CITY OF RICHARDTON RICHARDTON, NORTH DAKOTA

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

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CITY OF RICHARDTON CITY OFFICIALS (UNAUDITED)

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the City Commission City of Richardton Richardton, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying 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 Richardton as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Richardton's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Richardton, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.

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 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.

Other Matters

Correction of Error

As described in Note 13 to the financial statements, a prior period adjustment has been made to properly reflect funds for financial statement reporting purposes as of December 31, 2014. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Richardton's basic financial statements. The combining non-major fund statements and budgetary information schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining non-major fund statements and budgetary information schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. In our opinion, the combining non-major fund statements and budgetary information schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of city officials has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on this schedule.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 19, 2018, on our consideration of the City of Richardton'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 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 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 of Richardton's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C. BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

January 19, 2018

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Governmental Activities	Total	
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ 3,087,618 270,038	\$ 352,162 	\$ 3,439,780 270,038
Total assets	3,357,656	352,162	3,709,818
NET POSITION Restricted: Debt service Emergency Advortiging	648,213 8,159 2,168	- -	648,213 8,159 2,168
Advertising Planning Business enhancement Airport Haliburton related expenses Unrestricted	3,168 1,057 36,506 6,605 150,038 2,503,910	- - - - - 352,162	3,168 1,057 36,506 6,605 150,038 2,856,072
Total net position	\$ 3,357,656	\$ 352,162	\$ 3,709,818

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

		F	Program Revenue	s	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
Governmental activities: General government	\$ 235,670	\$ 13,730	\$-	\$-	\$ (221,940)	\$-	(221,940)	
Public safety	12,856	-	-	-	(12,856)	-	(12,856)	
Public works	62,757	-	911	297,546	235,700	-	235,700	
Health and welfare	63,081	-	-	-	(63,081)	-	(63,081)	
Culture and recreation	17,979	-	-	-	(17,979)	-	(17,979)	
Capital improvements	561,794	-	-	-	(561,794)	-	(561,794)	
Principal retirement	125,000	-	-	-	(125,000)	-	(125,000)	
Interest and fiscal charges	44,173		-		(44,173)		(44,173)	
Total governmental activities	1,123,310	13,730	911	297,546	(811,123)		(811,123)	
Business-type activities: Water operating fund	152,862	209,053	-	-	-	56,191	56,191	
Sewer operating fund	45,495	77,390	-	-	-	31,895	31,895	
Garbage operating fund	111,251	116,262	-	-	-	5,011	5,011	
Total business-type activities	309,608	409,610				100,002	100,002	
Total primary government	\$ 1,432,918	\$ 423,340	\$ 911	\$ 297,546	(811,123)	100,002	(711,121)	
	General Reven Taxes:				040.045		040.045	
	Property tax				213,245	-	213,245	
	Cigarette ta Sales taxes				1,601 173,874	-	1,601 173,874	
	Highway ta				38,615		38,615	
	Oil and gas				268,493	-	268,493	
	State aid				41,985	-	41,985	
	Interest incon	ne			319	29	348	
	Miscellaneous				25,462		25,462	
	Total general re	evenues			763,594	29	763,623	
	Change in net p	osition			(47,529)	100,031	52,502	
	Net position - Ja				3,405,185	252,131	3,657,316	
	Net position - D	ecember 31			\$ 3,357,656	\$ 352,162	\$ 3,709,818	

CITY OF RICHARDTON BALANCE SHEET - CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

	General	Insurance Reserve	Street	Water, Sewer, and Lagoon	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Due from other funds	\$ 2,503,910 150,038 19,958	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ 471,760 100,000 -	\$ 111,948 20,000 -	\$ 3,087,618 270,038 19,958
Total assets	\$ 2,673,906	\$-	\$-	\$ 571,760	\$ 131,948	\$ 3,377,614
LIABILITIES Due to other funds	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 4,166	\$ 14,066	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 1,726	\$ 19,958
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted Unassigned	150,038 2,523,868	- (4,166)	- (14,066)	571,760	131,948 (1,726)	853,746 2,503,910
Total fund balances	2,673,906	(4,166)	(14,066)	571,760	130,222	3,357,656
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 2,673,906	\$ -	\$-	\$ 571,760	\$ 131,948	\$ 3,377,614

CITY OF RICHARDTON

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	General	-	surance eserve	Street	Se	Water, ewer, and Lagoon	Gov	onmajor /ernmental Funds	Total
REVENUES									
Taxes	\$ 425,133	\$	4,342	\$ 38,615	\$	163,036	\$	64,702	\$ 695,828
Licenses, permits and fees	13,730		-	-		-		-	13,730
Intergovernmental	41,985		-	-		297,546		-	339,531
Interest income	319		-	-		-		-	319
Miscellaneous	6,787		31	 911		-		18,644	 26,373
Total revenues	487,954		4,373	 39,526		460,582		83,346	 1,075,781
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government	223,219		2,942	-		-		9,509	235,670
Public safety	12,696		-	-		-		160	12,856
Public works	-		-	62,757		-		-	62,757
Health and welfare	63,081		-	-		-		-	63,081
Culture and recreation	15,125		-	-		-		2,854	17,979
Capital outlay	322,799		-	-		236,579		2,416	561,794
Debt service:									
Principal retirement	-		-	-		110,000		15,000	125,000
Interest and fiscal charges			-	-		33,709		10,464	44,173
Total expenditures	636,920		2,942	 62,757		380,288		40,403	1,123,310
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(148,966)		1,431	(23,231)		80,294		42,943	(47,529)
Fund balance - January 1	2,822,872		(5,597)	 9,165		491,466		87,279	 3,405,185
Fund balance - December 31	\$ 2,673,906	\$	(4,166)	\$ (14,066)	\$	571,760	\$	130,222	\$ 3,357,656

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

	_	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds									
		Nonma Enterpr									
	Water	Garbage	Sewer	Funds	Funds						
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 164,467	\$ 4,349	\$ 120,940	\$ 62,406	\$ 352,162						
NET POSITION											
Unrestricted	\$ 164,467	\$ 4,349	\$ 120,940	\$ 62,406	\$ 352,162						

