

AUDIT REPORT

CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

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CITY OF STANTON
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
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Stanton, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis 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 Stanton, Stanton, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 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 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 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 judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the city's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the city's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation 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 modified cash basis financial position 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 Stanton, Stanton, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position; and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis 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.

Other Matters

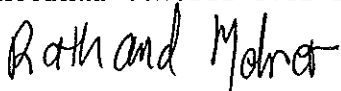
Other Information

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

The management's discussion and analysis, budgeting comparison information and the schedules of fund activity arising from cash transactions 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 audits of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the management's discussion and analysis, budgeting comparison information, and the schedules of fund activity arising from cash transactions are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 8, 2016 on our consideration of the city's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

July 8, 2016

CITY OF STANTON

Management's Discussion and Analysis

December 31, 2015 and 2014

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the City of Stanton's financial performance provides an overall review of the city's financial activities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the city's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and related notes.

The MD&A is a new element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments". Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior years are required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

- * Total net position of the city increased \$27,977 as a result of the current year's operations. Net position of the governmental activities increased \$3,879 and net position of the business-type activities increased \$24,098.
- * Governmental net position totaled \$567,510 and business-type net position totaled \$1,051,401.
- * Total revenues from all sources were \$436,318 for governmental activities and \$662,845 for business-type activities.
- * Total expenses were \$267,597 for governmental activities and \$803,589 for business-type activities.
- * The city's general fund had \$385,031 in total revenues and \$131,335 in total expenditures. There was a total of \$248,646 paid from other financing uses. Overall, the general fund balance increased by \$5,050 for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Key financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

- * Total net position of the city increased \$60,536 as a result of the current year's operations. Net position of the governmental activities increased \$80,571 and net position of the business-type activities decreased \$20,035.
- * Governmental net position totaled \$563,631 and business-type net position totaled \$1,027,303.
- * Total revenues from all sources were \$259,406 for governmental activities and \$698,220 for business-type activities.
- * Total expenses were \$252,003 for governmental activities and \$645,086 for business-type activities.
- * The city's general fund had \$212,154 in total revenues and \$156,043 in total expenditures. Overall, the general fund balance increased by \$56,111 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of statements and related footnotes. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand the city as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole city, presenting both an aggregate view of the city's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. These statements present information as follows:

- * Governmental activities - this includes most of the city's basic services which are primarily supported by property taxes, user fees and intergovernmental revenues.
- * Business-type activities - this includes those services which are intended to recover all or a significant part of their costs through user fees.

Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. These statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. 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.

REPORTING ON THE CITY AS A WHOLE

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

These statements are summaries of all the funds used by the city to provide programs and activities and attempt to answer the question "How did the city do financially during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014?"

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the city's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the city is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information on how the city's net position changed during the fiscal year. This statement is presented using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes revenues and expenses when they result from cash transactions with provisions for depreciation of capital assets, and issuance of and payments made on long-term debt issues.

These two statements report the city's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the city as a whole, the financial position of the city has improved or deteriorated. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the city reports governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities are the activities where most of the city's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, general government, public safety, streets and public works and culture and recreation. Business-type activities are where the city's enterprise services are reported including, but not limited to water, sewer, garbage and electric services.

REPORTING ON THE CITY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

The city uses separate funds to account for and manage money dedicated for particular purposes (e.g. taxes collected from special mill levies and funds received from grants and donations). The fund basis financial statements allow the city to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the city's major funds. Using the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 34, the city's general fund and highway fund are considered "major governmental funds". The city's water fund, sewer fund, garbage fund and electric fund are considered "major enterprise funds".

The city's other funds, which are used to account for a multitude of financial transactions, are summarized under the heading "Other Governmental Funds".

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE

Table I provides a summary of the city's net position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. A comparative analysis of city-wide data is presented for both current years and prior year.

As indicated in the financial highlights above, the city's net position increased by \$27,977 and \$60,536 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Changes in net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the city's financial position.

As of December 31, 2015, the city's net position of \$1,618,911 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets represents 48% of the city's total net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted component of net position represents 1% of the city's net position and represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted component of net position represents 51% of the city's net position and is available to meet the city's ongoing obligations.

Table I
Net Position
As of December 31, 2015

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets	287,082	567,791
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	286,396	483,610
Total Assets	573,478	1,051,401
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Long-Term Liabilities	5,968	
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	286,396	483,610
Restricted	16,812	
Unrestricted	264,302	567,791
Total Net Position	567,510	1,051,401
	=====	=====

As of December 31, 2014, the city's net position of \$1,590,934 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets represents 51% of the city's total net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted component of net position represents 1% of the city's net position and represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted component of net position represents 48% of the city's net position and is available to meet the city's ongoing obligations.

Net Position
As of December 31, 2014

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets	264,471	515,553
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	302,415	511,750
Total Assets	566,886	1,027,303
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Long-Term Liabilities	3,255	
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	302,415	511,750
Restricted	13,807	
Unrestricted	247,409	515,553
Total Net Position	563,631	1,027,303
	=====	=====

Net Position
As of December 31, 2013

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets	168,603	507,447
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	318,435	539,891
Total Assets	<u>487,038</u>	<u>1,047,338</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>3,979</u>	
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	318,435	539,891
Restricted	10,830	
Unrestricted	153,795	507,447
Total Net Position	<u>483,060</u>	<u>1,047,338</u>

Table II shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. A comparative analysis of city-wide data is presented for both current years and prior year.

