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CITY OF ROLETTE

AUDIT REPORT

December 31, 2014



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**CITY OF ROLETTE
ROLETTE, NORTH DAKOTA**

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CITY OF ROLETTE

LIST OF OFFICIALS

December 31, 2014

Mayor	Blaine Scott
President	Andy Gilje
Vice President	Debbie Anklam
Council Member	Nathan Casavant
Council Member	Doyle Ellingson (Resigned October 2014)
Council Member	Randy Rost (Appointed November 2014)
Council Member	Keith Strong
City Auditor	Kim Azure
Attorney	Bruce Gibbons

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
City of Rolette
Rolette, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Rolette, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City'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 modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental and Business-Type Activities, Proprietary Funds, and Discretely Presented Component Unit

Management has not recorded capital assets in the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, and the major business-type funds and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. The modified cash basis of accounting requires that those assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental and business-type activities, proprietary funds, and discretely presented component unit. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental and business-type activities, proprietary funds, and discretely presented component unit has not been determined.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental and Business-Type Activities, Proprietary Funds, and Discretely Presented Component Unit” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental and business-type activities, proprietary funds, and discretely presented component unit of the City of Rolette, as of December 31, 2014, or the changes in financial position – modified cash basis thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position – modified cash basis of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Rolette, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position – modified cash basis for the year then ended in accordance with the modified 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Disclaimer of Opinion on Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Rolette, North Dakota's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison information on pages 24 through 27, which is the responsibility of management, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information 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 assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2015, on our consideration of the City of Rolette, North Dakota'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 Rolette's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mahlum Goodhart PC

Mahlum Goodhart, PC
Mandan, North Dakota
November 30, 2015

CITY OF ROLETTE
Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2014

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Rolette Airport Authority
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 274,495	\$ 266,133	\$ 540,628	\$ 69,161
Investments	<u>164,572</u>	<u>284,012</u>	<u>448,584</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	439,067	550,145	989,212	69,161
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
Line of Credit	326,000	-	326,000	-
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Due Within One Year:				
Loan Payable	15,038	-	15,038	-
Revenue Bonds Payable	-	5,500	5,500	-
Due After One Year:				
Loan Payable	4,555	-	4,555	-
Revenue Bonds Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>345,593</u>	<u>41,500</u>	<u>387,093</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION				
Unrestricted	<u>93,474</u>	<u>508,645</u>	<u>602,119</u>	<u>69,161</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 93,474</u>	<u>\$ 508,645</u>	<u>\$ 602,119</u>	<u>\$ 69,161</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the year ended December 31, 2014

Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Position

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Primary Government		Component Unit
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary Governments							
Governmental Activities							
General Government	\$ 137,364	\$ 13,343	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (124,021)		\$ (124,021)
Public Safety	53,395	-	-	-	(53,395)		(53,395)
Public Works	41,765	-	228,802	-	187,037		187,037
Health and Welfare	81,880	36,720	-	-	(45,160)		(45,160)
Culture and Recreation	31,000	-	-	-	(31,000)		(31,000)
Economic Development	11,885	-	-	-	(11,885)		(11,885)
Other	21,314	-	-	-	(21,314)		(21,314)
Interest & Service Charges	8,081	-	-	-	(8,081)		(8,081)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 386,684	\$ 50,063	\$ 228,802	\$ -	\$ (107,819)		\$ (107,819)
Business-type Activities							
Water	\$ 74,106	\$ 71,439	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (2,667)	\$ (2,667)
Sewer	9,743	31,340	-	-		21,597	21,597
Garbage	87,882	101,092	-	-		13,210	13,210
Total Business-type Activities	\$ 171,731	\$ 203,871	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 32,140	\$ 32,140
Total Primary Government	\$ 558,415	\$ 253,934	\$ 228,802	\$ -	\$ (107,819)	\$ 32,140	\$ (75,679)
Component Unit:							
Rolette Airport Authority	\$ 493,252	\$ -	\$ 466,712				\$ (26,540)
General Revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purpose				50,816	-	50,816	8,000
Property Taxes, Levied for Special Purposes				13,343	-	13,343	-
Earning on Investments				1,279	1,558	2,837	436
Miscellaneous Revenue				24,331	7,078	31,409	35,000
Grant Repayment				76,204	-	76,204	-
Total General Revenues				165,973	8,636	174,609	43,436
Change in Net Position				58,154	40,776	98,930	16,896
Net Position - Beginning of Year				35,320	467,869	503,189	52,265
Net Position - End of Year				\$ 93,474	\$ 508,645	\$ 602,119	\$ 69,161

