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CPA Associates PC, Certified Public Accountants, today released an audit report on the City of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, dated January 22, 2020.

Financial Highlights:

The City's receipts totaled \$14,792,518 for the year ended June 30, 2019, a 16.98% percent decrease from the prior year. Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2019 totaled \$16,277,165, a 21.22% percent increase from the prior year. The significant decrease in the receipts and increase in the disbursements is due primarily to the receipt of bond proceeds in the prior year and increased spending on sewer capital projects.

Audit Findings:

CPA Associates PC reported 4 findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. The findings are found on pages 47 through 49 of this report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties and statutory requirements related to disbursements exceeding budgeted amounts, publication of City Council minutes, and a fund with a deficit balance. CPA Associates PC provided the City of Mount Pleasant with recommendations to address each of the findings.

The City Council has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the City's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the City Clerk's Office, in the Office of the Auditor of State, and on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

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