



March 17, 2016

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (the "City") for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Circular A-133, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 10, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the City implemented new accounting standards related to defined benefit pensions by adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB Statement) No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date, an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68.*, in fiscal 2015. For defined benefit pensions, these statements identify the methods and assumptions that should be used in measuring and recognizing assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense related to the City's pension plan. The implementation of these standards had a material impact to the City's financial statements.

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

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

1. Management's estimates of the allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable that is based on past due balances and historical collections experience.
2. The liabilities for self-insured health and worker's compensation claims that are based on historical information and actuarial reports.
3. Pension assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, which are based on actuarial reports and the City's contributions towards the plans.
4. The liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits which is based on an actuarial report.

5. The fair value of the City's financial instruments measured under GASB No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*, which is based on a third-party servicer's information.

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

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

The disclosure of commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events in Notes 6 and 7 to the financial statements that management considered material to financial statement users.

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

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Two passed adjustments were noted which related to an adjustment to utility receivables of \$196,259 and an adjustment for the pooled cash account reconciliation of \$303,750. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

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

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 17, 2016.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, defined benefit pension plan funding schedules, the schedule of funding progress – other post-employment benefit obligation, and the budgetary comparison schedule – general fund, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that

supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

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

Restriction on Use

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arledge & Associates, P.C.".

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