton Housing and Redevelopment Commission.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The City is financially accountable if its governing board appoints a voting majority of another organization's governing body and it has the ability to impose its will on that organization, or there is a potential for that organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the City (primary government). The City may also be financially accountable for another organization if that organization is fiscally dependent on the City.

The City's activities are presented using a modified cash basis of accounting, while the component unit uses generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Based on the variance in the basis of accounting, the City has elected to present only the primary government activities. The component unit's unaudited financial statements are available upon request from The Faulkton Housing and Redevelopment Commission.

#### **B.** Basis of Presentation

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The statements of net position and statements of activities display information about the City as a whole. They include all funds of the City. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed, in whole or in part, by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The statements of activities present a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the City and for each function of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by recipients of goods and services offered by the programs; and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements of the City are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and proprietary. The City presently has no fiduciary funds. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the City or it meets the following criteria:

- 1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- 2. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined; or
- 3. Management has elected to classify one or more governmental or enterprise funds as major for consistency in reporting from year-to-year or because of public interest in the fund's operations.

The funds of the City are described below:

#### **Governmental Funds**

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is always considered to be a major fund.

Special Revenue Funds – Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts for individuals, private organizations, or other governments or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

- 2nd Penny Sales Tax Fund A fund established by the City of Faulkton's Ordinance No. 6 to collect an additional 1% sales tax to be used for capital improvements, including water, sewer and airport improvements. This is a major fund.
- Gross Receipts (3rd Penny Sales Tax) Fund To account for an additional 1% sales tax on the gross receipts of lodgings, alcoholic beverages, prepared food, and admissions, which tax shall be used for the purpose of land acquisition, architectural fees, construction costs, payments for civic center, auditorium or athletic facility buildings, and including promotion and advertising of the City (SDCL 10-52A-2). This is a major fund.

## **Proprietary Funds**

Enterprise Funds – Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

- Water Fund Financed primarily by user charges, this fund accounts for the construction and operation of the municipal waterworks system and related facilities. (SDCL 9-47-1) This is a major fund.
- Sewer Fund Financed primarily by user charges, this fund accounts for the construction and operation of the municipal sanitary sewer system and related facilities. (SDCL 9-48-2) This is a major fund.

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's enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, and administrative expenses, including capital assets specific to the systems that deliver the services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

#### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "how" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

#### **Measurement Focus**

In the government-wide statements of net position and statements of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, applied within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting as defined below.

In the fund financial statements, the current financial resources measurement focus or the economic resources measurement focus is applied within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are presented in accordance with a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This basis of accounting involves modifications to the cash basis of accounting to report, in the statements of net position or balance sheets, cash transactions or events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. Such report balances include restricted cash and cash equivalents, investments in certificates of deposit (those with maturities more than 90 days (three months) from the date of acquisition) acquired with cash accounts at cost, and inter-fund advances and borrowing arising from the use of a pooled cash account.

This modified cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected, and other accrued revenue and receivables) and certain liabilities and their related expenses or expenditures (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and other accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. In addition, other economic assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not arise from a cash transaction or event that would be reported in GAAP basis financial statements (such as donated assets) are not reported in this modified cash basis presentation, and the measurement of reported assets and liabilities does not involve adjustment to fair value.

#### D. Deposits and Investments

For the purpose of financial reporting, cash and cash equivalents includes all demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with a term to maturity at date of acquisition of three months or less. Investments in open-end mutual fund shares or similar investments in external investment pools are also considered to be cash equivalents.

Investments classified in the financial statements consist entirely of certificates of deposit whose term to maturity date of acquisition exceeds three months and/or those types of investment authorized by SDCL 4-5-6. Under the modified cash basis of accounting, investments are carried at cost.

#### E. Interfund Eliminations and Reclassifications

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

In the process of aggregating data for the government-wide financial statements, amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the fund financial statements have been eliminated or reclassified.

#### F. Capital Assets

Under the modified cash basis of accounting, capital assets are expensed when the cash transaction occurs.

### G. Long-Term Liabilities

Under the modified cash basis of accounting, cash proceeds from long-term debt issuances are recorded as a receipt, while payments to creditors to reduce long-term debts are recorded as a cost of the program which benefits from the financing. Allocations are made where appropriate. Interest costs are not allocated, but are reported as a separate program cost category.

Long-term debts arising from cash transactions of governmental funds are not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. Instead, the debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payments of principal and interest are reported as expenditures. Under the modified cash basis, the accounting for long-term debts of proprietary funds is the same in the fund financial statements as it is in the government-wide financial statements.

### H. Program Revenues

In the government-wide statements of activities, reported program revenues derive directly from the program itself or from parties other than the City's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole. Program revenues are classified into three categories, as follows:

- Charges for Services These arise from charges to customers, applicants or others who purchase, use or directly benefit from the goods, services or privileges provided or are, otherwise, directly affected by the services.
- 2. Program-Specific Operating Grants and Contributions These arise from mandatory and voluntary non-exchange transactions with other governments, organizations or individuals that are restricted for use in a particular program.

3. Program-Specific Capital Grants and Contributions – These arise from mandatory and voluntary non-exchange transactions with other governments, organizations or individuals that are restricted for the acquisition of capital assets for use in a particular program.

