

# OFFICIAL STATEMENT

New Issue  
Book-Entry Only

Rating: S&P "AA"  
(See "RATING" herein)

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is includable in gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing law, the Bonds and the income therefrom will be exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Tennessee, except Tennessee franchise and excise taxes. (See "Tax Matters" herein).*

**\$11,840,000**  
**CITY OF LA VERGNE, TENNESSEE**  
**WATER AND SEWER REVENUE AND TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021**  
**(FEDERALLY TAXABLE)**  
**(ULT)**

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: April 1, as shown below

The City of La Vergne, Tennessee (the "Issuer") will issue its \$11,840,000 Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable) (the "Bonds") in fully registered form, without coupons, and, when issued, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases of beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds will be made in book-entry form only, in denominations of \$5,000 or multiples thereof through DTC Participants. Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on October 1, 2021, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds are to be made to purchasers by DTC through the Participants (as such term is herein defined). Purchasers will not receive physical delivery of Bonds purchased by them. See "The Bonds-Book-Entry-Only System." Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable by the Issuer to the corporate trust office of U.S. Bank National Association, Nashville, Tennessee, as registration and paying agent (the "Registration Agent").

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer at any time on or after April 1, 2029 at a price of par. The Bonds are payable on April 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(April 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>(April 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2022	\$100,000	3.000%	0.250%	2028	\$1,220,000	3.000%	1.150%
2023	50,000	3.000	0.400	2029	1,190,000	3.000	1.300
2024	1,205,000	3.000	0.450	2030	1,165,000	1.450	1.450
2025	1,190,000	3.000	0.650	2031	1,125,000	1.550	1.550
2026	1,245,000	3.000	0.800	2032	1,075,000	1.650	1.650
2027	1,245,000	3.000	0.950	2033	1,030,000	1.750	1.750

The Bonds shall be payable primarily from and be secured by a pledge of the Net Revenues (as defined herein) to be derived from the operation of the Issuer's water and sewer system, subject to prior pledges of such Net Revenues in favor of Prior Lien Obligations (as defined herein), and in the event of a deficiency of such Net Revenues, the Bonds shall be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Issuer. See "Security and Source of Payment" herein. For the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit of the Issuer are irrevocably pledged.

*The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of the legality by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Nashville, Tennessee, Bond Counsel, whose opinion will be delivered with the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Issuer by E. Evan Cope PLLC, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Counsel to the Issuer. Stephens Inc. is serving as Municipal Advisor to the Issuer. The Bonds, in book-entry form, are expected to be available for delivery through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York, on or about August 12, 2021.*

July 27, 2021

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this document, as the same may be supplemented or amended (collectively, the "Official Statement") by the Issuer from time to time, is an Official Statement with respect to the Bonds described herein that is deemed final by the Issuer as of the date hereof (or of any such supplement or amendment).

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the Issuer or by Stephens Inc., as municipal advisor, to give any information or make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement and, if given or made, such information or representations with respect to the Issuer or the Bonds must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Issuer or Stephens Inc. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell, or solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities other than the securities offered hereby to any person in any jurisdiction where such offer or solicitation of such offer would be unlawful.

This Official Statement should be considered in its entirety and no one factor should be considered more or less important than any other by reason of its position in this Official Statement. Where statutes, reports or other documents are referred to herein, reference should be made to such statutes, reports or other documents for more complete information regarding the rights and obligations of parties thereto, facts and opinions contained therein and the subject matter thereof.

The information and expressions of opinion in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made under it shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date as of which information is given in this Official Statement.

**In making an investment decision investors must rely on their own examination of the Issuer and the terms of the offering, including the merits and risks involved. No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or with any state securities agency. The Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities agency, nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities agency passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Official Statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

City of La Vergne, Tennessee  
Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021  
(Federally Taxable)  
(ULT)

Dated August 12, 2021

<u>Maturity (April 1)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP No.*</u>
2022	\$100,000	3.000%	0.250%	519442HZ3
2023	50,000	3.000	0.400	519442JA6
2024	1,205,000	3.000	0.450	519442JB4
2025	1,190,000	3.000	0.650	519442JC2
2026	1,245,000	3.000	0.800	519442JD0
2027	1,245,000	3.000	0.950	519442JE8
2028	1,220,000	3.000	1.150	519442JF5
2029	1,190,000	3.000	1.300	519442JG3
2030	1,165,000	1.450	1.450	519442JH1
2031	1,125,000	1.550	1.550	519442JJ7
2032	1,075,000	1.650	1.650	519442JK4
2033	1,030,000	1.750	1.750	519442JL2

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*The material contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be current and reliable, but the accuracy thereof is not guaranteed. The Official Statement contains statements which are based upon estimates, forecasts, and matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so described, and such statements are intended solely as such and not as representations of fact. All summaries of statutes, resolutions, and reports contained herein are made subject to all the provisions of said documents. The Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of any of the City of La Vergne, Tennessee Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable).*

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**CITY OF LA VERGNE, TENNESSEE**

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Jason Cole

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Steve Noe  
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## Summary Statement

