

AUDIT REPORT

**CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

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CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

CITY OFFICIALS
December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
City of Flasher
Flasher, North Dakota

Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Flasher, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the city's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the city as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the city, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the city's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audits 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, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the city's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the city's basic financial statements. The budgeting comparison information and the schedules of fund activity arising from cash transactions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 budgeting comparison information and the schedules of fund activity arising from cash transactions are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 2, 2024 on our consideration of the city's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the city's 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.



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

August 2, 2024

CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	228,993.72	141,042.26	370,035.98
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Buildings and Infrastructure	271,157.00	302,614.00	573,771.00
Machinery and Vehicles	43,663.00		43,663.00
Total Capital Assets	314,820.00	302,614.00	617,434.00
Total Assets	543,813.72	443,656.26	987,469.98
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year:			
Bank Loan Payable	4,616.53		4,616.53
Due After One Year:			
Bank Loan Payable	115,013.43		115,013.43
Total Liabilities	119,629.96	-	119,629.96
<u>NET POSITION:</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	195,190.04	302,614.00	497,804.04
Restricted For:			
Special Purposes	138,407.89		138,407.89
Unrestricted	90,585.83	141,042.26	231,628.09
Total Net Position	424,183.76	443,656.26	867,840.02

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2022

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	161,418.64	160,345.94	321,764.58
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Buildings and Infrastructure	280,125.00	329,211.00	609,336.00
Machinery and Vehicles	65,779.00		65,779.00
Total Capital Assets	345,904.00	329,211.00	675,115.00
Total Assets	507,322.64	489,556.94	996,879.58
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year:			
Bank Loan Payable	4,065.66		4,065.66
Revenue Bonds Payable		5,600.00	5,600.00
Due After One Year:			
Bank Loan Payable	119,629.96		119,629.96
Revenue Bonds Payable		13,399.81	13,399.81
Total Liabilities	123,695.62	18,999.81	142,695.43
<u>NET POSITION:</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	222,208.38	310,211.19	532,419.57
Restricted For:			
Special Purposes	96,448.31		96,448.31
Unrestricted	64,970.33	160,345.94	225,316.27
Total Net Position	383,627.02	470,557.13	854,184.15

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CITY OF FLASHER
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Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position				
	Program Revenues			Primary Government	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Functions/Programs					
Primary Government					
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
General Government	75,205.66	1,435.00		(73,770.66)	(73,770.66)
Streets and Public Works	89,382.79	29,554.21	75,815.40	15,986.82	15,986.82
Culture and Recreation	840.68	1,525.00		684.32	684.32
Interest on Long-Term Debt	5,401.38			(5,401.38)	(5,401.38)
Total Governmental Activities	170,830.51	32,514.21	75,815.40	(62,500.90)	(62,500.90)
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>					
Waterworks	106,497.02	84,963.71			(21,533.31)
Sewer	43,532.97	43,116.52			(416.45)
Garbage	49,528.55	46,809.66			(2,718.89)
Total Business-Type Activities	199,558.54	174,889.89			(24,668.65)
Total Primary Government	370,389.05	207,404.10	75,815.40	(62,500.90)	(24,668.65)
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes; levied for general purposes				54,697.54	54,697.54
Property taxes; levied for special purposes				109.13	109.13
Cigarette tax				379.54	379.54
Intergovernmental revenue not restricted to specific programs				21,990.17	21,990.17
Earnings on investments and other revenue				20,257.84	3,391.20
Transfers				5,623.42	(5,623.42)
Total General Revenues and Transfers				103,057.64	(2,232.22)
Change in Net Position				40,556.74	(26,900.87)
Net Position - January 1				383,627.02	470,557.13
Net Position - December 31				424,183.76	443,656.26

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Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position				
	Program Revenues			Primary Government	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Functions/Programs					
Primary Government					
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
General Government	77,066.67	1,134.84		(75,931.83)	(75,931.83)
Streets and Public Works	58,799.86	19,642.79	29,216.48	(9,940.59)	(9,940.59)
Culture and Recreation	840.68	5,860.00		5,019.32	5,019.32
Capital Outlay	-			-	-
Interest on Long-Term Debt	5,613.85			(5,613.85)	(5,613.85)
Total Governmental Activities	142,321.06	26,637.63	29,216.48	(86,466.95)	(86,466.95)
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>					
Waterworks	102,642.11	84,770.32			(17,871.79)
Sewer	27,041.58	40,903.46			13,861.88
Garbage	48,402.60	43,280.95			(5,121.65)
Total Business-Type Activities	178,086.29	168,954.73			(9,131.56)
Total Primary Government	320,407.35	195,592.36	29,216.48	(86,466.95)	(9,131.56)
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes; levied for general purposes				54,697.54	54,697.54
Property taxes; levied for special purposes				439.74	439.74
Cigarette tax				414.61	414.61
Intergovernmental revenue not restricted to specific programs				18,764.03	18,764.03
Earnings on investments and other revenue				3,515.89	1,334.74
Transfers				14,931.65	(14,931.65)
Total General Revenues and Transfers				92,763.46	(13,596.91)
Change in Net Position				6,296.51	(22,728.47)
Net Position - January 1				377,330.51	493,285.60
Net Position - December 31				383,627.02	470,557.13