## I. Proprietary Funds Revenue and Expense Classifications

In the proprietary funds' statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position, revenues and expenses are classified in a manner consistent with how they are classified in the statements of cash flows. That is, transactions for which related cash flows are reported as capital and related financing activities, noncapital financing activities, or investing activities are not reported as components of operating revenues or expenses.

#### J. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The City pools the cash resources of its funds for cash management purposes. The Water and Sewer Funds essentially have access to the entire amount of their cash resources on demand. Accordingly, each proprietary fund's equity in the cash management pool is considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

## K. Equity Classifications

#### **Government-Wide Statements**

Equity is classified as net position and is comprised of three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted net position and unrestricted net position. Because capital assets are not reported by the City under the modified cash basis of accounting, only the following components are displayed:

- 1. Restricted Net Position Consists of net position with constraints places on their use either by (a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 2. Unrestricted Net Position All other net positions that do not meet the definition of "restricted."

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance, and may distinguish between nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned components. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide financial statements.

### L. Application of Net Position and Fund Balance

The City uses restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as grant agreements requiring dollar-for-dollar spending. Additionally, the City would first use committed, then assigned, and, lastly, unassigned amounts of unrestricted net position/find balance when expenditures are made.

#### M. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints, as applicable, within the fund balance sheets:

- Nonspendable Fund Balance Amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted Fund Balance Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as
  grantors, bondholders and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by
  enabling legislation.
- Committed Fund Balance Amounts constrained to specific purposes by the City itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., City Council). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- Assigned Fund Balance Amounts the City intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the City Council or by an official or body to which the City Council delegates the authority.
- Unassigned Fund Balance Amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

The City does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

### Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

The City follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Various restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes. These restrictions are summarized below:

## **Deposits**

The City's cash deposits are made in qualified public depositories as defined by SDCL 4-6A-1, 9-22-6, 9-22-6.1, and 9-22-6.2, and may be in the form of demand or time deposits. Qualified depositories are required by SDCL 4-6A-3 to maintain, at all times, segregated from their other assets, eligible collateral having a value equal to at least 100 percent of the public deposit accounts which exceed deposit insurance such as the FDIC and NCUA. In lieu of pledging eligible securities, a qualified public depository may furnish irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by federal home loan banks accompanied by written evidence of that bank's public debt rating which may not be less than "AA," or a qualified public depository may furnish a corporate surety bond of a corporation authorized to do business in South Dakota.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits – The risk that, in the event of a depository failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. The City does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the City maintained their deposits in in-state financial institutions which were properly collateralized.

The actual bank balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

	2024 Bank Balance		2023 Bank Balance	
Insured (FDIC/NCUA) Uninsured, collateral jointly held by State's/City's agent in the name of the State and the pledging financial institution	\$	1,645,881	\$	457,578
				1,195,544
	\$	1,645,881	\$	1,653,122
The City's carrying amount of deposits at December 31, 2024 and 2023, are	e as fo	ollows:		
		2024		2023
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$	1,460,522 210,180	\$	1,373,509 207,578
	\$	1,670,702	\$	1,581,087

#### **Investments**

In general, SDCL 4-5-6 permits City funds to be invested in (a) securities of the United States and securities guaranteed by the United States government either directly or indirectly including, without limitation, United States treasury bills, notes, bonds, and other obligations issued or directly or indirectly guaranteed by the United States government, or, otherwise, directly or indirectly backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government; provided that, for other than permanent, trust, retirement, building, and depreciation reserve funds, such securities shall either mature within eighteen months from the date of purchase or be redeemable at the option of the holder within eighteen months from the date of purchase; or (b) repurchase agreements fully collateralized by securities described in (a) and meeting the requirements of SDCL 4-5-9, if the repurchase agreements are entered into only with those primary reporting dealers that report to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and with the one hundred largest United States commercial banks, as measured by domestic deposits; or (c) in shares of an open-end, no-load fund administered by an investment company registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 whose shares are registered under the Federal Securities Act of 1933 and whose only investments are in securities described in (a) and repurchase agreements described in (b).

Interest Rate Risk – The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the City's investments consisted solely of certificates of deposit which have maturities of less than one year.

Credit Risk – State law limits eligible investments for the municipality, as discussed above. The City has no further investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Assignment of Investment Income – State law allows income from deposits and investments to be credited to either the General Fund or the fund making the investment. The City's policy is to credit all income from deposits and investments to the fund making the investment.

## Note 3 - Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied on or before October 1 of the year preceding the start of the fiscal year. They attach as an enforceable lien on property and become due and payable as of January 1, the first day of the fiscal year. Taxes are payable in two installments on or before April 30 and October 31 of the fiscal year.

The City is permitted by several state statutes to levy varying amounts of taxes per \$1,000 of taxable valuation on taxable real property in the City.

#### Note 4 - Restricted Net Position

Restricted net position for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, was as follows:

Purpose	Restricted By	Restricted By 2024		2023	
2nd Penny Sales Tax Fund Gross Receipts Fund Water Fund	State Law State Law	\$	351,253 29,661	\$	256,116 27,890
Debt service Equipment repairs and replacement	Covenants Covenants		52,501 34,800		52,501 32,400
Sewer Fund Debt service	Covenants		158,321		131,577

#### Note 5 - Retirement Plan

All employees working more than 20 hours per week during the year participate in the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS). SDRS is a hybrid defined-benefit plan with several defined contribution plan-type provisions and is administered by SDRS to provide retirement benefits for employees of the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions. The SDRS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits. Authority for establishing, administering and amending plan provisions are found in South Dakota Codified Law 3-12. The SDRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at <a href="https://sdrs.sd.gov/publications.aspx">https://sdrs.sd.gov/publications.aspx</a> or by writing to the SDRS, P.O. Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098 or by calling (605) 773-3731.