*This Summary is expressly qualified by the entire Official Statement, which should be viewed in its entirety by potential investors.*

<b>ISSUER</b> .....	City of La Vergne, Tennessee (the "Issuer").
<b>ISSUE</b> .....	\$11,840,000 Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable) (the "Bonds").
<b>PURPOSE</b> .....	The Bonds are being issued to provide funds to (a) refund the Issuer's outstanding (i) Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2013, dated April 24, 2013, maturing March 1, 2024 and thereafter, and (ii) Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, dated August 28, 2014, maturing April 1, 2024 and thereafter; and (b) pay the costs of issuance and sale of the Bonds.
<b>SECURITY</b> .....	The Bonds shall be payable primarily from and be secured by a pledge of the Net Revenues (as defined herein) to be derived from the operation of the System of the Issuer, subject to prior pledges of such Net Revenues in favor of Prior Lien Obligations (as defined herein); and in the event of a deficiency of such Net Revenues, the Bonds shall be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Issuer. For the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit of the Issuer are irrevocably pledged.
<b>DATED DATE</b> .....	August 12, 2021.
<b>INTEREST DUE</b> .....	Each April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2021.
<b>PRINCIPAL DUE</b> .....	April 1, commencing April 1, 2022 through April 1, 2033.
<b>SETTLEMENT DATE</b> .....	August 12, 2021.
<b>OPTIONAL REDEMPTION</b>	The Bonds maturing April 1, 2030 and thereafter, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer on April 1, 2029 and thereafter, as a whole or in part, at any time at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.
<b>RATING</b> .....	"AA" by S&P Global Ratings (the "Rating Agency"), based on documents and other information provided by the Issuer. The rating reflects only the view of the Rating Agency and neither the Issuer, the Municipal Advisor nor the Underwriter makes any representations as to the appropriateness of such rating.

There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agency if in its judgment circumstances so warrant. Any such downward change in or withdrawal of the rating may have an

adverse effect on the secondary market price of the Bonds. Any explanation of the significance of the rating may be obtained from the Rating Agency.

<b>TAX MATTERS .....</b>	Interest on the Bonds is includable in the gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes. For an explanation of certain tax consequences under federal law which may result from the ownership of the Bonds, see the discussion under the heading “Tax Matters” herein. Under existing law, the Bonds and the income therefrom will be exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Tennessee, except Tennessee franchise and excise taxes. (See “Tax Matters” herein).
<b>REGISTRATION AND PAYING AGENT AND ESCROW AGENT.....</b>	U.S. Bank National Association, Nashville, Tennessee.
<b>VERIFICATION AGENT .....</b>	Public Finance Partners LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
<b>MUNICIPAL ADVISOR.....</b>	Stephens Inc., Nashville, Tennessee.
<b>UNDERWRITER.....</b>	Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., Birmingham, Alabama.

**Official Statement**

**City of La Vergne, Tennessee**

**\$11,840,000**

**Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021  
(Federally Taxable)  
(ULT)**

**Introduction**

The Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, is furnished in connection with the issuance by the City of La Vergne, Tennessee (the "Issuer") of \$11,840,000 Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable) (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are issuable under and in full compliance with the constitution and statutes of the State of Tennessee, including Sections 9-21-101, et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated, and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Issuer on June 1, 2021 (the "Resolution") authorizing the issuance, sale and payment of the Bonds.

This Official Statement includes descriptions of, among other matters, the Bonds, the Resolution, and the Issuer. Such descriptions and information do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to the Resolution are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive document, including the form of the Bonds included in the Resolution. During the period of the offering of the Bonds, copies of the Resolution and any other documents described herein or in the Resolution may be obtained from the Issuer. After delivery of the Bonds, copies of such documents will be available for inspection at the Mayor's office. All capitalized terms used in this Official Statement and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Resolution.

**The Bonds**

**Description**

The Bonds are being issued to (a) refund the Issuer's outstanding (i) Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2013, dated April 24, 2013, maturing March 1, 2024 and thereafter (the "Series 2013 Bonds"), and (ii) Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, dated August 28, 2014, maturing April 1, 2024 and thereafter (the "Series 2014 Bonds" and, together with the Series 2013 Bonds, the "Outstanding Bonds"); and (b) pay the costs of issuance and sale of the Bonds.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered book-entry Bonds, without coupons, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery. Interest on the Bonds, at the rates per annum set forth on the cover page and calculated on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day months, will be payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year (herein an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing October 1, 2021.

The Bonds will mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on the cover page.



Except as otherwise provided in the Resolution, the Bonds will be initially registered only in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds.

U.S. Bank National Association, Nashville, Tennessee (the "Registration Agent") will make all interest payments with respect to the Bonds on each Interest Payment Date directly to the registered owners as shown on the Bond registration records maintained by the Registration Agent as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date (the "Regular Record Date") by check or draft mailed to such owners at their addresses shown on said registration records, without, except for final payment, the presentation or surrender of such registered Bonds, and all such payments shall discharge the obligations of the Issuer in respect of such Bonds to the extent of the payments so made. Payment of principal of the Bonds shall be made upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds to the Registration Agent as the same shall become due and payable. In the event the Bonds are no longer registered in the name of DTC or its successor or assigns, if requested by the Owner of at least \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, payment of interest on such Bonds shall be paid by wire transfer to a bank within the continental United States or deposited to a designated account if such account is maintained with the Registration Agent and written notice of any such election and designated account is given to the Registration Agent prior to the record date.

