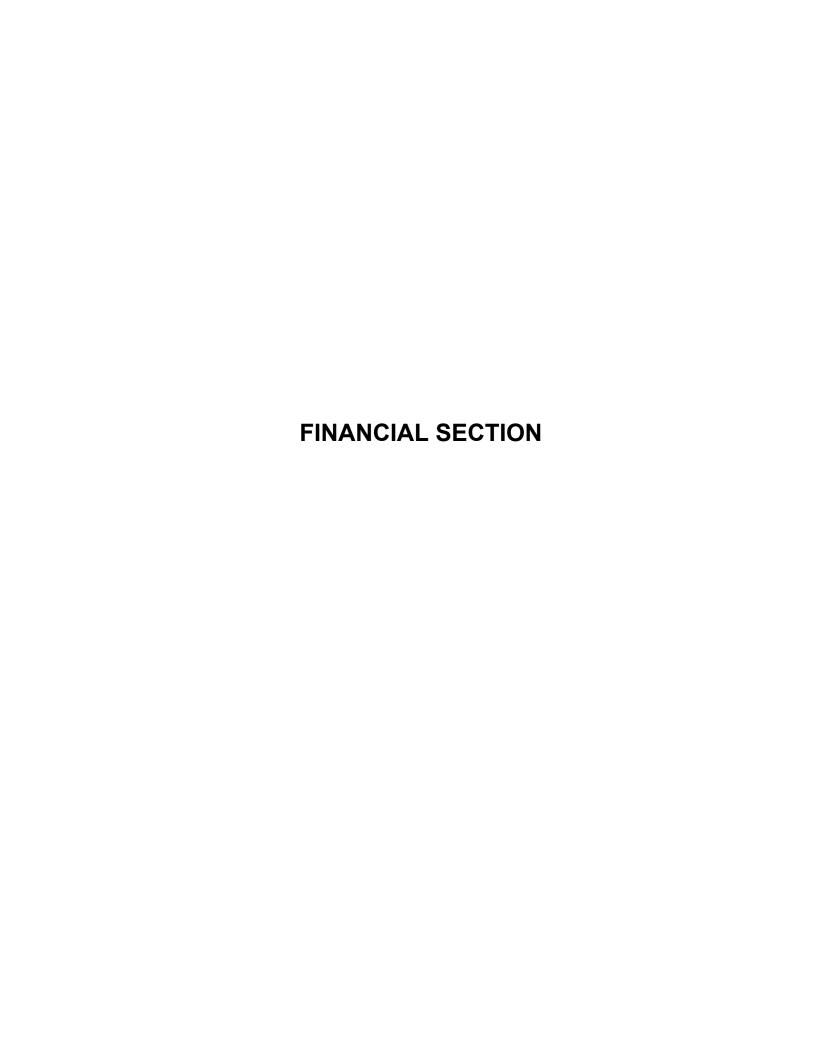
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Prepared by: Barnesville Finance Department

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Barnesville, Georgia
Barnesville, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **City of Barnesville**, **Georgia** (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Changes in the City's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios (on pages 38 and 39) and the Schedule of City Contributions (on pages 40 and 41) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §48-8-121, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

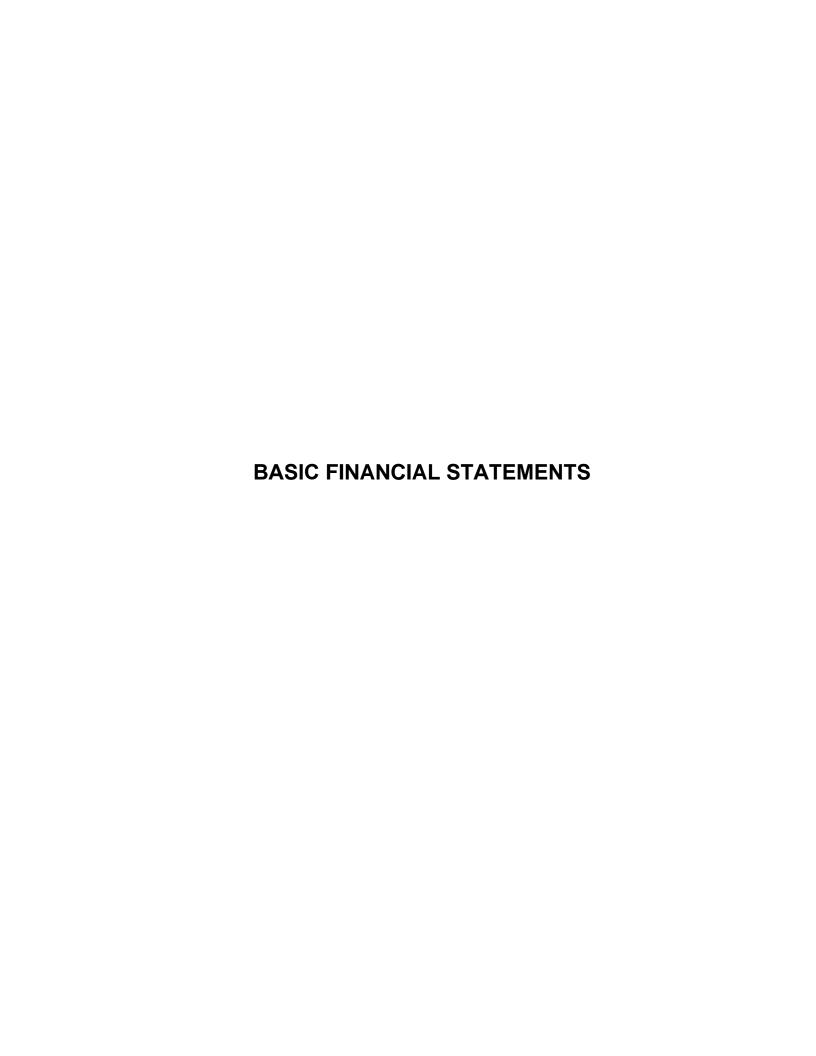
The schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds is the responsibility of management and is derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds was 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 September 30, 2022, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia September 30, 2022