CITY OF RICHARDTON

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION - CASH BASIS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds								
				Nonmajor	Total				
		- ·	-	Enterprise	Enterprise				
	Water	Garbage	Sewer	Funds	Funds				
OPERATING REVENUES									
Charges for sales and services:	¢ 102 616	<u></u>	\$-	¢ 15 407	¢ 200.052				
Water operations Sewer operations	\$ 193,616	\$-	ъ - 77,390	\$ 15,437	\$ 209,053 77,390				
Garbage operations	-	- 116,262	77,390	-	116,262				
Other operating receipts	6,905	-	-	-	6,905				
Total operating revenues	200,521	116,262	77,390	15,437	409,610				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES									
Water	152,862	-	-	-	152,862				
Sewer	-	-	45,495	-	45,495				
Garbage		111,251			111,251				
Total operating expenses	152,862	111,251	45,495		309,608				
Operating income	47,659	5,011	31,895	15,437	100,002				
NON-OPERATING INCOME									
Interest income	29				29				
Change in net position	47,688	5,011	31,895	15,437	100,031				
Net position - January 1	116,779	(662)	89,045	46,969	252,131				
Net position - December 31	\$ 164,467	\$ 4,349	\$ 120,940	\$ 62,406	\$ 352,162				

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - CASH BASIS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds									
	Water	Garbage	Sewer	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds					
Cash flows from operating activities:										
Receipts from customers	\$ 200,521	\$ 116,262	\$ 77,390	\$ 15,437	\$ 409,610					
Payments to suppliers	(122,040)	(107,929)	(42,173)	-	(272,142)					
Payments to employees	(30,822)	(3,322)	(3,322)		(37,466)					
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	47,659	5,011	31,895	15,437	100,002					
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:										
Interest income	29	-	-	-	29					
Interfund disbursements	-	(662)	-	-	(662)					
Interfund receipts	662				662					
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	691	(662)			29					
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	48,350	4,349	31,895	15,437	100,031					
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	116,117	-	89,045	46,969	252,131					
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	\$ 164,467	\$ 4,349	\$ 120,940	\$ 62,406	\$ 352,162					

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ 3,255,152 150,033	\$ 252,131 	\$ 3,507,283 150,033
Total assets	3,405,185	252,131	3,657,316
NET POSITION			
Restricted:			
Debt service	531,271	-	531,271
Street	9,165	-	9,165
Emergency	6,943	-	6,943
Social security	667	-	667
Advertising	3,065	-	3,065
Planning	507	-	507
Business enhancement	30,666	-	30,666
Airport	5,626	-	5,626
Haliburton related expenses	150,033	-	150,033
Unrestricted	2,667,242	252,131	2,919,373
Total net position	\$ 3,405,185	\$ 252,131	\$ 3,657,316

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	F	Program Reven	ies		Expense) Revenue anges in Net Positi		
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental activities: General government Public safety Public works	\$ 284,277 12,696 59,558	\$ 54,989 - -	\$ - - 469	\$- - 215,346	\$ (229,288) (12,696) 156,257	\$ - - -	(229,288) (12,696) 156,257
Health and welfare Culture and recreation Capital improvements Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges	137,312 28,068 1,207,573 95,000 42,380	- - -	-	- - 2,257,288 - -	(137,312) (28,068) 1,049,715 (95,000) (42,380)		(137,312) (28,068) 1,049,715 (95,000) (42,380)
Total governmental activities	1,866,864	54,989	469	2,472,634	661,228		661,228
Business-type activities: Water operating fund Sewer operating fund Garbage operating fund Other enterprise funds	148,517 43,144 107,756 -	224,608 73,385 105,014 26,315	-	- - -	- - -	76,091 30,241 (2,742) 26,315	76,091 30,241 (2,742) 26,315
Total business-type activities	299,417	429,322	-			129,905	129,905
Total primary government	\$ 2,166,281	\$ 484,311	\$ 469	\$2,472,634	661,228	129,905	791,133
	General Reven Taxes: Property ta Cigarette ta Sales taxes Highway ta Oil and gas State aid Interest incon Miscellaneous	xes ix s x tax ne			256,806 1,717 251,936 43,841 245,000 60,910 332 58,974	- - - 20	256,806 1,717 251,936 43,841 245,000 60,910 352 58,974
	Total general re	evenues			919,516	20	919,536
	Change in net p Net position - Ja Net position - D	anuary 1			1,580,744 1,824,441 \$ 3,405,185	129,925 122,206 \$ 252,131	1,710,669 1,946,647 3,657,316

CITY OF RICHARDTON BALANCE SHEET - CASH BASIS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General	Insurance Reserve		,		Nonmajor Governmental Funds			Total
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Due from other funds	\$ 2,667,242 150,033 5,597	\$	-	\$	491,466 - -	\$	96,444 - -	\$3	5,255,152 150,033 5,597
Total assets	\$ 2,822,872	\$	-	\$	491,466	\$	96,444	\$3	,410,782
LIABILITIES									
Due to other funds	\$-	\$	5,597	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,597
FUND BALANCES									
Restricted	150,033		-		491,466		96,444		737,943
Unassigned	2,672,839		(5,597)		-		-	2	,667,242
Total fund balances	2,822,872		(5,597)		491,466		96,444	3	,405,185
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 2,822,872	\$	-	\$	491,466	\$	96,444	\$ 3	,410,782