Any interest on any Bond which is payable but is not punctually paid or duly provided for on any interest payment date (hereinafter "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered owner on the relevant Regular Record Date; and, in lieu thereof, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid by the Issuer to the persons in whose names the Bonds are registered at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner: The Issuer shall notify the Registration Agent in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Bond and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Issuer shall deposit with the Registration Agent an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Registration Agent for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest. Thereupon, not less than ten (10) days after the receipt by the Registration Agent of the notice of the proposed payment, the Registration Agent shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which date shall not be more than fifteen (15) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed payment to the registered owners. The Registration Agent shall promptly notify the Issuer of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Issuer, not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each registered owner at the address thereof as it appears in the Bond registration records maintained by the Registration Agent as of the date of such notice. Nothing contained in the Resolution or in the Bonds shall impair any statutory or other rights in law or in equity of any registered owner arising as a result of the failure of the Issuer to punctually pay or duly provide for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

### **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds maturing April 1, 2030 and thereafter, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer on April 1, 2029 and thereafter, as a whole or in part, at any time at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

## **Notice of Redemption**

Notice of call for redemption shall be given by the Registration Agent on behalf of the Issuer not less than twenty (20) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by sending an appropriate notice to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at the addresses shown on the Bond registration records of the Registration Agent as of the date of the notice; but neither failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any such notice so mailed shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for redemption of any of the Bonds for which proper notice was given. The notice may state that it is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption with the Registration Agent no later than the redemption date ("Conditional Redemption"). As long as DTC, or a successor Depository, is the registered owner of the Bonds, all redemption notices shall be mailed by the Registration Agent to DTC, or such successor Depository, as the registered owner of the Bonds, as and when above provided, and neither the Issuer nor the Registration Agent shall be responsible for mailing notices of redemption to DTC Participants, or Beneficial Owners. Failure of DTC, or any successor Depository, to provide notice to any DTC Participant or Beneficial Owner will not affect the validity of such redemption. The Registration Agent shall mail said notices as and when directed by the Issuer pursuant to written instructions from an authorized representative of the Issuer. From and after the redemption date, all Bonds called for redemption shall cease to bear interest if funds are available at the office of the Registration Agent for the payment thereof and if notice has been duly provided. In the case of a Conditional Redemption, the failure of the Issuer to make funds available in part or in whole on or before the redemption date shall not constitute an event of default, and the Registration Agent shall give immediate notice to the Depository or the affected Bondholders that the redemption did not occur and that the Bonds called for redemption and not so paid remain outstanding.

## **Security and Sources of Payment**

The Bonds are payable primarily from and secured by a pledge of the Net Revenues to be derived from the operation of the System, subject to prior pledges of such Net Revenues in favor of the Issuer's Prior Lien Obligations (as defined herein); and in the event of a deficiency of such Net Revenues, the Bonds shall be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Issuer. For the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit of the Issuer are irrevocably pledged.

The following terms are defined in the Resolution:

"System" means the complete water and sewer system of the Issuer, together with, and including all water and sewer system properties of every nature hereafter owned by the Issuer, including all improvements and extensions made by the Issuer while the Bonds remain outstanding, and including all real and personal property of every nature comprising part of or used or useful in connection with the water and sewer system, and including all appurtenances, contracts, leases, franchises and other intangibles.

"Net Revenues" means Gross Earnings of the System, less Current Expenses, excluding any profits or losses on the sale or other disposition, not in the ordinary course of business, or investments or fixed or capital assets.

"Gross Earnings" means all revenues, rentals, earnings and income of the System from whatever source, including all revenues derived from the operation of the System, including proceeds from the sale of property; proceeds of insurance and condemnation awards and compensation for damages, to the extent not applied to the payment of the cost of repairs, replacements and improvements; and all amounts realized from the investment of funds of the System, including money in any accounts and funds created

by this resolution, and resolutions authorizing any Prior Lien Obligations and resolutions authorizing any Parity Bonds or subordinate lien bonds (excluding any investment earnings from funds created to refund any outstanding bonds of the System or deposited to a construction fund established by a resolution authorizing such bonds to the extent set forth in such resolution).

"Current Expenses" means the reasonable and necessary costs of operating, maintaining, repairing and insuring the System, including the cost of salaries, wages, cost of material and supplies and insurance premiums, but shall exclude depreciation and interest expense.

"Prior Lien Obligations" means, to the extent outstanding, the Issuer's Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2006, dated February 1, 2006; Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2013, dated April 24, 2013; Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, dated August 28, 2014; Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, dated October 26, 2016, and any other obligations with a lien on the Gross Earnings of the System.