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
 Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis - Governmental Funds
 December 31, 2014

	Major Funds				Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General	Hayhurst	City Sales Tax	City Housing		
		Manor				
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 74,685	\$ 89,787	\$ 75,166	\$ -	\$ 34,857	\$ 274,495
Investments	20,000	55,826	-	-	88,746	164,572
Due from Other Funds	66,793	-	-	-	-	66,793
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 161,478	\$ 145,613	\$ 75,166	\$ -	\$ 123,603	\$ 505,860
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Due to Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,793	\$ -	\$ 66,793
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	66,793	-	66,793
Fund Balances:						
Committed for Street Projects	-	-	-	-	23,303	23,303
Assigned	-	145,613	75,166	-	100,300	321,079
Unassigned	161,478	-	-	(66,793)	-	94,685
Total Fund Balances	161,478	145,613	75,166	(66,793)	123,603	439,067
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 161,478	\$ 145,613	\$ 75,166	\$ -	\$ 123,603	\$ 505,860

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
To the Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
For the year ended December 31, 2014

Total *Fund Balances* for Governmental Funds \$ 439,067

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

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. All liabilities -- both current and long term -- are reported in the statement of net position. The balance at December 31, 2014 for long-term liabilities was:

(345,593)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 93,474

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Modified Cash Basis - Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2014

	Major Funds				Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	Hayhurst		City Sales Tax	City Housing		
	General	Manor				
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 50,816	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,343	\$ 64,159
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	12,194	-	-	-	-	12,194
Intergovernmental	145,772	-	82,831	-	199	228,802
Charges for Services	-	36,720	-	-	-	36,720
Fines and Forfeits	1,149	-	-	-	-	1,149
Interest Income	658	429	-	-	192	1,279
Miscellaneous	24,331	-	-	-	-	24,331
TOTAL REVENUES	234,920	37,149	82,831	-	13,734	368,634
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General Government	129,426	-	-	-	7,938	137,364
Public Safety	52,977	-	-	-	418	53,395
Public Works	41,765	-	-	-	-	41,765
Health and Welfare	798	28,947	-	52,135	-	81,880
Culture and Recreation	-	-	31,000	-	-	31,000
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	11,885	11,885
Other	19,004	-	-	-	2,310	21,314
Debt Service:						
Principal	14,649	-	-	-	-	14,649
Interest & Service Charges	1,351	-	-	6,730	-	8,081
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	259,970	28,947	31,000	58,865	22,551	401,333
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(25,050)	8,202	51,831	(58,865)	(8,817)	(32,699)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Grant Repayment	76,204	-	-	-	-	76,204
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	(1,500)	-	1,500	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	76,204	-	(1,500)	-	1,500	76,204
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	51,154	8,202	50,331	(58,865)	(7,317)	43,505
Fund Balances - January 1, 2014	110,324	137,411	24,835	(7,928)	130,920	395,562
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$ 161,478	\$ 145,613	\$ 75,166	\$ (66,793)	\$ 123,603	\$ 439,067

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
 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, 2014

Net change in <i>Fund Balances</i> - Total Governmental funds	\$ 43,505
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing resources 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 of debt issued and repayment of debt made during the year.