#### **Benefits Provided**

SDRS has four classes of members: Class A general members, Class B public safety and judicial members, Class C Cement Plant Retirement Fund members, and Class D Department of Labor and Regulation members.

Members that were hired before July 1, 2017, are Foundation members. Class A Foundation members and Class B Foundation members who retire after age 65 with three years of contributory service are entitled to an unreduced annual retirement benefit. An unreduced annual retirement benefit is also available after age 55 for Class A Foundation members where the sum of age and credited service is equal to or greater than 85, or after age 55 for Class B Foundation judicial members where the sum of age and credited service is equal to or greater than 80. Class B Foundation public safety members can retire with an unreduced annual retirement benefit after age 55 with three years of contributory service.

An unreduced annual retirement benefit is also available after age 45 for Class B Foundation public safety members where the sum of age and credited service is equal to or greater than 75. All Foundation retirement benefits that do not meet the above criteria may be payable at a reduced level. Eligible spouses of Class A and B Foundation members will receive a 60 percent joint survivor benefit when the member dies.

Members that were hired on/after July 1, 2017, are Generational members. Class A Generational members and Class B Generational judicial members who retire after age 67 with three years of contributory service are entitled to an unreduced annual retirement benefit. Class B Generational public safety members can retire with an unreduced annual retirement benefit after age 57 with three years of contributory service. At retirement, married Generational members may elect a single-life benefit, a 60-percent joint and survivor benefit, or a 100-percent joint and survivor benefit. All Generational retirement benefits that do not meet the above criteria may be payable at a reduced level. Generational members will also have a variable retirement account (VRA) established, in which they will receive up to 1.5 percent of compensation funded by part of the employer contribution. VRAs will receive investment earnings based on investment returns.

Legislation enacted in 2017 enacted the current COLA process. At each valuation date:

- Baseline actuarial accrued liabilities will be calculated assuming the COLA is equal to the long-term inflation assumption of 2.25%.
- If the fair value of assets is greater than or equal to the baseline actuarial accrued liabilities, the COLA will be:
  - The increase in the 3rd quarter CPI-W, no less than 0.5% and no greater than 3.5%.
- If the fair value of assets is less than the baseline actuarial accrued liabilities, the COLA will be:
  - The increase in the 3rd quarter CPI-W, no less than 0.5% and no greater than a restricted maximum such that, if the restricted maximum is assumed for future COLAs, the fair value of assets will be greater or equal to the accrued liabilities.

Legislation enacted in 2021 reduced the minimum COLA from 0.5 percent to 0.0 percent.

All benefits except those depending on the member's accumulated contributions are annually increased by the cost-of-living adjustment.

#### **Contributions**

Per SDCL 3-12, contribution requirements of the active employees and the participating employers are established and may be amended by the SDRS board. Covered employees are required by state statute to contribute the following percentages of their salary to the plan: Class A members, 6% of salary; Class B judicial members, 9% of salary; and Class B public safety members, 8% of salary. State statute also requires the employer to contribute an amount equal to the employee's contribution. The City's share of contributions to the SDRS for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, were \$9,834, \$10,484 and \$9,860, respectively, equal to the required contributions each year.

## Pension Liability (Asset)

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, SDRS is 100.00% and 100.10% funded, respectively, and, accordingly, has a net pension asset. The proportionate share of the components of the net pension asset of the South Dakota Retirement System for the City as of the measurement period ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, and disclosed by the City of Faulkton as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

		2024	2023	
Proportionate share of net position restricted for pension benefits Less proportionate share of total pension liability	\$	921,203 921,453	\$	995,076 995,746
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	\$	(250)	\$	(670)

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the City disclosed a liability (asset) of (\$250) and (\$670), respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset). The net pension liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the total pension liability (asset) used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was based on a projection of the City's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. At June 30, 2024, the City's proportion was 0.006175%, which is a decrease of 0.000692% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the City's proportion was 0.006867%, which is an increase of 0.000133% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022. The City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) is not reported in financial statements shown under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability (asset) in the June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50%

Salary increases Graded by years of service, from 7.66% at entry to 3.15%

after 25 years of service

Discount rate 6.50% net of plan investment expense. This is composed

of an average inflation rate of 2.50% and real returns of 4.00%.

Future COLAs 1.71%

**Mortality Rates** 

All mortality rates based on Pub-2010 amount-weighted mortality tables, projected generationally with improvement scale MP-2020

Active and Terminated Vested Members:

Teachers, Certified Regents, and Judicial: PubT-2010

Other Class A Members: PubG-2010 Public Safety Members: PubS-2010

**Retired Members:** 

Teachers, Certified Regents, and Judicial Retirees: PubT-2010, 108% of rates above age 65

Other Class A Retirees: PubG-2010, 93% of rates through age 74, increasing by 2% per year until 111% of rates at age 83 and above

Public Safety Retirees: PubS-2010, 102% of rates at all ages

Beneficiaries:

PubG-2010 contingent survivor mortality table

**Disabled Members:** 

Public Safety: PubS-2010 disabled member mortality table Others: PubG-2010 disabled member mortality table

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2021.