Table II
Changes in Net Position
As of December 31, 2015

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
<u>Program Revenues:</u>		
Charges for Services	6,972	640,038
Operating Grants and Contributions	32,609	
<u>General Revenues:</u>		
Property Taxes	57,786	
Other Taxes	121,878	
Intergovernmental - Unrestricted	202,303	
Interest Earnings and Other Revenue	14,769	22,807
Total Revenues	<u>436,318</u>	<u>662,845</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
General Government	136,810	
Public Safety	11,827	
Streets and Public Works	102,509	
Urban and Economic Development	2,838	
Culture and Recreation	11,749	
Other	1,865	
Water		303,298
Sewer		66,999
Garbage		65,035
Electric		368,256
Total Expenses	<u>267,597</u>	<u>803,589</u>
Net Change in Position Before Transfers	<u>168,721</u>	<u>(140,744)</u>
Transfers	<u>(164,842)</u>	<u>164,842</u>
Net Change in Position	<u>3,879</u>	<u>24,098</u>

Property taxes constituted 5%, unrestricted intergovernmental 18%, operating grants and contributions 3%, and charges for services made up 73% of the total revenues of all activities of the city for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

General government constituted 13%, public safety 1%, streets and public works 10%, and enterprise 72% of total expenses for all activities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Changes in Net Position
As of December 31, 2014

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
Revenues		
<u>Program Revenues:</u>		
Charges for Services	4,946	685,824
Operating Grants and Contributions	26,106	
<u>General Revenues:</u>		
Property Taxes	44,500	
Other Taxes	132,071	
Intergovernmental - Unrestricted	36,811	
Interest Earnings and Other Revenue	14,973	12,396
Total Revenues	<u>259,406</u>	<u>698,220</u>
Expenses		
General Government	153,074	
Public Safety	11,827	
Streets and Public Works	70,190	
Urban and Economic Development	6,264	
Culture and Recreation	9,533	
Other	1,117	
Water		117,799
Sewer		71,025
Garbage		58,863
Electric		397,399
Total Expenses	<u>252,003</u>	<u>645,086</u>
Net Change in Position Before Transfers	<u>7,402</u>	<u>53,134</u>
Transfers	<u>73,169</u>	<u>(73,169)</u>
Net Change in Position	<u>80,571</u> =====	<u>(20,035)</u> =====

Property taxes constituted 5%, unrestricted intergovernmental 4%, operating grants and contributions 3%, and charges for services made up 72% of the total revenues of all activities of the city for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

General government constituted 17%, public safety 1%, streets and public works 8%, and enterprise 72% of total expenses for all activities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Changes in Net Position
As of December 31, 2013

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
Revenues		
<u>Program Revenues:</u>		
Charges for Services	5,269	630,144
Operating Grants and Contributions	51,645	
<u>General Revenues:</u>		
Property Taxes	42,469	
Other Taxes	118,189	
Intergovernmental - Unrestricted	34,657	
Interest Earnings and Other Revenue	26,212	66,661
Total Revenues	<u>278,442</u>	<u>696,805</u>
Expenses		
General Government	157,200	
Public Safety	11,827	
Streets and Public Works	103,329	
Urban and Economic Development	2,397	
Culture and Recreation	10,949	
Other	2,311	
Water		219,553
Sewer		57,477
Garbage		64,494
Electric		417,578
Total Expenses	<u>288,012</u>	<u>759,102</u>
Net Change in Position	<u>(9,571)</u>	<u>(62,298)</u>
	=====	=====

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table III shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services for governmental activities. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and other unrestricted revenues.

Table III

Total and Net Cost of Services
As of December 31, 2015

	Total Cost Year Ended <u>Dec. 31, 2015</u>	Net Cost Year Ended <u>Dec. 31, 2015</u>
General Government	136,810	129,484
Public Safety	11,827	11,132
Streets and Public Works	102,509	74,787
Urban and Economic Development	2,838	2,838
Culture and Recreation	11,749	7,910
Other	1,865	1,865
Total Expenses	<u>267,597</u> =====	<u>228,016</u> =====

Total and Net Cost of Services
As of December 31, 2014

	Total Cost Year Ended <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>	Net Cost Year Ended <u>Dec. 31, 2014</u>
General Government	153,074	149,073
Public Safety	11,827	11,565
Streets and Public Works	70,190	45,401
Urban and Economic Development	6,264	6,264
Culture and Recreation	9,533	7,533
Other	1,117	1,117
Total Expenses	<u>252,003</u> =====	<u>220,952</u> =====

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The purpose of the city's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows and balances of available resources. Unassigned fund balance generally can be used as a measure of the city's net resources available for spending as of the end of the fiscal year. These funds are accounted for using the modified cash basis of accounting. The city's governmental funds had total revenue of \$436,318 and expenditures of \$248,864 for the year ended December 31, 2015. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the city's governmental funds had total revenue of \$259,406 and expenditures of \$236,707. As of December 31, 2015, the unassigned fund balance of the city's general fund was \$279,414 and total unassigned fund balance for all the city's governmental funds was \$260,745. As of December 31, 2014, the unassigned fund balance of the city's general fund was \$274,364 and total unassigned fund balance for all the city's governmental funds was \$241,139.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

During the course of fiscal years 2015 and 2014, the city did not amend the general fund budgets.

Actual revenue for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$169,582 more than budgeted. This variance was mainly due to the city underestimating collections for surge funds received from the state. Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2015 were under budget by \$44,555. This variance was mainly due to the city overestimating appropriations for general government purposes.

Actual revenue for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$3,044 less than budgeted. Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2014 were under budget by \$20,117. This variance was mainly due to the city overestimating appropriations for general government purposes.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the city had \$770,086 and \$814,165, respectively, invested in capital assets. The following tables show the balances, for governmental and business-type activities, as of December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

Table IV

Capital Assets
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
As of December 31, 2015

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
Buildings and Infrastructure	217,280	483,610
Machinery and Vehicles	69,116	
Total (net of depreciation)	<u>286,396</u>	<u>483,610</u>
	=====	=====

This total represents a decrease of \$44,159 in capital assets from January 1, 2015.