Repayment of Debt	<u>14,649</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 58,154</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis - Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Major Enterprise Funds			Totals
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 118,551	\$ 67,434	\$ 80,148	\$ 266,133
Investments	<u>166,747</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>87,265</u>	<u>284,012</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>285,298</u>	<u>97,434</u>	<u>167,413</u>	<u>550,145</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
Revenue Bonds Payable	-	5,500	-	5,500
Non-Current Liabilities:				
Revenue Bonds Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>41,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,500</u>
NET POSITION				
Unrestricted	<u>285,298</u>	<u>55,934</u>	<u>167,413</u>	<u>508,645</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 285,298</u>	<u>\$ 55,934</u>	<u>\$ 167,413</u>	<u>\$ 508,645</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Modified Cash Basis - Proprietary Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Major Enterprise Funds			
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Total
OPERATING REVENUES:				
Charges for Services	\$ 71,439	\$ 31,340	\$ 101,092	\$ 203,871
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Salaries & Benefits	27,722	5,034	-	32,756
Utilities	3,447	1,824	-	5,271
Repairs & Maintenance	42,937	1,489	112	44,538
Garbage Contract	-	-	87,770	87,770
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>74,106</u>	<u>8,347</u>	<u>87,882</u>	<u>170,335</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	(2,667)	22,993	13,210	33,536
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):				
County Taxes and Specials	3,120	3,567	391	7,078
Interest Income	1,276	-	282	1,558
Debt Service:				
Interest	-	(1,175)	-	(1,175)
Bank Service Charges	-	(221)	-	(221)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	<u>4,396</u>	<u>2,171</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>7,240</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	1,729	25,164	13,883	40,776
Net Position - January 1, 2014	<u>283,569</u>	<u>30,770</u>	<u>153,530</u>	<u>467,869</u>
NET POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2014	<u>\$ 285,298</u>	<u>\$ 55,934</u>	<u>\$ 167,413</u>	<u>\$ 508,645</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Statement of Cash Flows
Modified Cash Basis - Proprietary Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Major Enterprise Funds			
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Total
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>				
Receipts from Customers	\$ 71,439	\$ 31,340	\$ 101,092	\$ 203,871
Payments to Suppliers	(46,384)	(3,313)	(87,882)	(137,579)
Payments to Employees	(27,722)	(5,034)	-	(32,756)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(2,667)	22,993	13,210	33,536
<u>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</u>				
Receipts from Taxes and Specials	3,120	3,567	391	7,078
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	3,120	3,567	391	7,078
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</u>				
Principal Paid on Long-Term Debt	-	(5,500)	-	(5,500)
Interest Paid	-	(1,175)	-	(1,175)
Bank Service Charges Paid	-	(221)	-	(221)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	-	(6,896)	-	(6,896)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	453	19,664	13,601	33,718
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1, 2014	118,098	47,770	66,547	232,415
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 118,551</u>	<u>\$ 67,434</u>	<u>\$ 80,148</u>	<u>\$ 266,133</u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (2,667)	\$ 22,993	\$ 13,210	\$ 33,536
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (2,667)</u>	<u>\$ 22,993</u>	<u>\$ 13,210</u>	<u>\$ 33,536</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Modified Cash Basis - Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2014

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 6,136</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 6,136</u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to Other Parties	<u>\$ 6,136</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>\$ 6,136</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Rolette, North Dakota
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policy of the City of Rolette, North Dakota, is to maintain the accounting records on a modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The City implemented the new reporting model, GASB Statement No. 34, beginning January 1, 2003. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 *The Financial Reporting Entity*, for financial reporting purposes the City's financial statements include all accounts of the City's operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the City's reporting entity include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the City holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the City is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the City

The City receives funding from local, county, state and federal government sources and must comply with the concomitant requirements of these funding source entities. Based on these criteria, the component unit discussed below is included within the City's reporting entity because of the significance of its operational or financial relationship with the City.

Discretely Presented Component Unit: The component units' column in the government-wide financial statements includes the financial data of the City's component unit. This component unit is reported in a separate column to emphasize that it is legally separate from the City.

The Rolette Municipal Airport Authority's governing board is appointed by the City's governing body. The City's governing board has the authority to approve, disapprove, or amend the airport authority's budget.

The financial statements of the Airport Authority are reported as discretely presented component units in the basic financial statements. Complete financial statements of the component unit can be obtained directly from the administrative office of the City.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Rolette, North Dakota
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

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

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Separate statements are presented for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary activities. 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 in a single column.

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses, and balance of current financial resources. 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.

Hayhurst Manor Fund: This fund accounts for the operations of Hayhurst Manor.

City Sales Tax Fund: This fund accounts for sales tax money for the City that is used from time to time for various economic development and City improvement projects.

City Housing Fund: This fund accounts for the renovations of two homes the City purchased as rental property.

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 nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. The City has the following major proprietary funds:

Water Fund: This fund accounts for the activity of the Water Department. The department operates the water distribution system in the City of Rolette.

Sewer Fund: This fund accounts for the activity of the Sewer Department. The department operates the waste water collection system in the City of Rolette.