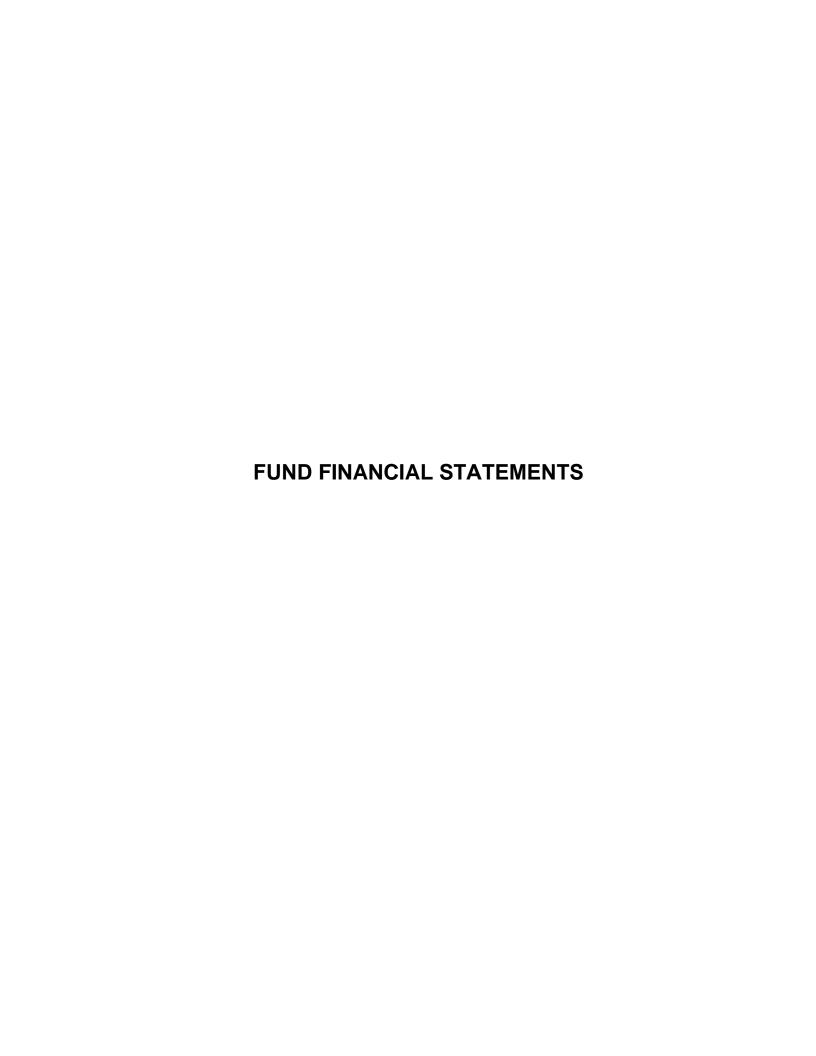


STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Primary Governmen	t
ASSETS	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,535,482	\$ 4,565,819	\$ 7,101,301
Investments	· -	6,227,199	6,227,199
Taxes receivable	68,438	· · · · -	68,438
Accounts receivable, net of allowances	780,623	1,948,267	2,728,890
Due from other governments	262,293	-	262,293
Internal balances	(2,308,954)	2,308,954	-
Inventories	-	296,061	296,061
Restricted assets:		,	,
Cash and cash equivalents	-	1,518,129	1,518,129
Capital assets:		, ,	. ,
Nondepreciable	1,227,050	1,677,439	2,904,489
Depreciable, net	12,291,055	26,082,545	38,373,600
Total assets	14,855,987	44,624,413	59,480,400
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension	358,358	173,576	531,934
Deferred charges on refundings	330,336	1,018,036	1,018,036
Total deferred outflows or resources	358,358	1,191,612	1,549,970
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LIABILITIES	000 047	707 474	000 704
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	226,247	737,474	963,721 108,707
	51,884	56,823	,
Unearned revenues	1,243,399	225 507	1,243,399
Customer deposits payable	-	235,587	235,587
Notes payable due within one year	-	294,989	294,989
Notes payable due in more than one year	-	2,235,531	2,235,531
Bonds payable due within one year	-	490,000	490,000
Bonds payable due in more than one year	-	21,110,000	21,110,000
Net pension liability due in more	000 047	400 700	4 007 405
than one year Total liabilities	833,647 2,355,177	403,788 25,564,192	1,237,435 27,919,369
Total liabilities	2,555,177	25,504,192	27,919,309
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension	104,552	50,640	155,192
Total deferred inflows of resources	104,552	50,640	155,192
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	13,518,105	4,647,500	18,165,605
Restricted for:			
Economic development	1,150	-	1,150
Capital projects	1,274,535	-	1,274,535
Unrestricted	(2,039,174)	15,553,693	13,514,519
Total net position	\$ 12,754,616	\$ 20,201,193	\$ 32,955,809