Capital Assets
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
As of December 31, 2014

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
Buildings and Infrastructure	226,333	511,750
Machinery and Vehicles	76,082	
Total (net of depreciation)	<u>302,415</u>	<u>511,750</u>
	=====	=====

This total represents a decrease of \$44,161 in capital assets from January 1, 2014.

Capital Assets
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
As of December 31, 2013

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business- Type</u>
Buildings and Infrastructure	235,387	539,891
Machinery and Vehicles	83,048	
Total (net of depreciation)	<u>318,435</u> =====	<u>539,891</u> =====

For a detailed breakdown of the additions and deletions to capital assets, readers are referred to Note 5 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of December 31, 2015, the city had \$5,968 in outstanding debt. As of December 31, 2014, the city had \$3,255 in outstanding debt. During fiscal years 2015 and 2014, the city did not issue any new long-term debt obligations.

For a detailed breakdown of the long-term debt, readers are referred to Note 6 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the city's finances and to show the city's accountability for the money it receives. Anyone who has questions about information contained in this report or who is interested in receiving additional information is encouraged to contact Richard Honeyman, City Auditor, Stanton, ND.

CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2015

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Stanton Job Dev. Authority
ASSETS:				
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	287,082.32	567,790.92	854,873.24	23,058.95
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):				
Buildings and Infrastructure	217,280.00	483,610.00	700,890.00	
Machinery and Vehicles	69,116.00		69,116.00	
Total Capital Assets	286,396.00	483,610.00	770,006.00	
Total Assets	573,478.32	1,051,400.92	1,624,879.24	23,058.95
LIABILITIES:				
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Due After One Year:				
Compensated Absences Payable	5,968.48		5,968.48	
NET POSITION:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	286,396.00	483,610.00	770,006.00	
Restricted for:				
Special Purposes	16,811.58		16,811.58	
Unrestricted	264,302.26	567,790.92	832,093.18	23,058.95
Total Net Position	567,509.84	1,051,400.92	1,618,910.76	23,058.95

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

CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

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

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Stanton Job Dev. Authority
ASSETS:				
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	264,470.85	515,552.51	780,023.36	20,541.84
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):				
Buildings and Infrastructure	226,333.00	511,750.00	738,083.00	
Machinery and Vehicles	76,082.00		76,082.00	
Total Capital Assets	302,415.00	511,750.00	814,165.00	
 Total Assets	 566,885.85	 1,027,302.51	 1,594,188.36	 20,541.84
LIABILITIES:				
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Due After One Year:				
Compensated Absences Payable	3,254.82		3,254.82	
NET POSITION:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	302,415.00	511,750.00	814,165.00	
Restricted for:				
Special Purposes	13,806.57		13,806.57	
Unrestricted	247,409.46	515,552.51	762,961.97	20,541.84
 Total Net Position	 563,631.03	 1,027,302.51	 1,590,933.54	 20,541.84

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

CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position							Component Unit
Primary Government							
Program Revenues						Total	
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities			
<u>Functions/Programs</u>							
<u>Primary Government:</u>							
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>							
General Government	136,810.03	4,595.52	2,730.10	(129,484.41)	(129,484.41)		
Public Safety	11,826.60	695.00		(11,131.60)	(11,131.60)		
Streets and Public Works	102,508.56	1,681.92	26,039.81	(74,786.83)	(74,786.83)		
Urban and Econ. Development	2,838.46			(2,838.46)	(2,838.46)		
Culture and Recreation	11,748.72		3,839.00	(7,909.72)	(7,909.72)		
Other	1,864.65			(1,864.65)	(1,864.65)		
Total Governmental Activities	267,597.02	6,972.44	32,608.91	(228,015.67)	(228,015.67)		
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>							
Water	303,298.14	104,612.95		(198,685.19)	(198,685.19)		
Sewer	66,998.92	48,434.03		(18,564.89)	(18,564.89)		
Garbage	65,035.43	63,676.69		(1,358.74)	(1,358.74)		
Electric	368,256.45	423,314.70		55,058.25	55,058.25		
Total Business-Type Activities	803,588.94	640,038.37		(163,550.57)	(163,550.57)		
Total Primary Government	1,071,185.96	647,010.81	32,608.91	(228,015.67)	(391,566.24)		
<u>Component Unit:</u>							
Stanton Job Dev. Authority	63.64				(63.64)		

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes; levied for general purposes
Property taxes; levied for special purposes
Cigarette taxes
Coal severance taxes
Coal conversion taxes
Intergovernmental revenue not restricted
to specific programs
Earnings on investments and other revenue
Transfers

Property taxes; levied for general purposes	33,811.16	33,811.16	2,513.08
Property taxes; levied for special purposes	23,975.01	23,975.01	
Cigarette taxes	1,187.93	1,187.93	
Coal severance taxes	74,947.69	74,947.69	
Coal conversion taxes	45,742.38	45,742.38	
Intergovernmental revenue not restricted to specific programs	202,303.17	202,303.17	
Earnings on investments and other revenue	14,769.46	22,806.66	67.67
Transfers	(164,842.32)	164,842.32	
Total General Revenues and Transfers	231,894.48	187,648.98	2,580.75
Change in Net Position	3,878.81	24,098.41	2,517.11
Net Position - January 1	563,631.03	1,027,302.51	20,541.84
Net Position - December 31	567,509.84	1,051,400.92	23,058.95

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

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes; levied for general purposes	24,233.96	24,233.96	1,830.66
Property taxes; levied for special purposes	20,266.15	20,266.15	
Cigarette taxes	1,206.55	1,206.55	
Coal severance taxes	76,094.09	76,094.09	
Coal conversion taxes	54,756.95	54,756.95	
Oil and gas production taxes	13.10	13.10	
Intergovernmental revenue not restricted to specific programs	36,810.82	36,810.82	
Earnings on investments and other revenue	14,972.51	12,395.88	66.71
Transfers	73,168.82	(73,168.82)	
Total General Revenues and Transfers	301,522.95	(60,772.94)	1,897.37
Change in Net Position	80,571.26	(20,035.30)	1,876.76
Net Position - January 1	483,059.77	1,047,337.81	18,665.08
Net Position - December 31	563,631.03	1,027,302.51	20,541.84