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CITY OF FLASHER
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Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2023

	Major Funds				Other	Total
	General	Highway	Municipal Infrastructure	Street Improvement	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS:</u>						
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	90,585.83	28,728.89	40,859.96	30,922.52	37,896.52	228,993.72
<u>FUND BALANCES:</u>						
Restricted for:						
Street and Public Works		28,728.89		30,922.52		59,651.41
Governmental Services / Infrastructure			40,859.96		37,012.30	77,872.26
Emergency Services					109.13	109.13
Legion Hall					775.09	775.09
Unassigned	90,585.83					90,585.83
Total Fund Balances	90,585.83	28,728.89	40,859.96	30,922.52	37,896.52	228,993.72

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Flasher, North Dakota

Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2022

	Major Funds				Other	Total
	General	Highway	American Rescue Plan	Street Improvement	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS:</u>						
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	64,970.33	27,879.13	32,412.30	34,573.44	1,583.44	161,418.64
<u>FUND BALANCES:</u>						
Restricted for:						
Street and Public Works		27,879.13		34,573.44		62,452.57
Governmental Services / Infrastructure			32,412.30			32,412.30
Emergency Services					808.35	808.35
Legion Hall					775.09	775.09
Unassigned	64,970.33					64,970.33
Total Fund Balances	64,970.33	27,879.13	32,412.30	34,573.44	1,583.44	161,418.64

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CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2023

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	228,993.72
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Cost of Capital Assets	615,272.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(300,452.00)</u>
Net Capital Assets	314,820.00
Long-term liabilities applicable to the city's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Long-term liabilities -both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2023 are:	
Bank Loan Payable	<u>(119,629.96)</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>424,183.76</u></u>

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CITY OF FLASHER
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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2022

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	161,418.64
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Cost of Capital Assets	657,272.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(311,368.00)</u>
Net Capital Assets	345,904.00
Long-term liabilities applicable to the city's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Long-term liabilities -both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2022 are:	
Bank Loan Payable	<u>(123,695.62)</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>383,627.02</u></u>

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CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Major Funds				Other	Total
	General	Highway	Municipal Infrastructure	Street Improvement	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Taxes	54,697.54				109.13	54,806.67
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,435.00					1,435.00
Intergovernmental	22,369.71	27,955.44	40,859.96		7,000.00	98,185.11
Charges for Services		21,315.65		9,763.56		31,079.21
Miscellaneous	23,842.92	3,914.92				27,757.84
Total Revenues	102,345.17	53,186.01	40,859.96	9,763.56	7,109.13	213,263.83
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	71,955.66					71,955.66
Streets and Public Works	506.26	52,728.05		13,414.48	2,400.00	69,048.79
Culture and Recreation	840.68					840.68
Debt Service:						
Principal	4,065.66					4,065.66
Interest and Service Charges	5,401.38					5,401.38
Total Expenditures	82,769.64	52,728.05	-	13,414.48	2,400.00	151,312.17
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	19,575.53	457.96	40,859.96	(3,650.92)	4,709.13	61,951.66
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers In	6,039.97	808.35				6,848.32
Transfers Out		(416.55)			(808.35)	(1,224.90)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	6,039.97	391.80	-	-	(808.35)	5,623.42
Net Change in Fund Balances	25,615.50	849.76	40,859.96	(3,650.92)	3,900.78	67,575.08
Fund Balance - January 1	64,970.33	27,879.13	-	34,573.44	33,995.74	161,418.64
Fund Balance - December 31	90,585.83	28,728.89	40,859.96	30,922.52	37,896.52	228,993.72

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CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Major Funds				Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General	Highway	American Rescue Plan	Street Improvement		
Revenues:						
Taxes	54,697.54				439.74	55,137.28
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,134.84					1,134.84
Intergovernmental	19,178.64	12,897.54	16,318.94			48,395.12
Charges for Services		15,574.55		9,928.24		25,502.79
Miscellaneous	1,183.76	2,332.13				3,515.89
Total Revenues	76,194.78	30,804.22	16,318.94	9,928.24	439.74	133,685.92
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	73,816.67					73,816.67
Streets and Public Works	852.26	34,162.29		4,500.31		39,514.86
Culture and Recreation	840.68					840.68
Debt Service:						
Principal	4,304.38	11,570.41				15,874.79
Interest and Service Charges	5,162.66	451.19				5,613.85
Total Expenditures	84,976.65	46,183.89	-	4,500.31	-	135,660.85
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(8,781.87)	(15,379.67)	16,318.94	5,427.93	439.74	(1,974.93)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers In	5,490.88	11,519.45			1,229.36	18,239.69
Transfers Out	(1,729.36)	(378.68)			(1,200.00)	(3,308.04)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,761.52	11,140.77	-	-	29.36	14,931.65
Net Change in Fund Balances	(5,020.35)	(4,238.90)	16,318.94	5,427.93	469.10	12,956.72
Fund Balance - January 1	69,990.68	32,118.03	16,093.36	29,145.51	1,114.34	148,461.92
Fund Balance - December 31	64,970.33	27,879.13	32,412.30	34,573.44	1,583.44	161,418.64