For further information on the System, including Net Revenues and Prior Lien Obligations, see Appendix B and Appendix C attached hereto.

As provided above, in the event of a deficiency in Net Revenues, the Bonds shall be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer are irrevocably pledged.

### **Additional Parity Bonds**

Additional obligations may be issued on a parity of lien with the Bonds with respect to the Net Revenues of the System if certain restrictive provisions of the Resolution are fulfilled as described below:

(a) Additional bonds may be issued on a parity with the Bonds without regard to the requirements of subsection (b) below if such bonds shall be issued for the purpose of refunding any of the Bonds which shall have matured or which shall mature not later than three months after the date of delivery of such refunding bonds.

(b) Additional bonds, notes or other obligations may be issued on a parity with the Bonds if all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The Net Revenues of the System for any twelve (12) consecutive months during the eighteen (18) months immediately preceding the issuance of the additional bonds, notes or other obligations must have been equal to 1.20 times the maximum annual interest and principal requirements for any succeeding fiscal year on all bonds, notes or other obligations then outstanding payable from the Gross Earnings of the System (but excluding any bonds, notes or other obligations to be refunded from the proceeds of such bonds, notes or other obligations proposed to be issued) and the bonds, notes or other obligations so proposed to be issued; provided, however, that if prior to the authorization of such additional bonds, notes or other obligations the Municipality shall have adopted and put into effect a revised schedule of rates for the System or expanded the System (or will expand the System in connection with the issuance of the additional bonds, notes or other obligations) so that its capacity is increased, then the Net Revenues for the twelve (12) months of the eighteen (18) months immediately preceding the issuance of such additional bonds, notes or other obligations, as certified by an independent engineer or engineering firm with a favorable reputation for skill and experience in the design and operation of water and sewer systems or a nationally recognized firm of financial feasibility

consultants having a favorable reputation for skill and experience in the financial feasibility of water and sewer systems, which would have resulted from such rates had they been in effect for such period or would have resulted from such additional capacity, may be used in lieu of the actual Net Revenues for such period;

(ii) No default in the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, any Prior Lien Obligations, any Parity Bonds or any subordinate obligations shall have occurred; and

(iii) The proceeds of the additional bonds, notes or other obligations must be used solely for the making of improvements, extensions, renewals or replacements to the System, or to refund the Prior Lien Obligations, the Bonds or any obligations issued on a parity therewith, or any subordinate lien obligations.

### **Discharge and Satisfaction of Bonds**

The Bonds may be discharged and defeased in any one or more of the following ways:

(a) By depositing sufficient funds as and when required with the Registration Agent, to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds as and when the same become due and payable;

(b) By depositing or causing to be deposited with any trust company or financial institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar federal agency and which has trust powers (an "Agent"; which Agent may be the Registration Agent) in trust or escrow, on or before the date of maturity or redemption, sufficient money or Defeasance Obligations, as hereafter defined, the principal of and interest on which, when due and payable, will provide sufficient moneys to pay or redeem such Bonds and to pay interest thereon when due until the maturity or redemption date (provided, if such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to maturity thereof, proper notice of such redemption shall have been given or adequate provision shall have been made for the giving of such notice);

(c) By delivering such Bonds to the Registration Agent, for cancellation by it;

and if the Issuer shall also pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable under the Resolution, or make adequate provision therefor, and by resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen instruct any such Agent to pay amounts when and as required to the Registration Agent for the payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds when due, then such Bonds shall be discharged and satisfied and all covenants, agreements and obligations of the Issuer to the holders of such Bonds shall be fully discharged and satisfied.

If the Issuer pays and discharges the indebtedness evidenced by any of the Bonds in the manner provided in either clause (a) or clause (b) above, then the registered owners of such Bonds shall thereafter be entitled only to payment out of the money or Defeasance Obligations.

Defeasance Obligations are direct obligations of, or obligations, the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by, the United States of America, which bonds or other obligations shall not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity other than at the option of the registered owner thereof.

### **Book-Entry-Only System**

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co.

(DTC's partnership nominee). Only one fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued in the aggregate principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants ("Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its Direct Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc., and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with Direct Participants, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The Rules applicable to DTC and its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmation providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interest in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on the payable date. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices,

as in the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name" and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Registration Agent, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to DTC is the responsibility of the Issuer or the Registration Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or the Registration Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

**THE ISSUER AND THE REGISTRATION AGENT HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPANTS, OR TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT; (II) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (III) THE DELIVERY OR TIMELINESS OF DELIVERY BY ANY PARTICIPANT OR ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO BONDHOLDERS; OR (IV) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC OR CEDE & CO. AS BONDHOLDER.**

### **Sources and Uses of Funds**

The following table sets forth the sources and uses of funds in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

#### **Sources of Funds**

Par Amount	\$11,840,000.00
Reoffering Premium (Discount)	739,102.35
Issuer Contribution	<u>139,983.96</u>
Total Sources	<u>\$12,719,086.31</u>