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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2015

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General	Highway	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
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<u>ASSETS:</u>				
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	260,745.10		26,337.22	287,082.32
Interfund Receivables	18,669.18			18,669.18
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Total Assets	279,414.28	-0-	26,337.22	305,751.50
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<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Interfund Payables		18,669.18		18,669.18
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<u>Fund Balances:</u>				
Restricted for:				
General Government			2,197.00	2,197.00
Culture and Recreation			8,906.48	8,906.48
Cemetery			5,708.10	5,708.10
Assigned to:				
Harmon Avenue Restoration			9,525.64	9,525.64
Unassigned	279,414.28	(18,669.18)		260,745.10
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Total Fund Balances	279,414.28	(18,669.18)	26,337.22	287,082.32
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	279,414.28	-0-	26,337.22	305,751.50
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

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

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General	Highway	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
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ASSETS:				
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	241,138.64		23,332.21	264,470.85
Interfund Receivables	33,225.69			33,225.69
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Total Assets	274,364.33	-0-	23,332.21	297,696.54
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Interfund Payables		33,225.69		33,225.69
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FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
General Government			593.94	593.94
Culture and Recreation			7,590.83	7,590.83
Cemetery			5,621.80	5,621.80
Assigned to:				
Harmon Avenue Restoration			9,525.64	9,525.64
Unassigned	274,364.33	(33,225.69)		241,138.64
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Total Fund Balances	274,364.33	(33,225.69)	23,332.21	264,470.85
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	274,364.33	-0-	23,332.21	297,696.54
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds

287,082.32

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial
resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of Capital Assets
Less Accumulated Depreciation

885,145.00
(598,749.00)

Net Capital Assets

286,396.00

Long-term liabilities applicable to the city's governmental activities
are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not
reported as fund liabilities. Long-term liabilities -both current and
long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at
December 31, 2015 are:

Compensated Absences Payable

(5,968.48)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities

567,509.84
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

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	264,470.85
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Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of Capital Assets	885,145.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(582,730.00)	
Net Capital Assets		302,415.00

Long-term liabilities applicable to the city's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Long-term liabilities -both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2014 are:

Compensated Absences Payable	(3,254.82)
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Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	563,631.03
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General	Highway	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	37,339.96		19,313.01	56,652.97
Licenses, Permits and Fees	4,595.52			4,595.52
Intergovernmental	333,421.41	24,162.87	339.00	357,923.28
Charges for Services		1,681.92		1,681.92
Fines and Forfeits	695.00			695.00
Miscellaneous	8,979.21	317.35	5,472.90	14,769.46
Total Revenues	385,031.10	26,162.14	25,124.91	436,318.15
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	111,628.41		13,547.96	125,176.37
Public Safety	11,826.60			11,826.60
Streets and Public Works		95,409.56		95,409.56
Urban and Economic Development	2,838.46			2,838.46
Culture and Recreation	5,041.43		6,707.29	11,748.72
Other			1,864.65	1,864.65
Total Expenditures	131,334.90	95,409.56	22,119.90	248,864.36
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	253,696.20	(69,247.42)	3,005.01	187,453.79
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In		83,803.93		83,803.93
Transfers Out	(248,646.25)			(248,646.25)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(248,646.25)	83,803.93		(164,842.32)
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,049.95	14,556.51	3,005.01	22,611.47
Fund Balance - January 1	274,364.33	(33,225.69)	23,332.21	264,470.85
Fund Balance - December 31	279,414.28	(18,669.18)	26,337.22	287,082.32

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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General	Highway	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	27,265.08		16,530.29	43,795.37
Licenses, Permits and Fees	4,000.85			4,000.85
Intergovernmental	170,881.51	24,810.25		195,691.76
Charges for Services		683.12		683.12
Fines and Forfeits	262.00			262.00
Miscellaneous	9,744.47	315.29	4,912.75	14,972.51
Total Revenues	212,153.91	25,808.66	21,443.04	259,405.61
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	132,551.76		12,325.61	144,877.37
Public Safety	11,826.60			11,826.60
Streets and Public Works		63,089.93		63,089.93
Urban and Economic Development	6,263.54			6,263.54
Culture and Recreation	5,401.02		4,131.65	9,532.67
Other			1,116.78	1,116.78
Total Expenditures	156,042.92	63,089.93	17,574.04	236,706.89
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	56,110.99	(37,281.27)	3,869.00	22,698.72
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers In		73,168.82		73,168.82
Net Change in Fund Balances	56,110.99	35,887.55	3,869.00	95,867.54
Fund Balance - January 1	218,253.34	(69,113.24)	19,463.21	168,603.31
Fund Balance - December 31	274,364.33	(33,225.69)	23,332.21	264,470.85

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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	22,611.47
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	0.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(16,019.00)	(16,019.00)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Increase in Compensated Absences	(2,713.66)
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	3,878.81

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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	95,867.54
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	0.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(16,020.00)	(16,020.00)
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Decrease in Compensated Absences	723.72
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	80,571.26
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2015

	Major Enterprise Funds				Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Electric	
<u>ASSETS</u>					
<u>Current Assets:</u>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	15,077.00		28,942.98	523,770.94	567,790.92
Interfund Receivable	5,343.91				5,343.91
Total Current Assets	20,420.91		28,942.98	523,770.94	573,134.83
<u>Noncurrent Assets:</u>					
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depr):					
Buildings and Infrastructure	119,367.00			364,243.00	483,610.00
Total Assets	139,787.91	-0-	28,942.98	888,013.94	1,056,744.83
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>					
Interfund Payable		5,343.91			5,343.91
<u>NET POSITION</u>					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	119,367.00			364,243.00	483,610.00
Unrestricted	20,420.91	(5,343.91)	28,942.98	523,770.94	567,790.92
Total Net Position	139,787.91	(5,343.91)	28,942.98	888,013.94	1,051,400.92
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

