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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Tommy Davis, Mayor,
and the Members of the Board of Aldermen
City of Minden, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Minden, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements of the City's primary government as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the City of Minden, Employee Benefit Plan & Trust, which represent 89% and 100%, respectively of the assets and net position of the fiduciary funds. Those financial statements for this fiduciary fund were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the City of Minden, Employee Benefit Plan & Trust Fund is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or

error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the City's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation in the financial statements.

We believe that audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

The financial statements referred to above do not include financial data for the City's legally separate component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require financial data for those component units to be reported within the financial data of the City's primary government unless the City also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The City has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows, net position, revenues, and expenses of the government-wide financial statements has not been determined.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of the City of Minden, Louisiana as of September 30, 2017, or the changes in financial position thereof the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Minden, Louisiana, as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison schedules, Condition Rating of the City's Street System, Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Post Employment Benefit Plan, Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of Employer Contributions on pages 5-14 and 78-86 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Minden, Louisiana's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 88-94 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information on pages 88-94 is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated March 28, 2018, on our consideration of the City of Minden, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting

and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

Our discussion and analysis of the City of Minden, Louisiana’s financial performance provides an overview of the City’s financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the City’s financial statements, which begin on page 16.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The City’s net position decreased as a result of this year’s operations. The net position of both our governmental and business-type activities decreased by \$2.4 million.
- During the year, the expense of the City’s governmental activities exceeded revenues by \$4 million dollars. Last year, expenses exceeded revenues by \$3 million.
- The City’s revenues were comparable with the prior year revenues for both the governmental activities and business type activities.
- The total cost of all of the City’s programs was approximately \$34.4 million.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 16-17) provide information about the activities of the City as a whole and present a longer-term view of the City’s finances. Fund financial statements start on page 18. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City’s operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the City’s most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the City acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside the government.

Reporting the City as a Whole

Our analysis of the City as a whole begins on page 16. One of the most important questions asked about the City’s finances is, “Is the City as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year’s activities?” The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the City as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include *all* assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City’s *net position* and changes in them. You can think of the City’s net position—the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources—as one way to measure the City’s financial health, or *financial position*.

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Over time, *increases or decreases* in the City's net position are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the City's property tax base and the condition of the City's roads, to assess the *overall health* of the City.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the City into two kinds of activities:

- **Governmental activities** – Most of the City's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire, public works, parks and recreation, sanitation and health, highway and streets, economic development, and general administration. Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise fees, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type activities** – The City charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The City's water, sewer, and electrical systems are reported here.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Our analysis of the City's major funds begins on page 18. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the City as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. However, the City Council establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes (like street improvements) or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money (like sales taxes restricted for specific use). The City's two kinds of funds –*governmental* and *proprietary* use different accounting approaches.

- **Governmental funds** – Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. These classifications of fund balance show the nature and extent of constraints placed on the City's fund balances by law, creditors, City council, and the City's annually adopted budget. Unassigned fund balance is available for spending for any purpose. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial* assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* in a reconciliation following the fund financial statements.
- **Proprietary funds** – When the City charges customers for the services it provides – whether to outside customers or to other units of the City – these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the City's enterprise funds (a component of proprietary funds) are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds.

The City as Trustee

The City is the trustee, or fiduciary, for the Police Bond Fund and the Pension Benefit Trust Fund. The City's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position on page 26. We exclude these activities from the City's other financial statements because the City cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The City is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

THE CITY AS A WHOLE

The City's *combined* net position decreased by \$2.4 million. In contrast, last year's net position decreased by \$1.9 million. Looking at net position and net expenses of governmental and business-type activities separately, however, provides more detail. Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the City's governmental and business-type activities.

(Table 1)
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Current and other assets	\$ 6,907,546	\$ 7,123,739	\$ 12,674,325	\$ 15,033,599	\$ 19,581,871	\$ 22,157,338
Capital assets	<u>22,092,602</u>	<u>22,753,528</u>	<u>20,107,050</u>	<u>19,663,517</u>	<u>42,199,652</u>	<u>42,417,045</u>
Total assets	<u>29,000,148</u>	<u>29,877,267</u>	<u>32,781,375</u>	<u>34,697,116</u>	<u>61,781,523</u>	<u>64,574,383</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>2,136,489</u>	<u>3,030,139</u>	<u>1,045,848</u>	<u>1,296,167</u>	<u>3,182,337</u>	<u>4,326,306</u>
Other liabilities	534,211	835,603	2,262,800	2,691,044	2,797,011	3,526,647
Long-term liabilities	<u>16,118,891</u>	<u>16,952,283</u>	<u>7,893,190</u>	<u>8,125,231</u>	<u>24,012,081</u>	<u>25,077,514</u>
Total liabilities	<u>16,653,102</u>	<u>17,787,886</u>	<u>10,155,990</u>	<u>10,816,275</u>	<u>26,809,092</u>	<u>28,604,161</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>785,508</u>	<u>600,203</u>	<u>209,644</u>	<u>162,092</u>	<u>995,152</u>	<u>762,295</u>
Net position:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	20,450,668	20,669,055	18,552,660	17,996,381	39,003,328	38,665,436
Restricted	3,529,345	3,595,947	52,448	70,150	3,581,793	3,666,097
Unrestricted	<u>(10,281,986)</u>	<u>(9,745,685)</u>	<u>4,856,481</u>	<u>6,948,385</u>	<u>(5,425,505)</u>	<u>(2,797,300)</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>13,698,027</u>	\$ <u>14,519,317</u>	\$ <u>23,461,589</u>	\$ <u>25,014,916</u>	\$ <u>37,159,616</u>	\$ <u>39,534,233</u>

The largest portion of the City of Minden's net position totaling approximately \$39 million reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, streets, drainage, machinery and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The City of Minden uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City of Minden's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Governmental Activities – Net Position

Expenses of the governmental activities exceeded the revenues generated by taxes and program revenues by \$4.0 million. The deficit was funded with transfers of money from the City's business type activities; however, net position still decreased by approximately \$0.8 million.

The restricted net position of the governmental activities represents the portion of net position that is not available to finance the day-to-day operations. The use of restricted assets is subject to constraints established by a voter-approved city ordinance. Restricted net position decreased by \$0.1 million to a total of \$3.5 million, a majority of which is available to finance specific funding for sewer and recreational activities.

Business-type Activities – Net Position

There was a \$1.6 million decrease in the total net position of the business-type activities. Before transfers of funds between the business type activities and the governmental activities, the business type activities reported a \$1.7 surplus. However, the decrease in net position was due to \$3.2 million in net transfers between the business-type and governmental activities of the City.

Governmental activities

Our analysis that follows separately considers the operations of governmental and business-type activities. The total revenues for governmental activities decreased when compared to prior year revenues by \$.3 million. While sales tax revenues were \$.2 million higher this year, capital grants were \$.5 million less.

Governmental expenses increased by approximately \$0.7 million. General government, highway and streets, parks and recreation, and public works reported more expenses this year than in prior years. All departments reported increases in insurance costs this year compared to last year.

Business-type activities

This year, revenues exceeded expenses for business-type activities by \$1.7 million. Last year, the surplus was \$1.1 million before transfers.

After transferring approximately \$4 million to the City's general fund and receiving \$.8 million from other governmental activities, the net transfers of funds from business type activities to governmental activities was \$3.2 million, resulting in the net position of the City's business type activities to decrease by almost \$1.6 million.

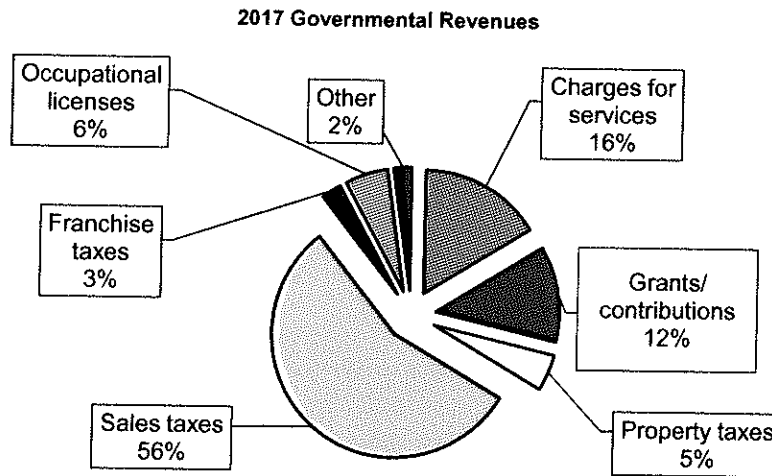
The City's total business type revenues were comparable to the prior year increasing by \$.3 million.

The total cost of all programs was approximately \$20.1 million, with 73% of the cost occurring within the electric department. The cost of programs decreased slightly by \$.3 million. While expenses of the water and sewer department were \$.5 million higher this year due to increases in maintenance and insurance expenses, the expenses of the electric department expense decreased \$.8 million. The decrease in expenses of the electric department was mainly due to a \$.6 million decrease in the amount of natural gas incurred this year compared to last year.

(Table 2)
Changes in Net Position

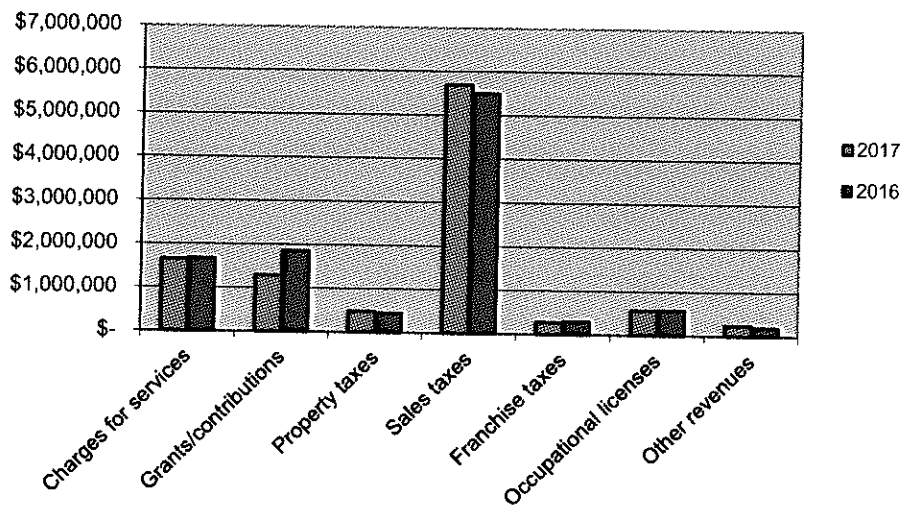
Revenues	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Primary Government	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,649,244	\$ 1,666,601	\$ 21,132,107	\$ 20,849,733	\$ 22,781,351	\$ 22,516,334
Operating grants/contributions	680,082	737,102	63,515	66,695	743,597	803,797
Capital grants/contributions	605,344	1,114,594	-	-	605,344	1,114,594
General revenues						
Property taxes	484,843	445,963	-	-	484,843	445,963
Sales taxes	5,697,247	5,499,352	-	-	5,697,247	5,499,352
Franchise taxes	277,366	296,448	-	-	277,366	296,448
Occupational licenses	574,305	574,632	-	-	574,305	574,632
Other general revenues	<u>244,357</u>	<u>199,986</u>	<u>588,921</u>	<u>569,624</u>	<u>833,278</u>	<u>769,610</u>
Total revenues	<u>10,212,788</u>	<u>10,534,678</u>	<u>21,784,543</u>	<u>21,486,052</u>	<u>31,997,331</u>	<u>32,020,730</u>
Program expenses						
General government	3,745,834	3,511,975	-	-	3,745,834	3,511,975
Public safety	5,045,797	5,260,445	-	-	5,045,797	5,260,445
Highway and streets	1,545,321	1,225,354	-	-	1,545,321	1,225,354
Sanitation and health	862,209	872,785	-	-	862,209	872,785
Parks and recreation	2,282,786	2,084,294	-	-	2,282,786	2,084,294
Public works	694,039	517,293	-	-	694,039	517,293
Interest on long-term debt	70,742	81,133	-	-	70,742	81,133
Water	-	-	2,319,349	1,960,732	2,319,349	1,960,732
Sewer	-	-	1,690,432	1,595,445	1,690,432	1,595,445
Electric	-	-	14,740,290	15,583,982	14,740,290	15,583,982
Other	-	-	<u>1,375,149</u>	<u>1,257,746</u>	<u>1,375,149</u>	<u>1,257,746</u>
Total expenses	<u>14,246,728</u>	<u>13,553,279</u>	<u>20,125,220</u>	<u>20,397,905</u>	<u>34,371,948</u>	<u>33,951,184</u>
Excess (deficiency) before transfers	(4,033,940)	(3,018,601)	1,659,323	1,088,147	(2,374,617)	(1,930,454)
Transfers	<u>3,212,650</u>	<u>1,667,847</u>	<u>(3,212,650)</u>	<u>(1,667,847)</u>	-	-
Change in net position	(821,290)	(1,350,754)	(1,553,327)	(579,700)	(2,374,617)	(1,930,454)
Net position, beginning,	<u>14,519,317</u>	<u>15,870,071</u>	<u>25,014,916</u>	<u>25,594,616</u>	<u>39,534,233</u>	<u>41,464,687</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 13,698,027</u>	<u>\$ 14,519,317</u>	<u>\$ 23,461,589</u>	<u>\$ 25,014,916</u>	<u>\$ 37,159,616</u>	<u>\$ 39,534,233</u>

The following chart displays the various types of governmental revenues and their respective percentage of total governmental revenues received as of September 30, 2017:

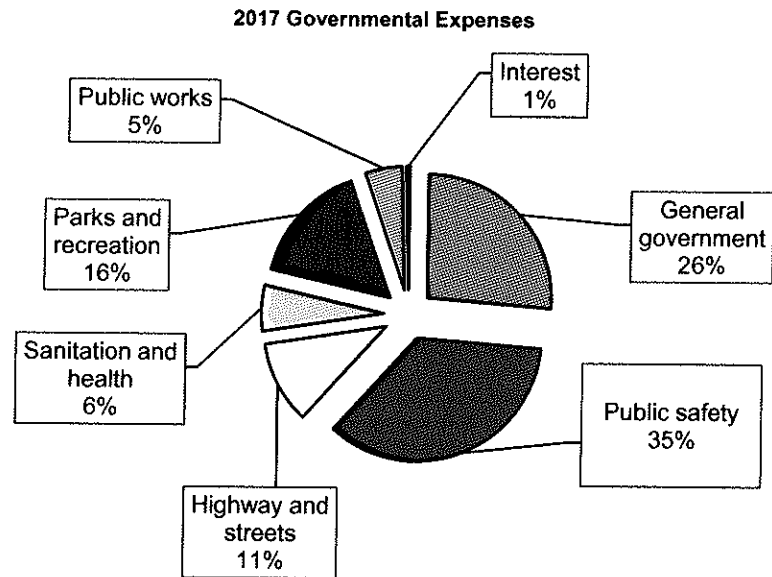


The chart below compares governmental revenues of the current year to the prior year.

Comparison of current year and prior year governmental activity revenues

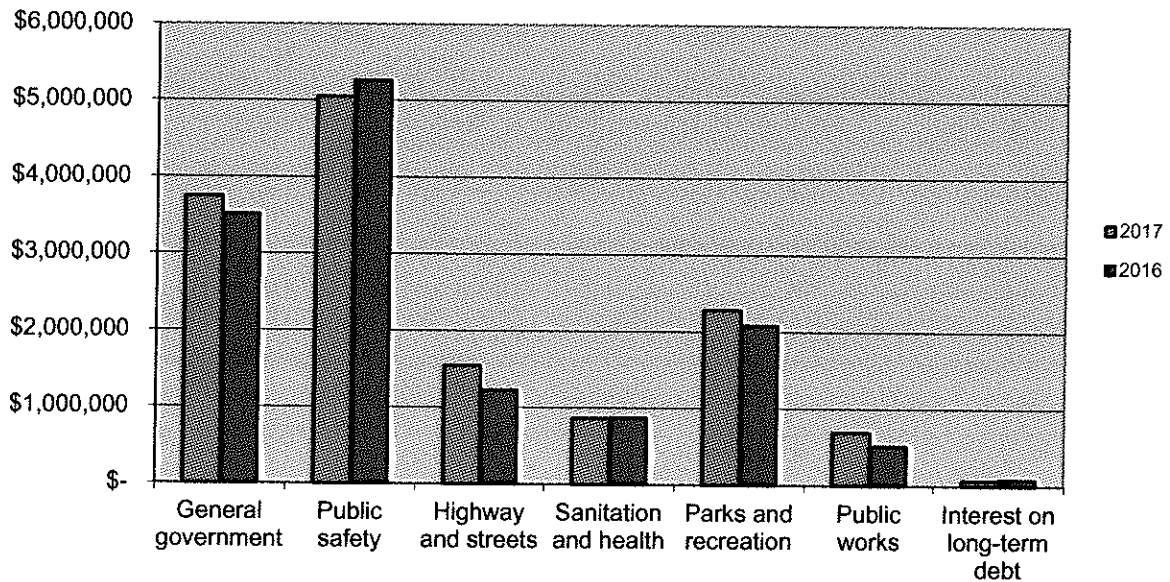


The following chart displays the various types of governmental activity expenses and their respective percentage of total governmental expense received as of September 30, 2017:



The City's largest program expenses during the current year were public safety and general government, which are 35% and 26% of the total governmental type program expense in the current year, respectively. The chart below compares program expenses of the current year to the prior year.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - PROGRAM EXPENSES



THE CITY'S FUNDS

Governmental funds – The focus of the City of Minden's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflow, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City of Minden's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a City's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on page 18) reported a combined fund balance of \$6.3 million, increasing slightly by \$.1 million, in contrast to the \$1.3 million deficit reported in the prior year.