Investment portfolio management is the statutory responsibility of the South Dakota Investment Council (SDIC), which may utilize the services of external money managers for management of a portion of the portfolio. SDIC is governed by the Prudent Man Rule (i.e., the council should use the same degree of care as a prudent man). Current SDIC investment policies dictate limits on the percentage of assets invested in various types of vehicles (equities, fixed income securities, real estate, cash, private equity, etc.). The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024, (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table using geometric means:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	56.3 %	3.6 %
Investment Grade Debt	22.8	2.3
High Yield Debt	7.0	2.8
Real Estate	12.0	4.0
Cash	1.9	0.8
	100.0 %	

## **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability (asset) was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that matching employee contributions will be made at rates equal to the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. 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 (asset).

## Sensitivity of Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the City's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) as of June 30, 2024, calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.50%) or one percentage point higher (7.50%) than the current rate:

	Current					
	1% Decrease		Discount Rate		1% Increase	
City's proportionate share of						
the net pension liability (asset)	\$	127,017	\$	(250)	\$	(104,394)

### **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued SDRS financial report.

#### Note 6 - Conduit Debt

The City has issued revenue bonds to provide financial assistance to certain private-sector entities for the acquisition and/or construction of facilities deemed to be in the public interest. These bonds are secured by the property of the private-sector entity being financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities is retained by the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. Neither the City, the State of South Dakota, nor any other political subdivision of the State is obligated in any manner for the repayment of these conduit debt issues. Accordingly, these bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. As of December 31, 2024, there was one series of conduit bonds outstanding with an unpaid principal amount of approximately \$4.83 million.

### Note 7 - Significant Contingencies – Litigation

At December 31, 2024, the City was not involved in any litigation that would be material to the financial statements.

## Note 8 - Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the City managed its risks as follows:

#### **Employee Health Insurance**

The City joined the South Dakota Municipal League Health Pool of South Dakota. This is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for South Dakota local government entities. The City pays a monthly premium to the pool to provide health insurance coverage for its employees. The pool purchases reinsurance coverage with the premiums it receives from the members.

The City does not carry additional health insurance coverage to pay claims in excess of the upper limit. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

#### **Liability Insurance**

The City joined the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (SDPAA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for South Dakota local government entities. The objective of the SDPAA is to administer and provide risk management services and risk sharing facilities to the members and to defend and protect the members against liability, to advise members on loss control guidelines and procedures, and provide them with risk management services, loss control and risk reduction information, and to obtain lower costs for that coverage. The City's responsibility is to promptly report to and cooperate with the SDPAA to resolve any incident which could result in a claim being made by or against the City. The City pays a members' annual operating contribution, to provide liability coverage detailed below, under an occurrence-made policy and the premiums are accrued based on the ultimate cost of the experience-to-date of the SDPAA member, based on their exposure or type of coverage. The City pays an annual premium to the pool to provide coverage for general liability, automobile liability, and official's liability. The City purchases airport liability insurance coverage from a commercial insurance carrier.

Effective October 5, 2021, the SDPAA adopted a new policy on member departures. Departing members will no longer be eligible for any partial refund of the calculated portion of their contributions which was previously allowed. The prior policy provided the departing member with such a partial refund because the departing member took sole responsibility for all claims and claims expenses whether reported or unreported at the time of their departure from the SDPAA. With such partial refund being no longer available, the SDPAA will now assume responsibility for all reported claims of a departing member pursuant to the revised IGC.

The City carries varying deductibles for the coverage specified above. The City does not carry additional insurance to cover claims in excess of the upper limit. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

## **Workers' Compensation**

The City joined the South Dakota Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for South Dakota local government entities. The objective of the Fund is to formulate, develop and administer, on behalf of the member organizations, a program of workers' compensation coverage, to obtain lower costs for that coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The City's responsibility is to initiate and maintain a safety program, to give its employees safe and sanitary working conditions, and to promptly report to and cooperate with the Fund to resolve any workers' compensation claims. The City pays an annual premium to provide workers' compensation coverage for its employees under a self-funded program, and the premiums are accrued based on the ultimate cost of the experience-to-date of the Fund members. Coverage limits are set by state statute. The pool pays the first \$650,000 of any claim per individual. The pool has reinsurance which covers up to statutory limits in addition to a separate combined employer liability limit of \$2,000,000 per incident.

The City does not carry additional insurance to cover claims in excess of the upper limit. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage over the past three years.

## **Unemployment Benefits**

The City provides coverage for unemployment benefits by paying into the Unemployment Compensation Fund established by state law and managed by the State of South Dakota.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, no claims for unemployment benefits were paid. At December 31, 2024, no claims had been filed for unemployment and none are anticipated in the next fiscal year.

## Note 9 - Violations of Finance-Related Legal Provisions

South Dakota Codified Law prohibits cities from expending amounts in excess of appropriations at the department level. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the City expended amounts in excess of appropriations within the General Fund, Health and Welfare – Health department in the amount of \$5,950 and within the General Fund, Conservation and Development – Economic Development and Assistance department in the amount of \$28,719.