Garbage Fund: This fund accounts for the activities of the garbage collection system within the City of Rolette.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

Agency Funds: These funds account for assets held by the City in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The City's agency fund is used to account for various deposits of other governments.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Rolette, North Dakota
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

C. Measurement Focus/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 below under Basis of Accounting.

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 government 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, business-type, fiduciary fund, and component unit 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, proprietary fund statements, and the similar discretely presented component unit 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 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 financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

The City follows the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the nationally accepted standard setting body for establishing accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for government entities.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Rolette, North Dakota
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

D. Deposits

In accordance with North Dakota statutes, the City maintains deposits at depository banks designated by the governing board which 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 any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

As of December 31, 2014, the City's carrying balances (excluding the component unit and agency funds) were \$989,212. The bank balance of these deposits as of December 31, 2014 was \$994,784. Of the bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance; \$600,000 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' agent not in the City's name; and \$144,784 was unsecured. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the board reviewed the pledge of securities semi-annually as required by state law.

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.

Concentration of credit risk: The City does not have a limit on the amount the City may invest in any one issuer.

E. Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services that may be recorded for budgetary control purposes. The City does not record encumbrances.

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.

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Rolette, North Dakota
Notes to the Financial Statements
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

G. Interfund Transactions

In the governmental and proprietary fund 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.

H. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported as restricted when external creditors, grantors, or other governmental organization's imposed specific restrictions on the City. External restrictions may be imposed through state or local laws, and grant or contract provisions. Restricted net position includes amounts restricted for debt service.

I. 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 council – the City's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the city council removed 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 special purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The city council has 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.

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NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit and savings accounts.

Investments consist of certificates of deposit carried at cost with a term of more than three months. The certificates of deposit had interest rates of 0.30 – 1.65 percent in 2014.

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 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 SHORT-TERM DEBT

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the City entered into a short-term line of credit with Rolette State Bank to renovate two homes for the City to use as rentals. The line of credit is due in 2015 with an interest rate of 2.65%. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the City made an interest payment.

Governmental Activities:	Balance 1/1/2014	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/2014	Due Within One Year
Line of Credit	\$326,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,000	\$ 326,000

NOTE 5 LONG-TERM DEBT

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities of the City:

Governmental Activities:	Balance 1/1/2014	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/2014	Due Within One Year
Loans Payable	\$ 34,242	\$ -	\$ 14,649	\$ 19,593	\$ 15,038

Outstanding debt for governmental activities at December 31, 2014 consists of the following issues:

\$120,000 Payloader Loan, due in annual installments of \$9,821 to \$14,614 through 2016, interest at 5.25%.	<u>\$ 19,593</u>
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CITY OF ROLETTE
Rolette, North Dakota
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NOTE 5 LONG-TERM DEBT – CONTINUED

The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding debt, including interest are as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>			
Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$ 15,038	\$ 962	\$ 16,000
2016	4,555	285	4,840
TOTAL	<u>\$ 19,593</u>	<u>\$ 1,247</u>	<u>\$ 20,840</u>

The enterprise fund debt is reported on the balance sheet in the enterprise funds. The long-term debt of the enterprise funds is as follows:

Business-type Activities:	Balance 1/1/2014	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/2014	Due Within One Year
Revenue Bonds	<u>\$ 47,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ 41,500</u>	<u>\$ 5,500</u>

Outstanding debt for enterprise funds at December 31, 2014 consists of the following issue:

\$102,000 Waste Water Improvement Bonds of 2002, due in annual installments of \$4,000 to \$6,500 through September 1, 2021; interest at 2.5%	<u>\$ 41,500</u>
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The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding debt, including interest are as follows:

<u>Business-Type Activities</u>			
Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,038	\$ 6,538
2016	5,500	900	6,400
2017	6,000	762	6,762
2018	6,000	613	6,613
2019	6,000	462	6,462
2020-2021	12,500	475	12,975
TOTAL	<u>\$ 41,500</u>	<u>\$ 4,250</u>	<u>\$ 45,750</u>

NOTE 6 RISK MANAGEMENT

The City of Rolette 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. The following are funds/pools established by the State for risk management issues.