City revenues decreased by approximately \$.3 million, due to reductions in grant revenues funding the airport project improvements for the current year. City expenditures decreased from \$13.4 million to \$13.2 million. Main changes in expenditures were:

- City reported \$.2 million in airport improvements. In the prior year, the City reported \$1 million in airport improvements.
- Public safety expenditures were higher last year by \$.3 million due to additional payments made last year to settle payroll errors within employees of the fire and police departments.
- This year, the City incurred additional expenditures for street improvements.

Proprietary funds – The City's proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

While the Sewer Plant Sales Tax Fund transferred in approximately \$.8 million to the Utility Fund, those resources are restricted to assist funding the costs of sewerage activities. Approximately \$4 million was transferred from the Utility Fund to the General Fund to assist funding of the City's general fund activities, which includes operating the administrative, civic center, city court, building inspector, and main street programs. The amount transferred to the General Fund was approximately \$.5 million more than the amount transferred in the prior year.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the City Council did not amend the original budget.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of September 30, 2017, the City had \$42,199,652 invested in capital assets including police and fire equipment, buildings, park facilities, water, sewer and electric lines. This amount represents a decrease of approximately \$217,000 in investments in capital assets.

**City of Minden's Capital Assets at Year-end
(Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 1,942,729	\$ 1,942,729	\$ 322,342	\$ 322,342	\$ 2,265,071	\$ 2,265,071
Construction in progress	83,701	1,177,082	59,401	1,310,570	143,102	2,487,652
Building and improvements	11,157,821	10,740,231	4,332,416	4,702,854	15,490,237	15,443,085
Land improvements other than buildings	5,069,050	5,345,222	14,030,872	11,937,438	19,099,922	17,282,660
Equipment	1,667,155	1,248,306	1,362,019	1,390,313	3,029,174	2,638,619
Infrastructure	<u>2,172,146</u>	<u>2,299,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,172,146</u>	<u>2,299,958</u>
Totals	<u>\$22,092,602</u>	<u>\$22,753,528</u>	<u>\$20,107,050</u>	<u>\$19,663,517</u>	<u>\$ 42,199,652</u>	<u>\$42,417,045</u>

Major construction projects undertaken by the City include the following:

	<u>Costs incurred during 09/30/2017</u>	<u>Completed cost of project</u>	<u>Grant recognized as of 09/30</u>
Water and electric meters	\$ 1,571,000	Completed	
Airport – Fuel facility	1,000	Completed	
Airport Design of Terminal	87,941	Completed	\$ 98,895*
Airport Parallel Taxiway	<u>83,700</u>	Not completed	\$312,930*
	<u>\$ 1,743,641</u>		

** The City was awarded federal and state grants to reimburse all or a portion of the cost of the projects as expenses are incurred.*

Only bridges owned by the City are capitalized as infrastructure. The City has elected to report its system of streets under the modified approach. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has been reported in the financial statements. There were no significant changes in the assessed condition of infrastructure assets eligible under the modified approach. The current assessed condition of roads is comparative with the condition level the City has established.

Debt

At year-end, the City had \$1,330,000 in debt as compared to \$1,640,000 last year.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
General obligation bonds (backed by taxes & City)	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 1,640,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 1,640,000

More detailed information about the City's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 12 to the financial statements.

COMPONENT UNITS

The City has chosen not to include the following component units in the basic financial statements: City Court of Minden and Minden Ward Marshal. Separate financial statements for each of these component units can be obtained by contacting the component unit.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The economic situation for the City of Minden has improved and the best indicator is an increase in sales tax collection above what is budgeted. The city has been able to maintain service levels for fiscal year 2017/2018 comparable to the prior year. Expenditures related to personnel has increased (health & retirement benefits). No increase in utility rates are anticipated in the near future.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the City Clerk's office at 520 Broadway, Minden, Louisiana.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2017

	<u>Primary Government</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type</u> <u>Activities</u>	
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,549,884	\$ 3,313,610	\$ 6,863,494
Investments	2,303,567	4,395,242	6,698,809
Receivables	596,797	2,926,615	3,523,412
Due from other governments	410,986	-	410,986
Due from other funds	42,060	-	42,060
Internal balances	(81,258)	81,258	-
Inventory	31,111	1,172,040	1,203,151
Prepays	54,399	32,300	86,699
Restricted assets - noncurrent:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	749,233	749,233
Investments	-	4,027	4,027
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	2,026,430	381,743	2,408,173
Depreciable capital assets, net of depreciation	20,066,172	19,725,307	39,791,479
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>29,000,148</u>	<u>32,781,375</u>	<u>61,781,523</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred charges on refunding	49,318	-	49,318
Deferred outflows on pensions	2,087,171	1,045,848	3,133,019
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>2,136,489</u>	<u>1,045,848</u>	<u>3,182,337</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts, salaries and other payables	518,028	1,395,865	1,913,893
Interest payable	16,183	33,032	49,215
Deposits payable	-	700,812	700,812
Unearned revenue	-	133,091	133,091
Long-term liabilities			
Due within one year	452,188	174,629	626,817
Due in more than one year	15,666,703	7,718,561	23,385,264
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>16,653,102</u>	<u>10,155,990</u>	<u>26,809,092</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows on pensions	785,508	209,644	995,152
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	20,450,668	18,552,660	39,003,328
Restricted for:			
Sewerage, recreational facilities, and related debt service	3,498,638	-	3,498,638
Drug enforcement activities	30,707	-	30,707
Utility meter deposits	-	52,448	52,448
Unrestricted	(10,281,986)	4,856,481	(5,425,505)
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 13,698,027</u>	<u>\$ 23,461,589</u>	<u>\$ 37,159,616</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses)/ Revenue	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes of Primary Government		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ (3,745,834)	\$ 143,228	\$ 77,749	\$ (3,524,857)	\$ (3,524,857)	\$ -	\$ (3,524,857)
Public safety	(5,045,797)	131,890	561,526	(4,339,275)	(4,339,275)	-	(4,339,275)
Highway and streets	(1,545,321)	-	23,927	(1,483,738)	(1,483,738)	-	(1,483,738)
Sanitation and health	(862,209)	1,074,210	947	212,948	212,948	-	212,948
Parks and recreation	(2,282,786)	64,491	13,628	(2,117,416)	(2,117,416)	-	(2,117,416)
Public works	(694,039)	235,425	2,305	11,022	11,022	-	11,022
Interest on long-term debt	(70,742)	-	-	(70,742)	(70,742)	-	(70,742)
Total governmental activities	(14,246,728)	1,649,244	680,082	(11,312,058)	(11,312,058)	-	(11,312,058)
Business-type activities:							
Water	(2,319,349)	2,234,978	13,386	(70,985)	-	(70,985)	(70,985)
Sewer	(1,690,432)	1,365,137	9,468	(315,827)	-	(315,827)	(315,827)
Electric	(14,740,290)	17,531,992	25,604	2,817,306	-	2,817,306	2,817,306
Other	(1,375,149)	-	15,057	(1,360,092)	-	(1,360,092)	(1,360,092)
Total business-type activities	(20,125,220)	21,132,107	63,515	1,070,402	-	1,070,402	1,070,402
Total primary government	\$ (34,371,948)	\$ 22,781,351	\$ 743,597	\$ (10,241,656)	\$ (11,312,058)	\$ 1,070,402	\$ (10,241,656)
General revenues:							
Property taxes levied for general purposes					484,843	-	484,843
Sales taxes					5,697,247	-	5,697,247
Franchise taxes					277,366	-	277,366
Occupational licenses					574,305	-	574,305
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					4,039	79,634	83,673
Investment earnings					21,420	35,327	56,747
Other general revenues					218,898	473,960	692,858
Transfers					3,212,650	(3,212,650)	-
Total general revenues and transfers					10,490,768	(2,623,729)	7,867,039
Change in net position					(821,290)	(1,553,327)	(2,374,617)
Net position-beginning					14,519,317	25,014,916	39,534,233
Net position-ending					\$ 13,698,027	\$ 23,461,589	\$ 37,159,616

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
 Balance Sheet
 Governmental Funds
 September 30, 2017

	General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Sales Tax - Sewerage Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 668,184	\$ 937,438	\$ 1,595,729	\$ 348,533	\$ 3,549,884
Investments	634,581	328,727	762,708	577,551	2,303,567
Receivables	85,536	250,051	250,051	11,159	596,797
Due from other funds	42,060	-	-	-	42,060
Due from other governments	410,986	-	-	-	410,986
Inventory	31,111	-	-	-	31,111
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,872,458	\$ 1,516,216	\$ 2,608,488	\$ 937,243	\$ 6,934,405
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts, salaries, and other payables	\$ 527,605	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 527,605
Due to other funds	81,258	-	-	-	81,258
TOTAL LIABILITIES	608,863	-	-	-	608,863
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenues	21,940	-	-	-	21,940
FUND BALANCES	31,111	-	-	-	31,111
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	2,608,488	929,001	3,537,489
Assigned	-	1,516,216	-	8,242	1,524,458
Unassigned	1,210,544	-	-	-	1,210,544
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,241,655	1,516,216	2,608,488	937,243	6,303,602
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,872,458	\$ 1,516,216	\$ 2,608,488	\$ 937,243	\$ 6,934,405

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CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2017

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Fund balances, total governmental funds (Statement C)	\$ 6,303,602
Some receivables are not available to pay the current period expenditures and, therefore are deferred in the fund financial statements	21,940
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements	22,092,603
Other assets used in governmental activities that are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements	
Prepaid assets	54,399
Deferred outflows/inflows related to pensions are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly not recorded in the fund financial statements	
Deferred outflows on pensions	2,087,171
Deferred inflows on pensions	(785,508)
Long-term liabilities applicable to the City's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as fund liabilities in the governmental funds. All liabilities, both current and long-term are reported in the Statement of Net Position.	
Accrued interest payable	\$ (16,183)
Compensated absences	(386,732)
Bonds payable	(1,330,000)
less: deferred charge on refunding	49,318
Capital lease obligation	(361,252)
Claims payable	(24,007)
Pension liability	(9,361,771)
OPEB obligation	<u>(4,645,553)</u>
	<u>(16,076,180)</u>
Net position of governmental activities (Statement A)	<u>\$ 13,698,027</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Sales Tax - Sewerage Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
Ad valorem	\$ 473,669	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 473,669
Sales and use	-	2,828,317	2,828,317	40,614	5,697,248
Licenses and permits	574,305	-	-	-	574,305
Fees and rentals	545,922	-	-	-	545,922
Charges for services	1,246,811	-	-	-	1,246,811
Intergovernmental revenues:					
Federal grants	443,624	-	-	-	443,624
State/Parish	651,703	-	-	-	651,703
Other	85,452	-	-	-	85,452
Fines and forfeitures	111,854	-	-	19,345	131,199
Investment earnings	4,833	3,899	8,179	4,509	21,420
Other revenues	179,779	-	-	-	179,779
Total revenues	<u>4,317,952</u>	<u>2,832,216</u>	<u>2,836,496</u>	<u>64,468</u>	<u>10,051,132</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General government	3,250,133	44,107	43,522	2,716	3,340,478
Public safety	4,751,258	-	-	9,303	4,760,561
Highways and streets	1,283,218	-	-	-	1,283,218
Sanitation and health	854,992	-	-	-	854,992
Parks and recreation	1,895,916	-	-	-	1,895,916
Public works	652,980	-	-	-	652,980
Debt service	97,880	-	-	353,650	451,530
Total expenditures	<u>12,786,377</u>	<u>44,107</u>	<u>43,522</u>	<u>365,669</u>	<u>13,239,675</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(8,468,425)	2,788,109	2,792,974	(301,201)	(3,188,543)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	8,732,138	-	-	358,613	9,090,751
Transfers out	-	(2,889,000)	(2,885,650)	-	(5,774,650)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>8,732,138</u>	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>(2,885,650)</u>	<u>358,613</u>	<u>3,316,101</u>
Net change in fund balance	263,713	(100,891)	(92,676)	57,412	127,558
Fund balances - beginning	977,942	1,617,107	2,701,164	879,831	6,176,044
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,241,655</u>	<u>\$ 1,516,216</u>	<u>\$ 2,608,488</u>	<u>\$ 937,243</u>	<u>\$ 6,303,602</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances, total governmental funds, Statement E	\$ 127,558
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	(660,925)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current resources are not reported as revenues in the fund financial statements	(50,691)
The recognition of pension expense in the Statement of Activities is based on projected benefit payments discounted to actuarial present value and attributed to periods of employee service. Pension expenditures in the fund financial statements are the amounts actually paid.	(228,971)
The Statement of Activities reflects the effects of other post-employment benefits, which is based on an actuarial amount that is increased over an amortized period and decreased for amounts actually paid during the year. The governmental funds reflect only the payments made as current year expenditures. This year, the change in OPEB liability was:	(379,384)
The Statement of Activities recognizes compensated absences (vacations and sick leave) by amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used, essentially the amounts actually paid. This year, the change in compensated absences was:	(16,305)
The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, capital leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	401,213
Other expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Prepaid assets	\$ 6,248
Accrued interest on long-term debt	(21,026)
Claims	993
	<u>(13,785)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities, Statement B	<u>\$ (821,290)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

STATEMENT G

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Net Position, Proprietary Funds
September 30, 2017

	Business Type Activities - Enterprise Funds Utility Fund
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,313,610
Investments	4,395,242
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	2,926,615
Due from other funds	81,258
Inventory	1,172,040
Prepays	32,300
Total current assets	<u>11,921,065</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted assets -	
Cash and interest-bearing bank deposits	749,233
Investment	4,027
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>20,107,050</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>20,860,310</u>
Total assets	<u>32,781,375</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows on pensions	<u>1,045,848</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	1,312,711
Accrued payroll	83,155
Accrued interest	33,032
Unearned revenue	133,090
Compensated absences	24,205
Capital lease obligations	150,424
Total current liabilities	<u>1,736,617</u>
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>700,812</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences payable	149,589
Capital lease obligations	1,403,966
Other postemployment benefit payable	1,848,099
Net pension liability	4,316,907
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>7,718,561</u>
Total liabilities	<u>10,155,990</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows on pensions	<u>209,644</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	18,552,660
Restricted for meter deposits	52,448
Unrestricted	4,856,481
Total net position	<u>\$ 23,461,589</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Business Type Activities - <u>Enterprise Funds</u> <u>Utility Fund</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	
Electric	\$ 17,531,992
Water	2,234,978
Sewerage	1,365,137
Penalties/service charges	310,233
Other revenues	<u>256,691</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>21,699,031</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Purchase of power	11,621,910
Personnel services	2,787,578
Materials and supplies	450,646
Insurance claims and expenses	1,170,664
Repairs and maintenance	1,337,014
Other services and charges	1,283,189
Bad debt expenses	137,388
Depreciation	<u>1,274,759</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>20,063,148</u>
Operating income	1,635,883
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	35,327
Grant - intergovernmental	50,186
Investment expenses	(7,221)
Interest expense	<u>(54,852)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues and expenses	<u>23,440</u>
INCOME BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	1,659,323
Capital contribution	103,451
Transfers in	773,756
Transfers out	<u>(4,089,857)</u>
Total transfers	<u>(3,316,101)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(1,553,327)
Net position - beginning	<u>25,014,916</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 23,461,589</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statements of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Business Type Activities - Enterprise Funds <u>Utility Fund</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 21,957,464
Other operating cash receipts	256,057
Cash payments for supplies and services	(15,297,755)
Cash payments to employees for service	<u>(2,916,663)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>3,999,103</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Interfund transfer	(3,109,199)
Interfund loan	(129,210)
Net increase in meter deposits	<u>17,555</u>
Net cash (used) for noncapital financing activities	<u>(3,220,854)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,855,360)
Capital grants	<u>50,186</u>
Net cash (used) for capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,805,174)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on interest-bearing deposits	<u>3,962</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>3,962</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Proceeds from capital lease obligation	32,864
Payment on capital lease obligation	(145,610)
Interest expense	<u>(57,947)</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>(170,693)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,193,656)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>5,256,499</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 4,062,843</u></u>

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	Business Type Activities -	
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
	<u>Utility Fund</u>	
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$	1,635,883
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		1,274,759
Bad debt		137,388
Changes in assets and liabilities -		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable		257,804
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - other		6,004
Decrease (increase) in inventory		896,751
Decrease (increase) prepaids		(7,609)
Decrease (increase) deferred outflows		250,319
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(438,726)
Increase (decrease) in interfund payable		28,632
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences		(59,468)
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue		133,092
Increase (decrease) deferred inflows		47,552
Increase (decrease) retirement payable		(298,313)
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB obligation		<u>135,035</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	<u>3,999,103</u>

STATEMENT J

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
September 30, 2017

	Pension Trust Funds (3/31/17)	Agency Fund - Police Bond Fund
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 54,224	\$ 79,876
Receivables:		
A/R - net of allowance	-	-
Insurance company receivable	<u>601,485</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 655,709</u>	<u>\$ 79,876</u>
LIABILITIES		
Claims payable	\$ 14,506	\$ -
Claims incurred but not reported	602,400	-
Due to the general fund	-	42,060
Due to other governmental units	<u>-</u>	<u>37,816</u>
Total liabilities	<u>616,906</u>	<u>79,876</u>
(DEFICIT) OF NET POSITION FOR BENEFITS OVER BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	<u>\$ 38,803</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Pension Trust Funds
For the Year Ended March 31, 2017

NET INCREASE IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Increase during the year attributable to:

Claims payable	\$ 66,724
Claims incurred but not reported	<u>146,705</u>

NET INCREASE IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS 213,429

NET (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Additions to plan assets attributable to:

Sponsor contributions	2,748,504
Participant contributions	548,340
Retiree contributions	146,115
Insurance company reimbursements	950,018
Interest income	<u>104</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>4,393,081</u>

Deductions from plan assets attributable to:

Benefits paid to participants	3,350,554
Payments for insurance premiums	645,378
Administrative expenses	<u>66,566</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS 4,062,498

NET (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS 330,583

(DECREASE) IN EXCESS OF NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR
 BENEFITS OVER BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS 544,012

(DEFICIT) OF NET POSITION AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS OVER
 BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

BEGINNING OF YEAR (505,209)

END OF YEAR \$ 38,803

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The City of Minden, Louisiana (the City) was incorporated in 1928, under the provisions of Act No. 226 of the 1928 Special Acts of Louisiana Legislature. The City is located in the Parish of Webster in the northwest corner of the State of Louisiana. Elected officials of the City of Minden are a mayor, five (5) aldermen, and a chief of police, all of whom serve four-year terms. The affairs of the City are conducted and managed by the mayor and board of aldermen, referred to as "The Council." The City provides a full range of municipal services as authorized by its charter. These include public safety (police and fire), street, water, electric, sewerage, sanitation and health, zoning and general administrative services.