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CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	67,575.08
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

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 depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	-	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	<u>(20,584.00)</u>	(20,584.00)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayment of debt exceeded debt proceeds.

Debt Proceeds	-	
Repayment of Debt	<u>4,065.66</u>	4,065.66

In the statement of activities, only the gain or loss from the sale of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the amount of capital assets sold.

(10,500.00)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>40,556.74</u></u>
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CITY OF FLASHER
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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	12,956.72
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

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 depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	-	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	<u>(22,535.00)</u>	(22,535.00)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayment of debt exceeded debt proceeds.

Debt Proceeds	-	
Repayment of Debt	<u>15,874.79</u>	<u>15,874.79</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>6,296.51</u></u>
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CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2023

	<u>Major Enterprise Funds</u>			Total Enterprise Funds
	Waterworks	Sewer	Garbage	
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Current Assets:</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	82,233.60	41,102.48	17,706.18	141,042.26
<u>Noncurrent Assets:</u>				
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):				
Buildings and Infrastructure	222,014.00	80,600.00		302,614.00
Total Noncurrent Assets	222,014.00	80,600.00	-	302,614.00
Total Assets	304,247.60	121,702.48	17,706.18	443,656.26
<u>NET POSITION</u>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	222,014.00	80,600.00		302,614.00
Unrestricted	82,233.60	41,102.48	17,706.18	141,042.26
Total Net Position	304,247.60	121,702.48	17,706.18	443,656.26

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2022

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total Enterprise Funds
	Waterworks	Sewer	Garbage	
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Current Assets:</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	103,069.02	37,128.45	20,148.47	160,345.94
<u>Noncurrent Assets:</u>				
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):				
Buildings and Infrastructure	240,551.00	88,660.00		329,211.00
Total Noncurrent Assets	240,551.00	88,660.00	-	329,211.00
Total Assets	343,620.02	125,788.45	20,148.47	489,556.94
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>				
Revenue Bonds Payable	5,600.00			5,600.00
<u>Noncurrent Liabilities:</u>				
Revenue Bonds Payable	13,399.81			13,399.81
Total Liabilities	18,999.81	-	-	18,999.81
<u>NET POSITION</u>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	221,551.19	88,660.00		310,211.19
Unrestricted	103,069.02	37,128.45	20,148.47	160,345.94
Total Net Position	324,620.21	125,788.45	20,148.47	470,557.13

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CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total Enterprise Funds
	Waterworks	Sewer	Garbage	
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>				
Charges for Sales and Services:				
Water Sales	84,363.71			84,363.71
Sewer Fees		43,116.52		43,116.52
Garbage Fees			46,309.66	46,309.66
Landfill Charges			500.00	500.00
Water Hookup Fee	450.00			450.00
Water Reconnect Fee	150.00			150.00
Total Operating Revenues	84,963.71	43,116.52	46,809.66	174,889.89
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>				
Salaries and Benefits	9,253.56	7,568.64	3,192.15	20,014.35
Electricity	6,409.72	3,081.47		9,491.19
Office Supplies	2,368.05	549.45	50.00	2,967.50
Repairs, Supplies and Maintenance	17,735.78	24,273.41	4,243.60	46,252.79
Garbage Contract			42,042.80	42,042.80
Rural Water Contract	13,824.00			13,824.00
Rural Water Purchases	37,876.24			37,876.24
Depreciation	18,537.00	8,060.00		26,597.00
Total Operating Expenses	106,004.35	43,532.97	49,528.55	199,065.87
Operating Income (Loss)	(21,040.64)	(416.45)	(2,718.89)	(24,175.98)
<u>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</u>				
Interest Income	316.91			316.91
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,676.89	704.25	693.15	3,074.29
Debt Service - Interest and Service Charges	(492.67)			(492.67)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	1,501.13	704.25	693.15	2,898.53
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(19,539.51)	287.80	(2,025.74)	(21,277.45)
Transfers Out	(833.10)	(4,373.77)	(416.55)	(5,623.42)
Changes in Net Position	(20,372.61)	(4,085.97)	(2,442.29)	(26,900.87)
Net Position - January 1	324,620.21	125,788.45	20,148.47	470,557.13
Net Position - December 31	304,247.60	121,702.48	17,706.18	443,656.26