The 1995 legislative session established the Risk Management Fund (RMF), an internal service fund, to provide a self-insurance vehicle for funding the liability exposures of state agencies resulting from the elimination of the state's sovereign immunity. The RMF manages the tort liability of the state and its agencies' employees and the university system. All state agencies participate in the RMF and their fund construction is determined using a projected cost allocation approach. The statutory liability of the state is limited to a total of \$250,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

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NOTE 6 RISK MANAGEMENT – CONTINUED

The City of Rolette participates in the North Dakota Worker’s Compensation Bureau, an Enterprise Fund of the State of North Dakota. The Bureau is a state insurance fund and a “no fault” insurance system covering the State’s employers and employees financed by premiums assessed to employers. The premiums are available for the payment of claims to employees injured in the course of employment.

The State Bonding Fund currently provides the City of Rolette with blanket fidelity bond coverage for its employees up to \$150,000. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

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 7 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The governing board amended the budget during the year ended December 31, 2014.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the General Fund expended certain line items over budget, but overall the General Fund total expenditures were less than budgeted. The City Housing Fund did not prepare a budget. The General Fund did not budget for the principal and interest paid on their long term debt. No remedial action is anticipated or required by the City regarding these excess expenditures.

NOTE 8 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

At December 31, 2014, interfund receivables and payables totaled \$66,793 because of the negative cash in the pooled accounts. Below is a summary of the interfund receivables and payables that are expected to be repaid within one year.

Fund	Receivable Amount	Payable Amount
General Fund	\$ 66,793	\$ -
City Housing Fund	-	66,793
Total	\$ 66,793	\$ 66,793

NOTE 9 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

At December 31, 2014, fund transfers consisted of the following:

Fund	Transfer In	Transfer Out
Job Authority	\$ 1,500	
Sales Tax		\$ 1,500

Transfer funds to job authority from city sales tax to help buy down interest rate on Flex Pace Project

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 December 31, 2014

NOTE 10 DEFICIT FUND BALANCES

At December 31, 2014, the City Housing Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$66,793.

NOTE 11 FUND BALANCES

At December 31, 2014, a summary of the governmental fund balance classifications are as follows:

	General Fund	Hayhurst Manor	City Sales Tax	City Housing	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Committed						
SID #1-1998	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,303	\$ 23,303
Assigned						
Hayhurst Manor	-	145,613	-	-	-	145,613
City Sales Tax	-	-	75,166	-	-	75,166
Fire Levy	-	-	-	-	26,409	26,409
Social Security	-	-	-	-	8,325	8,325
Scholarship	-	-	-	-	9,494	9,494
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	95	95
Library	-	-	-	-	8,948	8,948
Job Authority	-	-	-	-	5,336	5,336
Airport Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	11,885	11,885
Construction	-	-	-	-	29,808	29,808
Unassigned	161,478	-	-	(66,793)	-	94,685
	<u>\$ 161,478</u>	<u>\$ 145,613</u>	<u>\$ 75,166</u>	<u>\$ (66,793)</u>	<u>\$ 123,603</u>	<u>\$ 439,067</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF ROLETTE
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
 General Fund
 For the year ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 73,050	\$ 73,050	\$ 50,816	\$ (22,234)
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	7,800	7,800	12,194	4,394
Intergovernmental	153,000	153,000	145,772	(7,228)
Fines and Forfeits	2,000	2,000	1,149	(851)
Interest Income	1,000	1,000	658	(342)
Miscellaneous	<u>9,100</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>24,331</u>	<u>15,231</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>245,950</u>	<u>245,950</u>	<u>234,920</u>	<u>(11,030)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	107,080	93,372	129,426	(36,054)
Public Safety	67,000	59,977	52,977	7,000
Public Works	121,000	62,765	41,765	21,000
Health and Welfare	1,500	798	798	-
Other	-	82,171	19,004	63,167
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	-	14,649	(14,649)
Interest & Service Charges	-	-	<u>1,351</u>	<u>(1,351)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>296,580</u>	<u>299,083</u>	<u>259,970</u>	<u>39,113</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(50,630)	(53,133)	(25,050)	28,083
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Grant Repayment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,204</u>	<u>76,204</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(50,630)	(53,133)	51,154	104,287
Fund Balances - January 1, 2014	<u>110,324</u>	<u>110,324</u>	<u>110,324</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31, 2014	<u>\$ 59,694</u>	<u>\$ 57,191</u>	<u>\$ 161,478</u>	<u>\$ 104,287</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
 Hayhurst Manor Fund
 For the year ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Charges for Services	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500	\$ 36,720	\$ 3,220
Interest Income	-	-	429	429
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>33,500</u>	<u>33,500</u>	<u>37,149</u>	<u>3,649</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Health and Welfare	<u>31,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>28,947</u>	<u>2,053</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,500	2,500	8,202	5,702
Fund Balances - January 1, 2014	<u>137,411</u>	<u>137,411</u>	<u>137,411</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31, 2014	<u>\$ 139,911</u>	<u>\$ 139,911</u>	<u>\$ 145,613</u>	<u>\$ 5,702</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ROLETTE
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
 City Sales Tax Fund
 For the year ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 94,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 82,831	\$ (11,169)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public Works	32,500	32,500	-	32,500
Culture and Recreation	32,500	32,500	31,000	1,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>34,000</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	29,000	29,000	51,831	22,831
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	29,000	29,000	50,331	21,331
Fund Balances - January 1, 2014	<u>24,835</u>	<u>24,835</u>	<u>24,835</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31, 2014	<u>\$ 53,835</u>	<u>\$ 53,835</u>	<u>\$ 75,166</u>	<u>\$ 21,331</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

