

AUDIT REPORT

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

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CITY OF TIOGA
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CITY OFFICIALS
December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
City of Tioga
Tioga, 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 Tioga, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit 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 audit 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 schedule 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 schedule 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 April 25, 2025 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

Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

April 25, 2025

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2024

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	32,427,103.92	2,346,101.97	34,773,205.89
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Land	50,000.00		50,000.00
Construction in Progress	3,879,000.00		3,879,000.00
Buildings and Infrastructure	17,635,836.00	31,571,525.00	49,207,361.00
Machinery and Vehicles	943,838.00	115,565.00	1,059,403.00
Total Capital Assets	22,508,674.00	31,687,090.00	54,195,764.00
Total Assets	54,935,777.92	34,033,191.97	88,968,969.89
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year:			
Financed Purchase	48,782.00		48,782.00
Loan Payable	25,619.23		25,619.23
Special Assessment Bonds Payable	125,000.00		125,000.00
Revenue Bonds Payable	930,058.00		930,058.00
Due After One Year:			
Loan Payable	52,009.59		52,009.59
Special Assessment Bonds Payable	260,000.00		260,000.00
Revenue Bonds Payable	10,827,253.00		10,827,253.00
Total Liabilities	12,268,721.82	-	12,268,721.82
<u>NET POSITION:</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	10,239,952.18	31,687,090.00	41,927,042.18
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	225,279.17		225,279.17
Special Purposes	4,134,424.06	58,590.92	4,193,014.98
Unrestricted	28,067,400.69	2,287,511.05	30,354,911.74
Total Net Position	42,667,056.10	34,033,191.97	76,700,248.07

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

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	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	Total
Functions/Programs						
Primary Government						
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>						
General Government	1,414,948.45	48,161.29		(1,366,787.16)		(1,366,787.16)
Public Safety	958,966.83	8,875.00	76,747.92	(873,343.91)		(873,343.91)
Streets and Public Works	6,596,877.90	3,734.15	1,176,868.16	(5,416,275.59)		(5,416,275.59)
Urban and Economic Development	398,597.48			(398,597.48)		(398,597.48)
Culture and Recreation	855,717.22		5,000.00	(850,717.22)		(850,717.22)
Health and Welfare	787,767.92			(787,767.92)		(787,767.92)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	364,146.54		57,171.38	(306,975.16)		(306,975.16)
Total Governmental Activities	11,377,022.34	60,770.44	1,315,787.46	(10,000,464.44)		(10,000,464.44)
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>						
Water and Sewer	3,476,973.07	2,182,805.54			(1,294,167.53)	(1,294,167.53)
Garbage	377,854.34	368,986.62			(8,867.72)	(8,867.72)
Vector Control	43,790.42				(43,790.42)	(43,790.42)
Total Business-Type Activities	3,898,617.83	2,551,792.16			(1,346,825.67)	(1,346,825.67)
Total Primary Government	15,275,640.17	2,612,562.60	1,315,787.46	(10,000,464.44)	(1,346,825.67)	(11,347,290.11)
<u>General Revenues:</u>						
<u>Taxes:</u>						
Property taxes; levied for general purposes				429,074.18		429,074.18
Property taxes; levied for special purposes				44,199.46	19,349.77	63,549.23
Telecommunication taxes				3,011.06		3,011.06
Cigarette taxes				3,523.35		3,523.35
City sales taxes				3,938,840.02		3,938,840.02
Occupancy taxes				86,990.57		86,990.57
Gaming taxes				273.63		273.63
Oil and gas production taxes				10,147,365.11		10,147,365.11
Coal severance taxes				109.72		109.72
Intergovernmental revenue not restricted to specific programs				207,945.37		207,945.37
Earnings on investments and other revenue				1,457,715.56	52,046.74	1,509,762.30
Gain on trade-in of capital assets				13,000.00		13,000.00
Transfers				(1,280,125.38)	1,280,125.38	-
Total General Revenues and Transfers				15,051,922.65	1,351,521.89	16,403,444.54
Change in Net Position				5,051,458.21	4,696.22	5,056,154.43
Net Position - January 1				37,615,597.89	34,028,495.75	71,644,093.64
Net Position - December 31				42,667,056.10	34,033,191.97	76,700,248.07

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CITY OF TIOGA
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Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024