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CITY OF FLASHER
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total Enterprise Funds
	Waterworks	Sewer	Garbage	
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>				
Charges for Sales and Services:				
Water Sales	84,170.32			84,170.32
Sewer Fees		40,903.46		40,903.46
Garbage Fees			43,030.95	43,030.95
Landfill Charges			250.00	250.00
Water Hookup Fee	525.00			525.00
Water Reconnect Fee	75.00			75.00
Total Operating Revenues	84,770.32	40,903.46	43,280.95	168,954.73
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>				
Salaries and Benefits	3,312.68	3,920.49	2,456.01	9,689.18
Electricity	6,380.23	3,273.25		9,653.48
Office Supplies	3,007.60	1,904.87	999.40	5,911.87
Repairs, Supplies and Maintenance	23,180.15	9,762.97	4,482.91	37,426.03
Garbage Contract			40,464.28	40,464.28
Rural Water Contract	13,824.00			13,824.00
Rural Water Purchases	33,749.47			33,749.47
Depreciation	18,537.00	8,060.00		26,597.00
Total Operating Expenses	101,991.13	26,921.58	48,402.60	177,315.31
Operating Income (Loss)	(17,220.81)	13,981.88	(5,121.65)	(8,360.58)
<u>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</u>				
Interest Income	300.88			300.88
Miscellaneous Receipts	430.80	103.06	500.00	1,033.86
Debt Service - Interest and Service Charges	(650.98)	(120.00)		(770.98)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	80.70	(16.94)	500.00	563.76
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(17,140.11)	13,964.94	(4,621.65)	(7,796.82)
Transfers Out	(2,057.36)	(10,267.47)	(2,606.82)	(14,931.65)
Changes in Net Position	(19,197.47)	3,697.47	(7,228.47)	(22,728.47)
Net Position - January 1	343,817.68	122,090.98	27,376.94	493,285.60
Net Position - December 31	324,620.21	125,788.45	20,148.47	470,557.13

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CITY OF FLASHER
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Statement of Cash Flows - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year ended December 31, 2023

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total Enterprise Funds
	Water and Waterworks	Sewer	Garbage	
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>				
Receipts from customers	84,963.71	43,116.52	46,809.66	174,889.89
Payments to suppliers	(78,213.79)	(27,904.33)	(46,336.40)	(152,454.52)
Payments to employees	(9,253.56)	(7,568.64)	(3,192.15)	(20,014.35)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(2,503.64)	7,643.55	(2,718.89)	2,421.02
<u>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</u>				
Miscellaneous receipts	1,676.89	704.25	693.15	3,074.29
Transfers out	(833.10)	(4,373.77)	(416.55)	(5,623.42)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	843.79	(3,669.52)	276.60	(2,549.13)
<u>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</u>				
Principal payments	(18,999.81)			(18,999.81)
Interest payments	(492.67)			(492.67)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(19,492.48)	-	-	(19,492.48)
<u>Cash Flows from investing activities:</u>				
Interest income	316.91			316.91
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(20,835.42)	3,974.03	(2,442.29)	(19,303.68)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	103,069.02	37,128.45	20,148.47	160,345.94
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	82,233.60	41,102.48	17,706.18	141,042.26
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities:</u>				
Operating income (loss)	(21,040.64)	(416.45)	(2,718.89)	(24,175.98)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation expense	18,537.00	8,060.00		26,597.00
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(2,503.64)	7,643.55	(2,718.89)	2,421.02

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF FLASHER
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Statement of Cash Flows - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year ended December 31, 2022

	Major Enterprise Funds			Total Enterprise Funds
	Water and Waterworks	Sewer	Garbage	
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>				
Receipts from customers	84,770.32	40,903.46	43,280.95	168,954.73
Payments to suppliers	(80,141.45)	(14,941.09)	(45,946.59)	(141,029.13)
Payments to employees	(3,312.68)	(3,920.49)	(2,456.01)	(9,689.18)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	1,316.19	22,041.88	(5,121.65)	18,236.42
<u>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</u>				
Miscellaneous receipts	430.80	103.06	500.00	1,033.86
Transfers out	(2,057.36)	(10,267.47)	(2,606.82)	(14,931.65)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	(1,626.56)	(10,164.41)	(2,106.82)	(13,897.79)
<u>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</u>				
Principal payments	(5,400.00)	(4,000.00)		(9,400.00)
Interest payments	(650.98)	(120.00)		(770.98)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(6,050.98)	(4,120.00)	-	(10,170.98)
<u>Cash Flows from investing activities:</u>				
Interest income	300.88			300.88
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,060.47)	7,757.47	(7,228.47)	(5,531.47)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	109,129.49	29,370.98	27,376.94	165,877.41
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	103,069.02	37,128.45	20,148.47	160,345.94
 <u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities:</u>				
Operating income (loss)	(17,220.81)	13,981.88	(5,121.65)	(8,360.58)
<u>Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</u>				
Depreciation expense	18,537.00	8,060.00		26,597.00
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	1,316.19	22,041.88	(5,121.65)	18,236.42

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Flasher operates under a city commission form of government. The financial statements of the city have been prepared on a modified cash basis, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the city. The city has considered all potential component units for which the city is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the city are such that exclusion would cause the city's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Government Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the city to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the city.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the City of Flasher as a reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the City of Flasher and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the *governmental and business-type* activities of the city. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the city's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the city's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental and proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

The city reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Highway Fund. This fund accounts for the state highway distribution tax used for street repairs and maintenance.