Supplementary Information December 31, 2024 and 2023

# City of Faulkton

# **Schedule of Net Pension Liability (Asset)**

Pension Plan	Fiscal Year Ending	City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)		City's Covered Payroll (b)	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll (a/b)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)
SDRS	6/30/2024	0.0062%	\$ (250	) \$	168,369	-0.1%	100.00%
SDRS	6/30/2023	0.0069%	(670	))	172,688	-0.4%	100.10%
SDRS	6/30/2022	0.0067%	(637	<b>'</b> )	157,849	-0.4%	100.10%
SDRS	6/30/2021	0.0066%	(50,568	3)	149,924	-33.7%	105.52%
SDRS	6/30/2020	0.0067%	(293	3)	147,900	-0.2%	100.04%
SDRS	6/30/2019	0.0075%	(798	3)	160,117	-0.5%	100.09%
SDRS	6/30/2018	0.0072%	(167	<b>'</b> )	148,733	-0.1%	100.02%
SDRS	6/30/2017	0.0072%	(653	3)	146,200	-0.4%	100.10%
SDRS	6/30/2016	0.0077%	25,897	·	145,783	17.8%	96.89%
SDRS	6/30/2015	0.0075%	(31,617	<b>'</b> )	136,100	-23.2%	104.10%

# **Schedule of Pension Contributions**

Pension Plan	Year Ending	R	atutorily equired ntribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)		Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)		Covered Payroll (d)		Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/d)	
SDRS	12/31/2024	\$	9,834	\$	9,834	\$	-	\$	163,906	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2023		10,484		10,484		-		174,726	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2022		9,860		9,860		-		164,339	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2021		9,134		9,134		-		152,237	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2020		8,892		8,892		-		148,200	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2019		9,482		9,482		-		158,033	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2018		9,179		9,179		-		152,983	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2017		8,783		8,783		-		146,383	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2016		8,819		8,819		-		146,983	6.0%	
SDRS	12/31/2015		8,237		8,237		-		137,283	6.0%	

Indebtedness	Long-Term Debt 1/1/24	Add New Debt	Less Debt Retired	Long-Term Debt 12/31/24
Enterprise Long-Term Debt 2010 Rural Development Ioan 2017 Rural Development Ioan State Revolving Fund Ioan	\$ 890,352 2,664,139	\$ -	\$ 22,469 61,196	\$ 867,883 2,602,943
Drinking Water 2011 Clean Water 2014	81,749 643,334	-	3,301 20,712	78,448 622,622
	\$ 4,279,574	\$ -	\$ 107,678	\$ 4,171,896
Indebtedness	Long-Term Debt 1/1/23	Add New Debt	Less Debt Retired	Long-Term Debt 12/31/23
Enterprise Long-Term Debt 2010 Rural Development Ioan 2017 Rural Development Ioan State Revolving Fund Ioan Drinking Water 2011 Clean Water 2014	\$ 912,104 2,724,274 84,952 663,386	\$ - - -	\$ 21,752 60,135 3,203 20,052	\$ 890,352 2,664,139 81,749 643,334
	\$ 4,384,716	\$ -	\$ 105,142	\$ 4,279,574

	Budgeted	Amou	ints	Actual Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
	 )riginal	7111100	Final				
Revenues	 711611101		Tillai		unounts		egative
310 Taxes							
311 General property taxes	\$ 267,100	\$	267,100	\$	265,640	\$	(1,460)
313 General sales and use taxes	190,000		190,000		219,280		29,280
319 Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	 500		500		413		(87)
Total taxes	 457,600		457,600		485,333		27,733
320 Licenses and permits	12,200		12,200		13,853		1,653
330 Intergovernmental revenue							
334 State grants	3,000		3,000		3,500		500
335 State shared revenue	ŕ		·		•		
335.01 Bank franchise tax	1,000		1,000		1,531		531
335.03 Liquor tax reversion	4,500		4,500		5,649		1,149
335.04 Motor vehicle licenses (5%) 335.08 Local government highway and	14,000		14,000		19,744		5,744
bridge fund	35,000		35,000		39,334		4,334
335.20 Other	1,000		1,000		3,120		2,120
338 County shared revenue							
338.01 County road tax (25%)	2,400		2,400		2,422		22
338.99 Other	 		-		100		100
Total intergovernmental revenue	60,900		60,900		75,400		14,500
340 Charges for goods and services							
344 Sanitation	2,500		2,500		3,617		1,117
346 Culture and recreation	 18,500		18,500		23,179		4,679
Total charges for goods and services	 21,000		21,000		26,796		5,796
350 Fines and forfeits							
351 Court fines and costs	-		-		3,875		3,875
352 Other fines and forfeits	 		-		25		25
Total fines and forfeits					3,900		3,900
360 Miscellaneous revenue							
361 Investment earnings	_		-		2,978		2,978
362 Rentals	6,200		6,200		5,310		(890)
367 Contributions and donations from	,		,		,		,/
private sources	-		-		315		315
369 Other	 		<u>-</u>		7,007		7,007
Total miscellaneous revenue	6,200		6,200		15,610		9,410
Total revenues	557,900		557,900		620,892		62,992