	Major Funds					
	General	City Sales Tax	North Main Reconstruction	Community Center Expansion Construction	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,297,641.53	3,970,519.39	-	12,048,596.68	4,110,346.32	32,427,103.92
FUND BALANCES:						
Restricted for:						
Infrastructure		3,000,792.28				3,000,792.28
Urban and Economic Development		530,395.36			163,904.67	694,300.03
Community Center Expansion Construction				5,789,430.46		5,789,430.46
Culture and Recreation		439,331.75				439,331.75
Debt Service					225,279.17	225,279.17
Assigned to:						
Debt Service					2,349,385.87	2,349,385.87
Public Safety	106,111.48					106,111.48
Community Center Expansion Construction				6,259,166.22		6,259,166.22
Culture and Recreation	65,529.71					65,529.71
Tioga Dam Nature Trail EAP					1,321,776.61	1,321,776.61
Emergency					50,000.00	50,000.00
Unassigned	12,126,000.34					12,126,000.34
Total Fund Balances	12,297,641.53	3,970,519.39	-	12,048,596.68	4,110,346.32	32,427,103.92

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CITY OF TIOGA
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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2024

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	32,427,103.92
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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	26,725,377.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,216,703.00)</u>	
Net Capital Assets		22,508,674.00

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, 2024 are:

Financed Purchase	(48,782.00)	
Loan Payable	(77,628.82)	
Special Assessments Bonds Payable	(385,000.00)	
Revenue Bonds Payable	<u>(11,757,311.00)</u>	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>(12,268,721.82)</u>

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>42,667,056.10</u></u>
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Major Funds				Other	Total
	General	City Sales Tax	North Main Reconstruction	Community Center Expansion Construction	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Taxes	429,074.18	3,938,840.02			186,197.69	4,554,111.89
Special Assessments	2,163.72					2,163.72
Licenses, Permits and Fees	48,161.29					48,161.29
Intergovernmental	10,442,704.14		591,493.87		586,646.31	11,620,844.32
Charges for Services	2,475.00				3,734.15	6,209.15
Fines and Forfeits	6,400.00					6,400.00
Interest Income	579,593.55			228,895.25	447,252.50	1,255,741.30
Miscellaneous	174,033.42	27,940.84				201,974.26
Total Revenues	11,684,605.30	3,966,780.86	591,493.87	228,895.25	1,223,830.65	17,695,605.93
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	1,368,697.45					1,368,697.45
Public Safety	850,775.83					850,775.83
Streets and Public Works	0.51		3,896,102.85		2,437,602.54	6,333,705.90
Urban and Economic Development		332,067.97			66,529.51	398,597.48
Culture and Recreation	502,821.51	36,500.00		876.39	178,995.32	719,193.22
Health and Welfare		787,767.92				787,767.92
Capital Outlay	16,503.00			3,879,000.00	19,500.00	3,915,003.00
Debt Service:						
Principal	48,782.00				1,228,054.58	1,276,836.58
Interest and Service Charges					364,146.54	364,146.54
Total Expenditures	2,787,580.30	1,156,335.89	3,896,102.85	3,879,876.39	4,294,828.49	16,014,723.92
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	8,897,025.00	2,810,444.97	(3,304,608.98)	(3,650,981.14)	(3,070,997.84)	1,680,882.01
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers In	1,854,688.24	493,708.85	3,304,608.98		1,250,394.65	6,903,400.72
Transfers Out	(5,742,169.64)	(2,433,130.37)			(8,226.09)	(8,183,526.10)
Revenue Bonds Issued				5,000,000.00		5,000,000.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,887,481.40)	(1,939,421.52)	3,304,608.98	5,000,000.00	1,242,168.56	3,719,874.62
Net Changes in Fund Balances	5,009,543.60	871,023.45	-	1,349,018.86	(1,828,829.28)	5,400,756.63
Fund Balance - January 1	7,288,097.93	3,099,495.94	-	10,699,577.82	5,939,175.60	27,026,347.29
Fund Balance - December 31	12,297,641.53	3,970,519.39	-	12,048,596.68	4,110,346.32	32,427,103.92

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

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, 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, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	5,400,756.63
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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 capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	3,915,003.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	<u>(554,138.00)</u>	3,360,865.00

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 debt proceeds exceeded repayment of debt.

Debt Proceeds	(5,000,000.00)	
Repayment of Debt	<u>1,276,836.58</u>	<u>(3,723,163.42)</u>

In the statement of activities, only the gain on the trade-in/disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the result of these transactions has no effect on financial resources. Thus, the net effect of transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins) is to increase net position.