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

	Major Enterprise Funds				Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Electric	
<u>ASSETS</u>					
<u>Current Assets:</u>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	37,417.54		30,222.21	447,912.76	515,552.51
Interfund Receivable	1,779.02				1,779.02
Total Current Assets	39,196.56		30,222.21	447,912.76	517,331.53
<u>Noncurrent Assets:</u>					
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depr):					
Buildings and Infrastructure	124,383.00			387,367.00	511,750.00
Total Assets	163,579.56	-0-	30,222.21	835,279.76	1,029,081.53
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>					
Interfund Payable		1,779.02			1,779.02
<u>NET POSITION</u>					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	124,383.00			387,367.00	511,750.00
Unrestricted	39,196.56	(1,779.02)	30,222.21	447,912.76	515,552.51
Total Net Position	163,579.56	(1,779.02)	30,222.21	835,279.76	1,027,302.51
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Major Enterprise Funds				Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Electric	
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>					
Charges for Sales and Services:					
Water Charges	104,612.95				104,612.95
Garbage Collections			63,676.69		63,676.69
Electricity Charges				423,314.70	423,314.70
Sewer Charges		48,434.03			48,434.03
Total Operating Revenues	104,612.95	48,434.03	63,676.69	423,314.70	640,038.37
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>					
Salaries and Benefits	38,949.45	40,263.92	6,799.76	37,897.81	123,910.94
Retirement	1,478.92	1,540.84	45.62	1,438.64	4,504.02
Insurance	9,545.30	6,017.53	2,976.90	12,536.49	31,076.22
Operations and Maintenance	199,996.45	19,176.63	55,213.15	26,256.13	300,642.36
Purchase of Water	48,312.02				48,312.02
Power Cost				265,059.49	265,059.49
Refunds				1,943.89	1,943.89
Depreciation	5,016.00			23,124.00	28,140.00
Total Operating Expenses	303,298.14	66,998.92	65,035.43	368,256.45	803,588.94
Operating Income (Loss)	(198,685.19)	(18,564.89)	(1,358.74)	55,058.25	(163,550.57)
<u>Non-Operating Revenues:</u>					
Interest Income	51.22		79.51	1,579.66	1,710.39
Miscellaneous Revenues				21,096.27	21,096.27
Total Non-Operating Revenues	51.22		79.51	22,675.93	22,806.66
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(198,633.97)	(18,564.89)	(1,279.23)	77,734.18	(140,743.91)
Transfers In	174,842.32	15,000.00			189,842.32
Transfers Out				(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)
Change in Net Position	(23,791.65)	(3,564.89)	(1,279.23)	52,734.18	24,098.41
Net Position - January 1	163,579.56	(1,779.02)	30,222.21	835,279.76	1,027,302.51
Net Position - December 31	139,787.91	(5,343.91)	28,942.98	888,013.94	1,051,400.92

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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Major Enterprise Funds				Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Electric	
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>					
Charges for Sales and Services:					
Water Charges	109,790.60				109,790.60
Garbage Collections			63,972.96		63,972.96
Electricity Charges				462,814.50	462,814.50
Sewer Charges		49,245.90			49,245.90
Total Operating Revenues	109,790.60	49,245.90	63,972.96	462,814.50	685,823.96
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>					
Salaries and Benefits	36,890.07	43,965.96	6,452.16	42,956.46	130,264.65
Retirement	1,331.80	1,579.54	46.04	1,643.50	4,600.88
Insurance	8,388.12	5,561.99	2,785.11	11,652.49	28,387.71
Operations and Maintenance	21,557.47	19,917.43	49,579.42	28,262.03	119,316.35
Water Purchase	44,614.72				44,614.72
Power Cost				288,636.01	288,636.01
Refunds				1,125.00	1,125.00
Depreciation	5,017.00			23,124.00	28,141.00
Total Operating Expenses	117,799.18	71,024.92	58,862.73	397,399.49	645,086.32
Operating Income (Loss)	(8,008.58)	(21,779.02)	5,110.23	65,415.01	40,737.64
<u>Non-Operating Revenues:</u>					
Interest Income			79.11	1,050.52	1,129.63
Miscellaneous Receipts				11,266.25	11,266.25
Total Non-Operating Revenues			79.11	12,316.77	12,395.88
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(8,008.58)	(21,779.02)	5,189.34	77,731.78	53,133.52
Transfers In		31,142.64			31,142.64
Transfers Out				(104,311.46)	(104,311.46)
Change in Net Position	(8,008.58)	9,363.62	5,189.34	(26,579.68)	(20,035.30)
Net Position - January 1	171,588.14	(11,142.64)	25,032.87	861,859.44	1,047,337.81
Net Position - December 31	163,579.56	(1,779.02)	30,222.21	835,279.76	1,027,302.51