				Variance with Final Budget
	Budgeted		Actual	Positive
Expenditures	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
410 General government				
411 Legislative	20,448	20,448	13,736	6,712
411.5 Contingency	30,000	30,000	13,730	0,712
Amount transferred	-	(29,256)	-	744
412 Executive	9,762	9,762	8,369	1,393
413 Elections	2,000	2,000	, -	2,000
414 Financial administration	100,130	111,630	100,738	10,892
419 Other	30,000	30,000	25,150	4,850
Total general government	192,340	174,584	147,993	26,591
420 Public safety				
421 Police	46,229	46,229	46,229	-
422 Fire	18,500	18,500	13,736	4,764
Total public safety	64,729	64,729	59,965	4,764
430 Public works				
431 Highways and streets	265,340	269,063	262,468	6,595
432 Sanitation	17,515	17,515	13,731	3,784
435 Airport	11,300	11,937	11,937	, <u>-</u>
437 Cemeteries	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Total public works	298,155	302,515	292,136	10,379
440 Health and welfare				
441 Health	8,400	11,900	11,257	643
Total health and welfare	8,400	11,900	11,257	643
450 Culture and recreation				
451 Recreation	109,175	127,368	95,125	32,243
452 Parks	14,433	15,415	15,293	122
Total culture and recreation	123,608	142,783	110,418	32,365
460 Conservation and development				
465 Economic development and assistance	15,000	27,414	27,414	
Total conservation and development	15,000	27,414	27,414	
Total expenditures	702,232	723,925	649,183	74,742
Other Financing Sources				
391.03 Sale of municipal property			706	706
Total other financing sources			706	706
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenditures	(144,332)	(166,025)	(27,585)	138,440
Fund Balance - Beginning	783,691	783,691	783,691	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 639,359	\$ 617,666	\$ 756,106	\$ 138,440

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual		Variance with Final Budget Positive		
		riginal	7111100	Final	,	Amounts		egative)
Revenues								<u> </u>
310 Taxes								
311 General property taxes	\$	255,112	\$	255,112	\$	256,298	\$	1,186
313 General sales and use taxes		180,000		180,000		217,164		37,164
319 Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes		500		500		545		45
Total taxes		435,612		435,612		474,007		38,395
320 Licenses and permits		10,200		10,200		14,494		4,294
330 Intergovernmental revenue								
331 Federal grants		=		-		6,467		6,467
334 State grants		3,000		3,000		31,841		28,841
335 State shared revenue								
335.01 Bank franchise tax		1,000		1,000		1,811		811
335.03 Liquor tax reversion		4,000		4,000		5,678		1,678
335.04 Motor vehicle licenses (5%)		12,000		12,000		18,214		6,214
335.08 Local government highway and								
bridge fund		30,000		30,000		39,836		9,836
335.20 Other		1,000		1,000		-		(1,000)
338 County shared revenue								
338.01 County road tax (25%)		2,400		2,400		2,422		22
Total intergovernmental revenue		53,400		53,400		106,269		52,869
340 Charges for goods and services								
344 Sanitation		2,000		2,000		3,170		1,170
346 Culture and recreation		16,000		16,000		23,792		7,792
				·				
Total charges for goods and services		18,000		18,000	-	26,962		8,962
350 Fines and forfeits								
351 Court fines and costs				-		3,200		3,200
Total fines and forfeits		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		3,200		3,200
360 Miscellaneous revenue								
361 Investment earnings		-		-		1,439		1,439
362 Rentals		6,450		6,450		7,366		916
369 Other		-	-	-		1,417	-	1,417
Total miscellaneous revenue		6,450		6,450		10,222		3,772
Total revenues		523,662		523,662		635,154		111,492

	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Expenditures				
410 General government				
411 Legislative	20,448	20,448	14,901	5,547
411.5 Contingency	20,000	20,000		7 700
Amount transferred 412 Executive	9,762	(12,220) 9,762	- 8,795	7,780 967
413 Elections	2,000	2,000	334	1,666
414 Financial administration	98,994	98,994	83,033	15,961
419 Other	27,500	27,500	25,323	2,177
Total general government	178,704	166,484	132,386	34,098
420 Public safety				
421 Police	46,229	46,229	46,229	-
422 Fire	15,000	17,595	17,595	
Total public safety	61,229	63,824	63,824	
430 Public works				
430 Public Works 431 Highways and streets	301,168	321,156	316,665	4,491
432 Sanitation	17,515	17,515	15,900	1,615
435 Airport	11,300	11,300	8,096	3,204
437 Cemeteries	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Total public works	333,983	353,971	344,661	9,310
440 Health and welfare				
441 Health	8,400	8,400	14,350	(5,950)
Total health and welfare	8,400	8,400	14,350	(5,950)
450 Culture and recreation				
451 Recreation	93,269	98,506	98,492	14
452 Parks	13,356	13,356	11,342	2,014
456 Auditorium	18,500	18,500	2,878	15,622
Total culture and recreation	125,125	130,362	112,712	17,650
460 Conservation and development				
465 Economic development and assistance	11,000	11,000	39,719	(28,719)
Total conservation and development	11,000	11,000	39,719	(28,719)
Total expenditures	718,441	734,041	707,652	26,389
Other Financing Sources				
391.03 Sale of municipal property			150	150
Total other financing sources			150	150
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenditures	(194,779)	(210,379)	(72,348)	138,031
Fund Balance - Beginning	856,039	856,039	856,039	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 661,260	\$ 645,660	\$ 783,691	\$ 138,031