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

					Progr	am Revenues		Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Primary Government							
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities			Total	
Primary government:		•	-												
Governmental activities:															
General government	\$	2,060,928	\$	694,408	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(1,366,520)	\$	-	\$	(1,366,520)	
Public safety		2,158,800		313,840		121,794		-		(1,723,166)		-		(1,723,166)	
Public works		1,112,543		-		-		976,401		(136,142)		-		(136,142)	
Parks and recreation		373,128		-		-		-		(373,128)		-		(373,128)	
Housing and economic development		44,311		-				_		(44,311)		-		(44,311)	
Total governmental activities		5,749,710		1,008,248		121,794		976,401		(3,643,267)		-	. =	(3,643,267)	
Business-type activities:															
Water and sewer		3,466,966		4,420,862		-		-		-		953,896		953,896	
Electric		7,999,464		9,584,590		-		-		-	1,	585,126		1,585,126	
Solid waste		817,691		685,345		-		-		-	(132,346)		(132,346)	
Total business-type activities		12,284,121		14,690,797		-		-		-	2,	406,676		2,406,676	
Total primary government	\$	18,033,831	\$	15,699,045	\$	121,794	\$	976,401		(3,643,267)	2,	406,676	_	(1,236,591)	
	Gene	eral revenues:													
	Pr	operty taxes								626,110		_		626,110	
	Sa	les taxes								967,536		_		967,536	
	Ins	surance premiun	n tax							566,238		-		566,238	
	Fra	anchise taxes								139,078		-		139,078	
	Ot	her taxes								32,752		-		32,752	
	Ga	in on sale of ca	pital ass	ets						1,466,123		-		1,466,123	
	Tran	sfers								(1,925,223)	1,	925,223		-	
	To	tal general reve	nues an	d transfers						1,872,614	1,	925,223		3,797,837	
	Ch	ange in net pos	ition							(1,770,653)	4,	331,899		2,561,246	
	Net p	oosition, beginni	ng of ye	ar						14,525,269	15,	869,294		30,394,563	
	,	osition, end of	0 ,						\$	12,754,616		201,193	\$	32,955,809	



BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

ASSETS		General		2017 SPLOST		American escue Plan		najor Fund el/Motel	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents Taxes receivable, net Accounts receivable, net Due from other governments Total assets	\$	191,771 67,288 780,623 88,070 1,127,752	\$	1,100,312 - - 174,223 1,274,535	\$	1,243,399 - - - - 1,243,399	\$	1,150 - - 1,150	\$	2,535,482 68,438 780,623 262,293 3,646,836
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES										
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Unearned revenues Due to other funds	\$	226,247 51,884 - 2,308,954	\$	- - -	\$	- - 1,243,399	\$	- - -	\$	226,247 51,884 1,243,399 2,308,954
Total liabilities		2,587,085	_	-	_	1,243,399				3,830,484
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental Unavailable revenue - property taxes Total deferred inflows of resources		132,308 63,726 196,034		- -		- - -		- - -		132,308 63,726 196,034
FUND BALANCES Restricted for: Economic development Capital projects Unassigned Total fund balances (deficit) Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances (deficit)	\$	(1,655,367) (1,655,367) (1,127,752	\$	1,274,535 - 1,274,535 1,274,535	\$	1,243,399	\$	1,150 - - 1,150 1,150		1,150 1,274,535 (1,655,367) (379,682)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in										
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds. Deferred outflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.									13,518,105 196,034 -	
These deferred outflows of resources consist of pension related experience differences, assumption changes and contributions. Net pension asset is not a financial asset in governmental fund activities and, therefore, is not reported in governmental funds. Deferred inflows of resources are not available to pay for current expenditures and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.									358,358	
These deferred inflows of resources consist of pension related differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments. Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are, therefore, not reported in the funds. Net position of governmental activities									\$	(104,552) (833,647) 12,754,616

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		General		2017 SPLOST	Ameri Rescue		major Fund otel/Motel	Go	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES									
Property taxes	\$	667,720	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	667,720
Sales taxes		967,536		_		_	-		967,536
Franchise taxes		139,078		_		-	-		139,078
Insurance premium taxes		566,238		_		_	-		566,238
Other taxes		18,943		_		_	13,809		32,752
Charges for services		92,532		_		_	-		92,532
Licenses and permits		305,467		_		_	-		305,467
Intergovernmental		121,794		976,401		_	-		1,098,195
Fines and forfeitures		313,840		· <u>-</u>		_	-		313,840
Other revenues		289,655		6,754		_	-		296,409
Total revenues		3,482,803		983,155		-	13,809		4,479,767
EXPENDITURES									
Current:		0.040.754							0.040.754
General government		2,019,754		-		-	-		2,019,754
Public safety		2,163,188		-		-	-		2,163,188
Public works		950,302		-		-	-		950,302
Parks and recreation		185,001		-		-	40.504		185,001
Housing and economic development		30,750		-		-	13,561		44,311
Capital outlay			_	682,142			 40.504		682,142
Total expenditures	_	5,348,995		682,142			 13,561	_	6,044,698
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures									
		(1,866,192)	_	301,013		-	 248		(1,564,931)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers out		(1,457,073)		(468,150)		-	-		(1,925,223)
Proceeds from the sale of capital assets		1,466,123		_		-	 		1,466,123
Total other financing sources (uses)		9,050		(468,150)		-			(459,100)
Net change in fund balances		(1,857,142)		(167,137)		-	248		(2,024,031)
Fund balances, beginning		204 775		1 441 670			002		1 644 240
of year		201,775		1,441,672			 902		1,644,349
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$	(1,655,367)	\$	1,274,535	\$	-	\$ 1,150	\$	(379,682)