CITY OF RICHARDTON

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

REVENUES	General	Insurance Reserve	Water, Sewer, and Lagoon	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Taxes	\$ 455,844	\$ 4,142	\$ 207,814	\$ 131,500	\$ 799,300
Licenses, permits and fees	54,989	-	- -	-	54,989
Intergovernmental	2,318,198	-	215,346	-	2,533,544
Interest income	332	-	-	-	332
Miscellaneous	36,413	3,916	-	19,114	59,443
Total revenues	2,865,776	8,058	423,160	150,614	3,447,608
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	264,309	10,040	-	9,928	284,277
Public safety	12,696	-	-	-	12,696
Public works	-	-	-	59,558	59,558
Health and welfare	137,312	-	-	-	137,312
Culture and recreation	24,505	-	-	3,563	28,068
Capital outlay	934,264	-	271,413	1,896	1,207,573
Debt service:				1 = 0.00	
Principal retirement	-	-	80,000	15,000	95,000
Interest and fiscal charges		-	31,611	10,769	42,380
Total expenditures	1,373,086	10,040	383,024	100,714	1,866,864
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,492,690	(1,982)	40,136	49,900	1,580,744
Fund balance - January 1, as originally stated	1,318,495	(3,615)	-	509,561	1,824,441
Prior period adjustment	11,687	-	451,330	(463,017)	
Fund balance - January 1, adjusted	1,330,182	(3,615)	451,330	46,544	1,824,441
Fund balance - December 31	\$ 2,822,872	\$ (5,597)	\$ 491,466	\$ 96,444	\$ 3,405,185

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – CASH BASIS – PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds							
		Water	G	arbage	E	onmajor nterprise Funds		Total nterprise Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents Due from other funds	\$	116,117 662	\$	-	\$	136,014 -	\$	252,131 662
Total assets		116,779				136,014		252,793
LIABILITIES								
Due to other funds		-		662		-		662
NET POSITION								
Unrestricted		116,779		(662)		136,014		252,131
Total liabilities and net position	\$	116,779	\$	-	\$	136,014	\$	252,793

CITY OF RICHARDTON

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION – CASH BASIS – PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds							
			Nonmajor	Total				
		_	Enterprise	Enterprise				
	Water	Garbage	Funds	Funds				
OPERATING REVENUES								
Charges for sales and services: Water operations	\$ 207,648	\$-	\$ 16,960	\$ 224,608				
Sewer operations	-	-	73,385	73,385				
Garbage operations	-	105,014	-	105,014				
Other operating receipts	5,578		20,737	26,315				
Total operating revenues	213,226	105,014	111,082	429,322				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Water	147,786	-	731	148,517				
Sewer	-	-	43,144	43,144				
Garbage		107,756		107,756				
Total operating expenses	147,786	107,756	43,875	299,417				
Operating income	65,440	(2,742)	67,207	129,905				
NON-OPERATING INCOME								
Interest income	20			20				
Change in net position	65,460	(2,742)	67,207	129,925				
Net position - January 1	51,319	2,080	68,807	122,206				
Net position - December 31	\$ 116,779	\$ (662)	\$ 136,014	\$ 252,131				

CITY OF RICHARDTON STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – CASH BASIS – PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds						
	Water	Garbage	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds			
Cash flows from operating activities:							
Receipts from customers	\$ 213,226	\$ 105,014	\$ 111,082	\$ 429,322			
Payments to suppliers	(116,964)	(76,934)	(13,053)	(206,951)			
Payments to employees	(30,822)	(30,822)	(30,822)	(92,466)			
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	65,440	(2,742)	67,207	129,905			
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:							
Interest income	20	-	-	20			
Interfund disbursements	(662)	-	-	(662)			
Interfund receipts		662		662			
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital							
financing activities	(642)	662		20			
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	64,798	(2,080)	67,207	129,925			
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	51,319	2,080	68,807	122,206			
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	\$ 116,117	<u> </u>	\$ 136,014	\$ 252,131			

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Richardton, North Dakota, was incorporated under the laws of the State of North Dakota and operates under a city commission form of government. The accounting policy of the City of Richardton is to maintain the accounting records on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The City does not maintain capital asset records or related debt for the governmental and business-type activities. Since capital asset records are not maintained, depreciation is not recognized and recorded as an expense. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

As discussed further in the "Measurement Focus" and "Basis of Accounting" sections in Note 1, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

Financial Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statement present the activities of the City of Richardton. 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 would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental 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 upon the application of these criteria, the City is not includable as a component unit within another reporting entity and the City does not have a component unit.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government of the City of Richardton. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the City's funds including its blended component units. 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. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from non-exchange 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.

Insurance Reserve Fund. This fund is used to account for tax money received and expenditures incurred for insurance.

Street Fund (2016 only). This fund is used to account for money received to be used for street upkeep and repairs and the related expenditures made.

Water, Sewer, and Lagoon. This fund is used to account for revenues received to pay off the Refunding Improvement bonds issued, the proceeds of the Refunding Improvement bonds, and costs of the Water and Sewer District #8 project.

The City reports the following major enterprise funds:

Water Fund. This fund is used to account for customer receipts for water fees and operating expenditures for water services.

Garbage Fund. This fund is used to account for customer receipts for garbage fees and operating expenditures for garbage services.

Sewer Fund (2016 only). This fund is used to account for customer receipts for sewer fees and operating expenditures for sewer services.

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 cash basis of accounting, as defined below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus, as applied to the 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 expendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available expendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b) The proprietary funds utilize 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 non-current, financial, or non-financial) associated with their activities are reported on a cash basis. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The City's financial statements are prepared under the cash basis of accounting.

In the government-wide statements of net position and statement of activities and the fund financial statements, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets and net position/fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions in the government-wide statements, and proprietary fund statements. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this 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 financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits.

Fund Balance Classifications

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form - inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Restricted – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the City Commission-the City's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Commission removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the City's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The City Commission and City Auditor have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned – This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the City's preference is to first use restricted resources, then unrestricted resources—committed, assigned, and unassigned—in order as needed.

The City does not have a minimum fund balance policy.

Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

Budgetary Information:

The City Commission adopts an annual budget on a basis consistent with the cash basis of accounting for the general fund, each special revenue fund and each debt service fund of the municipality. The City is required to present the adopted and final amended revenues and expenditures for each of these funds.