The City is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus* establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be considered part of the City for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the City to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City.
2. Organizations that are fiscally dependent on the City and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or to impose specific financial burdens on the City.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the City has determined that the following component units are part of the reporting entity:

<u>Component Unit</u>	<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year End</u>	<u>Criteria</u> <u>Used</u>
City Court of Minden	December 31	2 and 3
Minden Ward Marshal	December 31	2 and 3

The City has chosen not to include the component units listed above in the basic financial statements. Separate financial statements for each of these component units can be obtained by contacting the component unit.

The financial activity of the Minden Historic Downtown Development District Commission is reported within the City's general fund. The Commission is not reported as a component unit of the City because they do not have

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separate corporate powers that would distinguish them as being legally separate from the primary government, primarily due to the fact that the Commission does not have the right to buy, sell, lease and mortgage property in its own name. Furthermore, it was determined that the City holds the Commission's corporate powers.

GASB Statement No. 14 provides for the issuance of primary government financial statements that are separate from those of the reporting entity. However, the primary government's (City) financial statements are not a substitute for the reporting entity's financial statements. The accompanying primary government financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units except for the inclusion of the component units as discussed above.

Other related organizations

The Minden Housing Authority - The Authority provides housing to certain qualified residents and is funded by the U.S. Government grants and rental charges. The City is not responsible for financing deficits nor entitled to surpluses. The City does not significantly influence operational or fiscal matters of the Authority. The Minden Housing Authority is fiscally independent and there is no financial benefit or burden relationship with the City. Therefore, it is not included in the City's financial statements.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities was prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary funds financial statements.

Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements. Fiduciary funds are reported separately in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Program revenues Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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Allocation of indirect expenses The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 30 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenues from expenditure-driven grants are considered to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Debt service expenditures and expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Revenues

- Ad valorem taxes (property) are recorded in the year they are assessed. Property taxes are assessed on a calendar-year basis and become due on the date November 15 of each year and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.
- Sales taxes are recognized when received by the City's collections agent, the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission.
- Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 90 days of year end.)
- Fines, forfeitures, licenses and permits are considered measurable and available when they are collected.
- Interest income on investments is recorded when earned and the income is available.
- Substantially all other revenue items are recorded when they are considered to be measurable and available to the City.

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Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term obligations, which are recognized when due.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Sales of fixed assets, increases in capital lease purchases, and transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses) and are recognized when the underlying events occur.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary funds are from charges for electrical, water and sewerage services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal service funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

C. Funds

The accounts of the City are organized and operated on the basis of funds. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

The governmental funds are divided into separate "fund types." Governmental funds are used to account for government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees.

The municipality reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the municipality's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Sales Tax Fund accounts for the receipt and use of the municipality's one percent (1%) sales and use tax under the provisions of the sales and use tax ordinance effective August 1, 1967.

The Sales Tax Fund – Sewerage System Fund accounts for the receipt and use of the municipality's one percent (1%) sales and use tax under the provisions of the sales and use tax ordinance effective December 1, 1984. By special election held April 15, 2000, the City rededicated and renewed the levy of this one percent (1%) sales and use tax.

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The municipality reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Utility Fund is used to account for electric, water and sewer service operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise. The intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or where the governing body has decided the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the City as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Pension (and other employee benefit) Trust Fund is used to report resources and activities when the City is acting as a trustee for individuals. The Pension Trust Fund is used to account for medical, dental, vision, life and accidental death benefits covering substantially all employees.

D. Deposits and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits, those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the City may deposit funds in demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of less than 90 days. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost.

Louisiana Revised Statutes and the City's investment policy govern the types of allowable securities to be purchased by the municipality. The City of Minden is authorized to invest in the following types of investments:

- 1) Direct U.S. Treasury obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the U.S. government.
- 2) Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S.
- 3) Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by U.S. government instrumentalities, which are federally sponsored
- 4) Collateralized mortgage obligations, which have not been stripped into interest only or principal only obligations
- 5) Time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana, or national banks having their principal offices in the state of Louisiana

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These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are reported at fair value, which is determined using selected bases. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Long-term investments, those with original maturities greater than one (1) year, are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates.

E. Receivables and Payables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible receivables are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include sales and use taxes, ad valorem taxes, franchise taxes, and grants. Business-type activities report utilities as their major receivable. An allowance for uncollectible receivables is maintained, however, if amounts become uncollectible, in the opinion of management, they are charged to operations at that time.

In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as sales tax, franchise tax, grants and other intergovernmental revenues since they are usually both measurable and available. Nonexchange transactions collectible but not available are deferred in the fund financial statements in accordance with modified accrual, but not deferred in the government-wide financial statements in accordance with the accrual basis. Interest and investment earnings are recorded when earned and only if paid within 30 days, when considered both measurable and available.

F. Elimination and Reclassification

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds." While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

Certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported as gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column. Exceptions to this general rule are payments in lieu of taxes where the amounts are reasonably equivalent in value to the interfund services provided and other charges between the City's utility fund and various other functions of the City. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

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G. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventory items are valued using the weighted average method. Inventories of the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in government-wide financial statements.

Inventories in each fund are generally composed of the following items:

- General Fund - Gasoline
- Enterprise Fund - Electric, water and sewer repair and maintenance items

H. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and investments of the Utility Fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The primary restricted assets are related to utility meter deposits.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The municipality maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated <u>Lives</u>
Roads, bridges, and infrastructure	25-50 years
Land improvements	10-30 years
Buildings and building improvements	10-40 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Equipment	5-15 years

Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are likely to be the largest asset class of the City. Infrastructure being reported on includes bridges owned by the City during the current year. Of the remaining infrastructure, neither the historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements. The City has elected to report its system of streets under the modified approach.

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J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has two items that qualify for reporting in this category.

The Statement of Net Position reports the deferred charges on refunding as a deferred outflow of resources. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value or refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The Statement of Net Position also reports the City's proportionate share of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions. See Note 10 for more information.

In addition to liabilities, the financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) until that time. The City has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The Statement of Net Position reports the City's proportionate share of the deferred inflows of resources related to pensions. See Note 10 for more information.

The governmental funds balance sheet reports unavailable revenues, from amounts which are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available.

K. Compensated Absences

The City's policy regarding vacation time permits full-time employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation leave. The only provision for vested benefits is that municipal employees, with the exception of employees of the police and fire department who are covered by Civil Service requirements, may carry forward no more than the maximum accruable amount for any vacation year. All employees do not have the option of foregoing vacation and being paid in lieu thereof. The entire accrued vacation liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of this debt is the amount that is normally expected to be paid using expendable available financial resources. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

The City's policy regarding sick time permits full-time employees to accrue sick leave at the rate of eighty (80) hours per year, effective on the first day of full-time employment. Sick time may be carried over from year to year. Upon retirement, the employee will be reimbursed for fifty (50) percent of their accrued sick leave at their regular hourly rate of pay. Total reimbursement cannot exceed 500 hours. All sick leave hours used in the two years prior to retirement date will be deducted from the fifty (50) percent accrual prior to reimbursement. There is no provision for reimbursement of accrued sick leave for termination other than retirement. The liability for sick leave accrual is recorded as long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements.

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L. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Long-term debt consists primarily of bonds payable, capital lease obligations, compensated absences, claims payable, pension obligations and net OPEB obligations. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance cost, except any portion related to prepaid insurance costs are expensed in the period incurred.

Long-term debt in governmental funds is not reported as liability in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources, and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures.

M. Restricted Net Position

For the government-wide Statement of Net Position, net position is reported as restricted if either of the following conditions exists:

- Restrictions are externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments;
- Restrictions are imposed by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources when expenses are incurred for purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

N. Fund Equity of Fund Financial Statements

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which the resources can be used. In the fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in a spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This category includes items that are not easily converted to cash such as inventories.
- b. Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- c. Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes determined by the City itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority, to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint. The City Council establishes (and modified or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or resolution.
- d. Assigned fund balance - amounts that the City intends to use for a specific purpose, intent can be expressed by

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the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. The City's policy does not address assignment of fund balance. Assigned fund balance is established by City Council through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose.

- e. Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose, positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund. The City has not adopted a policy to maintain the General Fund's unassigned fund balance above a certain minimum level.

The City reduces committed amounts, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The City considers restricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure has incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available.

O. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the municipality, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

P. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BUDGET INFORMATION The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

- a) The City Clerk prepares a proposed budget and submits same to the Mayor and the Council no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b) The public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At that time, a public hearing is called.
- c) A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- d) After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- e) Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases or decreases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding or failing to meet amounts

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estimated require the approval of the Council.

- f) All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- g) Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts, as originally adopted, are amended from time to time by the Council.

Excess of expenditures over appropriations in individual funds

The following individual funds had actual expenditures over budgeted expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2017:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 12,637,465	\$ 12,786,377	\$ (148,912)

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At September 30, 2017, the carrying amount of the City’s deposits, excluding its fiduciary fund was \$7,612,727.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times at least equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At September 30, 2017, the City’s bank balances, including its fiduciary funds and certificates of deposits, totaled \$11,000,714. These deposits are secured from risk by \$1,355,015 of federal deposit insurance and \$11,162,242 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3). Deposits of \$116,213 are classified as unsecured funds. These deposits are not secured from risk by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the City that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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4. INVESTMENTS

As of September 30, 2017 the City's reporting entity had the following investments:

<u>Types of investments</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Credit rating</u>	<u>Total Fair Value/ Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Weighted Average Months to Maturity</u>
Money market funds - LAMP	6	AAAm	\$ 406,713	\$ 29,732	\$ 376,981	
UBS Cash Fund, Inc.	0	<i>a</i>	3,459	-	3,459	
U.S. Government Sponsored Enterprises:						
Federal National Mortgage Association	15	AA+	1,044,728	99,609	945,119	35.04
Federal Home Loan Bank	15	AA+	972,567	99,654	872,913	35.88
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	12	AA+	796,869	99,732	697,137	28.23
Federal Farm Credit Bank	15	AA+	993,971	-	993,971	29.54
U.S. Agency Collateralized						
Mortgage Obligations	0	<i>a</i>	568	-	568	<i>a</i>
Certificates of deposit	37		2,483,961	1,974,840	509,121	11.77
Total investments	<u>100</u>		<u>\$ 6,702,836</u>	<u>\$ 2,303,567</u>	<u>\$ 4,399,269</u>	

a No specific maturity date available due to the nature of this type of investment. The City plans to hold remaining security until maturity. No rating provided on this investment.

With the exception of the certificates of deposits, all other investments listed above were valued using Level 1 inputs. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date. Investments in certificates of deposit are stated at amortized cost.

The City participates in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP) which is an external investment pool that is not SEC-registered. Because the LAMP is an arrangement sponsored by a type of governmental entity, it is exempt by statute from regulation by the SEC.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA- R.S. 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, and concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is a 2a7-like investment pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7 like investment pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

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- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP is restricted to not more than 60 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 32 as of September 30, 2017.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with SEC as an investment company.

LAMP issues financial reports. These financial reports can be obtained by writing LAMP, Inc. 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, LA 70130.

City's Investment policies

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The City's policy does not address credit rate risk.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. The City's policy does not address interest rate risk. For information regarding the interest rate risk on LAMP investments, see above.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the City's investment in a single issuer. The City's policy does not address concentration of credit risk.

For investments, **custodial credit risk** is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. City investments are Category 1 investments, categorized as insured or registered, or securities held by the City or its agent in the City's name.

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Enterprise Receivables and Uncollectible Accounts

The individual customer consumption meters are not all read on the same day of the month. Meters are generally read on the 16th, 18th and 20th day of each month. At the end the month, individual customers will have consumption that they will not be billed for until the following month. It is estimated that at the end of the month there is, in the aggregate, less than twenty (20) days' consumption that is unbilled to utility customers.

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Accounts receivable for City's business-type activities at September 30, 2017, consisted of:

Accounts receivable – utilities	\$ 2,544,522
Unbilled receivables	815,586
Allowance for D/A	<u>(443,920)</u>
Accounts receivable – utilities (net)	2,916,188
Accounts receivable – other	17,431
Allowance for D/A – other	<u>(7,004)</u>
Total receivables (net)	<u>\$ 2,926,615</u>

Receivables detail at September 30, 2017 for governmental activities are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Sales Tax - Sewerage</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Class of receivables:</u>					
Taxes:					
Ad Valorem	\$ 15,225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,225
Sales Tax	-	250,051	250,051	9,058	509,160
Franchise tax	42,802	-	-	-	42,802
Interest	-	-	-	2,101	2,101
Other	<u>34,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,433</u>
Gross receivables	92,460	250,051	250,051	11,159	603,721
Less: Allowance for uncollectibles	<u>(6,924)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,924)</u>
Receivables – net	<u>\$ 85,536</u>	<u>\$ 250,051</u>	<u>\$ 250,051</u>	<u>\$ 14,468</u>	<u>\$ 596,797</u>

At September 30, 2017 City reported \$410,986 in due from other governments for both governmental and business-type activities.

6. ADVALOREM TAXES

The City levies taxes on real and business personal property located within the City's boundaries. Property taxes are levied by the City on property values assessed by the Webster Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission. The Webster Parish Sheriff's office bills and collects property taxes for the City. Collections are remitted to the City monthly.

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Property Tax Calendar

Millage rates adopted/levied	October 15
Tax bills mailed	October 15, 2016
Due date	December 31, 2016
Collection dates	December 31, 2016 through April 2017
Penalty and interest accrues	January 1, 2017
Tax sale – 2016 property	May 15, 2017

The City considers the lien date (January 1, 2017) as the date an enforceable legal claim occurs for the 2016 property taxes. Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which the taxes are levied (budgeted).

Historically, virtually all ad valorem taxes receivable were collected since they are secured by property. Therefore, there is no allowance for uncollectible taxes. Any property with outstanding taxes owed is subject to annual public sale. Any property not purchased by individuals through the public sale, is then adjudicated to the City. The delinquent property owner has three years from the date of the tax purchase to redeem the property by paying all of the outstanding property taxes to date, penalties and interest.

The tax levy for 2016 was 7.67 mills of the assessed property valuation on tax rolls as of January 1. This tax became due on January 1, 2017 and delinquent on February 1, 2017.

The tax was dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes	5.63 mills
Downtown historic district	2.04 mills

For the year ended September 30, 2017, taxes of \$431,864 were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$72,436,750.

Additionally, a tax of 2.04 mills on properties located within the established Minden Downtown Development District. For the year ended September 30, 2017, taxes of \$16,373 were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$8,026,120.

7. SALES AND USE TAX OPERATIONS

- A. 1% sales and use tax - The City of Minden was authorized to levy and collect a one per cent (1%) sales and use tax by a special election held May 23, 1967.

The revenues derived therefrom were authorized to be used for "the purpose of opening, constructing, paving, resurfacing, improving and/or maintaining streets, alleys, sidewalks and bridges; constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, renovating and/or maintaining street lighting facilities, water-works, sewers and sewerage disposal works, garbage collection and waste disposal facilities, police department stations and equipment, public buildings and/or fire department stations and equipment, including fire engines, public parks and recreational facilities, airport

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facilities, and parking facilities; and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforesaid public works, building, improvements and facilities, and such tax to be subject to funding into bonds by the City in the manner authorized."

For the year ended September 30, 2017, Sales Tax operating transfers (of "surplus") to other funds which were used for purposes for which the imposition of the tax was authorized were as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Transfers to	\$ <u>2,889,000</u>

- B. 1% sales and use tax - sewerage improvements - The City of Minden was authorized to levy and collect a one per cent (1%) sales and use tax by a special election held September 29, 1984.