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds.		\$ (2,024,031)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
Capital outlay Depreciation	\$ 744,687 (509,745)	234,942
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(41,610)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Change in net pension liability, deferred inflows and outflows of resources		 60,046
Change in net position of governmental activites		\$ (1,770,653)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

							Variance
	 Budgeted	l Amo	ounts			•	with Final
	Original		Final		Actual		Budget
REVENUES		_		_		_	(40.450)
Property taxes	\$ 685,878	\$	685,878	\$	667,720	\$	(18,158)
Sales taxes	730,000		730,000		967,536		237,536
Franchise taxes Insurance premium taxes	124,700 515,000		124,700 515,000		139,078 566,238		14,378 51,238
Other taxes	15,500		15,500		18,943		3,443
Charges for services	63,550		63,550		92,532		28,982
Licenses and permits	268,000		268.000		305,467		37,467
Intergovernmental	56,000		56,000		121,794		65,794
Fines and forfeitures	341,500		341,500		313,840		(27,660)
Other revenues	294,906		294,906		289,655		(5,251)
Total revenues	3,095,034		3,095,034		3,482,803		387,769
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
General government:							
Executive	129,466		129,466		120,697		8,769
Administrative services	774,124		774,124		886,442		(112,318)
Contract services	 523,700		523,700		1,012,615		(488,915)
Total general government	 1,427,290		1,427,290		2,019,754		(592,464)
Public safety:							
Police	1,700,058		1,700,058		1,725,836		(25,778)
Fire	409,831		409,831		437,352		(27,521)
Total public safety	2,109,889		2,109,889		2,163,188		(53,299)
Public works:							
Highways and streets	650,874		650,874		905,052		(254,178)
Cemetery	33,300		33,300		45,250		(11,950)
Total public works	684,174		684,174		950,302		(266,128)
Culture and recreation:							
Recreation	34,289		34,289		1,316		32,973
Civic center	190,666		190,666		183,685		6,981
Total culture and recreation	 224,955		224,955		185,001		39,954
Housing and economic development:							
City Hall	17,500		17,500		30,750		(13,250)
Total housing and economic development	17,500		17,500		30,750		(13,250)
Total expenditures	4,463,808		4,463,808		5,348,995		(885,187)
Deficiency of revenues under							
expenditures	 (1,368,774)		(1,368,774)		(1,866,192)		(497,418)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers out	-		-		(1,457,073)		(1,457,073)
Proceeds from the sale of capital assets	 <u> </u>		<u> </u>		1,466,123		1,466,123
Total other financing sources, net	 <u> </u>		-		9,050		9,050
Net change in fund balances	(1,368,774)		(1,368,774)		(1,857,142)		(488,368)
Fund balances, beginning of year	 201,775		201,775		201,775		
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ (1,166,999)	\$	(1,166,999)	\$	(1,655,367)	\$	(488,368)

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Nonmajor Fund Solid Waste Fund	Total
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,863,239	\$ 1,702,580	\$ -	\$ 4,565,819
Investments	-	6,227,199	-	6,227,199
Restricted assets, cash	926,219	591,910	-	1,518,129
Accounts receivable, net of allowances	1,478,919	425,696	43,652	1,948,267
Due from other funds	555,199	2,005,985	-	2,561,184
Inventories	76,131	219,930	- 40.050	296,061
Total current assets	5,899,707	11,173,300	43,652	17,116,659
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Capital assets:				
Nondepreciable	596,432	949,325	131,682	1,677,439
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	25,759,006	156,260	167,279	26,082,545
Total non-current assets	26,355,438	1,105,585	298,961	27,759,984
Total assets	32,255,145	12,278,885	342,613	44,876,643
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension	67,540	99,674	6,362	173,576
Deferred charges on refundings	1,018,036	-	-	1,018,036
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,085,576	99,674	6,362	1,191,612
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	12,437	725,037	-	737,474
Accrued liabilities	50,195	6,628	-	56,823
Current portion - notes payable	294,989	-	-	294,989
Customer deposits payable	13,550	222,037	-	235,587
Due to other funds	156,133	-	96,097	252,230
Payable from restricted assets:				
Revenue bonds payable, current portion	490,000			490,000
Total current liabilities	1,017,304	953,702	96,097	2,067,103
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Revenue bonds payable, net of current portion	21,110,000	-	-	21,110,000
Notes payable, net of current portion	2,235,531	-	-	2,235,531
Net pension liability	157,117	231,871	14,800	403,788
Total non-current liabilities	23,502,648	231,871	14,800	23,749,319
Total liabilities	24,519,952	1,185,573	110,897	25,816,422
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension	19,705	29,079	1,856	50,640
Total deferred inflows of resources	19,705	29,079	1,856	50,640
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	3,242,954	1,105,585	298,961	4,647,500
Unrestricted	5,558,110	10,058,322	(62,739)	15,553,693
Total net position	\$ 8,801,064	\$ 11,163,907	\$ 236,222	\$ 20,201,193