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- On or before September 10 of the preceding fiscal year, the City prepares a preliminary budget for the next succeeding year beginning January 1. The preliminary budget includes a detailed breakdown of the estimated revenues and appropriations.
- The governing board holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may testify in favor or against any proposed disbursements or tax levies requested in the preliminary budget. After the budget hearing and on or before October 1, the board adopts the final budget.
- The final budget must be filed with the county auditor by October 7.
- No disbursement shall be made or liability incurred in excess of the total appropriation by fund. However, the governing board may amend the budget during the year for any revenue 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 proceedings of the board.
- All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

Budget Amendments

The city's governing board did not amend the budgets during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Budget

Expenditures exceeded budget in the following funds during the year ended December 31, 2016:

Governmental Funds	
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General

\$ 269,078

Expenditures exceeded budget in the following funds during the year ended December 31, 2015:

Governmental Funds:	
General	\$ 436,386
Insurance Reserve	4,240

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

NOTE 3 DEPOSITS

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 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 such other securities approved by the banking board.

The City maintains cash on deposit at a financial institution. The amounts on deposit were insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, none of the City's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk, as all deposits were covered by FDIC coverage and pledged collateral through local financial institutions. \$3,498,449 and \$3,484,935 of the City's deposits are covered by pledged securities held in the City's name as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Credit Risk:

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- (c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (d) Obligations of the state.
- (e) Commercial paper issued by a United States corporation rated in the highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in two hundred seventy days or less

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the City had no investments.

Concentration of Credit Risk:

The City does not have a limit on the amount the City may invest in any one issuer. The City does not have an investment policy that specifically addresses credit risk.

NOTE 4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – RESTRICTED

The City has \$270,038 and \$150,033 reported as cash and cash equivalents – restricted as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The amount as of December 31, 2016 is made up of \$150,038 of cash from Halliburton and \$100,000 of cash held in reserve as part of a bond agreement. All of the amount as of December 31, 2015 is related to cash received from Halliburton. Cash received from Halliburton is restricted to use as follows: to cover expenses directly incurred by the City for legal counsel, engineering reports, and other costs associated with the zoning, annexation, roadway construction, and railway development issues. Cash held in reserve is restricted in use for principal and interest payment on the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of 2013 if collections of sales tax are not sufficient to make the payment.

NOTE 5 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 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 6 DUE TO/DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS

The due to and due from other funds as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 consist of cash overdrafts.

The amounts are as follows as of December 31, 2016:

Due to Fund	Due from Fund	Amount
Governmental Funds:		
General	Insurance Reserve	\$ 4,166
General	Street	14,066
General	Non-major governmental	1,726
		\$ 19,958

The amounts are as follows as of December 31, 2015:

Due to Fund	Due from Fund	Amount		
<u>Governmental Funds:</u> General	Insurance Reserve	\$	5,597	
<u>Enterprise Funds:</u> Water	Garbage	\$	662	

NOTE 7 DEFICIT BALANCES

The following funds were in a deficit position at December 31, 2016:

Governmental Funds:	
Insurance Reserve	\$ 4,166
Street	14,066
Social Security	1,726
	\$ 19,958

The following funds were in a deficit position at December 31, 2015:

Governmental Funds:	
Insurance Reserve	\$ 5,597
<u>Enterprise Funds:</u> Garbage	\$ 662

The deficits will be alleviated by tax collections, fee collections, debt financing, grant proceeds, or transfers from the general fund.

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT

Below is a summary of long-term debt owed by the City. This information is not included in the financial statements, as the financial statements are prepared on a cash basis.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the following changes occurred in long-term debt:

	Balance January 1	Additions	F	Reductions	Balance December 31	Due Within One Year
Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of 2013	\$ 370,000	\$ -	\$	15,000	\$ 355,000	\$ 15,000
Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2014	1,270,000	-		110,000	1,160,000	105,000
Total	\$1,640,000	\$ -	\$	125,000	\$1,515,000	\$ 120,000

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the following changes occurred in long-term debt:

	Balance January 1	Addi	tions	Re	ductions	Balance December 31	Due Within One Year
Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of 2013	\$ 385,000	\$	-	\$	15,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 15,000
Refunding Improvement							
Bonds of 2014	1,350,000		-		80,000	1,270,000	110,000
Total	\$1,735,000	\$	-	\$	95,000	\$1,640,000	\$ 125,000

Long-term debt of the governmental activities at December 31, 2016 and 2015 consisted of the following issues:

Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of 2013

\$400,000 sales tax revenue bonds series 2013 due in annual payments of \$15,000 through 2017, \$20,000 through 2029, and \$25,000 annually through 2033. Interest payments are made semiannually in May and November with an annual interest rate of 2.85%.

The City is required to maintain a cash reserve in connection with the sales tax revenue bonds. The cash reserve requirement was not met as of December 31, 2016. The City was required to have an amount of at least the minimum of the following in reserve: 10% of the stated principal of the bond, the maximum annual principal and interest payment requirements of the bonds, or 125% of the average annual debt service requirements of the bond.

The City has an agreement in place with a developer who is to pay an annual \$18,644 payment, which includes interest of 4.50% to the City to help offset the costs through 2038.

Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2014

\$1,350,000 refunding improvement bonds due in annual payments ranging from \$80,000 to \$110,000 through 2028. Interest payments are made semiannually in May and November with an annual interest rate ranging from 0.50-4.00%.

The principal maturities on debt for the years ending December 31st are as follows:

Year Ending		
December 31	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 120,000	\$ 38,563
2018	125,000	37,475
2019	120,000	35,710
2020	120,000	34,010
2021	120,000	31,610
2022-2026	570,000	114,966
2027-2031	290,000	28,650
2032-2035	50,000	2,250
Total	\$1,515,000	\$ 323,234

NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

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The City of Richardton 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 of Richardton pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto, and equipment insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and automobile and \$407,395 for equipment.