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

CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Cash Flows - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Major Enterprise Funds				Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Electric	
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>					
Receipts from customers	104,612.95	48,434.03	63,676.69	423,314.70	640,038.37
Payments to suppliers	(259,332.69)	(26,735.00)	(58,235.67)	(307,234.64)	(651,538.00)
Payments to employees	(38,949.45)	(40,263.92)	(6,799.76)	(37,897.81)	(123,910.94)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(193,669.19)	(18,564.89)	(1,358.74)	78,182.25	(135,410.57)
<u>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</u>					
Miscellaneous receipts				21,096.27	21,096.27
Transfers in	174,842.32	15,000.00			189,842.32
Transfers out				(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)
Interfund loan transaction	(3,564.89)	3,564.89			
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	171,277.43	18,564.89		(3,903.73)	185,938.59
<u>Cash flows from investing activities:</u>					
Interest income	51.22		79.51	1,579.66	1,710.39
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(22,340.54)		(1,279.23)	75,858.18	52,238.41
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	37,417.54	-0-	30,222.21	447,912.76	515,552.51
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	15,077.00	-0-	28,942.98	523,770.94	567,790.92
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<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>					
Operating income (loss)	(198,685.19)	(18,564.89)	(1,358.74)	55,058.25	(163,550.57)
<u>Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</u>					
Depreciation expense	5,016.00			23,124.00	28,140.00
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(193,669.19)	(18,564.89)	(1,358.74)	78,182.25	(135,410.57)
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CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Statement of Cash Flows - Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Major Enterprise Funds				Total Enterprise Funds
	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Electric	
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>					
Receipts from customers	109,790.60	49,245.90	63,972.96	462,814.50	685,823.96
Payments to suppliers	(75,892.11)	(27,058.96)	(52,410.57)	(331,319.03)	(486,680.67)
Payments to employees	(36,890.07)	(43,965.96)	(6,452.16)	(42,956.46)	(130,264.65)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(2,991.58)	(21,779.02)	5,110.23	88,539.01	68,878.64
<u>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</u>					
Miscellaneous receipts				11,266.25	11,266.25
Transfers in		31,142.64			31,142.64
Transfers out				(104,311.46)	(104,311.46)
Interfund loan transaction	(1,779.02)	1,779.02			
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	(1,779.02)	32,921.66		(93,045.21)	(61,902.57)
<u>Cash flows from investing activities:</u>					
Interest income			79.11	1,050.52	1,129.63
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,770.60)	11,142.64	5,189.34	(3,455.68)	8,105.70
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	42,188.14	(11,142.64)	25,032.87	451,368.44	507,446.81
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	37,417.54	-0-	30,222.21	447,912.76	515,552.51
=====					
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>					
Operating income (loss)	(8,008.58)	(21,779.02)	5,110.23	65,415.01	40,737.64
<u>Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</u>					
Depreciation expense	5,017.00			23,124.00	28,141.00
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(2,991.58)	(21,779.02)	5,110.23	88,539.01	68,878.64
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2015 and 2014

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

Based on these criteria, 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 unit's column in the basic financial statements include the financial data of the city's one component unit. This unit is reported in a separate column to emphasize that it is legally separate from the city.

Stanton Job Development Authority: The city's governing body has the authority to disapprove, amend, or approve the job development authority budget. The job development authority has the authority to issue its own debt.

The financial statements of the discretely presented component unit are presented in the basic financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

The city reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Highway. This fund accounts for the state highway distribution tax and a special levy to be used for street repairs and maintenance.

The city reports the following major enterprise funds:

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

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

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

Electric. This fund accounts for the activities of the city's electrical services.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Measurement Focus

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

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

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

Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

D. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

Investments consist of certificates of deposit stated at cost.

E. Capital Assets

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

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

Buildings and Infrastructure	25 to 75 years
Machinery and Vehicles	10 to 20 years

F. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Compensation for unused vacation leave will be granted to all full-time employees upon termination of employment with the city. The employees may carry forward unused vacation leave not to exceed 160 hours at the employees current pay rate.

G. 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.

H. Fund Equity

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- * Committed
- * Assigned
- * Unassigned

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

I. 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.

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

J. Use of Estimates

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

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

At December 31, 2015 the city's carrying amount of deposits was \$854,873 and the bank balance was \$865,370. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$615,370 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

At December 31, 2014 the city's carrying amount of deposits was \$780,023 and the bank balance was \$798,761. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$548,761 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Credit Risk

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

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

At December 31, 2015 the city held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$621,977, which are all considered deposits.

At December 31, 2014 the city held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$454,855, which are all considered deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk

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

Note 3 PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on 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 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

Interfund receivables/payables are created by a negative cash balance in various funds. The amounts shown as interfund payables represent the amount of negative cash in the funds. Interfund receivables/payables for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>
<u>December 31, 2015</u>		
General	18,669.18	
Highway		18,669.18
Water	5,343.91	
Sewer		5,343.91
<u>December 31, 2014</u>		
General	33,225.69	
Highway		33,225.69
Water	1,779.02	
Sewer		1,779.02

Note 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2015</u>		
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:			
Capital assets			
being depreciated:			
Buildings and			
Infrastructure	679,000		679,000
Machinery and			
Vehicles	206,145		206,145
Total	885,145		885,145
Less accumulated			
depreciation for:			
Buildings and			
Infrastructure	452,667	9,053	461,720
Machinery and			
Vehicles	130,063	6,966	137,029
Total	582,730	16,019	598,749
Governmental Activities			
Capital Assets, Net	302,415	(16,019)	286,396
	=====	=====	=====

	<u>2014</u>			
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and Infrastructure	679,000			679,000
Machinery and Vehicles	206,145			206,145
Total	<u>885,145</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>885,145</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Infrastructure	443,613	9,054		452,667
Machinery and Vehicles	123,097	6,966		130,063
Total	<u>566,710</u>	<u>16,020</u>	<u></u>	<u>582,730</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>318,435</u>	<u>(16,020)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>302,415</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====

	<u>2015</u>			
	<u>Balance</u> <u>January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and Infrastructure	1,202,496			1,202,496
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Infrastructure	690,746	28,140		718,886
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	511,750	(28,140)	-0-	483,610

	<u>2014</u>			
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and Infrastructure	1,202,496			1,202,496
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Infrastructure	662,605	28,141		690,746
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	539,891	(28,141)	-0-	511,750

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

	2015	2014
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>		
General Government	8,920	8,920
Streets and Public Works	7,099	7,100
Total	<u>16,019</u>	<u>16,020</u>
	=====	=====
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>		
Water	5,016	5,017
Electric	23,124	23,124
Total	<u>28,140</u>	<u>28,141</u>
	=====	=====

Note 6 LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities. During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the long-term liabilities:

Governmental Activities

	<u>2015</u>				
	Balance January 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences *	3,255	2,713	-0-	5,968	-0-
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	<u>2014</u>				
	Balance January 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance December 31	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences *	3,979	-0-	724	3,255	-0-
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

* The change in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of increases and decreases.