The revenues derived therefrom were authorized to be used for "the purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating and maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal facilities and fund the proceeds of the Tax into bonds to be issued in series from time to time for the purpose of constructing, acquiring and improving sewers and sewage disposal facilities and the Council shall (i) annually budget the amount of said net proceeds of the Tax required to pay principal and interest and reserve requirements on all bonds payable from the Tax and the amount required for extending, improving, operating and maintaining sewers and sewage disposal facilities and (ii) use the excess over said requirements to pay said bonds in full prior to their stated maturity and when provisions shall have been made for the payment of all of said bonds in full the authority to levy the Tax shall terminate."

By a special election held April 15, 2000, the City rededicated and renewed the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax, which was originally authorized at an election held in the City on September 29, 1984.

The revenues derived therefrom were rededicated to be used for "the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and operating sewerage, sewage disposal facilities and recreational facilities, including the acquisition of sites therefore, and authority to fund the sales tax into bonds by the City in the manner authorized."

For the year ended September 30, 2017, Sales tax-sewerage improvements operating transfers to other funds which were used for purposes for which the imposition of the tax was authorized were as follows:

	<u>Debt</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Utility</u>
	<u>Service</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Transfers to	\$ <u>358,613</u>	\$ <u>1,753,281</u>	\$ <u>773,756</u>

Beginning July 1992, the City entered into an agreement with the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission to collect sales tax. The Agency collects the taxes from vendors, and then remits to the City, after deducting an administrative fee. The administrative fee of 1.4% was assessed during the year.

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- C. 2% sales and use tax – Minden Economic Development Districts #1 - #4 – Effective January 1, 2017, Ordinance #1070-#1073 was adopted by the City Council establishing the Minden Economic Development Districts #1 - #4. The districts are considered a tax increment financial district (TIF) whereby a baseline of specific revenue collected in a specific area is determine and any revenues collected in this district over and above that baseline should now be accounted for in that district. According to Ordinances #1078-#1081, dated November 7, 2016, the initial baseline collection rate is designated zero (\$0). The City of Minden levied an additional two (2%) sales tax and 2% hotel occupancy tax for taxpayers located inside the city limits of Minden and inside one of the four Minden Economic Development Districts. The full amount of such additional sales tax is designated as the sale tax increments which will be determined and used to finance economic development projects.

8. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets of the City of Minden at September 30, 2017 were as follows:

Customers' Deposits	
Bank deposit accounts	\$ 749,233
Investments (net of market adjustment)	<u>4,027</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 753,260</u>

9. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, for the primary government is as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2017
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,942,729	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,942,729
Construction in progress	<u>1,177,082</u>	<u>172,642</u>	<u>1,266,023</u>	<u>83,701</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>3,119,811</u>	<u>172,642</u>	<u>1,266,023</u>	<u>2,026,430</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	16,884,113	820,390	-	17,704,503
Land improvements other than buildings	7,130,572	-	-	7,130,572
Equipment	7,076,662	685,162	127,950	7,633,874
Infrastructure	<u>5,337,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,337,362</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>36,428,709</u>	<u>1,505,552</u>	<u>127,950</u>	<u>37,806,311</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	6,143,882	402,800	-	6,546,682
Land improvements other than buildings	1,785,350	276,172	-	2,061,522
Equipment	5,828,356	265,563	127,200	5,966,719
Infrastructure	<u>3,037,404</u>	<u>127,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,165,216</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>16,794,992</u>	<u>1,072,347</u>	<u>127,200</u>	<u>17,740,139</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>19,633,717</u>	<u>433,205</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>20,066,172</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 22,753,528</u>	<u>\$ 605,847</u>	<u>\$ 1,266,773</u>	<u>\$ 22,092,602</u>

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	Balance October 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2017
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land and improvements	\$ 322,342	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 322,342
Construction in progress	<u>1,310,570</u>	<u>1,590,383</u>	<u>2,841,552</u>	<u>59,401</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,632,912</u>	<u>1,590,383</u>	<u>2,841,552</u>	<u>381,743</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	17,281,667	-	-	17,281,667
Land improvements other than buildings	31,395,136	2,841,552	-	34,236,688
Equipment	<u>8,794,811</u>	<u>127,909</u>	<u>117,552</u>	<u>8,805,168</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>57,471,614</u>	<u>2,969,461</u>	<u>117,552</u>	<u>60,323,523</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	12,578,813	370,438	-	12,949,251
Land improvements other than buildings	19,457,698	748,118	-	20,205,816
Equipment	<u>7,404,498</u>	<u>156,203</u>	<u>117,552</u>	<u>7,443,149</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>39,441,009</u>	<u>1,274,759</u>	<u>117,552</u>	<u>40,598,216</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>18,030,605</u>	<u>1,694,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,725,307</u>
Business-type capital assets, net	<u>\$ 19,663,517</u>	<u>\$ 3,285,085</u>	<u>\$ 2,841,552</u>	<u>\$ 20,107,050</u>

Depreciation expense was charged as direct expense of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:		Business-type activities:	
General government	\$ 140,939	Water	\$ 315,721
Public safety	125,961	Sewer	478,506
Highway and streets	172,174	Electric	459,726
Parks and recreation	366,942	Other	<u>20,806</u>
Public works	<u>248,948</u>	Total	<u>\$ 1,274,759</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,054,964</u>		

10. PENSION PLANS

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS), the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS), the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (FRS), and the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) (collectively, the Systems), and additions to/deductions from the Systems' fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis, the same basis as they are reported by the Systems. For this purpose, benefits payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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A. Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS)

Plan Description: Employees of the City are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan established in accordance with the provision of Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:1731) to provide retirement benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns and cities within the State of Louisiana. The Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana is the administrator of this plan. MERS is comprised of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the City are members of Plan A. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.mersla.com.

Benefits Provided: The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Eligibility Requirements: Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five hours per week. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the System with exceptions as outlined in the statutes.

Retirement: Any member of Plan A, who was hired before January 1, 2013 can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria:

- a. Any age with twenty-five (25) or more years of creditable service.
- b. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
- c. Any age with five (5) years of creditable service eligible for disability benefits.
- d. Survivor's benefits require five (5) years creditable service at death of a member.
- e. Any age with 20 years of creditable service, exclusive of military service with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Eligibility for retirement for Plan A members hired on or after January 1, 2013 is as follows:

- a. Age 67 with seven (7) or more years of creditable service.
- b. Age 62 with ten (10) or more years of creditable service.
- c. Age 55 with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
- d. Any age with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused sick leave. However, any member retiring under this subsection shall have their benefit actuarially reduced from the earliest age of which the member would be entitled to a vested deferred benefit under any provision of this section, if the member had continued in service to that age.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

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Survivor Benefits: Upon death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service, not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and/or minor children as outlined in the statutes.

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death and who leaves a surviving spouse, will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits on behalf of the surviving spouse on the date of death. Such benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Benefits: In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of Plan A who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Interest earnings are based upon the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period. In addition, no cost-of-living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the board of trustees. If a participant dies during participation in the DROP, a lump sum equal to the balance in his account shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the DROP fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

Disability Benefits: For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of forty-five percent of his final average compensation or three percent of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service whichever is greater or an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service projected to his earliest normal retirement age.

Cost of Living Increases: The System is authorized under state law to grant a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirement. State law allows the System to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are age sixty-five and above equal to 2% of the benefit being received on October 1, 1977, or the original benefit, if retirement commenced after that date.

Deferred Benefits: Plan A provides for deferred benefits for members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits become payable. Benefits are

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based on statutes in effect at time of withdrawal.

Contributions: Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:1731) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employee contributions are deducted from a member's salary. Both employee and employer contributions are remitted to MERS by participating employers. According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending September 30, 2017, the actual employer contribution rate ranged from 22.75% to 24.75% (effective July 1, 2017) of annual payroll for Plan A, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

In accordance with state statute, the System receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions were recognized as revenue during the year ended September 30, 2017 and excluded from pension expense. Contributions to the pension plan from the City were \$853,862 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At September 30, 2017, the City reported a liability of \$8,549,240 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2017, the City's proportion was 2.0436% which was a decrease of 0.06962% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$1,388,523.

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	Deferred Outflows			Deferred Inflows		
	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Total</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,900	\$ 131,475	\$ 260,375
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	853,458	870,514	1,723,972	-	-	-
Change of assumptions	70,769	72,183	142,952	-	-	-
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-	-	76,638	78,169	154,807
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>101,132</u>	<u>103,152</u>	<u>204,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,023,359</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,849</u>	<u>\$ 2,071,208</u>	<u>\$ 205,538</u>	<u>\$ 209,644</u>	<u>\$ 415,182</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of \$204,284 resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	
09/30/2018	\$ 390,254
09/30/2019	610,121
09/30/2020	374,054
09/30/2021	77,313

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2017
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	7.4%, net of investment expense
Projected Salary Increase, including inflation and merit increases	5.0%
Inflation Rate	2.775%
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years
Mortality Rates	For annuitant and beneficiary mortality tables used were: RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Sex Distinct Mortality Tables set forward 2 years for males and set forward 1 year for females projected to 2028 using scale AA

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For employees, the RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back 2 years for both males and females

For disabled annuitants, RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females

Cost of Living Adjustments

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living raises. The present values does not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality and future salary increases. Actuarially determined amounts regarding the net pension liability are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations, and new estimates are made about the future. The actuarial assumption used in the June 30, 2017 valuation was based on the results of an experience study, for the period July 2009 through June 30, 2014.

The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long term rate of return was 7.2% for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Public equity	50%	2.30%
Public fixed income	35%	1.60%
Alternatives	<u>15%</u>	<u>0.70%</u>
Totals	100%	4.60%
Inflation		<u>2.60%</u>
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		<u>7.20%</u>

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.4% for the years ended June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan

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members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC). Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to changes in Discount Rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 7.4%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2017:

	<u>Changes in Discount Rate</u>		
	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Rate	Increase
	<u>6.40%</u>	<u>7.50%</u>	<u>8.40%</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,894,574	\$ 8,549,240	\$ 6,548,735

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, at www.mersla.com.

Payables to the Pension Plan: At September 30, 2017, the City had \$91,668 in payables to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for the September 30, 2017 employee and employer legally required contributions.

B. Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS)

Plan Description: Police officers of the City are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan established by Act 189 of 1973 and amended by Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:2211 - 11:2233) to provide retirement benefits for municipal police officers. The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana is the administrator of this plan. Membership in the System is mandatory for any full-time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrests, providing he or she does not have to pay social security and providing he or she meets the statutory criteria. The System provides retirement benefits for municipal police officers. The projections of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the System in accordance with benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date. MPERS issues a public available financial report that can be obtained at www.lampers.org.

Benefits Provided: The following is a brief description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general

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information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement - membership prior to January 1, 2013: A member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50 or has 12 years creditable service and is age 55. A member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Benefit rates are three and one-third percent of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from forty percent to sixty percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age 18 receives benefits equal to ten percent of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater.

Retirement - membership commencing January 1, 2013: Member eligibility for regular retirement, early retirement, disability and survivor benefits are based on Hazardous Duty and Non Hazardous Duty sub plans. Under the Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 12 years of creditable service at age 55. Under the Non Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 30 years of creditable service at any age, 25 years of creditable service at age 55, or 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Under both sub plans, a member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit from age 55.

Under the Hazardous and Non Hazardous Duty sub plans, the benefit rates are three percent and two and a half percent, respectively, of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 60 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from twenty-five to fifty-five percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives ten percent of average final compensation or \$200 per month whichever is greater. If deceased member had less than ten years of service, beneficiary will receive a refund of employee contributions only.

Cost of Living Adjustments: The Board of Trustees is authorized to provide annual cost-of-living adjustments computed on the amount of the current regular retirement, disability, beneficiary or survivor's benefit, not to exceed 3% in any given year. The Board is authorized to provide an additional 2% COLA, computed on the member's original benefit, to all regular retirees, disability, survivors and beneficiaries who are 65 years of age or older on the cut-off date which determines eligibility.

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No regular retiree, survivor or beneficiary shall be eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment until benefits have been received at least one full fiscal year and the payment of such COLA when authorized, shall not be effective until the lapse of at least one-half of the fiscal year. Members who elect early retirement are not eligible for a cost of living adjustment until they reach retirement age.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan: A member is eligible to elect to enter the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) when he is eligible for regular retirement based on the members' sub plan participation. Upon filing the application for the program, the employee's active membership in the System is terminated. At the entry date into the DROP, the employee and employer contributions cease. The amount to be deposited into the DROP account is equal to the benefit computed under the retirement plan elected by the participant at date of application. The duration of participation in the DROP is thirty-six months or less. If employment is terminated after the three-year period the participant may receive his benefits by lump sum payment or a true annuity. If employment is not terminated, active contributing membership into the System shall resume and upon later termination, he shall receive additional retirement benefit based on the additional service. For those eligible to enter DROP prior to January 1, 2004, DROP accounts shall earn interest subsequent to the termination of DROP participation at a rate of half of one percentage point below the percentage rate of return of the System's investment portfolio as certified by the actuary on an annual basis but will never lose money. For those eligible to enter DROP subsequent to January 1, 2004, an irrevocable election is made to earn interest based on the System's investment portfolio return or a money market investment return. This could result in a negative earnings rate being applied to the account.

If the member elects a money market investment return, the funds are transferred to a government money market account.

Initial Benefit Option Plan: In 1999, the State Legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Option program. Initial Benefit Option is available to members who are eligible for regular retirement and have not participated in DROP. The Initial Benefit Option program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 36 months of regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest is computed on the balance based on the same criteria as DROP.

Contributions: Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Act 189 of 1973 and amended by Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:2211 - 11:2233) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employee and employer contributions are deducted from a member's salary and remitted to MPERS by participating employers. Contributions for all members are actuarially determined as required by state law but cannot be less than 9% of the employees' earnable compensation excluding overtime but including state supplemental pay. For the year ending September 30, 2017, the actual employer contribution rate ranged from 30.75% to 31.75% of actual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded actuarial accrued liability. In accordance with state statute, the System receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. Non-employer contributions were recognized as revenue during the year ended September 30, 2017 and excluded from pension expense. Contributions to the pension plan from the City were \$343,511 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At September 30, 2017, the City reported a liability of \$3,385,396 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2017, the City's proportion was 0.387770% which was a decrease of 0.057498% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$296,094.

At September 30, 2017, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Governmental activities</u>	
	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Deferred</u>
	<u>Outflows</u>	<u>Inflows</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 22,167	\$ 26,021
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	148,200	-
Change of assumptions	240,890	-
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	98,592	358,575
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>77,318</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>587,167</u>	\$ <u>384,596</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of \$77,318 resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	
09/30/2018	\$ 72,251
09/30/2019	120,480
09/30/2020	8,955
09/30/2021	(79,433)

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2017	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost	
Investment Rate of Return	7.325%, net of investment expense	
Inflation Rate	2.70% per annum	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years	
Salary increase, including inflation and merit	Salary growth	
	<u>Years of service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	1-2	9.75%
	3-23	4.75%
	Over 23	4.25%
Mortality	<p>RP-2000 Combined Healthy with Blue Collar Adjustment Sex Distinct Tables projected to 2029 by Scale AA (set back 1 year for females) for healthy annuitants and beneficiaries.</p> <p>RP-2000 Disabled Lives Table set back 5 years for males and set back 3 years for females for disabled annuitants.</p> <p>RP-2000 Employee Table set back 4 years for males and 3 years for females for active members.</p>	
Cost-of-living adjustments	<p>The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost-of-living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.</p>	

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed by the prior actuary on plan data for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014, and review of similar law enforcement mortality. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a set-back of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that the tables used would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables.

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The best estimates of the arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target allocation as of June 30, 2017 are summarized in the following table

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	53.00%	3.66%
Fixed income	21.00%	0.52%
Alternative	20.00%	1.10%
Other	<u>6.00%</u>	<u>0.16%</u>
Totals	100.00%	5.44%
Inflation		<u>2.75%</u>
Expected Nominal Return		<u>8.19%</u>

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.325%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to changes in Discount Rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 7.325%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2017:

	<u>Changes in Discount Rate</u>		
	1% Decrease	Current Rate	1% Increase
	<u>6.325%</u>	<u>7.325%</u>	<u>8.325%</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,677,251	\$ 3,385,396	\$ 2,301,623

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, at www.lampers.org.

Payables to the Pension Plan: At September 30, 2017, the City had \$34,876 in payables to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System for the September 30, 2017 employee and employer legally required contributions.

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C. State of Louisiana – Firefighters’ Retirement System of Louisiana (FRS)

Plan Description: Firefighters of the City are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana. The System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for their members. The projections of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the System in accordance with benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date. Benefit provision are authorized within Act 434 of 1979 and amended by Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:2251 - 11:2272). FRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.lafirefightersret.com.

Benefits Provided: The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Any person who becomes an employee as defined in La. R.S. 11:2252 on or after January 1, 1980 shall become a member as a condition of employment. Membership in the System is a condition of employment for any full-time firefighters (or any person in a position as defined in the municipal fire and police civil service system) who earn at least \$375 per month and are employed by any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the State of Louisiana in addition to employees of the Firefighters' Retirement System. No person who has attained age fifty or over shall become a member of the System, unless the person becomes a member by reason of a merger or unless the System received an application for membership before the applicant attained the age of fifty. No person who has not attained the age of eighteen years shall become a member of the System. Any person who has retired from service under any retirement system or pension fund maintained basically for public officers and employees of the state, its agencies or political subdivisions, and who is receiving retirement benefits therefrom may become a member of this System, provided the person meets all other requirements for membership. Service credit from the retirement system or pension plan from which the member is retired shall not be used for reciprocal recognition of service with this System, or for any other purpose in order to attain eligibility or increase the amount of service credit in this System.