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>5,051,458.21</u></u>
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CITY OF TIOGA
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Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2024

	Major Enterprise Fund		
	Water and Sewer	Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<u>Current Assets:</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,287,511.05	58,590.92	2,346,101.97
<u>Noncurrent Assets:</u>			
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Buildings and Infrastructure	31,571,525.00		31,571,525.00
Machinery and Vehicles	98,445.00	17,120.00	115,565.00
Total Noncurrent Assets	31,669,970.00	17,120.00	31,687,090.00
Total Assets	33,957,481.05	75,710.92	34,033,191.97
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	31,669,970.00	17,120.00	31,687,090.00
Restricted for:			
Vector Control		58,590.92	58,590.92
Unrestricted	2,287,511.05	-	2,287,511.05
Total Net Position	33,957,481.05	75,710.92	34,033,191.97

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CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Major Enterprise Fund		
	Water and Sewer	Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>			
Charges for Sales and Services:			
Water Sales	1,244,353.36		1,244,353.36
Warehouse Water Sales	20,017.00		20,017.00
Industrial Water Sales	567,528.00		567,528.00
Sewer Charges	341,022.18		341,022.18
Garbage Charges		333,277.52	333,277.52
Landfill Fees		35,709.10	35,709.10
Miscellaneous Charges	9,885.00		9,885.00
Total Operating Revenues	2,182,805.54	368,986.62	2,551,792.16
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Salaries and Benefits	360,847.15	47,533.13	408,380.28
Water Operations	143,053.37		143,053.37
Water Costs	942,830.72		942,830.72
Sewer Operations	118,919.81		118,919.81
Garbage Operations		14.99	14.99
Garbage Contracted Services		332,877.25	332,877.25
Repairs and Maintenance	348,567.52		348,567.52
Vector Control		32,659.39	32,659.39
Depreciation	1,538,317.00	8,560.00	1,546,877.00
Total Operating Expenses	3,452,535.57	421,644.76	3,874,180.33
Operating Income (Loss)	(1,269,730.03)	(52,658.14)	(1,322,388.17)
<u>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</u>			
Property Taxes		19,349.77	19,349.77
Special Assessments	464.05	10.00	474.05
Gain on trade-in of capital assets	13,000.00		13,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	38,572.69		38,572.69
Interest Payment	(19,550.00)		(19,550.00)
Administration Fee	(4,887.50)		(4,887.50)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	27,599.24	19,359.77	46,959.01
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(1,242,130.79)	(33,298.37)	(1,275,429.16)
Transfers In	1,648,005.02	8,857.72	1,656,862.74
Transfers Out	(376,737.36)		(376,737.36)
Changes in Net Position	29,136.87	(24,440.65)	4,696.22
Net Position - January 1	33,928,344.18	100,151.57	34,028,495.75
Net Position - December 31	33,957,481.05	75,710.92	34,033,191.97

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

CITY OF TIOGA
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Statement of Cash Flows - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year ended December 31, 2024

	Major Enterprise Fund		
	Water and Sewer	Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>			
Receipts from customers	2,182,805.54	368,986.62	2,551,792.16
Payments to employees	(360,847.15)	(47,533.13)	(408,380.28)
Payments to suppliers	(1,553,371.42)	(365,551.63)	(1,918,923.05)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	268,586.97	(44,098.14)	224,488.83
<u>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</u>			
Property taxes		19,349.77	19,349.77
Special assessments	464.05	10.00	474.05
Miscellaneous receipts	38,572.69		38,572.69
Transfers in	1,648,005.02	8,857.72	1,656,862.74
Transfers out	(376,737.36)		(376,737.36)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	1,310,304.40	28,217.49	1,338,521.89
<u>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</u>			
Purchase of capital assets	(52,050.00)		(52,050.00)
Principal payments	(1,275,000.00)		(1,275,000.00)
Interest payments	(19,550.00)		(19,550.00)
Administration fee	(4,887.50)		(4,887.50)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(1,351,487.50)	-	(1,351,487.50)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	227,403.87	(15,880.65)	211,523.22
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	2,060,107.18	74,471.57	2,134,578.75
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	2,287,511.05	58,590.92	2,346,101.97
 <u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities:</u>			
Operating income (loss)	(1,269,730.03)	(52,658.14)	(1,322,388.17)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to <u>net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</u>			
Depreciation expense	1,538,317.00	8,560.00	1,546,877.00
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	268,586.97	(44,098.14)	224,488.83