Street Improvement Fund. This fund accounts for utility charges used for street repairs and maintenance.

American Rescue Plan. This fund accounts for monies received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act legislation.

Municipal Infrastructure. This fund is used to account for funding received through the North Dakota Municipal Infrastructure Fund (House Bill 1066) to be used for infrastructure projects.

The city reports the following major enterprise funds:

Waterworks Fund. This fund accounts for the activities of the city's water distribution system.

Sewer Fund. This fund accounts for the activities of the city's sewage collection system.

Garbage Fund. This fund accounts for the activities of the city's garbage collection system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "how" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, as defined in item b below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus, as applied to the modified cash basis of accounting, is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The proprietary fund utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent, financial or nonfinancial) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities and the fund financial statements, governmental and business-like activities are presented using a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with a provision for depreciation in the government-wide statements and proprietary fund statements. This basis is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

If the city utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types would use the accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financial statements would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

D. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts and highly liquid short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments consist of certificates of deposit stated at cost.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets include plant and equipment. Assets are reported in the governmental activities column and the business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Assets are also reported in the proprietary fund statements. Capital assets are defined by the city as assets with an initial individual cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and Infrastructure	20 to 100 years
Machinery and Vehicles	10 to 20 years

F. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

G. Fund Equity

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance". Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position".

Fund Balance – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the city is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash such as inventories or prepaid expenses) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (i.e., endowment funds).

Restricted – Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the city or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments (i.e., funds restricted by state statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants or taxes raised for a specific purpose).

Committed – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the city council through the adoption of a resolution. The city council also may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the city's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The city reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative fund balances may be reported in all funds.

Flow Assumptions – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the city's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the city's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- Committed
- Assigned
- Unassigned

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the city has not spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted as described in the fund balance section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

H. Interfund Transactions

In the governmental and proprietary fund financial statements, transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

I. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the special purpose framework (SPF) used by the city requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the city maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal Land Bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district or any other political subdivision of the State of North Dakota, whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by another state of the United States or other securities approved by the banking board.

At December 31, 2023 the city's carrying amount of deposits was \$369,925 and the bank balance was \$371,725 which was covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

At December 31, 2022 the city's carrying amount of deposits was \$321,654 and the bank balance was \$336,480 which was covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

Credit Risk

The city may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (1) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities or organizations created by an act of Congress.
- (2) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above.
- (3) Certificates of deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (4) Obligations of the State.

At December 31, 2023, the city held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$14,457, which are all considered deposits.

At December 31, 2022, the city held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$39,918, which are all considered deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The city does not have a limit on the amount the city may invest in any one issuer.

Note 3 PROPERTY TAXES

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Any material tax collections are distributed after the end of each month.

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on the property on January 1 and may be paid in two installments. The first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments and the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount on property taxes is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes and special assessments in a single payment on or before February 15 and receive the discount on the property taxes.

Note 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the years ended:

<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	472,600			472,600
Machinery and Vehicles	184,672		42,000	142,672
Total	657,272	-	42,000	615,272
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	192,475	8,968		201,443
Machinery and Vehicles	118,893	11,616	31,500	99,009
Total	311,368	20,584	31,500	300,452
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	345,904	(20,584)	10,500	314,820
 <u>December 31, 2022</u>	 <u>Balance January 1</u>	 <u>Increases</u>	 <u>Decreases</u>	 <u>Balance December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	472,600			472,600
Machinery and Vehicles	184,672			184,672
Total	657,272	-	-	657,272
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	183,307	9,168		192,475
Machinery and Vehicles	105,526	13,367		118,893
Total	288,833	22,535	-	311,368
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	368,439	(22,535)	-	345,904

<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
Business-type Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	817,236			817,236
Machinery and Vehicles	20,300			20,300
Total	837,536	-	-	837,536
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	488,025	26,597		514,622
Machinery and Vehicles	20,300			20,300
Total	508,325	26,597	-	534,922
Business-type Activities Capital Assets, Net	329,211	(26,597)	-	302,614
<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
Business-type Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	817,236			817,236
Machinery and Vehicles	20,300			20,300
Total	837,536	-	-	837,536
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	461,428	26,597		488,025
Machinery and Vehicles	20,300			20,300
Total	481,728	26,597	-	508,325
Business-type Activities Capital Assets, Net	355,808	(26,597)	-	329,211

