

## ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

The audit for fiscal year 2021 is not underway as fiscal year 2020's audit is not yet complete. All figures presented below for fiscal year 2020 and 2021 are unaudited.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Revenues	\$70,614,358.65
Expenditures	<u>\$61,515,376.20</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$9,098,982.45

For fiscal year 2020, the city had deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$3,561,873 (preliminary audited figure), including other financing sources and transfers in/out, mainly due to COVID-19.

For fiscal year 2021, COVID-19 continued to impact revenues early in the fiscal year. As compared to fiscal year 2020, the following revenues increased for fiscal year 2021

- Gaming/device taxes \$5.5 million
- Sales and use taxes \$2.2 million
- FEMA/MEMA grants for COVID-19 \$6.6 million

In fiscal year 2021 gaming taxes totaled \$21,115,293. This was the second highest revenue year since the inception of gaming, following fiscal year 2007 which totaled \$21,523,558.

In fiscal year 2021 the city received \$1,031,832 from MEMA for the CARES Act and \$5,549,151 from FEMA for the American Rescue Plan Act. The city will receive another \$5,549,151 in May 2022.

<b>Water and Sewer Fund</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Revenues	\$16,248,380.47
Expenses	<u>\$15,440,159.53</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses (before depreciation expense)	\$808,220.94

For fiscal year 2020, the city had excess of revenues over expenses before depreciation expense of \$713,045 (preliminary audited figure), including other financing sources and transfers in/out.

For fiscal year 2021, water/sewer revenues increased by approximately \$182,000 as compared to fiscal year 2020.

Through small water and sewer rate increases over the past several years the City of Biloxi has been able to provide funding for long needed repair and maintenance. In August 2020, the city amended Ordinance No. 2425 approving a 2% water and sewer rate increase for fiscal years 2021 through 2024.

In fiscal year 2021, the city worked with the Harrison County Utility Authority to refinance its debt. The refinance was completed by December 2020, resulting in savings to the city of \$1,265,415 for fiscal year 2021. The refinancing also allowed the city to reduce the amount charged to residential citizens for HCUA fees by 50 cents per thousand gallons and aid the city with infrastructure development for areas of ward 7 and other various projects.

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For the last several years, the city has received an **unqualified audit opinion** from its independent auditors. The city strives to present openly and transparent financial information and to maintain a level of professional in its financial handling. The city had no findings on its audited financial statements including the single audit.

For fiscal year 2020, the city had a debt limit of \$97,246,431 (15% of assessed value of \$648,309,538) and total debt of \$48,628,000 applicable to the limit. The city's legal debt margin was \$48,618,431. This is the excess of the available debt limit. For fiscal year 2021, the debt limit is \$98,425,091 (15% of assessed value of \$656,167,272) and total debt of \$46,584,000 applicable to the limit. The city's legal debt margin is \$51,841,091.