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

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Modified Cash Basis - Custodial Funds
December 31, 2024

	Custodial Funds
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	-
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Due to Other Governments	-

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

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Modified Cash Basis - Fiduciary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
<u>Additions:</u>	
Property tax collections for other governments	<u>16,351.02</u>
<u>Deductions:</u>	
Payments of property tax to other governments	<u>16,351.02</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>-</u>
Net Position - January 1	<u>-</u>
Net Position - December 31	<u><u>-</u></u>

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

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2024

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Tioga 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 Tioga 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 Tioga. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. 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, including its fiduciary fund. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental, proprietary and fiduciary* – 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.

City Sales Tax. This fund accounts for the city's sales tax collections which are used for urban and economic development, parks and recreation, community improvement and to provide property tax relief.

North Main Reconstruction. This fund accounts for the activities related to street repairs for the North Main Street reconstruction project.

Community Center Expansion Construction. This fund accounts for monies set aside for the purpose of future building and expansion projects.

The city reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water and Sewer. This fund accounts for the activities of the city's water distribution system and sewage collection system.

Additionally, the city reports the following type of fiduciary fund:

Custodial Fund. This fund account for assets held by the city in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The city's custodial fund is used to account for various deposits of the airport.

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-type 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-type 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 and Cash Equivalents

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.

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 75 years
Machinery and Vehicles	5 to 10 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. Intent can be expressed by the city commission or by an official to which the city commission delegates authority.

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, share of investments 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, 2024 the city's carrying amount of deposits was \$34,773,206 and the bank balance was \$35,139,634. Of the bank balance, \$750,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$34,389,634 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

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, 2024 the city held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$5,000,000, which are all considered investments.

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 year ended December 31, 2024:

	Balance January 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	50,000			50,000
Construction in Progress		3,879,000		3,879,000
Total	50,000	3,879,000	-	3,929,000
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	20,549,738			20,549,738
Machinery and Vehicles	2,226,453	49,003	28,817	2,246,639
Total	22,776,191	49,003	28,817	22,796,377
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Infrastructure	2,546,111	367,791		2,913,902
Machinery and Vehicles	1,145,271	186,347	28,817	1,302,801
Total	3,691,382	554,138	28,817	4,216,703
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	19,084,809	(505,135)	-	18,579,674
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	19,134,809	3,373,865	-	22,508,674
	Balance January 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31
Business-type Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	46,495,545			46,495,545
Machinery and Vehicles	224,181	65,050	34,300	254,931
Total	46,719,726	65,050	34,300	46,750,476

Less accumulated depreciation for:

Buildings and Infrastructure	13,403,671	1,520,349		14,924,020
Machinery and Vehicles	147,138	26,528	34,300	139,366
Total	13,550,809	1,546,877	34,300	15,063,386
Business-Type Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	33,168,917	(1,481,827)	-	31,687,090

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the city as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General Government	46,251
Public Safety	108,191
Streets and Public Works	263,172
Culture and Recreation	136,524
Total	554,138

Business-type Activities:

Water and Sewer	1,538,317
Public Safety	8,560
Total	1,546,877

Note 5 LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the following changes occurred in the liabilities reported in the long-term liabilities of the city:

Governmental Activities:

	Balance January 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31	Due Within One Year
Financed Purchase	97,564		48,782	48,782	48,782
Loan Payable	102,994		25,366	77,628	25,619
Special Assessment Bonds	505,000		120,000	385,000	125,000
Revenue Bonds	7,840,000	5,000,000	1,082,689	11,757,311	930,058
Total	8,545,558	5,000,000	1,276,837	12,268,721	1,129,459

Business-type Activities:

	Balance January 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31	Due Within One Year
Revenue Bonds	1,275,000	-	1,275,000	-	-

Outstanding debt at December 31, 2024 consists of the following:

Governmental Activities:

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, 2024, is as follows:

Financed Purchase.

\$195,128.00 financed purchase of a 2019 JD 772G Motor Grader due in annual installments of \$48,782.00 through February 21, 2025; interest is at 0%.

48,782.00

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding financed purchase is as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	<u>48,782.00</u>	<u>-</u>

Loan Payable. The city has taken out a loan to provide funds for improvements and repairs to water, sewer and streets in the Annabelle Development. Loan payable at December 31, 2024 is as follows:

\$250,000 loan payable with the Rural Development Finance Corporation dated September 1, 2017. This loan is due in annual installments of \$26,395.52 through September 15, 2027; interest is at 1%.