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the city as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>		
General Government	3,250	3,250
Streets and Public Works	17,334	19,285
Total Depreciation Expense	20,584	22,535
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>		
Water	18,537	18,537
Sewer	8,060	8,060
Total Depreciation Expense	26,597	26,597

Note 5 LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities. During the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the long-term liabilities:

Governmental Activities:

	<u>2023</u>			<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>		
Bank Loan Payable	<u>123,696</u>		<u>4,066</u>	<u>119,630</u>	<u>4,617</u>
	<u>2022</u>			<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>		
Bank Loan Payable	<u>139,571</u>		<u>15,875</u>	<u>123,696</u>	<u>4,066</u>

Business-type Activities (Proprietary Funds):

	<u>2023</u>			<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>		
Revenue Bonds Payable	<u>19,000</u>		<u>19,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2022</u>			<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>		
Revenue Bonds Payable	<u>24,400</u>		<u>5,400</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>5,600</u>

Outstanding debt at December 31, 2023 consists of the following:

General Obligation Debt. General obligation debt is a direct obligation and pledges the full faith and credit of the government. General obligation debt outstanding at December 31, 2023, is as follows:

Bank Loan Payable. The city has taken out a loan to provide funds for the purchase of a shop. Bank loan payable outstanding at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

\$128,000.00 loan payable with BNC Bank dated December 21, 2021. Payments of \$9,467.04 are due annually through December 21, 2041; interest is at 4%. 119,629.96

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding bank loans payable are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	4,616.53	4,850.51
2025	4,817.01	4,650.03
2026	5,012.37	4,454.67
2027	5,215.65	4,251.39
2028	5,416.10	4,050.94
2029-2033	30,610.16	16,726.04
2034-2038	37,344.40	9,990.80
2039-2041	26,597.74	1,803.38
Total	<u>119,629.96</u>	<u>50,777.76</u>

Note 6 TRANSFERS

The following is a reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements for the years ended December 31:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>December 31, 2023</u>		
Highway	808.35	
Emergency		808.35
To subsidize expenditures related to snow removal.		
General	6,039.97	
Highway		416.55
Waterworks		833.10
Sewer		4,373.77
Garbage		416.55
To move debt payments to proper fund.		
<u>December 31, 2022</u>		
Highway	1,200.00	
Emergency		1,200.00
To subsidize expenditures related to snow removal.		
Emergency	1,229.36	
General		1,229.36
To correct prior year errors related to posting the emergency fund levy.		
General	5,490.88	
Highway		378.68
Waterworks		757.36
Sewer		3,976.16
Garbage		378.68
Highway	10,319.45	
General		500.00
Waterworks		1,300.00
Sewer		6,291.31
Garbage		2,228.14
To move debt payments to proper fund.		

Note 6 RISK MANAGEMENT

The City of Flasher is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The city pays an annual premium to NDRIF for its general liability, automobile and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDRIF is limited to losses of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and automobile; and \$256,045 for public assets.

The city also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The city pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third-party insurance carrier for losses in excess of \$1,000,000 per occurrence during a 12 month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the city with a blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$155,086 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The city has worker's compensation with the Department of Workforce Safety and Insurance; and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 7 TAX ABATEMENTS

The city has not entered into any tax abatement agreements that would reduce the city's tax revenues for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	51,450.00	51,450.00	54,697.54	3,247.54
Licenses, Permits and Fees	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,435.00	(1,465.00)
Intergovernmental	18,252.10	18,252.10	22,369.71	4,117.61
Miscellaneous	1,700.00	1,700.00	23,842.92	22,142.92
Total Revenues	74,302.10	74,302.10	102,345.17	28,043.07
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government	74,035.00	123,361.00	71,955.66	51,405.34
Public Safety	100.00	100.00	506.26	(406.26)
Streets and Public Works	2,200.00	2,200.00	840.68	1,359.32
Culture and Recreation	600.00	600.00		600.00
Debt Service:				
Principal			4,065.66	(4,065.66)
Interest			5,401.38	(5,401.38)
Total Expenditures	76,935.00	126,261.00	82,769.64	43,491.36
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,632.90)	(51,958.90)	19,575.53	71,534.43
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In			6,039.97	6,039.97
Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,632.90)	(51,958.90)	25,615.50	77,574.40
Fund Balance - January 1	64,970.33	64,970.33	64,970.33	
Fund Balance - December 31	62,337.43	13,011.43	90,585.83	77,574.40