#### **Uses of Funds**

Deposit to Escrow Fund	\$12,583,976.90
Costs of Issuance (includes Underwriter's Discount, Municipal Advisory Fees, and Expenses)	<u>135,109.41</u>
Total Uses	<u>\$12,719,086.31</u>

## **Plan of Refunding**

As provided herein, the Bonds are being issued to provide funds for the (a) refunding of the Issuer's Outstanding Bonds and (b) payment of costs incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Pursuant to a Refunding Escrow Agreement between the Issuer and U.S. Bank National Association, Nashville, Tennessee (the "Escrow Agent"), a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, excluding amounts to pay issuance costs and Underwriter's discount, will be used to purchase United States Treasury Obligations or such other obligations permitted under Tennessee law (the "Escrow Investments"). The Escrow Investments purchased with a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be held in a separate fund established by the Escrow Agent with the principal amount of the Escrow Investments being sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Outstanding Bonds to their earliest redemption date following delivery of the Bonds. Neither the principal of nor the interest on the Escrow Investments will be available for payment of the Bonds. The Escrow Agent will give the paying agent for the Outstanding Bonds irrevocable directions to redeem the Outstanding Bonds on their earliest optional redemption date following delivery of the Bonds, which is March 1, 2023 for the Series 2013 Bonds and April 1, 2023 for the Series 2014 Bonds.

## **Verification of Mathematical Computations**

Public Finance Partners LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Verification Agent"), will deliver to the Issuer, on or before the settlement date of the Bonds, its verification report indicating that it has verified the mathematical accuracy of the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the cash and the maturing principal of and interest on the Escrow Investments to pay, when due, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Outstanding Bonds.

The verification performed by the Verification Agent will be solely based upon data, information and documents provided to it by the Issuer and its representatives. The Verification Agent's report of its verification will state that it has no obligation to update the report because of events occurring, or data or information coming to its attention, subsequent to the date of the report.

## **Rating**

The Bonds have been assigned a rating of "AA" by S&P Global Ratings (the "Rating Agency") based on documents and other information provided by the Issuer. The rating reflects only the view of the Rating Agency, and neither the Issuer, the Municipal Advisor, nor the Underwriter make any representation as to the appropriateness of such rating.

There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agency if in its judgment circumstances so warrant. Any such downward change in or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the secondary market price of the Bonds. Any explanation of the significance of the rating may be obtained from the Rating Agency.

## **Continuing Disclosure**

### **General**

The Issuer will at the time the Bonds are delivered execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate under which it will covenant for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the Issuer by not later than twelve months after the

end of each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (the "Annual Report"), and to provide notice of the occurrence of certain enumerated events and notice of failure to provide any required financial information of the Issuer. The Annual Report (and audited financial statements if filed separately) and notices described above will be filed by the Issuer with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") at [www.emma.msrb.com](http://www.emma.msrb.com) and with any State Information Depository which may be established in Tennessee (the "SID"). The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of events is summarized below. These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b), as it may be amended from time to time (the "Rule").

## **Annual Report**

The Issuer's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the General Purpose Financial Statements of the Issuer for the fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; provided, however, if the Issuer's audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained herein, and the audited financial statements shall be filed when available. The Annual Report shall also include in a similar format the following information included in Appendix B to this Official Statement as follows.

1. "Summary of Outstanding Debt";
2. "Debt Statement";
3. "Debt Record";
4. "Population";
5. "Per Capita Debt Ratios";
6. "Debt Ratios";
7. "Debt Trend";
8. "General Obligation Debt Service Requirements";
9. "Water and Sewer Debt Service Requirements";
10. "Property Valuation and Property Tax";
11. "Top Taxpayers";
12. "Funds Balances";
13. "Net Assets for Fiscal Years Ending June 30<sup>th</sup> – Enterprise Fund – Water and Sewer Fund";
14. "Local Option Sales Tax Collections";
15. "Statement of Operating Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds for the Fiscal Year"; and



16. "Statement of Operating Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets – Water and Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year".

Any or all of the items above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including Official Statements in final form for debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities, which have been submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document incorporated by reference is a final Official Statement, it will be available from the MSRB. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

### **Reporting of Significant Events**

The Issuer will file notice of the following events (the "Listed Events") with the MSRB and SID, if any:

- a. Principal and interest payment delinquencies.
- b. Non-payment related defaults, if material.
- c. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties.
- d. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties.
- e. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.
- f. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds.
- g. Modifications to rights of the security holders, if material.
- h. Bond calls, if material, and tender offers.
- i. Defeasances.
- j. Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the security, if material.
- k. Rating changes.
- l. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person.
- m. The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.
- n. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material

- o. Incurrence of a financial obligation (as defined by the Rule) of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- p. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

Upon the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Issuer shall file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB and SID, if any, no more than ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event.

For Listed Events where notice is only required upon a determination that such event would be material under applicable Federal securities laws, the Issuer shall determine the materiality of such event as soon as possible after learning of its occurrence.