77,628.82

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

<u>December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	25,619.23	776.29
2026	25,875.42	520.10
2027	<u>26,134.17</u>	<u>261.34</u>
Total	<u>77,628.82</u>	<u>1,557.73</u>

Special Assessment Bonds: The city has issued special assessment bonds to provide funds for improvements and repairs to water, sewer and streets in the Annabelle Development. Special assessment bonds outstanding at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

\$1,200,000 Refunding Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A, due in annual installments of \$125,000 to \$130,000 through May 1, 2027; interest is at 2.5% to 3%.

385,000.00

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding special assessment bond debt are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	125,000.00	9,037.50
2026	130,000.00	5,687.50
2027	<u>130,000.00</u>	<u>1,950.00</u>
Total	<u>385,000.00</u>	<u>16,675.00</u>

Revenue Bonds. The city has issued bonds whereby the city pledges income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service. Revenue bonds outstanding at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

\$3,300,000 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2018A, due in annual installments of \$80,000 to \$130,000 through September 1, 2047; interest is at 3.5%.	2,765,000.00
\$10,000,000 Oil and Gas Production Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, due in annual installments of \$1,124,064.00 to \$1,185,660.26 through March 1, 2034; interest is at 3.99%.	<u>8,992,311.00</u>
Total Revenue Bonds	<u><u>11,757,311.00</u></u>

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding revenue bond debt are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	930,058.00	455,568.20
2026	968,976.00	418,850.88
2027	1,004,247.00	380,605.26
2028	1,045,925.00	340,952.30
2029	1,084,066.00	299,660.90
2030-2034	4,899,039.00	820,517.42
2035-2039	605,000.00	278,425.00
2040-2044	725,000.00	164,500.00
2045-2047	495,000.00	35,000.00
	<u><u>11,757,311.00</u></u>	<u><u>3,194,079.96</u></u>

Note 6 TRANSFERS

The following is a reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
General: Police Donations/Contributions	1,236.53	
Municipal Highway	402,113.69	
Garbage	8,857.72	
Library	92,003.17	
General: Operating		504,211.11
General: Operating	900,000.00	
General: Capital Replacement	65,285.51	
Annabelle SID Debt Service	44,790.56	
North Main Reconstruction	3,304,608.98	
Water and Sewer: SRF Fund	923,273.48	
General: Oil and Gas Production Tax		5,237,958.53
To eliminate deficits / subsidize expenditures.		
City Sales Tax: Property Tax Relief	493,708.85	
City Sales Tax: Economic Development		493,708.85
To limit fund balance to \$150,000 cap.		

General: Operating	887,592.86	
City Sales Tax: Property Tax Relief		887,592.86
To provide property tax relief.		
Water and Sewer: Watermain NE Reconstruction	348,567.52	
South Main Reconstruction	128,211.48	
3rd Street Hanson Reconstruction	78,305.16	
City Fuel Station	93,364.00	
Patching Asphalt Repair	179,235.50	
City Baseball Field	20,145.00	
City Sales Tax: Infrastructure		847,828.66
To subsidize infrastructure projects.		
General: Operating	573.34	
Water and Sewer: Water & Sewer Improvement Bonds of 2006		573.34
To close fund.		
Annabelle SID Debt Service	1,872.29	
City Share of Specials		1,872.29
Annabelle SID Debt Service	6,353.80	
Special Assessment Deficiency		6,353.80
To subsidize expenditures.		
Community Center Debt Service	204,000.00	
City Sales Tax: Economic Development		180,000.00
City Sales Tax: Community Improvement		24,000.00
To set aside funds for debt service.		
Water and Sewer: SRF Fund	376,164.02	
Water and Sewer: Water Operating		376,164.02
To subsidize debt service payments.		

Note 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The City of Tioga 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 (NDIRF), 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 NDIRF for its general liability, automobile and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and automobile; and \$1,943,945 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 \$2,000,000 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 8 PENSION PLAN

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

The city provides benefits for all of its full-time employees through the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS).

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54 – 52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the NDPERS plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan.

Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provision or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Members of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016 the Rule of 85 will be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020 the 2.00% multiplier was replaced with a 1.75% multiplier. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55 – 64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, life-time monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition of disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of covered compensation. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 8.12% of covered compensation. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020 member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 9.26% of covered compensation. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the city contributed \$119,699.03.