Note 7 TRANSFERS

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
<u>December 31, 2015</u>		
Highway	83,803.93	
Water	164,842.32	
General		248,646.25
Water	10,000.00	
Sewer	15,000.00	
Electric		25,000.00
To subsidize expenditures/eliminate deficit fund balances.		
<u>December 31, 2014</u>		
Highway	73,168.82	
Water	31,142.64	
General		104,311.46
To subsidize expenditures/eliminate deficit fund balances.		

Note 8 DEFICIT FUND BALANCES

The following funds had deficit balances for the years ending December 31:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>		
Highway	(18,669.18)	(33,225.69)
<u>Enterprise Fund</u>		
Sewer	(5,343.91)	(1,779.02)

The city plans to eliminate these deficits with future revenue collections and/or transfers from other funds.

Note 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The city pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and automobile; and \$844,55 for public assets.

The city also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The city pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of \$1,000,000 per occurrence during a 12 month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the city with a blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$275,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

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

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

Note 10 PENSION PLAN

The city has a simple IRA plan for qualified employees. The city matches employee contributions up to 3%. The city's contributions in 2015 and 2014 were \$3,969.99 and \$3,893.89, respectively. The city is only responsible for current contributions.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	33,014.00	33,014.00	37,339.96	4,325.96
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,205.00	1,205.00	4,595.52	3,390.52
Intergovernmental	160,580.00	160,580.00	333,421.41	172,841.41
Fines and Forfeits	500.00	500.00	695.00	195.00
Miscellaneous	20,150.00	20,150.00	8,979.21	(11,170.79)
Total Revenues	215,449.00	215,449.00	385,031.10	169,582.10
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government	149,020.00	149,020.00	111,628.41	37,391.59
Public Safety	15,800.00	15,800.00	11,826.60	3,973.40
Urban and Economic Development	2,060.00	2,060.00	2,838.46	(778.46)
Culture and Recreation	4,890.00	4,890.00	5,041.43	(151.43)
Other	4,120.00	4,120.00		4,120.00
Total Expenditures	175,890.00	175,890.00	131,334.90	44,555.10
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	39,559.00	39,559.00	253,696.20	214,137.20
<u>Other Financing (Uses):</u>				
Transfers Out	(60,000.00)	(60,000.00)	(248,646.25)	(188,646.25)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(20,441.00)	(20,441.00)	5,049.95	25,490.95
Fund Balance - January 1	274,364.33	274,364.33	274,364.33	
Fund Balance - December 31	253,923.33	253,923.33	279,414.28	25,490.95

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	27,683.00	27,683.00	27,265.08	(417.92)
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,205.00	1,205.00	4,000.85	2,795.85
Intergovernmental	166,360.00	166,360.00	170,881.51	4,521.51
Fines and Forfeits	500.00	500.00	262.00	(238.00)
Miscellaneous	19,450.00	19,450.00	9,744.47	(9,705.53)
Total Revenues	215,198.00	215,198.00	212,153.91	(3,044.09)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government	149,530.00	149,530.00	132,551.76	16,978.24
Public Safety	15,830.00	15,830.00	11,826.60	4,003.40
Urban and Economic Development	2,000.00	2,000.00	6,263.54	(4,263.54)
Culture and Recreation	4,800.00	4,800.00	5,401.02	(601.02)
Other	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
Total Expenditures	176,160.00	176,160.00	156,042.92	20,117.08
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	39,038.00	39,038.00	56,110.99	17,072.99
<u>Other Financing (Uses):</u>				
Transfers Out	(60,000.00)	(60,000.00)		60,000.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	(20,962.00)	(20,962.00)	56,110.99	77,072.99
Fund Balance - January 1	218,253.34	218,253.34	218,253.34	
Fund Balance - December 31	197,291.34	197,291.34	274,364.33	77,072.99

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
Highway Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	35,245.00	35,245.00	24,162.87	(11,082.13)
Charges for Services	650.00	650.00	1,681.92	1,031.92
Miscellaneous			317.35	317.35
Total Revenues	35,895.00	35,895.00	26,162.14	(9,732.86)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Streets and Public Works	82,475.00	82,475.00	95,409.56	(12,934.56)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(46,580.00)	(46,580.00)	(69,247.42)	(22,667.42)
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In	45,723.00	45,723.00	83,803.93	38,080.93
Net Change in Fund Balances	(857.00)	(857.00)	14,556.51	15,413.51
Fund Balance - January 1	(33,225.69)	(33,225.69)	(33,225.69)	
Fund Balance - December 31	(34,082.69)	(34,082.69)	(18,669.18)	15,413.51

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis
Highway Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	34,070.00	34,070.00	24,810.25	(9,259.75)
Charges for Services	650.00	650.00	683.12	33.12
Miscellaneous			315.29	315.29
Total Revenues	34,720.00	34,720.00	25,808.66	(8,911.34)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Streets and Public Works	80,070.00	80,070.00	63,089.93	16,980.07
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(45,350.00)	(45,350.00)	(37,281.27)	8,068.73
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In	44,435.00	44,435.00	73,168.82	28,733.82
Net Change in Fund Balances	(915.00)	(915.00)	35,887.55	36,802.55
Fund Balance - January 1	(69,113.24)	(69,113.24)	(69,113.24)	
Fund Balance - December 31	(70,028.24)	(70,028.24)	(33,225.69)	36,802.55