City of Rolette
Notes to Supplementary Information
December 31, 2014

NOTE 1 BUDGETS

The City adopts a budget on the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The budget is presented for the general fund and the major special revenue funds, except for the City Housing Fund. The city council is required to present the adopted and final amended budgeted receipts and disbursements for these funds.

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

- The City Auditor prepares a preliminary budget for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds on the modified cash basis of accounting. The preliminary budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- The governing body reviews the preliminary budget, may make revisions and approves it on or before September 10.
- On or before October 1, a public hearing is held for taxpayers to discuss any budgeted items. The governing body reviews the preliminary budget at the hearing, and may make revisions that do not increase the total budget and prepares the final budget.
- The governing board adopts an ordinance approving the tax levy requested in the final budget. The final budget is sent to the county auditor by October 10.
- Except as provided by state law, no municipal expenditures shall be made nor liability incurred, and no bill shall be paid for any purpose in excess of the appropriation made in the final budget (as may be amended). Expenditures made, liabilities incurred, or warrants issued in excess of the appropriations shall be a joint and several liability of the members of the governing body who authorized the making, incurring, or issuing of the obligations or were present when they were authorized and did not vote against the authorization.
- The budget may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared except no amendment changing taxes levied can be made after October 10.
- Except as provided by North Dakota Century Code Section 40-40-21, the balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated fund balance at year end.

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

Governing Board
City of Rolette
Rolette, 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, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Rolette, North Dakota as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Rolette's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Rolette'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 Rolette's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Rolette'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.

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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies 2014-001 through 2014-004 described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED
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Compliance and Other Matters

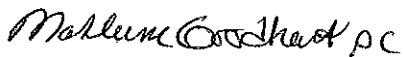
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Rolette's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

City of Rolette, North Dakota's Response to Findings

The City of Rolette, North Dakota's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City of Rolette'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.



Mahlum Goodhart, PC
Mandan, North Dakota
November 30, 2015

CITY OF ROLETTE
Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Current Year Findings:

Finding 2014-001: Segregation of Duties

Condition – The city auditor is responsible for the majority of accounting functions. Considering the size of the entity, it is not feasible to obtain proper segregation of duties and the degree of internal control is severely limited.

Criteria – A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no individual has control of a transaction from inception to completion.

Cause – There is a limited number of staff members available for these duties.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could affect the City's ability to timely detect misstatements in amounts that would be material to the financial statements.

Recommendation – This is not unusual in entities of this size, but the Council should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view. Under these conditions, the most effective controls lie in the Council's knowledge of matters relating to the entity's operations.

Management's Response – The Rolette City Council and Staff are aware of the restrictions of the staff and the limit to segregation of duties. At this time it is not practicable to employ more staff to eliminate the issue. Monthly bills and financial statements are reviewed by the City Council.

Finding 2014-002: Capital Asset Records

Condition – The City of Rolette does not maintain complete capital asset records.

Criteria – The Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires that the financial statements include the capital assets and the related depreciation.

Cause – The City of Rolette has no system in place to maintain capital assets records and the related depreciation.

Effect – The omission of the capital assets from the financial statements results in an incomplete presentation of the City of Rolette's financial statements and an adverse opinion on the governmental activities, business-type activities, and the major business type funds.

Recommendation – We recommend the City of Rolette establish complete capital asset records and determine the accumulated depreciation.