Note 9 TAX ABATEMENTS

The city has not entered into any tax abatement agreements that would reduce the city's tax revenues for the year ended December 31, 2024.

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga, North Dakota

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	446,796.31	446,796.31	429,074.18	(17,722.13)
Special Assessments			2,163.72	2,163.72
Licenses, Permits and Fees	27,500.00	27,500.00	48,161.29	20,661.29
Intergovernmental	158,050.00	158,050.00	10,442,704.14	10,284,654.14
Charges for Services	6,600.00	6,600.00	2,475.00	(4,125.00)
Fines and Forfeits	12,000.00	12,000.00	6,400.00	(5,600.00)
Interest Income	8,000.00	8,000.00	579,593.55	571,593.55
Miscellaneous	45,100.00	45,100.00	174,033.42	128,933.42
Total Revenues	704,046.31	704,046.31	11,684,605.30	10,980,558.99
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government	1,548,899.01	1,649,501.25	1,368,697.45	280,803.80
Public Safety	775,725.00	775,725.00	850,775.83	(75,050.83)
Streets and Public Works			0.51	(0.51)
Culture and Recreation	308,707.00	308,707.00	502,821.51	(194,114.51)
Capital Outlay		16,503.50	16,503.00	0.50
Debt Service:				
Principal			48,782.00	(48,782.00)
Total Expenditures	2,633,331.01	2,750,436.75	2,787,580.30	(37,143.55)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,929,284.70)	(2,046,390.44)	8,897,025.00	10,943,415.44
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			1,854,688.24	1,854,688.24
Transfers Out	(621,543.00)	(621,543.00)	(5,742,169.64)	(5,120,626.64)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(621,543.00)	(621,543.00)	(3,887,481.40)	(3,265,938.40)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,550,827.70)	(2,667,933.44)	5,009,543.60	7,677,477.04
Fund Balance - January 1	7,288,097.93	7,288,097.93	7,288,097.93	
Fund Balance - December 31	4,737,270.23	4,620,164.49	12,297,641.53	7,677,477.04

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
City Sales Tax Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Taxes	2,610,000.00	3,938,840.02	1,328,840.02
Miscellaneous	7,894.93	27,940.84	20,045.91
Total Revenues	2,617,894.93	3,966,780.86	1,348,885.93
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Current:			
Urban and Economic Development	250,000.00	332,067.97	(82,067.97)
Culture and Recreation	100,000.00	36,500.00	63,500.00
Health and Welfare	525,000.00	787,767.92	(262,767.92)
Total Expenditures	875,000.00	1,156,335.89	(281,335.89)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,742,894.93	2,810,444.97	1,067,550.04
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
Transfers In		493,708.85	493,708.85
Transfers Out	(203,000.00)	(2,433,130.37)	(2,230,130.37)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(203,000.00)	(1,939,421.52)	(1,736,421.52)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,539,894.93	871,023.45	(668,871.48)
Fund Balance - January 1	3,099,495.94	3,099,495.94	
Fund Balance - December 31	4,639,390.87	3,970,519.39	(668,871.48)

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Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules
December 31, 2024

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING 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, special revenue and debt service 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 approved the following amendment to the city's budget during the year ending December 31, 2024:

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
		<u>Appropriations</u>	
General	2,633,331.01	117,105.74	2,750,436.75

Expenditures of Actual Expenditures Over Budget

Expenditures exceeded budget in the following fund for the year ended June 30, 2024:

General	(37,143.55)
City Sales Tax	(281,335.89)

No remedial action is anticipated or required by the city regarding these excess expenditures.