Disability Benefits: A member who acquires a disability, and who files for disability benefits while in service, and who upon medical examination and certification as provided for in Title 11, is found to have a total disability solely as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, or for any cause, provided the member has at least five years of creditable service and provided that the disability was incurred while the member was an active contributing member in active service, shall be entitled to disability benefits under the provisions of R.S. 11:2258 (B).

Death Benefits: Benefits shall be payable to the surviving eligible spouse or designated beneficiary of a deceased member as specified in R.S. 11:2256 (B) & (C).

Deferred Retirement Option Plan: After completing 20 years of creditable service and age 50 or 25 years at any age, a member may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to 36 months. Upon commencement of participation in DROP, employer and employee contributions to the System cease. The monthly

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retirement benefit that would have been payable is paid into the member's DROP account. Upon termination of employment, a participant in the program has several options to receive their DROP benefit. A member may (1) elect to roll over all or a portion of their DROP benefit into another eligible qualified plan, (2) receive a lump-sum payment from the account, (3) receive single withdrawals at the discretion of the member, (4) receive monthly or annual withdrawals, or (5) receive an annuity based on the DROP account balance. These withdrawals are in addition to his regular monthly benefit. If employment is not terminated at the end of the 36 months, the participant resumes regular contributions to the System. No withdrawals may be made from the DROP account until the participant retires.

Initial Benefit Option Plan: Effective June 16, 1999, members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive, at the time of retirement, an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. Such amounts may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at the same rate as the DROP account.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs): Under the provision of R.S. 11:246 and 11:2260 (A) (7), the board of trustees is authorized to grant retired members and widows of members who have retired and annual cost of living increase of up to 3% of their current benefit, and all retired members and widows who are 65 years of age and older a 2% increase in their original benefit. In order for the board to grant either of these increases, the System must meet certain criteria detailed in the statute related to funding status and interest earnings (R.S. 11:243). In lieu of these COLAs pursuant to R.S. 11:241, the board may also grant an increase in the form of " $X \times (A+B)$," where "X" is any amount up to \$1 per month, and "A" is equal to the number of years of credited service accrued at retirement or at death of the member or retiree, and "B" is equal to the number of years since retirement or since death of the member or retiree to June 30th of the initial year of such increase.

Contributions: Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Act 434 of 1979 and amended by Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:2251 - 11:2272) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employee and employer contributions are deducted from a member's salary and remitted to FRS by participating employers. Employer contributions are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending September 30, 2017, the actual employer contribution rate ranged from 26.5% to 25.25% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded actuarial accrued liability. In accordance with state statute, the System receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. Non-employer contributions were recognized as revenue during the year ended September 30, 2017 and excluded from pension expense. Contributions to the pension plan from the City were \$185,554 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Pension liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At September 30, 2017, the City reported a liability of \$1,722,220 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net

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pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2017, the City's proportion was 0.300465% which was an increase of 0.018321% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$306,712.

At September 30, 2017, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Governmental activities</u>	
	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Deferred</u>
	<u>Outflows</u>	<u>Inflows</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 96,043
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	148,161	-
Change of assumptions	72,033	411
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	205,479	97,675
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>47,366</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 473,039</u>	<u>\$ 194,129</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of \$47,366 resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	
09/30/2018	\$ 68,688
09/30/2019	98,357
09/30/2020	32,623
09/30/2021	(17,227)
09/30/2022	29,718
09/30/2023	19,385

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2017
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Investment Rate of Return	7.4%, per annum
Inflation Rate	2.775% per annum
Expected Remaining Service Lives	7 years
Salary Increases	Vary from 15.0% in the first two years of service to 4.75% after 25 years
Cost of Living Adjustments	Only those previously granted

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System's liabilities. The RP-2000 Combined Healthy with Blue Collar Adjustment Sex Distinct Tables projected to 2031 using Scale AA were selected for employee, annuitant, and beneficiary mortality. The RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back five years for males and set back three years for females was selected for disabled annuitants. Setbacks in these tables were used to approximate mortality improvement.

The estimated long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation, 2.75%. The long term expected nominal rate of return was 8.29% as of June 30, 2017.

Best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class included in FRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Long-Term Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	U.S. Equity	27.00%	6.15%
	Non-U.S. Equity	20.00%	7.45%
	Global Equity	10.00%	6.85%
Fixed Income	Fixed Income	23.00%	2.04%
Alternatives	Real Estate	6.00%	4.62%
	Private Equity	4.00%	8.73%
Multi-Asset Strategies	Global Tactical Asset	5.00%	4.40%
	Allocation Risk Party	5.00%	4.79%
		<u>100.00%</u>	

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Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates, and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributions will be made at the actuarially-determined rates approved by the Board of Trustees and by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to changes in Discount Rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 7.40%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2017:

	<u>Changes in Discount Rate</u>		
	1% Decrease	Current Rate	1% Increase
	<u>6.40%</u>	<u>7.40%</u>	<u>8.40%</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,474,764	\$ 1,722,220	\$ 1,089,599

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, at www.lafirefightersret.com.

Payables to the Pension Plan: At September 30, 2017, the City had \$22,025 in payables to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana for the September 30, 2017 employee and employer legally required contributions.

D. Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

Plan Description: Employees of the City are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) grants to LASERS Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature the authority to review administration, benefit terms, investments, and funding of the plan. LASERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.lasersonline.org.

Benefits Provided: The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement: The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. LASERS rank and file members hired prior to July 1, 2006, may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30

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years of creditable service or at age 60 upon completing ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Those members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015, may retire at age 60 upon completing five years of creditable service and those hired on or after July 1, 2015 may retire at age 62 upon completing five years of creditable service. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with twelve years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

Act 226 of the 2014 Legislative Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the members' average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service as a judge.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement

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age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

Deferred Retirement Benefits: The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

Disability Benefits: All members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age.

Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making an application to the Board of Trustees.

For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation.

Survivor's Benefits: Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

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The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments: As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the System allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Contributions: Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employee and employer contributions are deducted from a member's salary and remitted to LASERS by participating employers. The rates in effect during the year ended June 30, 2017 for the various plans follow:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Plan Status</u>	<u>2017 Employer Rate</u>
Appellate Law Clerks	Closed	35.80%
Appellate Law Clerks hired on or after 7/01/06	Open	35.80%
Alcohol Tobacco Control	Closed	30.70%
Bridge Police	Closed	34.20%
Bridge Police hired on or after 7/01/06	Closed	34.20%
Corrections Primary	Closed	31.10%
Corrections Secondary	Closed	35.30%
Harbor Police	Closed	4.00%
Hazardous Duty	Open	36.10%
Judges hired before 1/1/2011	Closed	38.00%
Judges hired after 12/31/2010	Closed	36.70%
Judges hired after 07/01/2015	Open	36.70%
Legislators	Closed	39.10%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) before 7/01/06	Closed	35.80%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) on or after 7/01/06	Closed	35.80%
Peace Officers	Closed	34.30%
Regular Employees hired before 7/01/06	Closed	35.80%
Regular Employees hired on or after 7/01/06	Closed	35.80%
Regular Employees hired on or after 1/1/11	Closed	35.80%
Regular Employees hired on or after 07/01/15	Open	35.80%
Special Legislative Employees	Closed	41.10%
Wildlife Agents	Closed	44.80%
Aggregate Rate		35.80%

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The City's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2017 ranged from 39.6%-36.7% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the City were \$2,242 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At September 30, 2017, the City reported a liability of \$21,820 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2017, the City's proportion was 0.00031% which was a decrease of .00003% to the proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$1,738.

At September 30, 2017, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources: Governmental activities

	Deferred <u>Outflows</u>	Deferred <u>Inflows</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 400
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	710	-
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	261	845
Change in assumption	86	
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>548</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,605</u>	<u>\$ 1,245</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of \$548 resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2018.

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Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	
09/30/2018	\$ (13)
09/30/2019	(20)
09/30/2020	285
09/30/2021	(440)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2017	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	
Investment Rate of Return	7.70% per annum	
Inflation Rate	2.75% per annum	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years	
Mortality	<p>Non-disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2015</p> <p>Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.</p>	
Termination, Disability, and Retirement	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2009-2013) experience study of the System’s members	
Salary Increases	Salary increases were projected based on a 2009-2013 experience study of the System’s members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:	
	<u>Member Type</u>	<u>Lower Range</u>
		<u>Upper Range</u>
	Regular	3.8%
	Judges	2.8%
	Corrections	3.4%
	Hazardous Duty	3.4%
	Wildlife	3.4%
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living raises. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.	

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The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 3.25% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long term rate of return is 8.69% for 2017. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Expected long-term Real Rates of Return</u>
Cash	-0.24%
Domestic equity	4.31%
International equity	5.35%
Domestic Fixed Income	1.73%
International Fixed Income	2.49%
Alternative Investments	7.41%
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	2.84%
Total Fund	5.26%

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.70%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 7.70%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2017:

	<u>Changes in Discount Rate</u>		
	1% Decrease	Current Rate	1% Increase
	<u>6.70%</u>	<u>7.70%</u>	<u>8.70%</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 27,393	\$ 21,820	\$ 17,082

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued LASERS 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June

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30, at www.lasersonline.org.

Payables to the Pension Plan: At September 30, 2017, the City had \$243 in payables to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System for the September 30, 2017 employee and employer legally required contributions.

11. CAPITAL AND OPERATING LEASES

The City records items under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements.

The City has a capital lease agreement during the fiscal year for a fire truck. The cost of the truck is \$619,567 and the City is required to make seven (7) payments of \$97,880. One payment was made during the current fiscal year. At the end of year seven (7), the City has the option of purchasing the truck for a payment of \$1. Interest accrues at a rate of 3.298%.

On January 6, 2016, the City entered into a second capital lease agreement to lease the equipment for its city-wide water and electric meter project. The cost of the project under the lease was \$1,700,000 and the City is required to make ten (10) payments of \$203,537. At the end of year ten (10), the City has the option of purchasing the equipment for a payment of \$1. Interest accrues at a rate of 3.417%.

Future minimum payments are as follows:

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 236,390	\$ 65,028	\$ 301,418
2019	244,365	57,053	301,418
2020	252,609	48,809	301,418
2021	261,132	40,286	301,418
2022	172,062	31,476	203,538
2023-2026	<u>749,084</u>	<u>65,063</u>	<u>814,147</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,915,642</u>	<u>\$ 307,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,223,357</u>

The municipality has operating leases for copiers, faxes, vehicles, and a street sweeper. On January 5, 2017, the City entered into a rental agreement for a street sweeper, agreeing to make 4 annual payments of \$34,791, which includes an annual maintenance payment of \$13,209. The payments are required annually, starting March 1, 2017 – March 1, 2020. During the year, the City entered a lease agreement to lease eleven vehicles for various departments. The terms of each lease are for 60 months, with monthly rental payments ranging from \$524 - \$701.

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The City reported rental expense as follows:

	Governmental activities	Business-type activities
Equipment:		
Ricoh MPC5503 Copier - \$254.69/month for 48 months	\$ 1,528	\$ 1,528
Canon IPF765 Copier - \$228/month for 48 months	-	2,736
Ricoh MPC 3503 - \$186/month for 60 months	2,232	-
Ricoh MPC 3003 - \$185/month for 48 months	2,220	-
Canon Fax - \$17/month for 45 months	209	-
(11) Vehicles	32,947	21,056
Street sweeper	<u>21,582</u>	-
Total rental expense	<u>\$ 60,718</u>	<u>\$ 25,320</u>

12. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2017:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2017	Amount due within one year
Governmental activities:					
Refunding bonds	\$ 1,640,000	\$ -	\$ (310,000)	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 320,000
Compensated absences	378,919	278,939	(261,551)	396,307	22,215
Estimated claim	27,412	24,007	(27,412)	24,007	24,007
Capital lease	444,473	-	(83,221)	361,252	85,966
Net OPEB obligation	4,266,170	650,608	(271,224)	4,645,554	-
Pension obligation	<u>10,195,309</u>	<u>142,672</u>	<u>(976,210)</u>	<u>9,361,771</u>	-
Total governmental debt	<u>\$ 16,952,283</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,226</u>	<u>\$ (1,929,621)</u>	<u>\$ 16,122,933</u>	<u>\$ 452,188</u>
Business-type activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 233,262	\$ 158,082	\$ (217,550)	\$ 173,794	\$ 24,205
Capital lease	1,667,136	32,864	(145,610)	1,554,390	150,424
Net OPEB obligation	1,713,064	231,572	(96,537)	1,848,099	-
Pension obligation	<u>4,511,769</u>	<u>179,813</u>	<u>(374,677)</u>	<u>4,316,905</u>	-
Total business-type debt	<u>\$ 8,125,231</u>	<u>\$ 602,331</u>	<u>\$ (834,374)</u>	<u>\$ 7,893,188</u>	<u>\$ 174,629</u>

For governmental activities, refunding bonds are liquidated by the Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series, 2010 fund. The compensated absences and net OPEB obligation are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

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Bonds payable at September 30, 2017, are comprised of the following individual issue:

	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest to Maturity</u>
\$3,115,000 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 dated November 1, 2010; due in annual installments of \$270,000 - \$350,000 through January 1, 2021; interest at 2%-3.25%; secured by pledge of the City's 1% sales and use tax designated for sewerage system improvements and recreation	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 83,564

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of September 30, 2017, including interest payments of \$83,564, are as follows:

<u>Year ending September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	320,000	35,175	355,175
2019	325,000	26,300	351,300
2020	335,000	16,401	351,401
2021	<u>350,000</u>	<u>5,688</u>	<u>355,688</u>
	<u>\$ 1,330,000</u>	<u>\$ 83,564</u>	<u>\$ 1,413,564</u>

At September 30, 2017, \$282,285 was available in the Debt Service Funds to service the general obligation bonds. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes, the City is legally restricted in the amount of long-term bonded debt that may be issued. At September 30, 2017, the statutory limit was \$7,243,675. As of September 30, 2017, the City had no bonds secured by advalorem taxes.

Total interest expense paid on long-term debt as of September 30, 2017 was \$70,742.

13. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2017, were as follows:

<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payables</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Police Bond Fund</u>	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 42,060	\$ 42,060
Utility Fund	<u>81,258</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,258</u>
Total	<u>\$ 81,258</u>	<u>\$ 42,060</u>	<u>\$ 123,318</u>

The Police Bond Fund reports a payable to the General Fund for tickets and fines collected and not paid until after the year end. The City's Clearing Funds, which are reported within the General Fund recognize amounts owed to the Utility Fund for reimbursements received which are expected to be cleared after year end.

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Interfund transfers during the year ended September 30, 2017, were as follows:

<u>Transfers out</u>	<u>Operating Transfers In</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>Non-Major Governmental</u>	
Sales Tax Fund	\$ 2,889,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,889,000
Sales Tax Fund - Sewerage System	1,753,281	773,756	358,613	2,885,650
Enterprise Fund	<u>4,089,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,089,857</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,732,138</u>	<u>\$ 773,756</u>	<u>\$ 358,613</u>	<u>\$ 9,864,507</u>

Transfers are primarily used to move funds as follows:

Sales Tax Fund – Sewerage System to cover debt service attributable to sewerage bonds and recreation bonds, to cover costs of recreation activities within the General Fund, and to cover costs of the sewer system within the Utility Fund.

The Enterprise Fund and Sales Tax Fund make transfers to supplement costs within the General Fund.

14. RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCES

Inventory at year end is equally offset by an unspendable fund balance amount in the General Fund.

Revenues collected by the Sales Tax Sewerage Fund are authorized to be used for constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating and maintaining sewers and sewerage and recreation facilities, therefore fund balance is restricted.

Advalorem tax and annual City appropriations comprise the main revenues collected by the Main Street Program to be used solely and exclusively for the purpose and benefit of the Downtown Development District of the City of Minden.

Revenues collected by the Drug Task Force Fund are restricted to drug enforcement activities.

Revenues reported in Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 fund are restricted for debt service.

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Restricted Net Position – Governmental Activities

The following table shows the net position restricted for other purposes as shown on the Statement of Net Position:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Restricted by</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sales Tax Sewerage Fund	Local ordinance/election	\$ 2,608,488
Sales Tax, Series 2002 Refunding	Local ordinance/election	579,652
Sales Tax, Series 2010 Refunding	Local ordinance/election	272,596
TIF #1 - #4	Local ordinance/election	37,902
Drug Task Force	Statutory requirements	<u>30,707</u>
Total restricted net position – governmental activities		<u>\$ 3,529,345</u>

Restricted Net Position – Business-Type Activities

Enterprise Fund:

Restricted for meter deposits:

Cash and investments	\$ 753,260
Less: meter deposit liability	<u>(700,812)</u>
Total enterprise fund restricted for meter deposits	<u>\$ 52,448</u>

15. CONTRACTUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT – SANITATION SERVICES

The City has an agreement with BFI/Allied Waste Industries, Inc., a private company, to provide sanitation services to the City. These services include residential garbage and recyclable item pick-up and the disposal of such waste, with fees based on the number of pick-ups per week and the type of collection (curbside or backyard). The City then charges a monthly fee for sanitation services to individual customers on their utilities bills.

16. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

As of September 30, 2017, the City recognized a liability of \$24,007 in the government-wide financial statements, which represents an estimate of the potential obligations from claims and contingencies against the City, not covered by insurance resulting from litigation and claims.