### **Termination of Reporting Obligation**

The Issuer's obligations under the Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

### **Amendment/Waiver**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend the Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of the Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions concerning the Annual Report and Reporting of Significant Events it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized Bond Counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by the Holders of the Bonds in the same manner as provided in the Resolution for amendments to the Resolution with the consent of the respective Holders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized Bond Counsel, materially impair the interests of the Holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of the Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or, in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Issuer. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given, and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

## **Default**

In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of the Disclosure Certificate, any Bondholder or any Beneficial Owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Disclosure Certificate. A default under the Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default, if any, under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under the Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with the Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

## **Future Issues**

The Issuer has not authorized any other additional future System or general obligation debt. It is not possible, however, to foresee all capital needs, and circumstances may change.

## **Litigation**

The Issuer, like other similar bodies, is subject to a variety of suits and proceedings arising in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. As of the date of this Official Statement and after reviewing the current status of all pending and threatened litigation with its counsel, the Issuer believes that, while the outcome of litigation cannot be predicted, the final settlement of all lawsuits that have been filed and of any actions or claims pending or threatened against the Issuer or its officials in such capacity are adequately covered by insurance or by sovereign immunity or will not have a material adverse effect upon the Issuer's financial condition.

As of the date of this Official Statement, the Issuer has no knowledge or information concerning any pending or threatened litigation contesting the authority of the Issuer to issue, sell or deliver the proposed Bonds. The Issuer has no knowledge or information of any actions pending or expected which would materially affect the Issuer's ability to pay the debt service requirements of the proposed Bonds.

## **Approval of Legal Proceedings**

Legal matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the unqualified approving opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Bond Counsel. A copy of the opinion will be delivered with the Bonds. (See Appendix A). Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Issuer by E. Evan Cope PLLC, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Counsel to the Issuer.

## **Tax Matters**

### **Federal Taxes**

**Disclaimer.** Any discussion of the tax issues relating to the Bonds in this Official Statement was written to support the promotion or marketing of the Bonds. Such discussion was not intended or written to be used, and it cannot be used, by any person for the purpose of avoiding any tax penalties that may be imposed on such person. Each investor should seek advice with respect to the Bonds based on its particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

**General.** The following is a summary of certain anticipated United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds. The summary is based upon the provisions of the Code, the regulations promulgated thereunder and the judicial and administrative rulings

and decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change. The summary generally addresses Bonds held as capital assets and does not purport to address all aspects of federal income taxation that may affect particular investors in light of their individual circumstances or certain types of investors subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws, including but not limited to financial institutions, insurance companies, dealers in securities or currencies, those holding such bonds as a hedge against currency risks or as a position in a "straddle" for tax purposes, or those whose functional currency is not the United States dollar. Potential purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors in determining the federal, state or local tax consequences to them of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds.

Interest on the Bonds is not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Purchasers other than those who purchase Bonds in the initial offering at their stated principal amounts will be subject to federal income tax accounting rules affecting the timing and/or characterization of payments received with respect to such Bonds. In general, interest paid on the Bonds, accrual of original issue discount and market discount, if any, will be treated as ordinary income to an owner of Bonds and, after adjustment for the foregoing, principal payments will be treated as a return of capital.

**Market Discount.** Any owner who purchases a Bond at a price which includes market discount in excess of a prescribed de minimis amount (i.e., at a purchase price that is less than its adjusted issue price in the hands of an original owner) will be required to recharacterize all or a portion of the gain as ordinary income upon receipt of each scheduled or unscheduled principal payment or upon other disposition. In particular, such owner will generally be required either (a) to allocate each such principal payment to accrued market discount not previously included in income and to recognize ordinary income to that extent and to treat any gain upon sale or other disposition of such a Bond as ordinary income to the extent of any remaining accrued market discount (under this caption) or (b) to elect to include such market discount in income currently as it accrues on all market discount instruments acquired by such owner on or after the first day of the taxable year to which such election applies. The Code authorizes the Treasury Department to issue regulations providing for the method for accruing market discount on debt instruments the principal of which is payable in more than one installment. Until such time as regulations are issued by the Treasury Department, certain rules described in the legislative history of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 will apply. Under those rules, market discount will be included in income either (a) on a constant interest basis or (b) in proportion to the accrual of stated interest. An owner who acquires a Bond at a market discount also may be required to defer, until the maturity date of such Bond or the earlier disposition in a taxable transaction, the deduction of a portion of the amount of interest that the owner paid or accrued during the taxable year on indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry a Bond in excess of the aggregate amount of interest (including original issue discount) includable in such owner's gross income for the taxable year with respect to such Bond. The amount of such net interest expense deferred in a taxable year may not exceed the amount of market discount accrued on the Bond for the days during the taxable year on which the owner held the Bond and, in general, would be deductible when such market discount is includable in income. The amount of any remaining deferred deduction is to be taken into account in the taxable year in which the Bond matures or is disposed of in a taxable transaction. In the case of a disposition in which gain or loss is not recognized in whole or in part, any remaining deferred deduction will be allowed to the extent gain is recognized on the disposition. This deferral rule does not apply if the bondowner elects to include such market discount in income currently as described above.