Management's Response – The City is aware of this issue and will work to establish complete capital asset records for the fiscal year 2015 audit.

CITY OF ROLETTE
Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Finding 2014-003: Preparation of Financial Statements

Condition – The financial statements and related notes are prepared by the City’s auditors.

Criteria – Complete and accurate presentation of the financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting is required.

Cause – Ongoing changes in the reporting and disclosure requirements make it difficult to maintain knowledge of current accounting standards with limited time available to the accounting department.

Effect – The City has elected to have the auditors complete the full disclosure financial statements.

Recommendation – The preparation of financial statements by the City’s auditors is not unusual in an entity of this size. The Council should continue to review the financial statements and related disclosures.

Management’s Response – It is not cost effective for the City to prepare its own financial statements in conformity with *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* statements.

Finding 2014-004: Journal Entries

Condition – Several journal entries were required to be made during the audit to present accurate financial statements.

Criteria – The City is required to establish internal controls and procedures which allow it to determine that the general ledger accounts are properly reflected according to generally accepted accounting policies.

Cause – The classification of transactions are not properly monitored.

Effect – The amount of journal entries made has a material effect on the financial statements.

Recommendation – All general ledger accounts should be reviewed monthly by the Council for adequacy and accuracy of classification of transactions.

Management’s Response – The City will add additional columns to its ledger to present more detailed information so most journal entries can be eliminated.

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Prior Year Findings:

Finding 2013-001: Segregation of Duties

Condition – The city auditor is responsible for the majority of accounting functions. Considering the size of the entity, it is not feasible to obtain proper segregation of duties and the degree of internal control is severely limited.

Criteria – A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no individual has control of a transaction from inception to completion.

Cause – There is a limited number of staff members available for these duties.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could affect the City's ability to timely detect misstatements in amounts that would be material to the financial statements.

Recommendation – This is not unusual in entities of this size, but the Council should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view. Under these conditions, the most effective controls lie in the Council's knowledge of matters relating to the entity's operations.

Management's Response – The Rolette City Council and Staff are aware of the restrictions of the staff and the limit to segregation of duties. At this time it is not practicable to employ more staff to eliminate the issue. Monthly bills and financial statements are reviewed by the City Council.

Status of Finding – The finding is repeated in the current year. See 2014-001.

Finding 2013-002: Capital Asset Records

Condition – The City of Rolette does not maintain complete capital asset records.

Criteria – The Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires that the financial statements include the capital assets and the related depreciation.

Cause – The City of Rolette has no system in place to maintain capital assets records and the related depreciation.

Effect – The omission of the capital assets from the financial statements results in an incomplete presentation of the City of Rolette's financial statements and an adverse opinion on the governmental activities, business-type activities, and the major business type funds.

Recommendation – We recommend the City of Rolette establish complete capital asset records and determine the accumulated depreciation.

Management's Response – The City is aware of this issue and will work to establish complete capital asset records for the fiscal year 2014 audit.

Status of Finding – The finding is repeated in the current year. See 2014-002.

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Finding 2013-003: Preparation of Financial Statements

Condition – The financial statements and related notes are prepared by the City’s auditors.

Criteria – Complete and accurate presentation of the financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting is required.

Cause – Ongoing changes in the reporting and disclosure requirements make it difficult to maintain knowledge of current accounting standards with limited time available to the accounting department.

Effect – The City has elected to have the auditors complete the full disclosure financial statements.

Recommendation – The preparation of financial statements by the City’s auditors is not unusual in an entity of this size. The Council should continue to review the financial statements and related disclosures.

Management’s Response – It is not cost effective for the City to prepare its own financial statements in conformity with *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* statements.

Status of Finding – The finding is repeated in the current year. See 2014-003.

Finding 2013-004: Journal Entries

Condition – Several journal entries were required to be made during the audit to present accurate financial statements.

Criteria – The City is required to establish internal controls and procedures which allow it to determine that the general ledger accounts are properly reflected according to generally accepted accounting policies.

Cause – The classification of transactions are not properly monitored.

Effect – The amount of journal entries made has a material effect on the financial statements.

Recommendation – All general ledger accounts should be reviewed monthly by the Council for adequacy and accuracy of classification of transactions.

Management’s Response – The City will add additional columns to its ledger to present more detailed information so most journal entries can be eliminated.

Status of Finding – The finding is repeated in the current year. See 2014-004.