At September 30, 2017, the City is involved in several other lawsuits claiming damages. In the opinion of the City's legal counsel, the exposure to the City would be any costs in defense of the lawsuits with no liability to the City in excess of insurance coverage. Effective April 1, 1998, the City reinstated its general liability coverage for risks of loss. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year.

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17. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan description -- The City provides post-employment benefits for eligible participants enrolled in the City of Minden health insurance program through the City of Minden, Employee Benefit Plan & Trust. This plan is a single employer defined benefit plan and the City maintains the authority to establish and amend plan benefit provisions and determine the contribution rates of the City and plan members. The plan provides medical, dental, vision, life and accidental death benefits. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The benefits are provided in the form of:

- An implicit rate subsidy where retirees receive health insurance coverage by paying a combined retiree/active rate
- An explicit subsidy where the city provides a health premium subsidy to eligible retirees

Funding policy -- Retiree contributions are based on the total years that the retiree has provided services to the City. Retirees with less than 25 years of service receive a subsidy equal to 50% of the full premium. Retirees with more than 25 years of service receive a subsidy equal to 60% of the full premium.

The plan is currently financed on a “pay-as-you-go” basis. For the year ended September 30, 2017, the City contributed \$367,761 for 36 retirees.

The premiums, which include medical, dental, life and vision, are provided in the table below:

<u>Non Medicare Premiums</u>	Rates Effective <u>04/01/2017</u>	Rates Effective <u>04/01/2016</u>
<u>Rate Tier</u>		
Retiree only	\$ 1,064.92	\$ 819.09
Retiree & child (children)	\$ 1,792.03	\$ 1,742.54
Retiree & spouse	\$ 2,010.26	\$ 1,834.03
Retiree + Family	\$ 2,963.23	\$ 2,443.05
<u>Medicare Premiums</u>	Rates Effective <u>04/01/2017</u>	Rates Effective <u>04/01/2016</u>
<u>Rate Tier</u>		
Retiree only	\$ 470.56	\$ 467.22
Retiree & spouse	\$ 925.70	\$ 918.70
Retiree & spouse (one w/Medicare)	\$ 1,355.51	\$ 1,298.27

Annual other post employment benefit cost and liability -- The City’s annual required contribution (ARC) is an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, would cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$11,204,541 is amortized over the maximum allowable period of 30 years on an open basis. It is calculated assuming a level percentage of projected payroll.

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The actuarially computed ARC is as follows:

	<u>2017</u>
Normal cost	\$ 430,852
30 year UAL amortization amount	<u>445,165</u>
Annual required contribution (ARC)	<u>\$ 876,017</u>

The following table shows the components of the City's OPEB obligation for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Net OPEB obligation – beginning of the year	\$ 5,979,234	\$ 5,510,164	\$ 5,067,102
Annual required contribution	876,017	800,000	800,000
Interest on net OPEB obligation	239,169	220,407	202,684
Adjustments to ARC	<u>(233,006)</u>	<u>(196,580)</u>	<u>(180,774)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	882,180	823,827	821,910
Less: current year contributions	<u>(367,761)</u>	<u>(354,756)</u>	<u>(378,848)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	<u>514,419</u>	<u>469,071</u>	<u>443,062</u>
Net OPEB obligation – end of year	<u>\$ 6,493,653</u>	<u>\$ 5,979,234</u>	<u>\$ 5,510,164</u>
Percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed	41.69%	43.06%	46.09%

Funding status and funding progress – The **actuarial accrued liability** is the present value of future benefits which is attributable to past service. The actuarial accrued liability of the City's post employment benefit plan as of September 30, 2017 is \$11,204,541. The **unfunded actuarial accrued liability** is the difference between the actuarial accrued liability and the actuarial value of plan assets. Since the plan has no assets, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for the City's post employment benefit plan is the same as the actuarial accrued liability of \$11,204,541.

The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$6,175,394 and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 181.44%.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend.

Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members at that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The City's actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2017 was calculated using the projected unit credit method with benefits attributed from the date of hire to expected retirement age. The actuarial assumption included a 4.0% discount rate. Other critical assumptions used in the actuarial valuation are the health care cost trend rate and participation assumptions. The valuation uses a health care cost trend rate assumption of a 5% level annual rate. In the October 1, 2016 actuarial valuation, the average per capita claim cost increased from Age 55 to Age 64, from \$15,472 to \$19,322. For those age 65 and older the single Medicare contribution rate of \$5,566 was used for the annual claim cost. The valuation used RP-2014 Total Table with Projection MP-2015 for mortality. Turnover rates were based on the termination rates in the LASERS 2016 actuarial valuation report. Sample rates for employees based on 5 years of service was Age 20 14%, Age 40 8.8% to Age 60 4.8%.

The participation assumption is the assumed percentage of future retirees that participate and enroll in the health plan. The participation assumption used in this valuation is 65%.

18. ON BEHALF PAYMENTS

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, qualified city employees of the City Police Department, City Fire Department, and the City Marshal's Office received supplemental pay from the State of Louisiana. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 24, the City has recorded revenues and expenditures for these payments in the General Fund. Revenues under this arrangement totaled \$267,683 for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related expenditures are as follows:

Public Safety -	
Police	\$ 171,683
Fire	90,000
Ward Marshal	<u>6,000</u>
Total public safety	<u>\$ 267,683</u>

19. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

On March 11, 1992, the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission was formed under joint agreement of the City of Minden, the City of Springhill, the Town of Cotton Valley, the Town of Cullen, the Town of Sarepta, the Town of Sibley, the Village of Dixie Inn, the Webster Parish School Board and the Webster Parish Police Jury. The agreement established a joint Commission for the purpose of providing a single collection agency within the boundaries of Webster Parish. The Commission is comprised of nine members, one each from the above taxing

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governments. Sales taxes were collected by the Commission and distributed to the City. The Commission issues an audited financial report which can be obtained by contacting the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission.

20. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 28, 2018, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no additional disclosures are necessary.

21. TAX ABATEMENTS

The State of Louisiana offers a number of programs that provide tax abatements within the City including the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP). Louisiana’s ITEP has a ten-year industrial exemption law that provides any manufacturing establishment entering Louisiana, or any manufacturing establishment expanding its Louisiana facilities is eligible to receive exemption on buildings and equipment from state, parish and local property taxes for a period of ten years. The exemption is for the “contract” value of buildings or equipment used by the business. When the exemption expires, the property is to be placed on the tax roll at 15% of its current market value. The amount of tax abatement under this program during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 by authorized millage is as follows:

<u>Tax code</u>	<u>Millage</u>	<u>Assessed value lost to ITEP</u>	<u>Estimated tax \$ lost to ITEP</u>
General corporate purposes	5.63 mills	1,041,297	\$5,862

22. NEW GASB STANDARDS

Statement No. 77 – Tax Abatement Disclosures: This Statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for tax abatements. Financial statement users need information about certain limitations on a government’s ability to raise resources. This includes limitations on revenue-raising capacity resulting from government programs that use tax abatements to induce behavior by individuals and entities that is beneficial to the government or its citizens. Tax abatements are widely used by state and local governments, particularly to encourage economic development. This Statement requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government’s own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government’s tax revenues.

Statement No. 82 – Pension Issues: This statement establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for pensions provided to the employees of state or local governmental employers. This statement clarified the definition of Covered payroll reported in required supplementary information. This statement defined Cover payroll as payroll on which contributions are made. This statement also requires that payments made by employers to satisfy contribution requirements that are identified by the pension plan terms as plan member contribution requirements should be classified as employee contributions.

The adoption of these standards had no impact on the net position of government wide statements or the fund financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures that are required by the GASB but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

Budgetary Comparison Schedules:

General Fund

Sales Tax Fund

Sales Tax Fund – Sewerage System

Condition Rating of the City's Street System

Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Post Employment Benefit Plan

Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability

Schedule of Employer Contributions

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual GAAP Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Taxes - ad valorem	\$ 459,000	\$ 459,000	\$ 473,669	\$ 14,669
Licenses - occupational	580,000	580,000	574,305	(5,695)
Fees and rentals	536,850	536,850	545,922	9,072
Charges for services	1,290,500	1,290,500	1,246,811	(43,689)
Fines and forfeitures	86,500	86,500	111,854	25,354
Intergovernmental	1,117,800	1,117,800	1,180,779	62,979
Interest	5,400	5,400	4,833	(567)
Miscellaneous	165,700	165,700	179,779	14,079
Total revenues	<u>4,241,750</u>	<u>4,241,750</u>	<u>4,317,952</u>	<u>76,202</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	3,114,895	3,114,895	3,250,133	(135,238)
Public Safety	4,574,279	4,574,279	4,751,258	(176,979)
Highway and streets	1,393,567	1,393,567	1,283,218	110,349
Sanitation and health	870,941	870,941	854,992	15,949
Parks and recreation	1,753,281	1,753,281	1,895,916	(142,635)
Public works	930,502	930,502	652,980	277,522
Debt service	-	-	97,880	(97,880)
Total expenditures	<u>12,637,465</u>	<u>12,637,465</u>	<u>12,786,377</u>	<u>(148,912)</u>
(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(8,395,715)	(8,395,715)	(8,468,425)	(72,710)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)				
Operating transfers in	8,395,715	8,395,715	8,732,138	336,423
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>8,395,715</u>	<u>8,395,715</u>	<u>8,732,138</u>	<u>336,423</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	263,713	263,713
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>952,302</u>	<u>952,302</u>	<u>977,942</u>	<u>25,640</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 952,302</u>	<u>\$ 952,302</u>	<u>\$ 1,241,655</u>	<u>\$ 289,353</u>

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CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual
Special Revenue Fund - Sales Tax Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>GAAP</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
			<u>Basis</u>	<u>Positive</u>
				<u>(Negative)</u>
REVENUES:				
Taxes - sales	\$ 2,930,000	\$ 2,930,000	\$ 2,828,317	\$ (101,683)
Interest	9,000	9,000	3,899	(5,101)
Total revenues	<u>2,939,000</u>	<u>2,939,000</u>	<u>2,832,216</u>	<u>(106,784)</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General government -				
Collection expense	50,000	50,000	43,522	6,478
Miscellaneous	-	-	585	(585)
Total expenditures	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>44,107</u>	<u>5,893</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,889,000</u>	<u>2,889,000</u>	<u>2,788,109</u>	<u>(100,891)</u>
OTHER FINANCING (USES)				
Operating transfers out	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing (uses)	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>(2,889,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other (uses)	-	-	(100,891)	(100,891)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>2,238,477</u>	<u>2,238,477</u>	<u>1,617,107</u>	<u>(621,370)</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2,238,477</u>	<u>\$ 2,238,477</u>	<u>\$ 1,516,216</u>	<u>\$ (722,261)</u>

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CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual
Special Revenue Fund - Sales Tax Fund Sewerage System
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual GAAP Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Budget		
REVENUES				
Sales taxes	\$ 2,930,000	\$ 2,930,000	\$ 2,828,317	\$ (101,683)
Interest	6,000	6,000	8,179	2,179
Total revenues	<u>2,936,000</u>	<u>2,936,000</u>	<u>2,836,496</u>	<u>(99,504)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government -				
Collection expense	50,000	50,000	43,522	6,478
Total expenditures	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>43,522</u>	<u>6,478</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,886,000</u>	<u>2,886,000</u>	<u>2,792,974</u>	<u>(93,026)</u>
OTHER FINANCING (USES)				
Operating transfers out	(2,886,000)	(2,886,000)	(2,885,650)	350
Total other financing (uses)	<u>(2,886,000)</u>	<u>(2,886,000)</u>	<u>(2,885,650)</u>	<u>350</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other (uses)	-	-	(92,676)	(92,676)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>2,950,985</u>	<u>2,950,985</u>	<u>2,701,164</u>	<u>(249,821)</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2,950,985</u>	<u>\$ 2,950,985</u>	<u>\$ 2,608,488</u>	<u>\$ (342,497)</u>

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SCHEDULE 2

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
 CONDITION RATING OF THE CITY'S STREET SYSTEM
 For the year ended September 30, 2017

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
# of city streets	338	338	338
Percentage of streets in good or better condition	74.0%	74.0%	76.6%
Percentage of streets in substandard condition	26.0%	26.0%	23.4%
 Comparison of needed to actual maintenance/preservation			
Needed as of 1/1 (date of assessment)	\$ 4,363,000	\$ 4,363,000	\$ 4,316,748
Actual cost of improvements incurred as of 9/30	\$ 50,369	\$ 74,859	\$ 230,221

The condition of road pavement is measured by the City using a pavement management system which rates the condition of the pavement surfaces using a 1-5 rating scale assessing the following distress factors:

- Base failure
- Surface wear
- Effects of outside construction contractors which may cause damage to streets during various projects
- Presence of potholes

The system is based on a condition rating system from 1 to 5. The rating scale used to classify roads in good or better condition (4-5), fair condition (3), and substandard condition (1-2). Roads which are rated 1 are considered highest priority for improvements. It is the City's policy to maintain at least 75% of its street system at a good or better condition level.

The city's condition assessment is determined every two years as the pavement conditions are monitored throughout this time.

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SCHEDULE 3

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
 Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Post Employment Benefit Plan
 September 30, 2017

Fiscal Year End	Actuarial Valuation Date	(a) Actuarial Value of Assets	(b) Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	(b-a) Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	(a/b) Fund Ratio	(c) Covered Payroll	(b-a/c) UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
09/30/09	10/1/2008	\$ -	\$ 14,668,000	\$ 14,668,000	0%	\$ 5,328,372	275.28%
09/30/10	10/1/2008	-	14,668,000	14,668,000	0%	5,692,941	257.65%
09/30/11	10/1/2008	-	14,668,000	14,668,000	0%	5,841,555	251.09%
09/30/12	10/1/2011	-	20,481,000	20,481,000	0%	5,948,848	345.00%
09/30/13	10/1/2011	-	20,481,000	20,481,000	0%	5,755,744	356.00%
09/30/14	10/1/2011	-	20,481,000	20,481,000	0%	5,907,187	347.00%
09/30/15	10/1/2014	-	10,342,000	10,342,000	0%	6,053,895	170.83%
09/30/16	10/1/2014	-	10,342,000	10,342,000	0%	6,795,863	152.18%
09/30/17	9/30/2017	-	11,204,541	11,204,541	0%	6,175,394	181.44%

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City of Minden

Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
September 30, 2017

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</u>
Municipal Employees' Retirement System					
2015	2.116933%	\$ 7,562,018	\$ 3,613,092	209.00%	66.18%
2016	2.113222%	8,611,486	3,775,921	229.00%	62.11%
2017	2.043600%	8,549,240	3,712,308	230.29%	62.49%
Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System					
2015	0.430206%	\$ 3,370,211	\$ 1,705,932	198.00%	70.73%
2016	0.445268%	4,173,416	1,294,652	322.00%	66.04%
2017	0.387770%	3,385,396	1,128,637	299.95%	70.08%

Notes:

The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30, 2017.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, only information for those years for which information is available is presented.

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</u>
Firefighters' Retirement System					
2015	0.273126%	\$ 1,474,113	\$ 580,443	254.00%	72.45%
2016	0.282144%	1,845,477	895,307	206.00%	68.16%
2017	0.300465%	1,722,220	701,544	245.49%	73.55%
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System					
2015	0.00031%	\$ 20,974	\$ 3,462	606.00%	62.66%
2016	0.00034%	26,699	6,231	428.00%	57.73%
2017	0.00031%	21,820	6,000	363.67%	62.54%

City of Minden

Schedule of Employer Contributions
September 30, 2017

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll</u>
Municipal Employees' Retirement System					
2015	\$ 709,988	\$ 709,988	\$ -	\$ 3,594,876	19.75%
2016	746,485	746,485	-	3,650,165	20.45%
2017	853,862	853,862	-	3,680,679	23.20%
Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System					
2015	\$ 360,404	\$ 360,404	\$ -	\$ 1,165,145	30.93%
2016	376,862	376,862	-	1,254,048	30.05%
2017	343,511	343,511	-	1,089,842	31.52%

Notes:

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, only information for those years for which information is available is presented.

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll</u>
Firefighters' Retirement System					
2015	\$ 165,271	\$ 165,271	\$ -	\$ 575,259	28.73%
2016	231,949	231,949	-	981,338	23.64%
2017	185,554	185,554	-	726,019	25.56%
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System					
2015	\$ 1,637	\$ 1,637	\$ -	\$ 4,385	37.33%
2016	2,322	2,322	-	6,000	38.70%
2017	2,242	2,242	-	6,000	37.37%

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Other supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the GASB, nor a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis.