The City of Richardton 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 State Bonding Fund currently provides the City with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$1,300,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The City of Richardton has workers compensation with the Workforce Safety and Insurance and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance for its full time employee.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year and settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE 10 FUND BALANCES

At December 31, 2016, a summary of the governmental fund balance classifications is as follows:

	Gen	eral	Insurance Reserve		Street		Water, Sewer, and Lagoon	Non-major Governmenta I Funds		Total	
Restricted for:											
Debt service	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 571,760	\$ 76,453	\$	648,213	
Emergency		-		-		-	-	8,159		8,159	
Advertising		-		-		-	-	3,168		3,168	
Planning		-		-		-	-	1,057		1,057	
Business enhancement		-		-		-	-	36,506		36,506	
Airport		-		-		-	-	6,605		6,605	
Haliburton related expenses*	15	0,038		-		-	-	-		150,038	
Unassigned	2,52	3,868	((4,166)	(1	4,066)	-	(1,726)	2	,503,910	
	\$2,67	3,906	\$ ((4,166)	\$ (1	4,066)	\$ 571,760	\$ 130,222	\$3	,357,656	

At December 31, 2015, a summary of the governmental fund balance classifications is as follows:

	General		Insurance Reserve		Water, Sewer, and Lagoon		on-major vernmenta I Funds	Total	
Restricted for:						_			
Debt service	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 491,466	\$	39,805	\$	531,271
Street		-		-	-		9,165		9,165
Emergency		-		-	-		6,943		6,943
Social security		-		-	-		667		667
Advertising		-		-	-		3,065		3,065
Planning		-		-	-		507		507
Business enhancement		-		-	-		30,666		30,666
Airport		-		-	-		5,626		5,626
Haliburton related expenses*	150	,033		-	-		-		150,033
Unassigned	2,672	,839	(5,597)	-		-	2	,667,242
	\$2,822	,872	\$ (5,597)	\$ 491,466	\$	96,444	\$3	,405,185

* See Note 4 for further information regarding amounts restricted for Haliburton related expenses.

NOTE 11 NEW GASB PROUNOUNCEMENTS

GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, is to improve the usefulness of information about postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB) included in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governmental OPEB plans for making decisions and assessing accountability. This Statement is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units and amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criteria require blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does not apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organization Are Component Units*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, provides recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. This Statement requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split-interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Furthermore, this Statement requires that a government recognize assets representing its beneficial interests in irrevocable split-interest agreements that are administered by a third party, if the government controls the present service capacity of the beneficial interests. This Statement requires that a government recognize revenue when the resources become applicable to the reporting period. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and should be applied retroactively. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67 and No.* 73, provides further guidance regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. This Statement amends GASB Statements No. 67 and No. 68 to require the presentation of covered payroll to be defined as the payroll on which contributions to a pension plan are based, rather than the payroll of employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016, except for the requirements of this Statement for the selection of assumptions in a circumstance in which an employer's pension liability is measured as of a date other than the employer's most recent fiscal year-end. In that

circumstance, the requirements for the selection of assumptions are effective for that employer in the first reporting period in which the measurement date of the pension liability is on or after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). This Statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and corresponding deferred outflow of resources for AROs. It also establishes disclosure of information about the nature of a government's AROs, the methods and assumptions used for the estimates of the liabilities, and the estimated remaining useful life of the associated tangible capital assets. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, provides guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits [OPEB]). The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*, provides guidance for derecognizing debt that is defeased in substance, regardless of how cash and other monetary assets placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of extinguishing that debt were acquired. This Statement requires that any remaining prepaid insurance related to the extinguished debt be included in the net carrying amount of that debt for the purpose of calculating the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the debt. In addition, this Statement will enhance the decision-usefulness of information in notes to financial statements regarding debt that has been defeased in substance. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This Statement requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. This Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Earlier application is encouraged.

Management has not yet determined what effect these statements will have on the City's financial statements.

NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS

In September 2016, the City entered into construction contracts for pump house improvement projects. The total amount of the construction commitment was \$571,470. As of December 31, 2016, \$566,070 remains to be paid on the contracts.

NOTE 13 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

A prior period adjustment was posted to the December 31, 2014 financial statements to properly re-group funds for financial statement reporting purposes. This adjustment had no effect on opening net position.

NOTE 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has entered into various construction contracts since year end totaling \$316,860 for capital projects.

The City entered into a lease to purchase a sweeper for \$48,500, with payments to be made over 4 years and with a 5% interest rate.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through January 19, 2018, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

CITY OF RICHARDTON

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CASH BASIS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Fir F	riance with nal Budget avorable nfavorable)
	•		•		•	105 100	•	000 400
Taxes	\$	195,733	\$	195,733	\$	425,133	\$	229,400
Licenses, permits and fees		36,790		36,790		13,730		(23,060)
Intergovernmental		61,700		61,700		41,985		(19,715)
Interest income		250		250		319		69
Miscellaneous		9,700		9,700		6,787		(2,913)
Total revenues		304,173		304,173		487,954		183,781
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
General government		355,150		355,150		223,219		131,931
Public safety		12,692		12,692		12,696		(4)
Health and welfare		-		-		63,081		(63,081)
Culture and recreation		-		-		15,125		(15,125)
Other		-		-		322,799		(322,799)
Total expenditures		367,842		367,842		636,920		(269,078)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$	(63,669)	\$	(63,669)		(148,966)	\$	(85,297)
Fund balance - January 1						2,822,872		
Fund balance - December 31					\$	2,673,906		
CITY OF RICHARDTON BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CASH BASIS – INSURANCE RESERVE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUES		Driginal Budget	E	Final Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Taxes	\$	4,305	\$	4,305	\$	4,342	\$	37	
Miscellaneous	Ψ	-	Ψ	-,000	Ψ	31	Ψ	31	
Total revenues		4,305		4,305		4,373		68	
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government		10,041		10,041		2,942		7,099	
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$	(5,736)	\$	(5,736)		1,431	\$	7,167	
Fund balance - January 1						(5,597)			
Fund balance - December 31					\$	(4,166)			