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Water and ewer Fund		Electric Fund		nmajor Fund olid Waste Fund		Total
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for services	\$	4,250,958	\$	9,001,687	\$	675,995	\$	13,928,640
Licenses and permits	φ	4,230,936	φ	2,238	Φ	075,995	φ	2,238
Other services		169.904		580,665		9,350		759,919
Total operating revenues		4,420,862		9,584,590		685,345		14,690,797
OPERATING EXPENSES								
Personnel services		593,537		729,652		74,912		1,398,101
Purchased or contracted services		1,179,445		154,991		646,533		1,980,969
Purchased power		-		6,710,827		-		6,710,827
Supplies		306,716		-		44,857		351,573
Miscellaneous		-		385,149		-		385,149
Landfill expenses		-		-		12,734		12,734
Depreciation		867,290		18,845		38,655		924,790
Total operating expenses		2,946,988		7,999,464		817,691		11,764,143
Operating income (loss)		1,473,874		1,585,126		(132,346)		2,926,654
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES								
Interest expense		(519,978)		-		-		(519,978)
Total non-operating expenses		(519,978)		_		_		(519,978)
Income (loss) before transfers		953,896		1,585,126		(132,346)		2,406,676
TRANSFERS								
Transfers in		468,150		1,457,073		-		1,925,223
Total transfers		468,150		1,457,073		-		1,925,223
Change in net position		1,422,046		3,042,199		(132,346)	_	4,331,899
Net position, beginning of year		7,379,018		8,121,708		368,568		15,869,294
Net position, end of year	\$	8,801,064	\$	11,163,907	\$	236,222	\$	20,201,193

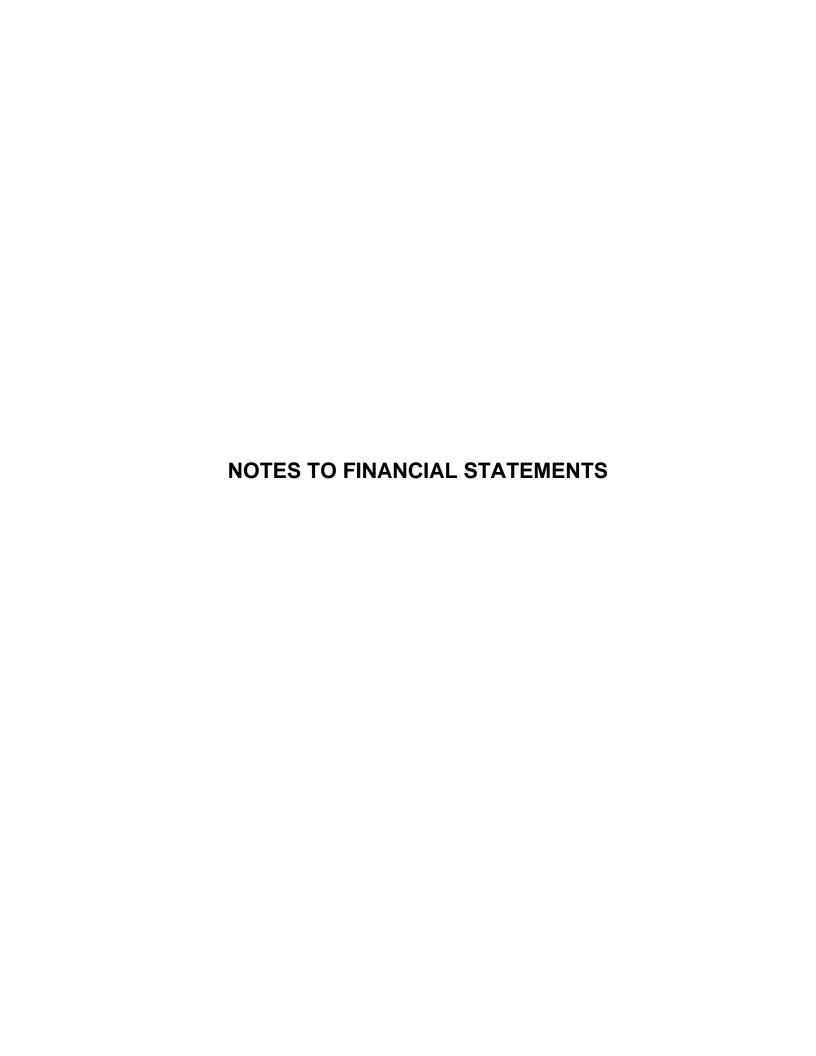
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Water and ewer Fund		Electric Fund	major Fund blid Waste Fund	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers and users Payments to suppliers Payments to employees	\$ 4,284,743 (1,520,751) (2,436,663)	\$	7,773,336 (7,154,979) (742,080)	\$ 780,802 (704,631) (76,171)	\$ 12,838,881 (9,380,361) (3,254,914)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	327,329		(123,723)		203,606
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfers in	468,150		1,457,073	-	1,925,223
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	468,150		1,457,073		1,925,223
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(824,158)		-	-	(824,158)
Principal paid on bonds	(340,000)		-	-	(340,000)
Principal paid on notes payable Interest paid	(294,989)		-	-	(294,989)
Net cash used in capital and related	 (510,451)			 <u>-</u>	(510,451)
financing activities	 (1,969,598)			 	 (1,969,598)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			(440.00=)		(4.40.00=)
Purchase of investments Net cash used in investing activities	 <u> </u>		(113,935)	 	 (113,935) (113,935)
Net cash used in investing activities	 	-	(113,933)	 	 (113,933)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	 (1,174,119)		1,219,415	 	45,296
Cash and cash equivalents:					
Beginning of year	 4,963,577		1,075,075	 	 6,038,652
End of year	\$ 3,789,458	\$	2,294,490	\$ -	\$ 6,083,948
Classified as:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,863,239	\$	1,702,580	\$ -	\$ 4,565,819
Restricted assets, cash	\$ 926,219 3,789,458	\$	591,910 2,294,490	\$ <u> </u>	\$ 1,518,129 6,083,948