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	51,948.75	51,948.75	54,697.54	2,748.79
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,134.84	(765.16)
Intergovernmental	14,247.54	14,247.54	19,178.64	4,931.10
Miscellaneous	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,183.76	(516.24)
Total Revenues	69,796.29	69,796.29	76,194.78	6,398.49
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government	68,910.00	84,160.00	73,816.67	10,343.33
Public Safety	100.00	100.00		100.00
Streets and Public Works	2,200.00	2,200.00	852.26	1,347.74
Culture and Recreation	525.04	525.04	840.68	(315.64)
Debt Service:				
Principal			4,304.38	(4,304.38)
Interest			5,162.66	(5,162.66)
Total Expenditures	71,735.04	86,985.04	84,976.65	2,008.39
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,938.75)	(17,188.75)	(8,781.87)	8,406.88
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			5,490.88	5,490.88
Transfers Out			(1,729.36)	(1,729.36)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	3,761.52	3,761.52
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,938.75)	(17,188.75)	(5,020.35)	12,168.40
Fund Balance - January 1	69,990.68	69,990.68	69,990.68	
Fund Balance - December 31	68,051.93	52,801.93	64,970.33	12,168.40

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
Highway Tax Distribution
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	15,000.00	15,000.00	27,955.44	12,955.44
Charges for Services	20,000.00	20,000.00	21,315.65	1,315.65
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,914.92	2,914.92
Total Revenues	36,000.00	36,000.00	53,186.01	17,186.01
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Streets and Public Works	35,850.00	53,150.00	52,728.05	421.95
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	150.00	(17,150.00)	457.96	17,607.96
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			808.35	808.35
Transfers Out			(416.55)	(416.55)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	391.80	391.80
Net Change in Fund Balances	150.00	(17,150.00)	849.76	17,999.76
Fund Balance - January 1	27,879.13	27,879.13	27,879.13	
Fund Balance - December 31	28,029.13	10,729.13	28,728.89	17,999.76

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
Highway Tax Distribution
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	17,570.11	17,570.11	12,897.54	(4,672.57)
Charges for Services	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,574.55	(4,425.45)
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,332.13	1,332.13
Total Revenues	38,570.11	38,570.11	30,804.22	(7,765.89)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Streets and Public Works	33,650.00	41,850.00	34,162.29	7,687.71
Debt Service:	4,900.00	4,900.00		4,900.00
Principal			11,570.41	(11,570.41)
Interest			451.19	(451.19)
Total Expenditures	38,550.00	46,750.00	46,183.89	566.11
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	20.11	(8,179.89)	(15,379.67)	(7,199.78)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			11,519.45	11,519.45
Transfers Out			(378.68)	(378.68)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	11,140.77	11,140.77
Net Change in Fund Balances	20.11	(8,179.89)	(4,238.90)	3,940.99
Fund Balance - January 1	32,118.03	32,118.03	32,118.03	
Fund Balance - December 31	32,138.14	23,938.14	27,879.13	3,940.99

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
Street Improvement
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Charges for Services	9,850.00	13,979.00	9,763.56	(4,215.44)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Streets and Public Works	9,850.00	13,415.00	13,414.48	0.52
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	564.00	(3,650.92)	(4,214.92)
Fund Balance - January 1	34,573.44	34,573.44	34,573.44	
Fund Balance - December 31	34,573.44	35,137.44	30,922.52	(4,214.92)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
Street Improvement
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Charges for Services	9,850.00	9,928.24	78.24
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Current:			
Streets and Public Works	9,850.00	4,500.31	5,349.69
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	5,427.93	5,427.93
Fund Balance - January 1	29,145.51	29,145.51	
Fund Balance - December 31	29,145.51	34,573.44	5,427.93

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Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BUDGET POLICIES

Based upon available financial information and requests by the governing board, the city auditor prepares the preliminary budget. The city budget is prepared for the general and special revenue funds by function and activity on the cash basis of accounting. The preliminary budget includes the proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at year end.

The governing board holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may testify in favor of, or against, any proposed expenditures or tax levies requested in the preliminary budget. After the budget hearing and on or before October 7, the board adopts the final budget. The final budget must be filed with the county auditor by October 10. No expenditure shall be made, or liability incurred, in excess of the total appropriation by fund except as authorized by North Dakota Century Code Section 40-40-18. However, the governing board may amend the budget during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. The budget amendments must be approved by the board and the approval must be noted in the official proceedings of the board.

Note 2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Budget Amendments

The governing board adopted the following amendments to the city's budgets for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>		
	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
General Fund	76,935	49,326	126,261
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			
Highway Fund	35,850	17,300	53,150
Street Improvement Fund	9,850	3,565	13,415
 <u>December 31, 2022</u>			
General Fund	71,735	15,250	86,985
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			
Highway Fund	38,550	8,200	46,750

Note 2 A formal budget was not adopted for the Municipal Infrastructure Fund for December 31, 2023 and the American Rescue Plan Fund for December 31, 2022.