**Bond Premium.** A purchaser who purchases a Bond at a cost greater than its then principal amount (or, in the case of a Bond issued with original issue premium, at a price in excess of its adjusted issue price) will have amortizable bond premium. If the holder elects to amortize the premium under Section 171 of the Code (which election will apply to all bonds held by the holder on the first day of the taxable year to which the election applies, and to all bonds thereafter acquired by the holder), such a purchaser must

amortize the premium using constant yield principles based on the purchaser's yield to maturity. Amortizable bond premium is generally treated as an offset to interest income, and a reduction in basis is required for amortizable bond premium that is applied to reduce interest payments. Purchasers of any Bonds who acquire such Bonds at a premium (or with acquisition premium) should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination and treatment of such premium for federal income tax purposes and with respect to state and local tax consequences of owning such Bonds.

***Sale or Redemption of Bonds.*** A bondowner's tax basis for a Bond is the price such owner pays for the Bond plus the amount of any original issue discount and market discount previously included in income, reduced on account of any payments received (other than "qualified stated interest" payments) and any amortized bond premium. Gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of a Bond, measured by the difference between the amount realized and the basis of the Bond as so adjusted, will generally give rise to capital gain or loss if the Bond is held as a capital asset (except as discussed above under "-Market Discount"). The legal defeasance of Bonds may result in a deemed sale or exchange of such Bonds under certain circumstances; owners of such Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the Federal income tax consequences of such an event.

***Backup Withholding.*** A bondowner may, under certain circumstances, be subject to "backup withholding" (currently the rate of this withholding obligation is 24%, but the rate may change in the future) with respect to interest or original issue discount on the Bonds. This withholding generally applies if the owner of a Bond (a) fails to furnish the Registration Agent or other payor with its taxpayer identification number; (b) furnishes the Registration Agent or other payor an incorrect taxpayer identification number; (c) fails to report properly interest, dividends or other "reportable payments" as defined in the Code; or (d) under certain circumstances, fails to provide the Registration Agent or other payor with a certified statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that the taxpayer identification number provided is its correct number and that the holder is not subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding will not apply, however, with respect to certain payments made to bondowners, including payments to certain exempt recipients (such as certain exempt organizations) and to certain Nonresidents. Owners of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining the exemption. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount paid as backup withholding would be credited against the bondholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the requisite information is timely provided to the Internal Revenue Service. The amount of "reportable payments" for each calendar year and the amount of tax withheld, if any, with respect to payments on the Bonds will be reported to the bondowners and to the Internal Revenue Service.

***Nonresident Borrowers.*** Under the Code, interest and original issue discount income with respect to Bonds held by nonresident alien individuals, foreign corporations or other non-United States persons ("Nonresidents") generally will not be subject to the United States withholding tax (or backup withholding) if the County (or other who would otherwise be required to withhold tax from such payments) is provided with an appropriate statement that the beneficial owner of the Bond is a Nonresident. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any such payments are effectively connected with a United States trade or business conducted by a Nonresident bondowner, they will be subject to regular United States income tax, but will ordinarily be exempt from United States withholding tax.

***ERISA.*** The Employees Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), and the Code generally prohibit certain transactions between a qualified employee benefit plan under ERISA or tax-qualified retirement plans and individual retirement accounts under the Code (collectively, the "Plans") and those who, with respect to a Plan, are fiduciaries or other "parties in interest" within the meaning of ERISA or "disqualified persons" within the meaning of the Code. All fiduciaries of Plans, in consultation with their advisors, should carefully consider the impact of ERISA and the Code on an investment in any Bonds.

## **State Taxes**

Under existing law, the Bonds and the income therefrom are exempt from all present state, Issuer and municipal taxes in Tennessee except (a) Tennessee excise taxes on interest on the Bonds during the period the Bonds are held or beneficially owned by any organization or entity, or other than a sole proprietorship or general partnership doing business in the State of Tennessee, and (b) Tennessee franchise taxes by reason of the inclusion of the book value of the Bonds in the Tennessee franchise tax base of any organization or entity, other than a sole proprietorship or general partnership, doing business in the State of Tennessee.

## **Changes in Federal and State Tax Law**

From time to time, there are Presidential proposals, proposals of various federal and Congressional committees, and legislative proposals in the Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal and state tax matters referred to herein or adversely affect the marketability or market value of the Bonds or otherwise prevent holders of the Bonds from realizing the full benefit of the tax exemption of interest on the Bonds. For example, various proposals have been made in Congress and by the President which, if enacted, would subject interest on bonds, such as the Bonds, that is otherwise excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, to a tax payable by certain bondholders with an adjusted gross income in excess of certain proposed thresholds. Further, such proposals may impact the marketability of the Bonds simply by being proposed. It cannot be predicted whether, or in what form, these proposals might be enacted or if enacted, whether they would apply to Bonds prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value, marketability or tax status of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds would be impacted. The opinions expressed by Bond Counsel are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, and Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion as of any date subsequent thereto or with respect to any proposed or pending legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

## **Municipal Advisor**

Stephens Inc. is serving as Municipal Advisor to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Stephens Inc., in its capacity as Municipal Advisor, has relied on the opinion of Bond Counsel and has not verified and does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal or state income tax status of the Bonds or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies. The information set forth herein has been obtained from the Issuer and other sources believed to be reliable, but has not been independently verified by Municipal Advisor.