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Water and Sewer Fund		Electric Fund		nmajor Fund Solid Waste Fund		Total
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to								
net								
cash provided by (used in) operating activities:								
Operating income (loss)	\$	1,473,874	\$	1,585,126	\$	(132,346)	\$	2,926,654
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	Ť	,,,	•	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	*	(100,010)	•	_,==,,==
Depreciation		867,290		18,845		38,655		924,790
(Increase) decrease in assets:								
Accounts receivable		(116,130)		(42,186)		(640)		(158,956)
Inventories		(6,721)		(5,688)		-		(12,409)
Due from other funds		(176,122)		(1,756,508)		-		(1,932,630)
Deferred outflows of resources - pension		10,673		32,541		2,431		45,645
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:								
Accounts payable		(25,813)		104,680		-		78,867
Accrued liabilities		(2,056)		(3,004)		(507)		(5,567)
Customer deposits		-		(12,560)		-		(12,560)
Net pension liability		(11,073)		(52,445)		(4,109)		(67,627)
Due to other funds		156,133		-		96,097		252,230
Due to component units		-		-		-		-
Deferred inflows of resources - deferred								
charge on refunding		(1,849,652)		-		-		(1,849,652)
Deferred inflows of resources - pension Net cash provided by (used in) operating		6,926		7,476		419		14,821
activities	\$	327,329	\$	(123,723)	\$	-	\$	203,606



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Barnesville, Georgia (the "City") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The City, which was founded in 1852, has a population of 6,300 living within an area of 6.2 square miles. The City is a Georgia municipal corporation and operates under a charter adopted April 1995 and is a City Manager/Mayor and Council form of government. The City provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, culture and recreation, education, public improvements, planning and zoning, water, sewer and electric services and general administrative services.

In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as set forth in the Statement of GASB No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, the component units' financial statements have been included as either blended or discretely presented. As of September 30, 2021, the City does not have any component units.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement* focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, intergovernmental grants and investment income associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and, therefore, have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** 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.

The **Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax** ("**SPLOST"**) **2017 Fund** is a capital projects fund that accounts for the financing and construction of facilities and improvements in accordance with the SPLOST 2017 referendum.

The *American Rescue Plan Fund* is used to account for grant funds awarded to the County as part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The **Water and Sewer Fund** accounts for the operation of the water and sewerage system including all revenues from sources applicable to these operations and all expenses of the operation.

The *Electric Fund* accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's electric facilities.

Additionally, the City reports the following nonmajor funds:

The **Special Revenue Fund** accounts for the City's revenues and expenditures related to the Hotel/Motel tax levied during the year.

The *Enterprise Fund* accounts for the operation and maintenance of the City's solid waste facilities.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges for services provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges for goods and services provided. Operating expenses of the enterprise funds include the cost of these goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Cash and Deposits

The City's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, bonds of the State of Georgia and its agencies, instrumentalities and political subdivisions, certificates of deposit of national or state banks that are fully insured or collateralized by United States obligations, repurchase agreements and Georgia Fund 1, the Local Government Investment Pool.

Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount, which reasonably estimates fair value.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Receivables and Payables

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible.

F. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first in/first out ("FIFO") method. The consumption method is used to account for inventories. Under the consumption method, inventory items are recognized as expenditures when used.

G. Prepaid Expenditures/Expenses

Prepaid items are accounted for using the consumption method. A prepaid item is recognized when a cash expenditure/expense is made for goods or services that were purchased for consumption, but not consumed as of June 30.

H. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consist of customer deposits for utility services and funds required to be placed in a separate account to be used to retire Georgia Environmental Finance Authority ("GEFA") debt as it matures.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, improvements to land, easements, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, machinery, equipment, works of art and historical treasures, infrastructure, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond one year are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Infrastructure assets are long-lived capital assets that normally are stationary in nature and normally can be preserved for a significantly greater number of years than most capital assets. Examples of infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, tunnels, drainage systems, water and sewer systems, dams, and lighting systems. Buildings, except those that are an ancillary part of a network of infrastructure assets, will not be considered infrastructure assets. Capital assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Capital Assets (Continued)

Capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives unless they are inexhaustible. Inexhaustible assets such as land improvements are not depreciated.

Depreciation is reported in the government-wide Statement of Activities and in the proprietary fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position.

Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives	Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	20 Years	20 Years
Building and Plant* *includes Water and Sewer lines.	40 Years	40 – 50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5 – 10 years	5 – 30 years
Vehicles	5 – 7 years	5 – 7 years
Infrastructure	10 – 65 years	40 – 50 years

J. Compensated Absences

Sick leave benefits are not paid at termination, neither does the unused vacation rollover to the subsequent year. Therefore, compensated absences are not accrued.

K. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bond using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. The gain/loss on defeasance of bonds is presented as an increase/decrease to the face amount of bonds payable and is being amortized over the life of the bonds through interest expense. Bond issuance costs are expensed in the period incurred.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and, therefore, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. They are the deferred amounts related to pension (three items) and the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The deferred amounts relate to pension differences between expected and actual experience, changes in actuarial assumptions, and contributions subsequent to measurement date. The deferred charge on refunding resulted from the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and, therefore, will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has four items that qualify for reporting in this category; unavailable revenue (two items), which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, and deferred inflows related to pensions (two items). The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes and other receivables, which are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available. The deferred amounts relate to pension differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments and the differences between expected and actual experience.