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Schedule of Fund Activity
Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Balance 1-1-2024	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-2024
Major Governmental Funds						
General Fund:						
Operating	1,120,732.36	1,408,049.47	1,788,166.20	504,211.11	2,682,203.23	1,130,533.69
Capital Replacement			65,285.51		65,285.51	-
Oil and Gas Production Tax	6,086,060.07	10,147,365.11		5,237,958.53		10,995,466.65
Police Grants	48,502.06	76,747.92			19,138.50	106,111.48
Police Donations/Contributions	1,886.81	4,650.00	1,236.53		7,773.34	-
Community Center Donations/Contributions	30,916.63	47,792.80			13,179.72	65,529.71
Total General Fund	7,288,097.93	11,684,605.30	1,854,688.24	5,742,169.64	2,787,580.30	12,297,641.53
City Sales Tax:						
Economic Development	150,000.00	815,708.85		673,708.85	142,000.00	150,000.00
Property Tax Relief		393,884.01	493,708.85	887,592.86		-
Recreation	182,926.22	78,776.80			18,250.00	243,453.02
Parks	135,351.93	78,776.80			18,250.00	195,878.73
Community Improvement	283,132.93	236,330.40		24,000.00	190,067.97	305,395.36
Obligated Tioga Fund Projects	75,000.00					75,000.00
Infrastructure	2,273,084.86	1,575,536.08		847,828.66		3,000,792.28
Tioga Medical Center		787,767.92			787,767.92	-
North Main Reconstruction		591,493.87	3,304,608.98		3,896,102.85	-
Community Center Expansion Construction	10,699,577.82	5,228,895.25			3,879,876.39	12,048,596.68
Total Major Governmental Funds	21,087,171.69	21,471,775.28	5,653,006.07	8,175,300.01	11,719,895.43	28,316,757.60
Non-major Governmental Funds						
Municipal Highway		118,133.44	402,113.69		520,247.13	-
City Share of Specials	1,862.96	9.33		1,872.29		-
Special Assessment Deficiency	6,353.80			6,353.80		-
Emergency	50,000.00					50,000.00
City of Tioga Park Project	96,558.80				21,385.00	75,173.80
Library		45,462.15	92,003.17		137,465.32	-
Occupancy Tax	143,443.61	86,990.57			66,529.51	163,904.67
Annabelle SID Debt Service	50,671.15	55,007.66	53,016.65		158,695.46	-
Community Center Debt Service	245,379.17		204,000.00		224,100.00	225,279.17
Community Center Expansion Debt Service	3,036,365.23	447,252.50			1,209,405.66	2,274,212.07
South Main Reconstruction	28,721.51		128,211.48		156,932.99	-
3rd Street Hanson Reconstruction		399,826.80	78,305.16		478,131.96	-
City Fuel Station			93,364.00		93,364.00	-
Patching Asphalt Repair			179,235.50		179,235.50	-
City Baseball Field			20,145.00		20,145.00	-
Emergency Action Plan:						
Tioga EAP		71,148.20			41,955.00	29,193.20
Tioga Dam Nature Trail EAP	2,279,819.37				987,235.96	1,292,583.41
Total Non-major Governmental Funds	5,939,175.60	1,223,830.65	1,250,394.65	8,226.09	4,294,828.49	4,110,346.32
Total Governmental Funds	27,026,347.29	22,695,605.93	6,903,400.72	8,183,526.10	16,014,723.92	32,427,103.92

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Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
(continued)

	Balance 1-1-2024	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-2024
<u>Major Enterprise Funds</u>						
Water and Sewer:						
Water Operating	1,621,449.61	1,880,820.10		376,164.02	1,411,723.24	1,714,382.45
Sewer Operating	438,084.23	341,022.18			205,977.81	573,128.60
Water & Sewer Improvement Bonds of 2006	573.34			573.34		-
Watermain NE Reconstruction			348,567.52		348,567.52	-
SRF Fund			1,299,437.50		1,299,437.50	-
Total Major Enterprise Funds	2,060,107.18	2,221,842.28	1,648,005.02	376,737.36	3,265,706.07	2,287,511.05
<u>Non-major Enterprise Funds</u>						
Garbage		368,996.62	8,857.72		377,854.34	-
Vector Fees	74,471.57	19,349.77			35,230.42	58,590.92
Total Non-major Enterprise Funds	74,471.57	388,346.39	8,857.72	-	413,084.76	58,590.92
Total Enterprise Funds	2,134,578.75	2,610,188.67	1,656,862.74	376,737.36	3,678,790.83	2,346,101.97
<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>						
<u> Custodial Fund</u>						
Airport		16,351.02			16,351.02	-
Total All Funds	29,160,926.04	25,322,145.62	8,560,263.46	8,560,263.46	19,709,865.77	34,773,205.89

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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 Tioga
Tioga, 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 Tioga, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the city's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit 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 2024-001 and 2024-002, 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 to the findings identified in our audit is 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

April 25, 2025

CITY OF TIOGA
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Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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 X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ X Yes _____ None Reported
- Noncompliance material to financial Statements noted? _____ Yes X No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

Significant Deficiencies

1. 2024-001 – 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. 2024-002- 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.