Such statements and schedule include:

- Combining Statements – Nonmajor governmental funds
- Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members
- Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Combining Balance Sheet
Non-Major Governmental Funds
September 30, 2017

	Special Revenue		
	Drug Task Force Fund	Refunding Bonds Series, 2002	TIF District #1
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,162	\$ -	\$ 9,201
Investments	-	577,551	-
Accounts receivable	-	2,101	1,056
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 29,162</u>	<u>\$ 579,652</u>	<u>\$ 10,257</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts, salaries, and other payables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	29,162	579,652	10,257
Assigned	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>29,162</u>	<u>579,652</u>	<u>10,257</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 29,162</u>	<u>\$ 579,652</u>	<u>\$ 10,257</u>

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SCHEDULE 6

<u>Special Revenue</u>			<u>Capital Project</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
<u>TIF District #2</u>	<u>TIF District #3</u>	<u>TIF District #4</u>	<u>Capital Improvements Street Fund</u>	<u>Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010</u>	
\$ 16,064	\$ 154	\$ 3,425	\$ 8,242	\$ 282,285	\$ 348,533
-	-	-	-	-	577,551
<u>7,877</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,159</u>
<u>\$ 23,941</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>	<u>\$ 3,541</u>	<u>\$ 8,242</u>	<u>\$ 282,285</u>	<u>\$ 937,243</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-	-	-
23,941	163	3,541	-	282,285	929,001
-	-	-	8,242	-	8,242
<u>23,941</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>3,541</u>	<u>8,242</u>	<u>282,285</u>	<u>937,243</u>
<u>\$ 23,941</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>	<u>\$ 3,541</u>	<u>\$ 8,242</u>	<u>\$ 282,285</u>	<u>\$ 937,243</u>

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
Non-Major Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Special Revenue		
	Drug Task Force Fund	Refunding Bonds Series, 2002	TIF District #1
REVENUES			
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 19,345	\$ -	\$ -
Investment earnings	-	4,228	3
Sales and use tax	-	-	12,691
Total revenues	<u>19,345</u>	<u>4,228</u>	<u>12,691</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government	-	-	2,437
Public safety	9,303	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>9,303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,437</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	10,042	4,228	10,257
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Operating transfers in	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	10,042	4,228	10,257
Fund balances -- beginning	<u>19,120</u>	<u>575,424</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances -- ending	<u>\$ 29,162</u>	<u>\$ 579,652</u>	<u>\$ 10,257</u>

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SCHEDULE 7

<u>Special Revenue</u>			<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	
<u>TIF District #2</u>	<u>TIF District #3</u>	<u>TIF District #4</u>	<u>Capital Improvements Street Fund</u>	<u>Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,345
1	-	-	-	277	4,509
24,168	165	3,590	-	-	40,614
<u>24,169</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>3,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>64,468</u>
228	2	49	-	-	2,716
-	-	-	-	-	9,303
-	-	-	-	353,650	353,650
<u>228</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>353,650</u>	<u>365,669</u>
23,941	163	3,541	-	(353,373)	(301,201)
-	-	-	-	358,613	358,613
-	-	-	-	358,613	358,613
23,941	163	3,541	-	5,240	57,412
-	-	-	8,242	277,045	879,831
<u>\$ 23,941</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>	<u>\$ 3,541</u>	<u>\$ 8,242</u>	<u>\$ 282,285</u>	<u>\$ 937,243</u>

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances-
Budget and Actual
Nonmajor Governmental Fund - Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010
Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual GAAP Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Interest	<u>\$ 250</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>	<u>\$ 277</u>	<u>\$ 27</u>
Total revenues	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>27</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service	<u>359,213</u>	<u>359,213</u>	<u>353,650</u>	<u>5,563</u>
Total expenditures	<u>359,213</u>	<u>359,213</u>	<u>353,650</u>	<u>5,563</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(358,963)	(358,963)	(353,373)	5,590
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	<u>358,963</u>	<u>358,963</u>	<u>358,613</u>	<u>(350)</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>358,963</u>	<u>358,963</u>	<u>358,613</u>	<u>(350)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	5,240	5,240
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>271,789</u>	<u>271,789</u>	<u>277,045</u>	<u>5,256</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 271,789</u>	<u>\$ 271,789</u>	<u>\$ 282,285</u>	<u>\$ 10,496</u>

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CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

**Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

The City of Minden, Louisiana paid the following amounts for compensation to the mayor and members of the City Council as of September 30, 2017:

	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Car Allowance</u>
Mayor -		
Tommy Davis	\$ 72,000	\$ -
City Council		
Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert	10,800	1,200
Benny Gray	12,985 *	1,200
Wayne Edwards	10,800	1,200
Vincen Bradford	10,800	1,200
Mike Toland	<u>10,800</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>\$ 128,185</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

*includes \$2,185 for volunteer fireman pay

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CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments
to Agency Head
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

Agency Head: Tommy Davis, Mayor

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 72,000
Benefits - insurance	10,612
Benefits - retirement	16,712
Cellphone	1,020
Conference fees	1,369
Travel	623
Uniforms	285
Meals	154

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

The Honorable Tommy Davis, Mayor,
and the Members of the Board of Aldermen
City of Minden, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Minden, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Minden, Louisiana's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2018. We issued an adverse opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component units and an unmodified opinion on the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information.

Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of City of Minden, Employee Benefit Plan & Trust as described in our report on the City of Minden, Louisiana's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Minden, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings as item 2017-01 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Minden, Louisiana's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed three instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and are described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings as item 2017-02, 2017-03, and 2017-04.

City of Minden, Louisiana's Response to Findings

The City of Minden, Louisiana's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings. The City of Minden, Louisiana's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Although the intended use of these reports may be limited, under Louisiana Revised State 24:513, this report is distributed by the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Weise Martin & Cole LLC

Minden, Louisiana
March 28, 2018

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

2017-01 Controls over collections

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure that adequate controls exist over decentralized collections of revenues.

Condition: During our audit, we noted a lack of controls over the collection process.

Cause: Collection of cash bonds and fines are made at the police department. The same person is involved in both the collection process and reconciliation process. The reconciliation is not performed by someone outside of the collection process.

Cash bonds are deposited into the Police Bond Fund bank account. At year end, the bank balance had increased from \$33,000 to almost \$80,000. The cash bonds were not being paid out after receiving the order of disposition by the judge.

Effect: Without proper segregation of duties over collections, errors or irregularities could occur and not be detected.

Recommendation: We suggest that collections of bonds and fines be separated from employees responsible for reporting disposition of bonds and fines and reconciling amounts collected to subsidiary records. Someone outside of collections process needs to monitor the cash bonds collected and ensure that bonds are disbursed in accordance with the judges' order of disposition. Someone outside of the collection process should reconcile the schedule of bonds and collections to the bank account, to ensure amounts are properly disbursed.

View of Responsible Office and Corrective Action Plan

See management's response on attached letter.

2017-02 Possible violation of Article VII, Section 14 of Louisiana Constitution

Criteria: To not actively try to collect balances owed to the City is prohibited by the Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14, which states that funds, credit, property or things of value of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private.

Condition: While City electric and water meters were being upgraded during the year, it came to the City's attention that a non-residential customer was under billed by approximately \$60,406, since Nov. 2013.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Cause: Certain non-residential meters require a multiplier to be used to calculate utility bills when the service load nears or exceeds 200 amps for non-residential meter usage. When the meters were upgraded for this customer, it was revealed that the customer had two accounts whose multipliers were incorrectly setup in the City's utility billing system, resulting in an under billing of \$60,406. The City has not made efforts to recoup the funds.

Effect: To not actively try to collect balances owed to the City is prohibited by the Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14.

Recommendation: In light of the constitutional prohibition against giving away public funds, we recommend that the City make an effort to collect amounts owed.

View of Responsible Office and Corrective Action Plan

See management's response on attached letter.

2017-03 Deposits in excess of adequate security

Criteria: According to LSA RS 39:1225, adequate security is to be pledged by the City for deposits in excess of federal depository insurance.

Condition: As of September 30, 2017, the City had approximately \$116,213 in deposits with a local bank, which were not adequately secured.

Cause: Unknown

Effect: City deposits were not adequately secured as required by law.

Recommendation: We recommend that management monitor its bank balances and compare with the values of pledged securities with the banks on a monthly basis to ensure that bank balances in excess of federal depository insurance are adequately secured.

Consideration should be given to bank balances held with bank and brokerage firms to ensure that investments in certificates of deposits are included in the review.

View of Responsible Office and Corrective Action Plan

See management's response on attached letter.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

2017-04 Public bid law requirements

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:2211-38:2226, govern the process for letting contracts or obtaining quotes when entering into contract for purchases of material and supplies or contracts for public works that exceed threshold amounts.

Condition: City did not follow the public bid requirements for purchases of airplane and jet fuel. We noted three instances where the City purchased equipment, without obtaining at least three quotes.

Cause: Unknown

Effect: Some of the City's purchases did not comply with bid law requirements.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City ensure that all purchases are in compliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law and ensure that written bids/quotes are solicited for purchases (including recurring purchases) that exceed the applicable dollar threshold provided in the Louisiana Public Bid Law. Adequate documentation demonstrating such compliance is to be maintained and filed in an organized manner.

View of Responsible Office and Corrective Action Plan

See management's response on attached letter.

ML 2017-01 Capital asset recordkeeping

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:515B requires the municipality to maintain records of its capital assets. The listing of capital assets is to be updated each year for assets acquired and disposed. Failure to identify and periodically account for municipal assets/property exposes the municipality to possible loss, theft and misuse of assets.

Condition: We observed eleven items which were not added to the City's capital asset inventory by responsible officials of the City. We observed one item which could not be located and was not properly documented. While the City held two inventory updates during the year, the exceptions indicated instances where the City's internal listing was not updated by department heads and City officials for additions, deletions, or errors.

Cause: Unknown

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Effect: The City's internal asset listing was not updated for additions and deletions, or errors.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City review its system of updating its internal capital asset inventory to ensure that departments are updating the list for additions and deletions. We recommend that the listing be periodically checked by someone outside of the department to ensure that the list is complete and disposals are properly documented and approved.

View of Responsible Office and Corrective Action Plan

See management's response on attached letter.

ML 2017-02 Bank reconciliations

Criteria: Proper internal controls over bank reconciliations include a regular review of bank reconciliations to investigate and properly adjust reconciling items which are not clearing.

Condition: During our test of the City's bank reconciliations, we noted certain reconciling items which were carried over from prior months, and were not clearing in subsequent months. After year end, adjustments were made to correct these items, listed as reconciling items, however, these items were not followed up timely so that transactions could be properly recorded in the general ledger at year end.

Cause: Unknown

Effect: Not investigating reconciling items affects an accurate cash balance.

Recommendation: We recommend that bank reconciliations be reviewed by someone other than the person preparing the bank reconciliation.

We recommend that reconciling items be researched promptly so that corrective action may be taken, where necessary, to dispose of them. We suggest that all differences between book and bank balances be investigated on a timely basis by appropriate accounting personnel so that errors and adjustments can be quickly identified and corrected.

View of Responsible Office and Corrective Action Plan

See management's response on attached letter.

CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

2016-01 Controls over collections

Finding: During the year, we noted a lack of controls over the collections process. The amounts collected and deposited was also reconciled by the same person in the police department. There were also other instances where the same person would invoice, collect, deposit, and record the transaction.

Status: Partially resolved, see finding 2017-01.

2016-02 Possible violation of Article VII, Section 14 of Louisiana Constitution

Finding: City settlement of overpayments and underpayments of payroll may be a prohibited donation of public funds and violation of the LA Constitution.

Status: Not resolved, see finding 2017-02.

ML 2016-01 Capital asset recordkeeping

Finding: The City's internal asset listing was not updated for additions, deletions, or errors.

Status: Not resolved, see finding ML 2017-01.

ML 2016-02 Bank Reconciliations

Finding: The bank reconciliations carry forward reconciling items which were not clearing. These items were not followed up with timely so that transactions could be properly recorded in the general ledger.

Status: Partially resolved, see finding ML 2017-02.

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Management Letter

The Honorable Tommy Davis, mayor,
And the Members of the Board of Aldermen
City of Minden, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Minden, Louisiana as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2018. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As part of our examination, we have issued our report on the financial statements, dated March 28, 2018, and our report on internal control and compliance with laws, regulation, contracts, and grants, dated March 28, 2018.

During the course of our examination, we became aware of the following matters which represent immaterial deviations of compliance or suggestions for improved internal controls.

ML 2017-01 Capital asset recordkeeping

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:515B requires the municipality to maintain records of its capital assets. The listing of capital assets is to be updated each year for assets acquired and disposed. Failure to identify and periodically account for municipal assets/property exposes the municipality to possible loss, theft and misuse of assets.

Condition: We observed eleven items which were not added to the City's capital asset inventory by responsible officials of the City. We observed one item which could not be located and was not properly documented. While the City held two inventory updates during the year, the exceptions indicated instances where the City's internal listing was not updated by department heads and City officials for additions, deletions, or errors.

Cause: Unknown

Effect: The City's internal asset listing was not updated for additions and deletions, or errors.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City review its system of updating its internal capital asset inventory to ensure that departments are updating the list for additions and deletions. We recommend that

the listing be periodically checked by someone outside of the department to ensure that the list is complete and disposals are properly documented and approved.

ML 2017-02 Bank reconciliations

Criteria: Proper internal controls over bank reconciliations include a regular review of bank reconciliations to investigate and properly adjust reconciling items which are not clearing on a timely basis.

Condition: During our test of the City's bank reconciliations, we noted certain reconciling items which were carried over from prior months, and were not clearing in subsequent months. After year end, adjustments were made to correct these items, listed as reconciling items, however, these items were not followed up timely so that transactions could be properly recorded in the general ledger at year end.

Cause: Unknown

Effect: Not investigating reconciling items affects an accurate cash balance.

Recommendation: We recommend that bank reconciliations be reviewed by someone other than the person preparing the bank reconciliation.

We recommend that reconciling items be researched promptly so that corrective action may be taken, where necessary, to dispose of them. We suggest that all differences between book and bank balances be investigated on a timely basis by appropriate accounting personnel so that errors and adjustments can be quickly identified and corrected.

We recommend management address the foregoing issues as an improvement to operations and the administration of public programs. We are available to further explain the suggestions or help implement the recommendations.

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March 28, 2018



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To whom it may concern,

In reference to the City of Minden’s Annual Financial Report for the year ended Sept. 30, 2017 and the Schedule of Current Year Findings, the management of the City of Minden would like to provide the following response:

2017-01 Controls over collections

Apparently with the change of clerical employees in the police department, the disbursement of bonds and fines was not correctly executed because of either lack of information, misunderstanding of the process or incomplete training. The accounting department will initiate an internal audit/review of the entire process/procedure. The accounting department also, together with the city court and the police department, will establish a more advanced payment system and proper segregation of duties over the collections, deposits and reconciliation of the fund.

2017-02 Possible violation of Article VII, Section 14 of Louisiana Constitution

The administration, following the guidelines of AG Opinion 11-0187, will contact the non-residential customer in an effort to collect the amount owed. Since it is, in this case, such a large amount, the City will offer a payment plan to recover the utility fees.

2017-03 Deposits in excess of adequate security

The deficiency in security pledges for a specific bank account at a local bank was related to a CD from that local bank in the amount of \$ 250,000, managed by an investment broker. That CD plus revenues from sewer plant sales tax slowly reached an amount were partial deposits had not been adequately secured anymore. The accounting department is instructed again to check monthly the compliance with LSA RS 39:1225 and to ensure that adequate security is pledged for deposits in excess of federal depository insurance.

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2017-04 Public bid law requirements

The clerk is aware of RS 38:2212.1 A(1)(b) "... purchases of ten thousand dollars or more, but less than thirty thousand dollars, shall be made by obtaining not less than three telephone or facsimile quotations. A written confirmation of the accepted offer shall be obtained and made a part of the purchase file. If quotations lower than the accepted quotation are received, the reasons for their rejection shall be recorded in the purchase file".

The clerk – again - will sent out memorandums to every department supervisor stating that for purchases between \$ 10,000 and \$ 30,000, three (3) quotes are required by law and a copy of each quote needs to be attached to the requisition form before it will be approved. A copy of RS 38:2212 will also be attached as well as a recommendation to read about Public Bid laws on the Legislative Auditor’s website.

ML 2017-01 Capital asset recordkeeping

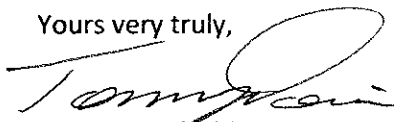
In an effort to avoid mistakes and errors listed in ML 2017-01 and ML 2016-01 (previous audit), the City purposely initiated 2 inventory updates through the FY. Unfortunately the initiative did not deliver the expected result. As a consequence, for the next capital asset inventory, the administration will designate someone from outside the departments to ensure a proper documentation (disposal, addition, approval) of the equipment.

ML 2017-02 Bank reconciliation

The administration acknowledges the failure not investigating reconciling items and the consequences. The Asst. City Clerk has being instructed again to reconcile, in a timely manner, the bank statements and identify, correct and investigate errors and adjustments. A member of the City Council or the administration (with no involvement in the transactions associated with the bank account) will review the bank reconciliations.

If there are any further questions need to be answered, please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly,



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the City Council of the City of Minden and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by City of Minden and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain the entity's written policies and procedures and report whether those written policies and procedures address each of the following financial/business functions (or report that the entity does not have any written policies and procedures), as applicable:

- a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above.

- b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above except for item (2) "how purchases are initiated and how vendors are added to the vendor list." (Exception)

- c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above.

- d) **Receipts**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above.

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above.

- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers, and (5) monitoring card usage

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above.

- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above.

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address all of the functions above except for item (3) "system to monitor possible ethics violations and requiring all employees, including elected officials, to annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethic policy." (Exception)

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Management did not provide any policy and procedures addressing debt service. (Exception).

Board (or Finance Committee, if applicable)

- 2. Obtain and review the board/committee minutes for the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Report whether the managing board met (with a quorum) at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, or other equivalent document.

Obtained and reviewed minutes of the board for the fiscal period noting that the board met monthly.

- b) Report whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund and any additional funds identified as major funds in the entity's prior audit (GAAP-basis).