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Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules
December 31, 2015 and 2014

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BUDGET POLICIES

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

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

Note 2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The governing board did not amend the budgets during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Budget

Expenditures exceeded budget in the following funds for the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Highway	12,934.56	
Library	3,877.29	1,331.65

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

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Schedule of Fund Activity Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Balance 1-1-15	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-15
<u>Major Governmental Funds:</u>						
General Fund	274,364.33	385,031.10		248,646.25	131,334.90	279,414.28
Highway	(33,225.69)	26,162.14	83,803.93		95,409.56	(18,669.18)
Total Major Governmental Funds	241,138.64	411,193.24	83,803.93	248,646.25	226,744.46	260,745.10
<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds:</u>						
Social Security	593.94	15,151.02			13,547.96	2,197.00
Cemetery	5,621.80	1,950.95			1,864.65	5,708.10
Library	7,590.83	8,022.94			6,707.29	8,906.48
Harmon Avenue Restoration	9,525.64					9,525.64
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	23,332.21	25,124.91			22,119.90	26,337.22
Total Governmental Funds	264,470.85	436,318.15	83,803.93	248,646.25	248,864.36	287,082.32
<u>Major Enterprise Funds:</u>						
Water	39,196.56	104,664.17	174,842.32		298,282.14	20,420.91
Sewer	(1,779.02)	48,434.03	15,000.00		66,998.92	(5,343.91)
Garbage	30,222.21	63,756.20			65,035.43	28,942.98
Electric	447,912.76	445,990.63		25,000.00	345,132.45	523,770.94
Total Enterprise Funds	515,552.51	662,845.03	189,842.32	25,000.00	775,448.94	567,790.92
Total Primary Government	780,023.36	1,099,163.18	273,646.25	273,646.25	1,024,313.30	854,873.24
<u>Discretely Presented</u>						
<u>Component Unit:</u>						
Stanton Job Dev. Authority	20,541.84	2,580.75			63.64	23,058.95
Total Reporting Entity	800,565.20	1,101,743.93	273,646.25	273,646.25	1,024,376.94	877,932.19

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Schedule of Fund Activity Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance 1-1-14	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-14
<u>Major Governmental Funds:</u>						
General Fund	218,253.34	212,153.91			156,042.92	274,364.33
Highway	(69,113.24)	25,808.66	73,168.82		63,089.93	(33,225.69)
Total Major Governmental Funds	149,140.10	237,962.57	73,168.82		219,132.85	241,138.64
<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds:</u>						
Social Security	(866.40)	13,785.95			12,325.61	593.94
Cemetery	5,321.21	1,417.37			1,116.78	5,621.80
Library	5,508.40	6,214.08			4,131.65	7,590.83
Harmon Avenue Restoration	9,500.00	25.64				9,525.64
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	19,463.21	21,443.04			17,574.04	23,332.21
Total Governmental Funds	168,603.31	259,405.61	73,168.82		236,706.89	264,470.85
<u>Major Enterprise Funds:</u>						
Water	42,188.14	109,790.60			112,782.18	39,196.56
Sewer	(11,142.64)	49,245.90	31,142.64		71,024.92	(1,779.02)
Garbage	25,032.87	64,052.07			58,862.73	30,222.21
Electric	451,368.44	475,131.27		104,311.46	374,275.49	447,912.76
Total Enterprise Funds	507,446.81	698,219.84	31,142.64	104,311.46	616,945.32	515,552.51
Total Primary Government	676,050.12	957,625.45	104,311.46	104,311.46	853,652.21	780,023.36
<u>Discretely Presented</u>						
<u>Component Unit:</u>						
Stanton Job Dev. Authority	18,665.08	1,897.37			20.61	20,541.84
Total Reporting Entity	694,715.20	959,522.82	104,311.46	104,311.46	853,672.82	800,565.20

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
City of Stanton
Stanton, 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 Stanton, Stanton, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the city's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 8, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items II-1 and II-2, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

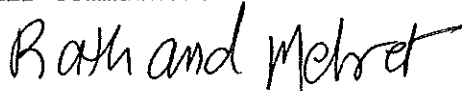
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the city's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

City's Response to Findings

The city's response to the findings identified in our audits are described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Responses*. The city's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the city's internal control or on compliance. This is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the city's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

July 8, 2016

CITY OF STANTON
Stanton, North Dakota

Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS:

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

Governmental Activities	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Business-Type Activities	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Discretely Presented Component Unit	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Major Governmental Funds	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Major Business-Type Funds	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified-Modified Cash Basis

Internal control over financial reporting:

* Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No

* Significant deficiency(ies) identified? X Yes None Reported

Noncompliance Material to financial
statements noted? Yes X No

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

Significant Deficiencies

1. Segregation of Duties

Condition: The city has one person responsible for most accounting functions.

Criteria: There should be sufficient accounting personnel so duties of employees are segregated. The segregation of duties would provide better control over assets of the city.

Effect: There is no segregation of duties as one employee is responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general ledger and prepare financial statements. This increases the risk of misstatement of the city's financial condition.

Recommendation: Due to the size of the city, it is not feasible to obtain proper separation of duties and no recommendation will be made.

Client Response: No response is considered necessary.

2. Financial Statement Preparation

Condition: The city's financial statements as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 are prepared by the city's external auditors.

Criteria: A good system of internal controls requires the city to determine that the financial statements are prepared based on the modified cash basis of accounting. This means that the city must maintain knowledge of current accounting principles and required financial statement disclosures.

Effect: A control system is not in place to determine that the financial statements are properly stated and in compliance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Recommendation: We recommend the city obtain the necessary knowledge of current accounting principles to prepare financial statements or outsource the preparation of its financial statements.

Client Response: It is not cost effective for the city to prepare its own financial statements.