CITY OF RICHARDTON BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CASH BASIS – STREET FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUES	Original Budget	 Final Budget	 Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Taxes	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 38,615	\$	(6,385)
Miscellaneous	 410	 410	 911		501
Total revenues	 45,410	 45,410	 39,526		(5,884)
EXPENDITURES Current:					
Public works	 64,750	 64,750	 62,757		1,993
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (19,340)	\$ (19,340)	(23,231)	\$	(3,891)
Fund balance - January 1			 9,165		
Fund balance - December 31			\$ (14,066)		

CITY OF RICHARDTON COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – CASH BASIS – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Em	ergency	Social ecurity	Ad	vertising	PI	anning
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$	8,159 -	\$ -	\$	3,168 -	\$	1,057 -
Total assets	\$	8,159	\$ 	\$	3,168	\$	1,057
LIABILITIES Due to other funds	\$		\$ 1,726	\$		\$	
FUND BALANCES Restricted Unassigned		8,159 -	 - (1,726)		3,168 -		1,057
Total fund balances		8,159	 (1,726)		3,168		1,057
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	8,159	\$ -	\$	3,168	\$	1,057

CITY OF RICHARDTON COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – CASH BASIS – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	usiness ancement	A	Airport	 ter/Sewer xtension	 Total
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,506 -	\$	6,605 -	\$ 56,453 20,000	\$ 111,948 20,000
Total assets	\$ 36,506	\$	6,605	\$ 76,453	\$ 131,948
LIABILITIES Due to other funds	\$ 	\$		\$ 	\$ 1,726
FUND BALANCES Restricted Unassigned	 36,506 -		6,605 -	 76,453 -	 131,948 (1,726)
Total fund balances	 36,506		6,605	 76,453	 130,222
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 36,506	\$	6,605	\$ 76,453	\$ 131,948

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Em	ergency	Social Security Advertising			vertising	Planning	
REVENUES Taxes Miscellaneous	\$	1,376 -	\$	6,669 -	\$	550 -	\$	550 -
Total revenues		1,376		6,669		550		550
EXPENDITURES Current:								
General government Public safety		- 160		9,062 -		447 -		-
Culture and recreation Other		-		-		-		-
Debt service:								
Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges		-		-				
Total expenditures		160		9,062		447		-
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures Fund balance - January 1		1,216 6,943		(2,393) 667		103 3,065		550 507
Fund balance - December 31	\$	8,159	\$	(1,726)	\$	3,168	\$	1,057

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	usiness ancement	A	irport	ter/Sewer xtension	Total
REVENUES Taxes Miscellaneous	\$ 8,694 -	\$	3,395 -	\$ 43,468 18,644	\$ 64,702 18,644
Total revenues	 8,694		3,395	 62,112	 83,346
EXPENDITURES Current:					
General government Public safety	-		-	-	9,509 160
Culture and recreation Other	2,854 -		۔ 2,416	-	2,854 2,416
Debt service: Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges	-		-	15,000 10,464	15,000 10,464
Total expenditures	 2,854		2,416	25,464	 40,403
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures Fund balance - January 1	5,840 30,666		979 5,626	 36,648 39,805	42,943 87,279
Fund balance - December 31	\$ 36,506	\$	6,605	\$ 76,453	\$ 130,222

COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – CASH BASIS – NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

	 Transfer Account		Water blacement	E8	RD E&E RES		Total
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 953	\$	52,493	\$	8,960	\$	62,406
NET POSITION Unrestricted	\$ 953	\$	52,493	\$	8,960	\$	62,406

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION – CASH BASIS – NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Transfer Account		Water blacement	E8	RD E RES	Total
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for sales and services:						
Water operations	\$	-	\$ 15,437	\$	-	\$ 15,437
Change in net position		-	15,437		-	15,437
Net position - January 1		953	 37,056		8,960	 46,969
Net position - December 31	\$	953	\$ 52,493	\$	8,960	\$ 62,406

CITY OF RICHARDTON BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CASH BASIS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 144,400	\$ 144,400	\$ 455,844	\$ 311,444
Licenses, permits and fees	21,050	21,050	54,989	33,939
Intergovernmental	555,150	555,150	2,318,198	1,763,048
Interest income	120	120	332	212
Miscellaneous	11,750	11,750	36,413	24,663
Total revenues	732,470	732,470	2,865,776	2,133,306
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	424,000	424,000	264,309	159,691
Public safety	12,700	12,700	12,696	4
Health and welfare	-	-	137,312	(137,312)
Culture and recreation	-	-	24,505	(24,505)
Other	500,000	500,000	934,264	(434,264)
Total expenditures	936,700	936,700	1,373,086	(436,386)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (204,230)	\$ (204,230)	1,492,690	\$ 1,696,920
Fund balance - January 1			1,330,182	
Fund balance - December 31			\$ 2,822,872	

CITY OF RICHARDTON BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CASH BASIS – INSURANCE RESERVE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

REVENUES		Driginal Budget		Final Budget	/	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Taxes	\$	4,046	\$	4,046	\$	4,142	\$	96	
Miscellaneous	+	-	+	-	+	3,916	+	3,916	
Total revenues		4,046		4,046		8,058		4,012	
EXPENDITURES Current:									
General government		5,800		5,800		10,040		(4,240)	
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$	(1,754)	\$	(1,754)		(1,982)	\$	(228)	
Fund balance - January 1						(3,615)			
Fund balance - December 31					\$	(5,597)			

CITY OF RICHARDTON COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – CASH BASIS – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	S	Street	Em	ergency	ocial curity	Adv	vertising	Pla	Planning \$507			
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,165	\$	6,943	\$ 667	\$	3,065	\$	507			
FUND BALANCES Restricted	\$	9,165	\$	6,943	\$ 667	\$	3,065	\$	507			

CITY OF RICHARDTON COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	usiness ancement	A	Airport		ter/Sewer xtension	 Rural Development		eet ement ct #6
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 30,666	\$	5,626	\$	39,805	\$ -	\$	-
FUND BALANCES Restricted	\$ 30,666	\$	5,626	\$	39,805	\$ -	\$	-