The Municipal Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

The Municipal Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to the Issuer and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Municipal Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

## **Underwriting**

Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., Birmingham, Alabama (the "Underwriter"), acting for and on behalf of itself and such other securities dealers as it may designate, will purchase the Bonds for an aggregate purchase price of \$12,513,331.69, which is par, plus original issue premium of \$739,102.35, less Underwriter's Discount of \$ \$65,770.66.

The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealer banks and dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) and others at prices different from the public offering prices stated on the cover page of this Official Statement. Such initial public offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

## **Miscellaneous**

The foregoing summaries do not purport to be complete and are expressly made subject to the exact provisions of the complete documents. For details of all terms and conditions, purchasers are referred to the Resolution, copies of which may be obtained from the Issuer.

Any statement made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion and estimates, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates will be realized.

The execution and delivery of this Official Statement was duly authorized by the Issuer.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in any other information provided that are not purely historic, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available on the date hereof, and assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements herein are necessarily based on various assumptions and estimates and are inherently subject to various risks and uncertainties, including risks and uncertainties relating to the possible invalidity of the underlying assumptions and estimates and possible changes or developments in social, economic, business, industry, market, legal and regulatory circumstances and conditions and actions taken or omitted to be taken by third parties, including customers, suppliers, business partners and competitors, and legislative, judicial and other governmental authorities and officials. Assumptions related to the foregoing involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, and market conditions and future business and policy decisions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement would prove to be accurate.

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**Certificate of Issuer**

I, Jason Cole, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Mayor of the City of La Vergne, Tennessee, and as such official, I do hereby further certify with respect to the Official Statement dated July 27, 2021 issued in connection with the sale of the Issuer's \$11,840,000 Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable), and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief (a) the descriptions and statements contained in said Official Statement were at the time of the acceptance of the winning bid and are on the date hereof true and correct in all material respects; and (b) that said Official Statement did not at the time of the acceptance of the winning bid and does not on the date hereof contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated where necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

WITNESS my official signature this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

/s/ Jason Cole  
Mayor

I, Bruce Richardson, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Administrator/City Recorder of the City of La Vergne, Tennessee, and as such official, I do hereby certify that Jason Cole is the duly qualified and acting Mayor of said Issuer and that the signature appended to the foregoing certificate is the true and genuine signature of such official.

WITNESS my official signature and the seal of the City of La Vergne, Tennessee as of the date subscribed to the foregoing certificate.

/s/ Bruce Richardson  
City Administrator/City Recorder

(SEAL)



**APPENDIX A**

Form of Legal Opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Attorneys,  
Nashville, Tennessee relating to the Bonds.

(Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel)

Bass, Berry & Sims PLC  
150 Third Avenue South, Suite 2800  
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

(Dated Closing Date)

We have acted as bond counsel to the City of La Vergne, Tennessee (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of \$ \$11,840,000 Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable), dated the date hereof (the "Bonds"). We have examined the law and such certified proceedings and other papers as we deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify such facts by independent investigation.

Based on our examination, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof, as follows:

1. The Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and issued in accordance with the constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee and constitute valid and binding general obligations of the Issuer.

2. The resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Issuer authorizing the Bonds have been duly and lawfully adopted, is in full force and effect and is the valid and binding agreement of the Issuer, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

3. The Bonds shall be payable primarily from and secured by a pledge of the income and revenues to be derived from the operation of the Issuer's water and sewer system (the "System"), subject only to the payment of the reasonable and necessary costs of operating, maintaining, repairing and insuring said System and subject to prior pledges of such revenues in favor of, to the extent outstanding, the Issuer's Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2006, dated February 1, 2006; Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2013, dated April 24, 2013; Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, dated August 28, 2014; and Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, dated October 26, 2016. In the event of a deficiency in such revenues, the Bonds shall be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Issuer. For the prompt payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Issuer has irrevocably pledged its full faith and credit.

4. Under existing law, the Bonds and the income therefrom are exempt from all present state, City and municipal taxes in Tennessee except (a) Tennessee excise taxes on all or a portion of the interest on any of the Bonds during the period such Bonds are held or beneficially owned by any organization or entity, other than a sole proprietorship or general partnership, doing business in the State of Tennessee and (b) Tennessee franchise taxes by reason of the inclusion of the book value of the Bonds in the Tennessee franchise tax base of any organization or entity, other than a sole proprietorship or general partnership doing business in the State of Tennessee.

It is to be understood that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds and the resolution authorizing the Bonds may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and that their

enforcement may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity.

We express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of the Official Statement relating to the Bonds.

This opinion is given as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Yours truly,

Bass Berry & Sims PLC

**APPENDIX B**

Demographic and General Financial Information  
for the Issuer

**APPENDIX C**

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Issuer for the  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020