M. 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 assets and liabilities under the current financial resources measurement focus of accounting. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance 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), or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Fund Equity (Continued)

Fund Balance (Continued) -

- 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 or laws or regulations of other governments.
- 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. Only the City Council 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.
 Through resolution, the City Council has authorized the City Manager or the City's Finance
 Director to assign fund balances.
- Unassigned Fund balances are reported as unassigned when the balances do not meet
 any of the above criterion. Positive unassigned fund balance may be reported only in the
 General Fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all governmental
 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 in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. The 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 spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted using the same definition as used for restricted fund balance as described in the section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

The City applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

N. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

O. Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the City of Barnesville Retirement Plan (the "Plan") and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Data

The City adopts an annual operating budget for the general fund and each special revenue fund. A project budget is adopted for the 2017 SPLOST Fund. The budget resolution reflects the total of each department's appropriation in each fund. An annual operating budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund will be prepared once the funds are expected to be expended.

The governmental funds' budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP, except that outstanding encumbrances at year-end are reported as budgetary expenditures. Enterprise fund budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP, except that outstanding encumbrances at year-end are reported as budgetary expenses.

The level of legal budgetary control (the level at which expenditures may not exceed appropriations) is the department level with the following provisions:

- The City Manager may transfer funds from one object or purpose to another within the same department.
- The City Council may amend the budget by motion during the fiscal year.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all budgeted funds.

NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

B. Excess Expenditures Over Appropriations

Department	Excess
General Fund:	
General government	
Administrative services	\$ 112,318
Contract services	488,915
Public safety	
Police	25,778
Fire	27,521
Public works	
Highways and streets	254,178
Cemetery	11,950
Housing and economic development	
City Hall	13,250

These over expenditures were funded with greater than anticipated revenues.

C. Deficit Fund Balance

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the General Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$1,656,367.

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Total deposits and investments as of September 30, 2021 are summarized as follows:

Amounts as presented on the entity-wide Statement of Net Position:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,101,301
Investments	6,227,199
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,518,129
Total	\$ 14,846,629
Cash deposited with financial institutions	\$ 7,693,211
Cash deposited with Georgia Fund 1	926,219
Investments in the Municipal Competitive Trust	6,227,199
Total	\$ 14,846,629

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk. State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. government; prime bankers' acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. As of September 30, 2021, the City's investment in Georgia Fund 1 was rated AAAf by Standard & Poor's. The City's investment in the Municipal Competitive Trust was not rated.

Interest Rate Risk. The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

At September 30, 2021, the City had the following investments:

Investment	Rating	Fair ting Value		Mat	nvestment turity (Years) ess than 1
Georgia Fund 1 Municipal Competitive Trust	AAAf N/A	\$	926,219 6,227,199	\$	926,219 6,227,199
		\$	7,153,418	\$	7,153,418

Fair Value Measurements. The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The City has the following recurring fair value investments as of September 30, 2021:

Investment		Level 1	Le	vel 2	 Level 3	 Fair Value	
Municipal Competitive Trust	\$	6,227,199	\$		\$ 	\$ 6,227,199	
	\$	6,227,199	\$		\$ 	6,227,199	
Investments not subject to le Georgia Fund 1	vel d	isclosure:				926,219	
J						\$ 7,153,418	

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurements (Continued). Investments classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those investments. Investments classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

The Georgia Fund 1 is an investment pool which does not meet the criteria of GASB Statement No. 79 and is thus valued at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31. As a result, the City does not disclose its investment in the Georgia Fund 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. As of September 30, 2021, all of the deposits for the City were fully collateralized in accordance with the state statutes.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities.

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES

A. Accounts Receivable

Receivables at September 30, 2021 for the City's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	201	7 SPLOST Fund	Ho	nmajor te/Motel x Fund	_	Vater and ewer Fund
Receivables:				,			
Taxes	\$ 67,288	\$	-	\$	1,150	\$	-
Accounts	780,623		-		-		1,998,940
Due from other governments	88,070		174,223		-		-
Gross receivables Less allowance for	935,981		174,223		1,150		1,998,940
uncollectibles	-		-		-		520,021
Net total receivables	\$ 935,981	\$	174,223	\$	1,150	\$	1,478,919

		N	onmajor	
	Electric	So	lid Waste	
	Fund		Fund	Total
Receivables:				
Taxes	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 68,438
Accounts	1,148,932		171,797	4,100,292
Due from other governments	-			 262,293
Gross receivables	1,148,932		171,797	4,431,023
Less allowance for				
uncollectibles	723,236		128,145	1,371,402
Net total receivables	\$ 425,696	\$	43,652	\$ 3,059,621

B. Property Taxes

Normally, property tax levies are set by the City Council in September of each year for collection in the following fiscal year beginning September 1. Lamar County spreads all levies over assessable property. Taxes are levied annually by the City and for the year ended September 30, 2021, the levy occurred on October 21, 2020. Real and personal property taxes were due on December 31, 2020.