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Schedule of Fund Activity
Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Balance 1-1-2023	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-2023
<u>Major Governmental Funds</u>						
General Fund	64,970.33	102,345.17	6,039.97		82,769.64	90,585.83
Highway	27,879.13	53,186.01	808.35	416.55	52,728.05	28,728.89
Municipal Infrastructure		40,859.96				40,859.96
Street Improvement	34,573.44	9,763.56			13,414.48	30,922.52
Total Major Governmental Funds	127,422.90	206,154.70	6,848.32	416.55	148,912.17	191,097.20
<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>						
Emergency	808.35	109.13		808.35		109.13
Legion Hall	775.09					775.09
Beautification		7,000.00				7,000.00
American Rescue Plan	32,412.30	-			2,400.00	30,012.30
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	33,995.74	7,109.13	-	808.35	2,400.00	37,896.52
Total Governmental Funds	161,418.64	213,263.83	6,848.32	1,224.90	151,312.17	228,993.72
<u>Major Enterprise Funds</u>						
Waterworks:						
Operating	103,069.02	86,957.51		833.10	106,959.83	82,233.60
Sewer:						
Operating	37,128.45	43,820.77		4,373.77	35,472.97	41,102.48
Garbage	20,148.47	47,502.81		416.55	49,528.55	17,706.18
Total Major Enterprise Funds	160,345.94	178,281.09	-	5,623.42	191,961.35	141,042.26
Total All Funds	321,764.58	391,544.92	6,848.32	6,848.32	343,273.52	370,035.98

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Schedule of Fund Activity
Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Balance 1-1-2022	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-2022
<u>Major Governmental Funds</u>						
General Fund	69,990.68	76,194.78	5,490.88	1,729.36	84,976.65	64,970.33
Highway	32,118.03	30,804.22	11,519.45	378.68	46,183.89	27,879.13
American Rescue Plan	16,093.36	16,318.94				32,412.30
Street Improvement	29,145.51	9,928.24			4,500.31	34,573.44
Total Major Governmental Funds	147,347.58	133,246.18	17,010.33	2,108.04	135,660.85	159,835.20
<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>						
Emergency	339.25	439.74	1,229.36	1,200.00		808.35
Legion Hall	775.09	-				775.09
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	1,114.34	439.74	1,229.36	1,200.00	-	1,583.44
Total Governmental Funds	148,461.92	133,685.92	18,239.69	3,308.04	135,660.85	161,418.64
<u>Major Enterprise Funds</u>						
Waterworks:						
Operating	109,034.78	85,492.00		2,057.36	89,400.40	103,069.02
CDBG Water Project	94.71	10.00			104.71	-
Sewer:						
Operating	29,370.98	41,006.52		10,267.47	22,981.58	37,128.45
Garbage	27,376.94	43,780.95		2,606.82	48,402.60	20,148.47
Total Major Enterprise Funds	165,877.41	170,289.47	-	14,931.65	160,889.29	160,345.94
Total All Funds	314,339.33	303,975.39	18,239.69	18,239.69	296,550.14	321,764.58

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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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
City of Flasher
Flasher, North Dakota

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 Flasher, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the city's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 2, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the city's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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. 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2023-001 and 2023-002, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the city'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 financial statements. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

City's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the city's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Responses*. The city'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 is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the city's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

August 2, 2024

CITY OF FLASHER
Flasher, North Dakota

Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

Governmental Activities	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Business-Type Activities	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Major Governmental Funds	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Major Business-Type Funds	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☒ Yes ☐ None Reported
- Noncompliance material to financial Statements noted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

Significant Deficiencies

1. 2023-001 – Segregation of Duties

Criteria: To ensure adequate internal control over financial reporting and prevent material misstatements due to errors or fraud, there should be a segregation of the functions of approval, custody of assets, posting and reconciliation.

Condition: The city has one person responsible for most accounting functions. The employee is responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general ledger and prepare bank reconciliations.

Cause: The city does not have a large enough staff to properly segregate all duties.

Effect: A lack of segregation of duties leads to a limited degree of internal control.

Recommendation: We recommend that management and the governing board be aware of the lack of segregation of duties and implement controls whenever possible to mitigate this risk.

Views of Responsible Officials: The city is aware of the condition and segregates duties whenever possible.

2. 2023-002- Financial Statement Preparation

Criteria: A good system of internal controls requires the city to determine that the financial statements are prepared based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This means that the city must maintain knowledge of current accounting principles and required financial statement disclosures.

Condition: The city's financial statements, including the accompanying note disclosures, are prepared by the city's external auditors.

Cause: The city feels that it is more cost effective to have their external auditors prepare the complete financial statements and disclosures, rather than invest in ongoing specialized training that would be necessary.

Effect: Without the assistance of the auditors, the financial statements could be misstated or omit material financial statement disclosures.

Recommendation: We recommend that management be aware of this condition and be prepared and able to provide all necessary information and schedules to complete the financial statements and disclosures; and review and approve them prior to external distribution.

Views of Responsible Officials: The city will continue to have the external auditors prepare the financial statements, including note disclosures, but will review and approve them prior to external distribution.