	Budgeted Amounts					Actual		ance with al Budget Positive	
		riginal	Final		A	Amounts		(Negative)	
Revenues								-8	
310 Taxes									
313 General sales and use taxes 319 Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	\$ 	190,000 2,000	\$	190,000 2,000	\$	219,280	\$	29,280 (2,000)	
Total taxes		192,000		192,000		219,280		27,280	
330 Intergovernmental revenue 331 Federal grants		-		45,269		45,269		-	
334 State grants				<u>-</u> _		2,515		2,515	
Total intergovernmental revenue				45,269		47,784		2,515	
360 Miscellaneous revenue 361 Investment earnings				<u>-</u>		10,304		10,304	
Total miscellaneous revenue						10,304		10,304	
Total revenues		192,000		237,269		277,368		40,099	
Expenditures 430 Public works									
431 Highways and streets		125,000		125,000		125,000		-	
435 Airport		30,000		30,000		7,525		22,475	
485 Capital outlay		150,000		150,000		-		150,000	
Total public works		305,000		305,000		132,525		172,475	
450 Culture and recreation									
451 Recreation		<u> </u>		29,706		29,706			
Total culture and recreation		<u>-</u>		29,706		29,706		<u>-</u>	
460 Conservation and development 465 Economic development and assistance	,	20,000		20,000		20,000		<u>-</u>	
Total conservation and development		20,000	,	20,000		20,000			
Total expenditures		325,000		354,706		182,231		172,475	
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenditures		(133,000)		(117,437)		95,137		212,574	
Fund Balance - Beginning		256,116	_	256,116		256,116			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	123,116	\$	138,679	\$	351,253	\$	212,574	

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	 Budgeted Original	Amou	Final		Actual mounts		egative)
Revenues	 Jiigiiiai		Tillai		arrourts	(14)	egative
310 Taxes							
313 General sales and use taxes 319 Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	\$ 180,000 500	\$	180,000 500	\$ 	217,164	\$	37,164 (500)
Total taxes	180,500		180,500		217,164		36,664
330 Intergovernmental revenue							
331 Federal grants	<u>-</u>		32,741		32,741		-
Total intergovernmental revenue	<u>-</u>		32,741		32,741		-
360 Miscellaneous revenue 361 Investment earnings					9,821		9,821
Total miscellaneous revenue					9,821		9,821
Total revenues	180,500		213,241		259,726		46,485
Expenditures 430 Public works							
431 Highways and streets	100,000		100,000		100,000		-
435 Airport	33,000		33,000		42,662		(9,662)
485 Capital outlay	 50,000		50,000				50,000
Total public works	183,000		183,000		142,662		40,338
450 Culture and recreation							
451 Recreation	125,000		125,000		125,000		-
452 Parks	10,000		10,000		9,362		638
Total culture and recreation	135,000		135,000		134,362		638
460 Conservation and development 465 Economic development and assistance	30,000		30,000		20,000		10,000
Total conservation and development	30,000		30,000		20,000		10,000
rotal conservation and development	30,000		30,000		20,000		10,000
Total expenditures	348,000		348,000		297,024		50,976
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenditures	(167,500)		(134,759)		(37,298)		97,461
Fund Balance - Beginning	293,414		293,414		293,414		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 125,914	\$	158,655	\$	256,116	\$	97,461

	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final	Amounts		
Revenues 310 Taxes 314 Gross receipts business taxes	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,945	\$ 6,945	
Total taxes	15,000	15,000	21,945	6,945	
360 Miscellaneous revenue 361 Investment earnings			42	42	
Total miscellaneous revenue			42	42	
Total revenues	15,000	15,000	21,987	6,987	
Expenditures					
460 Conservation and development 465 Economic development and assistance	20,216	20,216	20,216		
Total conservation and development	20,216	20,216	20,216		
Total expenditures	20,216	20,216	20,216		
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenditures	(5,216)	(5,216)	1,771	6,987	
Fund Balance - Beginning	27,890	27,890	27,890		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 22,674	\$ 22,674	\$ 29,661	\$ 6,987	

	Budgeted Amounts Original Final					Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive	
Revenues		riginai		Finai		mounts	(Negative)	
310 Taxes 314 Gross receipts business taxes	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	\$	16,218	\$	1,218
Total taxes		15,000		15,000		16,218		1,218
Total revenues		15,000		15,000		16,218		1,218
Expenditures 460 Conservation and development 465 Economic development and assistance		18,209		18,209		18,209		-
Total conservation and development		18,209		18,209		18,209		-
Total expenditures		18,209		18,209		18,209		
Excess of Revenue over (under) Expenditures		(3,209)		(3,209)		(1,991)		1,218
Fund Balance - Beginning		29,881		29,881		29,881		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	26,672	\$	26,672	\$	27,890	\$	1,218

# Note 1 - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. At the first regular City Council meeting in September of each year, or within ten days thereafter, the City Council introduces the annual appropriation ordinance for the ensuing fiscal year.
- 2. After adoption by the City Council, the operating budget is legally binding and actual expenditures for each purpose cannot exceed the amounts budgeted, except as indicated in number 4.
- 3. A line item for contingencies may be included in the annual budget. Such a line item may not exceed 5% of the total municipal budget and may be transferred by resolution of the City Council to any other budget category that is deemed insufficient during the year.
- 4. If it is determined during the year that sufficient amounts have not been budgeted, state statute allows the adoption of supplemental budgets.
- 5. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered by resolution of the City Council.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund, special revenue funds and capital projects funds.

