



CITY OF FOREST CITY

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NEWS RELEASE

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Larry Pump, CPA, Charles City, Iowa, today released an audit report on the City of Forest City for the year ended June 30, 2019.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The City's receipts totaled \$21,117,639 for the year ended June 30, 2019, a 41% increase from the prior year. Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2019 totaled \$16,856,973, a 20% increase from the prior year. The significant increase in receipts and disbursements is due primarily to bond proceeds to finance major capital improvements.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

Larry Pump reported six findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 53 through 55 of this report. The findings address issues such as bank reconciliations, disbursements exceeding budgeted amounts, and deficit fund balances. Larry Pump, CPA provided the City 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 on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

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