There was no evidence where the council reviewed a budget to actual comparison on the General Fund or any other Major Fund. (Exception)

- If the budget-to-actual comparisons show that management was deficit spending during the fiscal period, report whether there is a formal/written plan to eliminate the deficit spending for those entities with a fund balance deficit. If there is a formal/written plan, report whether the meeting minutes for at least one board meeting during the fiscal period reflect that the board is monitoring the plan.

There was no evidence where the council reviewed a budget to actual comparison on the General Fund or any other Major Fund. (Exception)

- c) Report whether the minutes referenced or included non-budgetary financial information (e.g. approval of contracts and disbursements) for at least one meeting during the fiscal period.

The minutes referenced non-budgetary financial information for at least one meeting during the fiscal year.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts from management and management's representation that the listing is complete.

Management provided us with a list of bank accounts and representations that the list is complete.

4. Using the listing provided by management, select all of the entity's bank accounts (if five accounts or less) or one-third of the bank accounts on a three year rotating basis (if more than 5 accounts). For each of the bank accounts selected, obtain bank statements and reconciliations for all months in the fiscal period and report whether:

- a) Bank reconciliations have been prepared;

Three of the six bank accounts tested had bank reconciliations prepared monthly.

One bank account was missing reconciliations for 4 months. (Exception)

Once bank account was missing reconciliations for 3 months. (Exception)

One bank account had no reconciliations prepared (Exception)

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management or a board member (with no involvement in the transactions associated with the bank account) has reviewed each bank reconciliation; and

The bank reconciliations prepared for the six tested accounts did not include evidence that a member of management or a board member has reviewed each bank reconciliation. (Exception)

- c) If applicable, management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 6 months as of the end of the fiscal period.

The six bank accounts did not have any outstanding items over six months to be researched by management.

Collections

5. Obtain a listing of cash/check/money order (cash) collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete.

The City of Minden has provided us with the required list and representation that the listing is complete and accurate.

6. Using the listing provided by management, select all of the entity's cash collection locations (if five locations or less) or one-third of the collection locations on a three year rotating basis (if more than 5 locations). For each cash collection location selected:

- a) Obtain existing written documentation (e.g. insurance policy, policy manual, job description) and report whether each person responsible for collecting cash is (1) bonded, (2) not responsible for depositing the cash in the bank, recording the related transaction, or reconciling the related bank account (report if there are compensating controls performed by an outside party), and (3) not required to share the same cash register or drawer with another employee.

Written documentation provided does not indicate that each person responsible for collecting cash is bonded. (Exception)

Written documentation does not identify specific persons/position responsible depositing cash, recording transaction or reconciling bank account for all collection locations. (Exception)

Written documentation provided does not specifically address compensating controls performed by an outside party. (Exception)

Written documentation provided by management does not address sharing of cash register or drawers with another employee. (Exception)

- b) Obtain existing written documentation (e.g. sequentially numbered receipts, system report, reconciliation worksheets, policy manual) and report whether the entity has a formal process to reconcile cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, by a person who is not responsible for cash collections in the cash collection location selected.

Written documentation provided does not identify a formal process to reconcile cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source, by a person who is not responsible for cash collections in the cash collection located selected. (Exception)

- c) Select the highest (dollar) week of cash collections from the general ledger or other accounting records during the fiscal period and:

- Using entity collection documentation, deposit slips, and bank statements, trace daily collections to the deposit date on the corresponding bank statement and report whether the deposits were made within one day of collection. If deposits were not made within one day of collection, report the number of days from receipt to deposit for each day at each collection location.

4 of the deposits were not made within one day of collection.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of receipt</u>	<u>Date deposited</u>	<u>Number of days from collection to deposit</u>
Utility department	06/26/2017	06/28/2017	2
Utility department	06/23/2017	06/26/2017	3
Utility department	06/26/2017	06/28/2017	2
Utility department	06/27/2017	06/30/2017	3

- Using sequentially numbered receipts, system reports, or other related collection documentation, verify that daily cash collections are completely supported by documentation and report any exceptions.

Collection documentation supported the selected cash collections, for all but one item. (Exception)

7. Obtain existing written documentation (e.g. policy manual, written procedure) and report whether the entity has a process specifically defined (identified as such by the entity) to determine completeness of all collections, including electronic transfers, for each revenue source and agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation) by a person who is not responsible for collections.

The written documentation provided does not specifically address if the entity has a process in place to determine completeness of all collections. (Exception)

Disbursements – General (excluding credit card/debit card/fuel card/P-Card purchases or payments)

8. Obtain a listing of entity disbursements from management or, alternately, obtain the general ledger and sort/filter for entity disbursements. Obtain management’s representation that the listing or general ledger population is complete.

Management provided us with listing of entity disbursements and representation that the general ledger is complete.

9. Using the disbursement population from #8 above, randomly select 25 disbursements (or randomly select disbursements constituting at least one-third of the dollar disbursement population if the entity had less than 25 transactions during the fiscal period), excluding credit card/debit card/fuel card/P-card purchases or payments. Obtain supporting documentation (e.g. purchase requisitions, system screens/logs) for each transaction and report whether the supporting documentation for each transaction demonstrated that:

- a) Purchases were initiated using a requisition/purchase order system or an equivalent electronic system that separates initiation from approval functions in the same manner as a requisition/purchase order system.

Of the twenty-five disbursements tested required to have a purchase order, one item was not supported by an approved requisition/purchase order. (Exception)

- b) Purchase orders, or an electronic equivalent, were approved by a person who did not initiate the purchase.

Of the twenty-five disbursements tested required to have a purchase order, one item was not supported by an approved requisition/purchase order. (Exception)

- c) Payments for purchases were not processed without (1) an approved requisition and/or purchase order, or electronic equivalent; a receiving report showing receipt of goods purchased, or electronic equivalent; and an approved invoice.

Of the twenty-five disbursements tested required to have a purchase order, one item was not supported by an approved requisition/purchase order. (Exception)

No receiving reports were provided. (Exception)

All twenty-five disbursements were supported by approved invoice.

- 10. Using entity documentation (e.g. electronic system control documentation, policy manual, written procedure), report whether the person responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding vendors to the entity's purchasing/disbursement system.

Written documentation does not address whether the person responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding vendor's to the entity's purchasing/disbursement system. (Exception)

- 11. Using entity documentation (e.g. electronic system control documentation, policy manual, written procedure), report whether the persons with signatory authority or who make the final authorization for disbursements have no responsibility for initiating or recording purchases.

Written documentation provided reports that persons with signatory authority or who make the final authorization for disbursements has responsibility for initiating or recording purchases. (Exception)

12. Inquire of management and observe whether the supply of unused checks is maintained in a locked location, with access restricted to those persons that do not have signatory authority, and report any exceptions. Alternately, if the checks are electronically printed on blank check stock, review entity documentation (electronic system control documentation) and report whether the persons with signatory authority have system access to print checks.

Management asserts that blank/unused checks are to be maintained in a safe located in the Utility Department. The safe is kept open during the day and locked at night. Access to the blank checks is not restricted. (Exception)

The checks are not electronically printed on blank check stock.

We observed that the vault where unused checks are kept was lockable, however, at the time of observation, the vault was not locked. (Exception)

13. If a signature stamp or signature machine is used, inquire of the signer whether his or her signature is maintained under his or her control or is used only with the knowledge and consent of the signer. Inquire of the signer whether signed checks are likewise maintained under the control of the signer or authorized user until mailed. Report any exceptions.

The Mayor's signature is the only one that is stamped. Management asserts that the stamp is used under his consent; however, the stamp is not under his control. (Exception)

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

14. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards), including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Management provided us with the required list and representation that the listing is complete.

15. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 10 cards (or at least one-third of the cards if the entity has less than 10 cards) that were used during the fiscal period, rotating cards each year.

Obtain the monthly statements, or combined statements if multiple cards are on one statement, for the selected cards. Select the monthly statement or combined statement with the largest dollar activity for each card (for a debit card, select the monthly bank statement with the largest dollar amount of debit card purchases) and:

- a) Report whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

Supporting documentation provided showed that the documentation was reviewed and approved by someone other than the authorized card holder.

- b) Report whether finance charges and/or late fees were assessed on the selected statements.

Five of the ten cards selected had finance and/or late charges assessed on the selected statements. (Exception)

16. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #15 above, obtain supporting documentation for all transactions for each of the 10 cards selected (i.e. each of the 10 cards should have one month of transactions subject to testing).

- a) For each transaction, report whether the transaction is supported by:

- An original itemized receipt (i.e., identifies precisely what was purchased)

Of the ten cards selected and tested, one card did not provided original itemized receipts. (Exception)

- Documentation of the business/public purpose. For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating.

Documentation of business/public purpose was not provided. (Exception)

- Other documentation that may be required by written policy (e.g., purchase order, written authorization.)

Documentation that was required by written policy was provided for all cards selected except for one. (Exception)

- b) For each transaction, compare the transaction's detail (nature of purchase, dollar amount of purchase, supporting documentation) to the entity's written purchasing/disbursement policies and the Louisiana Public Bid Law (i.e. transaction is a large or recurring purchase requiring the solicitation of bids or quotes) and report any exceptions.

There were no exceptions when comparing the purchases to the entity's written purchasing/disbursement policies and the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

- c) For each transaction, compare the entity's documentation of the business/public purpose to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution, which prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value, and report any exceptions (e.g. cash advances or non-business purchases, regardless whether they are reimbursed). If the nature of the transaction precludes or obscures a comparison to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14, the practitioner should report the transaction as an exception.

Documentation of business/public purpose was not provided. (Exception)

Travel and Expense Reimbursement

17. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and related expense reimbursements, by person, during the fiscal period or, alternately, obtain the general ledger and sort/filter for travel reimbursements. Obtain management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete.

Management provided us with a listing of all travel and related expense reimbursements and representation that the listing is complete.

18. Obtain the entity's written policies related to travel and expense reimbursements. Compare the amounts in the policies to the per diem and mileage rates established by the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov) and report any amounts that exceed GSA rates.

Obtained written policies related to travel and expense reimbursements and noted that reimbursement rates listed for mileage, lodging, and meals did not exceed GSA rates.

19. Using the listing or general ledger from #17 above, select the three persons who incurred the most travel costs during the fiscal period. Obtain the expense reimbursement reports or prepaid expense documentation of each selected person, including the supporting documentation, and choose the largest travel expense for each person to review in detail. For each of the three travel expenses selected:

- a) Compare expense documentation to written policies and report whether each expense was reimbursed or prepaid in accordance with written policy (e.g., rates established for meals, mileage, lodging). If the entity does not have written policies, compare to the GSA rates (#18 above) and report each reimbursement that exceeded those rates.

Reimbursements were made according to written policy.

b) Report whether each expense is supported by:

- An original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased. [Note: An expense that is reimbursed based on an established per diem amount (e.g., meals) does not require a receipt.]

The original itemized receipts were provided for all travel expenses selected.

- Documentation of the business/public purpose (Note: For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating).

Documentation of the business/public purpose was provided for all of the travel expenses selected. The meal charges did not document the individuals participating; however, the person receiving reimbursement was only reimbursed for their meals. (Exception)

- Other documentation as may be required by written policy (e.g., authorization for travel, conference brochure, certificate of attendance)

Other documentation was provided as required by the written policy.

c) Compare the entity's documentation of the business/public purpose to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution, which prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value, and report any exceptions (e.g. hotel stays that extend beyond conference periods or payment for the travel expenses of a spouse). If the nature of the transaction precludes or obscures a comparison to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14, the practitioner should report the transaction as an exception.

Documentation of the business/public purpose was provided for travel expenses selected.

d) Report whether each expense and related documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Each expenses and related documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

20. Obtain a listing of all contracts in effect during the fiscal period or, alternately, obtain the general ledger and sort/filter for contract payments. Obtain management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete.

The client provided a listing of all contracts that took place during the fiscal year and representation that the list is complete.

21. Using the listing above, select the five contract “vendors” that were paid the most money during the fiscal period (excluding purchases on state contract and excluding payments to the practitioner). Obtain the related contracts and paid invoices and:

a) Report whether there is a formal/written contract that supports the services arrangement and the amount paid.

Formal/written contracts were provided for each contract selected that supports the services arrangement and the amount paid.

b) Compare each contract’s detail to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code. Report whether each contract is subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code and:

➤ If yes, obtain/compare supporting contract documentation to legal requirements and report whether the entity complied with all legal requirements (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertisement, selected lowest bidder)

None of the contracts were subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code.

➤ If no, obtain supporting contract documentation and report whether the entity solicited quotes as a best practice.

No quotes were provided for the contracts which were not subject to the Public Bid Law.

c) Report whether the contract was amended. If so, report the scope and dollar amount of the amendment and whether the original contract terms contemplated or provided for such an amendment.

Two of the five contracts were amended.

The first amendment of the first contract was to add work to be provided to the City for their new Airport project to the terms of the original contract for a cost of \$15,600. The second amendment was to add the construction costs and the rest of the work to be provided for the new Airport project to their contract for the City at a total cost of \$303,500.

The first amendment to the second contract was to add services for the new Utility Fund project that would cost approximately \$21,139, subject to change after project is bid out. The second

amendment was to add cost for contractor to provide services to complete an application for the cost of \$1,500.

The original contracts of both contracts that were amended allowed for those amendments to be made to the contracts.

- d) Select the largest payment from each of the five contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, compare the invoice to the contract terms, and report whether the invoice and related payment complied with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Each payment selected complied with the terms and conditions of their contract.

- e) Obtain/review contract documentation and board minutes and report whether there is documentation of board approval, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act or Home Rule Charter).

Board approval was obtained for each contract per signature of a board member on the contracts provided.

Payroll and Personnel

- 22. Obtain a listing of employees (and elected officials, if applicable) with their related salaries, and obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five employees/officials, obtain their personnel files, and:

Management provided us with a listing of employees with their related salaries and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- a) Review compensation paid to each employee during the fiscal period and report whether payments were made in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the employment contract or pay rate structure.

Payments made to the five employees selected were made in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the employment contract or pay rate structure.

- b) Review changes made to hourly pay rates/salaries during the fiscal period and report whether those changes were approved in writing and in accordance with written policy.

Changes to hourly pay rates/salaries were made to four of the five employees selected during the fiscal period. These changes were approved in writing and in accordance with the City's written policy.

23. Obtain attendance and leave records and randomly select one pay period in which leave has been taken by at least one employee. Within that pay period, randomly select 25 employees/officials (or randomly select one-third of employees/officials if the entity had less than 25 employees during the fiscal period), and:

- a) Report whether all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

Observed that daily attendance and leave was documented for all employees during the selected pay period.

- b) Report whether there is written documentation that supervisors approved, electronically or in writing, the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.

The client provided us with written documentation that supervisors approved the attendance and leave for all employees during the selected pay period.

- c) Report whether there is written documentation that the entity maintained written leave records (e.g., hours earned, hours used, and balance available) on those selected employees/officials that earn leave.

The client provided written documentation that the entity maintained written leave records during the selected pay period.

24. Obtain from management a list of those employees/officials that terminated during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. If applicable, select the two largest termination payments (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory time) made during the fiscal period and obtain the personnel files for the two employees/officials. Report whether the termination payments were made in strict accordance with policy and/or contract and approved by management.

Management provided us with a list of employees that were terminated during the fiscal year and management's representation that the list is complete. The two termination payments selected were made in strict accordance with the City's policy and was approved by management.

25. Obtain supporting documentation (e.g. cancelled checks, EFT documentation) relating to payroll taxes and retirement contributions during the fiscal period. Report whether the employee and employer portions of payroll taxes and retirement contributions, as well as the required reporting forms, were submitted to the applicable agencies by the required deadlines.

All payments relating to payroll and retirement contributions during the fiscal period were submitted to the applicable agencies by the required deadlines.

Ethics (excluding nonprofits)

26. Using the five randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #22 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain ethics compliance documentation from management and report whether the entity maintained documentation to demonstrate that required ethics training was completed.

The entity maintained documentation to demonstrate that the required ethics training was completed.

27. Inquire of management whether any alleged ethics violations were reported to the entity during the fiscal period. If applicable, review documentation that demonstrates whether management investigated alleged ethics violations, the corrective actions taken, and whether management’s actions complied with the entity’s ethics policy. Report whether management received allegations, whether management investigated allegations received, and whether the allegations were addressed in accordance with policy.

Management asserts that no alleged ethics violations were reported to the District during the fiscal period.

Debt Service (excluding nonprofits)

28. If debt was issued during the fiscal period, obtain supporting documentation from the entity, and report whether State Bond Commission approval was obtained.

There was no new debt issued during the fiscal year.

29. If the entity had outstanding debt during the fiscal period, obtain supporting documentation from the entity and report whether the entity made scheduled debt service payments and maintained debt reserves, as required by debt covenants.

The City made scheduled debt service payments and maintained debt reserves, as required by debt covenants.

30. If the entity had tax mileages relating to debt service, obtain supporting documentation and report whether millage collections exceed debt service payments by more than 10% during the fiscal period. Also, report any mileages that continue to be received for debt that has been paid off.

The City does not have tax millages relating to debt service.

Other

31. Inquire of management whether the entity had any misappropriations of public funds or assets. If so, obtain/review supporting documentation and report whether the entity reported the misappropriation to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

No misappropriations of public funds or assets were identified by management.

32. Observe and report whether the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1. This notice (available for download or print at www.lla.la.gov/hotline) concerns the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Observed the notice was published on the premises and on the website as of March 13, 2018.

33. If the practitioner observes or otherwise identifies any exceptions regarding management's representations in the procedures above, report the nature of each exception.

No exceptions.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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