CITY OF RICHARDTON COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Asses	ecial sment iency	City Share of Special Assessment A		Ambu	Fire Building and Ambulance Equipment			Energy Impact Grant Fund		
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
FUND BALANCES Restricted	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$		

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Se	er and wer rict #8	Infrast	ructure	pital jects	Total		
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	96,444	
FUND BALANCES Restricted	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	96,444	

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		Street	Em	ergency	Social Security		Advertising		Planning	
REVENUES	Olicer		Emergency		Coounty		<u></u>			
Taxes	\$	43,841	\$	1,297	\$	6,457	\$	516	\$	530
Miscellaneous		469		-	-	-	-			
Total revenues		44,310		1,297		6,457		516		530
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General government		-		-		9,592		336		-
Public safety		-		-		-		-		-
Public works		59,558		-		-		-		-
Culture and recreation		-		-		-		-		-
Other		-		-		-		-		-
Debt service:										
Principal retirement		-		-		-		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges		-		-		-		-		-
Total expenditures		59,558		-		9,592		336		-
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures		(15,248)		1,297		(3,135)		180		530
Fund balance - January 1, as originally stated		24,413		5,646		3,802		2,885		(23)
Prior period adjustment		-		-		-				-
Fund balance - January 1, adjusted		24,413		5,646		3,802		2,885		(23)
Fund balance - December 31	\$	9,165	\$	6,943	\$	667	\$	3,065	\$	507

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		usiness ancement		Airport	Water/Sewer Extension		Rural Development		Street Improvement District #6	
REVENUES	•	40 507	•	0.070	•		•		•	
Taxes Miscellaneous	\$	12,597 -	\$	3,278 -	\$	62,984 18,645	\$	-	\$	-
Total revenues		12,597	1	3,278		81,629		-		-
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General government		-		-		-		-		-
Public safety		-		-		-		-		-
Public works		-		-		-		-		-
Culture and recreation		3,563		-		-		-		-
Other		-		1,896		-		-		-
Debt service:										
Principal retirement		-		-		15,000		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges		-				10,769		-		-
Total expenditures		3,563		1,896		25,769		-		-
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures		9,034		1,382		55,860		-		-
Fund balance - January 1, as originally stated Prior period adjustment		21,632 -		4,244		- (16,055)		(26,035) 26,035		4,476 (4,476)
Fund balance - January 1, adjusted		21,632		4,244		(16,055)		-		-
Fund balance - December 31	\$	30,666	\$	5,626	\$	39,805	\$	_	\$	-

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Assessment Deficiency		City Share of Special Assessment		Ambulance		Fire Building and Equipment		Energy Impact Grant Fund	
REVENUES										
Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Miscellaneous		-		-		-		-		-
Total revenues		-		-		-		_		-
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General government		-		-		-		-		-
Public safety		-		-		-		-		-
Public works		-		-		-		-		-
Culture and recreation		-		-		-		-		-
Other		-		-		-		-		-
Debt service:										
Principal retirement		-		-		-		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges		-				-		-		-
Total expenditures		-		-		-		-		-
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures		-		-		-		-		-
Fund balance - January 1, as originally stated		863		3,045		189		7		(126,498)
Prior period adjustment		(863)		(3,045)		(189)		(7)		126,498
Fund balance - January 1, adjusted		-		-		-		-		-
Fund balance - December 31	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Water Sew Distric	/er	Infra	astructure	Capital Projects	Total	
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	131,500
Miscellaneous		-		-	 -		19,114
Total revenues		-		-	 -		150,614
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government		-		-	-		9,928
Public safety		-		-	-		-
Public works		-		-	-		59,558
Culture and recreation		-		-	-		3,563
Other		-		-	-		1,896
Debt service:							
Principal retirement		-		-	-		15,000
Interest and fiscal charges		-		-	 -		10,769
Total expenditures		-		-	-		100,714
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures		-		-	 -		49,900
Fund balance - January 1, as originally stated	20	6,676		58,993	325,246		509,561
Prior period adjustment	(20	6,676)		(58,993)	 (325,246)		(463,017)
Fund balance - January 1, adjusted		-		-	 		46,544
Fund balance - December 31	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	96,444

COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Sewer	Transfer Account	Water Replacement	RD E&E RES	Total
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 89,045	\$ 953	\$ 37,056	\$ 8,960	\$ 136,014
NET POSITION Unrestricted	\$ 89,045	\$ 953	\$ 37,056	\$ 8,960	\$ 136,014

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION - CASH BASIS - NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Sewer		Transfer Account		Water Replacement		RD E&E RES			Total
OPERATING REVENUES										
Charges for sales and services: Water operations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,960	\$	-	\$	16,960
Sewer operations	Ψ	73,385	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	73,385
Other operating receipts		20,737		-		-		-		20,737
Total operating revenues		94,122		-		16,960		-		111,082
OPERATING EXPENDITURES										
Water		-		-		731		-		731
Sewer		43,144		-		-		-		43,144
Total operating expenses		43,144				731		-		43,875
Change in net position		50,978		-		16,229		-		67,207
Net position - January 1		38,067		953		20,827		8,960		68,807
Net position - December 31	\$	89,045	\$	953	\$	37,056	\$	8,960	\$	136,014



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

To the City Commission City of Richardton Richardton, 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 Richardton, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Richardton's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and a significant deficiency.

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 a 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. We consider the deficiencies described as items #2 and #3 in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the deficiency described as item #1 in the accompany schedule of findings and responses to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City of Richardton's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described as items #4, #5, #6, and #7 in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses.

City of Richardton's Response to Findings

City of Richardton's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. City of Richardton's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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January 19, 2018

<u>#1 - Auditor Preparation of Financial Statements – Significant Deficiency</u>

<u>Criteria</u>

An appropriate system of internal control requires the entity to determine that financial statements are properly stated in compliance with the cash basis of accounting. This requires the entity's personnel to maintain knowledge of current accounting principles and required financial statement disclosures.