The City did not encumber any amounts at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

- 6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and special revenue funds. Formal budgetary integration is not employed for debt service funds because effective budgetary control is alternatively achieved through general obligation bond indenture provisions.
- 7. Budgets for the General Fund and any major special revenue funds are adopted on a basis consistent with a modified cash basis of accounting.

# Note 2 - Modified Cash Basis/Budgetary Accounting Basis Differences

The financial statements presented on the modified cash basis of accounting and budgetary basis of accounting are reporting capital outlay expenditures under the function to which they relate.

# Note 3 - Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Pension Contributions

# **Changes from Prior Valuation**

The June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation reflects no changes to the plan provisions or actuarial methods and one change to the actuarial assumptions from the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation.

The details of the changes since the last valuation are as follows:

# **Benefit Provision Changes**

During the 2024 legislative session, no significant SDRS benefit changes were made.

# **Actuarial Method Changes**

No changes in actuarial methods were made since the prior valuation.

# **Actuarial Assumption Changes**

The SDRS COLA equals the percentage increase in the most recent third calendar quarter CPI-W over the prior year, no less than 0% and no greater than 3.5%. However, if the FVFR assuming the long-term COLA is equal to the baseline COLA assumption (currently 2.25%) is less than 100%, the maximum COLA payable will be limited to the increase that, if assumed on a long-term basis, results in a FVFR equal to or exceeding 100%.

As of June 30, 2023, the FVFR assuming the long-term COLA is equal to the baseline COLA assumption (2.25%) was less than 100% and the July 2024 SDRS COLA was limited to a restricted maximum of 1.91%. For the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation, future COLAs were assumed to equal the restricted maximum COLA assumption of 1.91%.

As of June 30, 2024, the FVFR assuming future COLAs equal to the baseline COLA assumption of 2.25% is again less than 100% and the July 2025 SDRS COLA is limited to a restricted maximum of 1.71%. The July 2024 SDRS COLA will equal inflation, between 0% and 1.71%. For this June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation, future COLAs were assumed to equal the restricted maximum COLA of 1.71%.

Actuarial assumptions are reviewed for reasonability annually and reviewed in depth periodically, with the next experience analysis anticipated before the June 30, 2027, actuarial valuation and any recommended changes approved by the Board of Trustees are anticipated to be first implemented in the June 30, 2027, actuarial valuation.



# 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

The City Council City of Faulkton Faulkton, South Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the discretely presented component unit of the City of Faulkton (the City) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 29, 2025. In our report, we issued an adverse opinion on the discretely presented component unit because the financial statements included only the primary government and not the City's legally separate component unit. The financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as the basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City'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. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-001, 2024-002, 2023-001, and 2023-002, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and reponses as item 2023-003.

# **City of Faulkton's Response to Findings**

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

# **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, as required by South Dakota Codified Law 4-11-11, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Esde Sailly LLP

August 29, 2025

# 2024-001 and 2023-001 Auditor Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes

#### **Material Weakness**

*Criteria*: The City's internal control structure should be designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements and footnotes in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

*Condition*: The City of Faulkton does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited.

*Cause:* The City does not have adequate staff trained to prepare financial statements and the related footnotes which could cause the need for auditors to, at times, propose material journal entries and assist in this process.

*Effect*: This condition may affect the City's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. Also, a thorough review of the transactions in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit to ensure that the modified cash basis of accounting has been followed for each fund type, especially for transaction types infrequent in occurrence.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

#### 2024-002 and 2023-002 Lack of Segregation of Duties

#### **Material Weakness**

*Criteria*: A good system of internal controls contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Condition: The City of Faulkton has a limited number of office personnel and, accordingly, does not have adequate internal accounting controls in revenue, expenditures and payroll functions because of a lack of segregation of duties.

Cause: The City has an insufficient number of staff to adequately separate duties.

Effect: This condition increases the risk of fraud or errors that might occur in the financial reporting process and not be detected.

Recommendation: Although it is recognized that number of office staff may not be large enough to permit adequate segregation of duties in all respects, it is important that management and those charged with governance be aware of this condition. We recommend that the City Council exercise adequate oversight of the accounting function.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

#### 2023-003 SDCL Violation

*Criteria*: The City's control structure should be such to ensure compliance with South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) for municipal finances. SDCL 9-22-2 provides for the requirements of the budget and the need for appropriate sums of money necessary to meet all lawful expenses.

Condition: In 2023, the City of Faulkton overspent the budget in the General Fund for two departments.

Cause: The City does not have a tracking system in place to review the General Fund budget on a monthly basis to ensure that budgeted expenses are not being overspent. The General Fund received larger grants than expected in 2023 which offset the expenditures in excess of the budgeted amounts.

Effect: This condition affects the City's ability to be compliant with SDCLs applicable to municipalities. With the City not fully reviewing this budget monthly or annually, overspending the budget can occur.

Recommendation: We recommend the City officials review the General Fund budget on quarterly basis to ensure that the budget will be proper for the fund. If a new revenue stream or larger grants are received which allow for money to be spent annually, budget amendments should be completed.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.