Condition

The City's personnel prepare periodic financial information for internal use that meets the needs of management and the city commission. However, the City does not have internal resources to prepare full-disclosure financial statements for external reporting.

<u>Cause</u>

The City's internal controls have not been designed to address the specific training needs that are required of its personnel to obtain and maintain knowledge of current accounting principles and required financial statement disclosures.

Effect

An appropriate system of internal controls is not present to make a determination that financial statements and the related disclosures are fairly stated in compliance with the cash basis of accounting. However, the City is aware of the deficiency and addresses it by reviewing and approving the completed statements prior to distribution to the end users.

Recommendation

We recommend that the City reviews its current training system to determine if it is cost effective for the entity to obtain this knowledge internally. As a compensating control the City should establish an internal control policy to document the annual review of the financial statements and schedules and to review a financial statement disclosure checklist.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

Due to the financial, efficiency and time constraints, it has been determined by City of Richardton's management that it is in the best interest of City of Richardton and all interested parties to have the footnotes to the financial statements prepared by the auditing firm at the time of the audit.

#2 - Segregation of Duties - Material Weakness

<u>Criteria</u>

Generally, a system of internal control has the proper separation of duties between authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation.

Condition

There is not a system in place for accounting duties to be properly segregated between authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation.

<u>Cause</u>

Size and budget constraints limiting the number of personnel within the accounting department.

Effect

The design of the internal control over financial reporting could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation

The areas should be reviewed periodically and consideration given to improving the segregation of duties. Compensating controls over the underlying financial information may be obtained through oversight by management and the board.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:

No response is considered necessary.

<u>#3 - Material Journal Entries Proposed by Auditors - Material Weakness</u>

<u>Criteria</u>

The City is required to maintain internal controls at a level where support for general ledger accounts can be developed and a determination can be made that the general ledger accounts are properly reflected in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Condition

During our audit, adjusting journal entries were proposed in order to properly reflect the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

<u>Cause</u>

The City's internal controls have not been designed to address the specific training needs that are required to maintain the general ledger accounts on the cash basis of accounting.

Effect

An appropriate system of internal controls is not present to make a determination that the general ledger accounts are properly adjusted in compliance with the cash basis of accounting prior to the audit.

Recommendation

Accounting personnel will need to determine the proper balance in each general ledger account prior to audit. We recommend that the City reviews its current training system to determine if it is cost effective for the entity to obtain this knowledge internally.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

Due to the financial, efficiency and time constraints, it has been determined by the Board and the management of the City of Richardton that it is in the best interest of Board, the City of Richardton and all interested parties to have adjustments proposed by the auditing firm in order to for the general ledger accounts to be reflected on a the cash basis of accounting.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES - CONTINUED FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

<u>#4 – Semi Annual Approval of Pledge Securities – Significant Deficiency</u>

<u>Criteria</u>

North Dakota Century Code 21-04-11 requires the board of commissioners to approve "any securities as a pledge for repayment of deposits" at least semiannually.

Condition

During fiscal year 2016, the board of commissioners approved pledged securities at their September 12, 2016 meeting. During fiscal year 2015, the board of commissioners approved pledged securities at their August 10, 2015 meeting. Pledges were not reviewed semi-annually, only annually.

<u>Cause</u>

The City has not implemented policies and procedures to ensure the board of commissioners is reviewing a listing of pledged securities semi-annually.

Effect

The City is not in compliance with North Dakota Century Code requirements.

Recommendation

We recommend the City implement policies and procedures to ensure the listing of pledged securities is reviewed and approved by the board of commissioners at least semi-annually.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

The Commission has been reviewing the pledges of securities as they are received.

<u>#5 - Designated Depositories – Significant Deficiency</u>

<u>Criteria</u>

North Dakota Century Code 21-04-13 requires the governing board to designate depositories of public funds in January of each even-numbered year. In addition, the City should solicit for proposals at this time and all proposals shall be opened in front of the City Commission in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 21-04-14.

Condition

There was no solicitation of proposals for depositories nor did the City approve a financial institution for deposits during fiscal year 2016.

<u>Cause</u>

The City has not implemented policies and procedures to ensure the approval of a depository at the time required by North Dakota Century Code.

Effect

The City is not in compliance with North Dakota Century Code requirements.

Recommendation

We recommend the City implement policies and procedures to ensure the proposal are obtained for depositories and that the City designates depositories at their January meeting in every even-numbered year going forward.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

The City will implement procedures to be in compliance with North Dakota Century Code requirements.

#6: Preliminary Budget Approval – Significant Deficiency

<u>Criteria</u>

North Dakota Century Code 40-40-04 requires the governing body to prepare a preliminary budget by September 10th of each year.

<u>Condition</u>

The 2016 preliminary budget was approved at the October 12, 2015 board meeting and the 2017 preliminary budget was approved at the September 26, 2016 board meeting. These dates are after the required date by North Dakota Century Code.

<u>Cause</u>

The City has not implemented policies and procedures to ensure the preliminary budget is prepared within the time required by North Dakota Century Code.

Effect

The City is not in compliance with North Dakota Century Code requirements.

Recommendation

We recommend the City implement policies and procedures to ensure the preliminary budget is presented and approved by the City Commission prior to September 10th.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

The City will implement procedures to be in compliance with North Dakota Century Code requirements.

#7: Final Budget Approval – Significant Deficiency

<u>Criteria</u>

North Dakota Century Code 40-40-06 requires the governing body adopt the final budget by October 1st of each year.

Condition

The 2016 final budget was approved at the December 28, 2015 board meeting and the 2017 final budget was approved at the October 10, 2016 board meeting. These dates are after the required date by North Dakota Century Code.

<u>Cause</u>

The City has not implemented policies and procedures to ensure the final budget is prepared within the time required by North Dakota Century Code.

Effect

The City is not in compliance with North Dakota Century Code requirements.

Recommendation

We recommend the City implement policies and procedures to ensure the final budget is presented and approved by the City Commission prior to October 1st.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

The City will implement procedures to be in compliance with North Dakota Century Code requirements