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental activities					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 1,227,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,227,050
Total	1,227,050	-	-		1,227,050
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and plant	21,574,212	636,160	(9,238,300)	-	12,972,072
Machinery and equipment	267,320	13,205	-	71,490	352,015
Vehicles	873,685	95,322	(65,462)	(71,490)	832,055
Infrastructure	8,208,500	-	-	-	8,208,500
Total	30,923,717	744,687	(9,303,762)		22,364,642
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	(15,044,284)	(244,569)	9,238,300	-	(6,050,553)
Machinery and equipment	(224,047)	(13,081)	-	-	(237,128)
Vehicles	(726,759)	(24,081)	65,462	-	(685,378)
Infrastructure	(2,872,514)	(228,014)	_	-	(3,100,528)
Total	(18,867,604)	(509,745)	9,303,762		(10,073,587)
Total assets, being depreciated, net	12,056,113	234,942			12,291,055
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 13,283,163	\$ 234,942	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,518,105
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	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Business-type activities					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 1,677,439	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,677,439
Total	1,677,439				1,677,439
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and plant	27,705,716	260,700	_	-	27,966,416
Machinery and equipment	323,465	-	_	-	323,465
Vehicles	513,656	405,223	(12,275)	-	906,604
Infrastructure	19,558,057	158,235	-	-	19,716,292
Total	48,100,894	824,158	(12,275)		48,912,777
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and plant	(16,587,740)	(393,425)	-	-	(16,981,165)
Machinery and equipment	(256,891)	(7,396)	-	-	(264,287)
Vehicles	(405,761)	(35,017)	12,275	-	(428,503)
Infrastructure	(4,667,325)	(488,952)	_	-	(5,156,277)
Total	(21,917,717)	(924,790)	12,275		(22,830,232)
Total assets, being depreciated, net	26,183,177	(100,632)			26,082,545
Business-type activities capital					
assets, net	\$ 27,860,616	\$ (100,632)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,759,984

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 18,515
Public safety	39,712
Public works	263,391
Culture and recreation	188,127
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 509,745
Business-type activities:	
Water and sewer	\$ 867,290
Electric	18,845
Solid waste	38,655
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	\$ 924,790

NOTE 6. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 was as follows:

	 Beginning Balance	 Additions	R	eductions	Ending Balance	_	ue Within One Year
Governmental activities: Net pension liability	\$ 1,047,366	\$ 608.825	\$	(822,544)	\$ 833,647	\$	_
Governmental activities Long-term liabilities	\$ 1,047,366	\$ 608,825	\$	(822,544)	\$ 833,647	\$	_
Business-type activities:							
Notes payable	\$ 2,825,509	\$ -	\$	(294,989)	\$ 2,530,520	\$	294,989
Revenue bonds payable	21,940,000	-		(340,000)	21,600,000		490,000
Net pension liability	 471,415	 294,879		(362,506)	403,788		
Business-type activites Long-term liabilities	\$ 25,236,924	\$ 294,879	\$	(997,495)	\$ 24,534,308	\$	784,989

For governmental activities, the net pension liability is liquidated by the General Fund. For business-type activities, the net pension liability is liquidated by the enterprise funds.

NOTE 6. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Notes payable

Notes payable outstanding for business-type activities for the City as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Description	Original Amount	Interest Rate	Due Date	 Amount
GEFA Loan DW08003 GEFA Loan DW99001	\$ 2,433,874 3,465,911	0% 0%	2033 2027	\$ 1,490,748 1,039,772
				\$ 2,530,520

Debt service requirements to maturity on the notes payable are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	<u>F</u>	Principal	Interest			
2022	\$	294,989	\$	_		
2023	·	294,989		-		
2024		294,989		-		
2025		294,989		-		
2026		294,989		-		
2027 – 2031		781,763		-		
2032 – 2034		273,812				
Total	\$	2,530,520	\$	-		

B. Revenue bonds payable

Revenue bonds payable outstanding for business-type activities for the City as of September 30, 2020 are as follows:

Description	 Original Amount	Interest Rate	Due Date	 Amount
Series 2020A Series 2020B	\$ 18,585,000 3,355,000	0.501% to 2.533% 0.501% to 2.533%	2046 2046	\$ 18,325,000 3,275,000
				\$ 21,600,000

NOTE 6. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

B. Revenue bonds payable (Continued)

The City of Barnesville Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A and Series 2020B, were issued in November 2020. The Series 2020A bonds were issued to provide funds to, together with other monies available or to be made available to the City, (i) advance refund the City's \$19,935,000 in aggregate principal amount of Water and Sewerage Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Tax-Exempt Series 2011A, (ii) pay a portion of the cost of a municipal bond insurance policy and a debt service reserve insurance policy for the Bonds, and (iii) pay a portion of the costs associated with the issuance of the bonds. The Series 2020B Bonds are being issued to provide funds to, together with other monies available or to be made available to the City, (i) advance refund the City's \$3,830,000 in aggregate principal amount of Water and Sewerage Revenue Improvement Bonds, Tax-Exempt Series 2011C; (ii) pay a portion of the cost of the Insurance Policy and the Reserve Policy for the Bonds; and (iii) pay a portion of the costs associated with the issuance of the bonds. The net proceeds were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide funds for the future debt service payment on the refunded bonds. As a result, the Series 2011A and 2011C Bonds are considered defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the statement of net position. The City determined that advance refunding the Series 2011A and Series 2011C Bonds with the Series 2020A and 2020B Bonds would reduce the City's total debt service payments by approximately \$6 million on an aggregate basis. The Series 2011A and Series 2011C Bonds are special obligations of the City, payable solely from and secured by a pledge of and lien on revenues derived by the City's water system. The Series 2020A and 2020B are not a debt or a general obligation or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State of Georgia or the City. Issuance of the Bonds will not obligate the State or the City to levy or pledge any form of taxation for the payment thereof. No holder of the Bonds will ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the State or the City to pay the Bonds or interest thereon, nor to enforce payment thereof against any other property of the State or the City, nor shall the Bonds constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance legal or equitable, upon any property of the State or the City other than the revenues of the System pledged to the payment thereof.

NOTE 6. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

B. Revenue bonds payable (Continued)

Debt service requirements to maturity on the revenue bonds payable are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal		Interest		
2022	\$	490,000	\$	547,926	
2023	Y	495,000	*	544,981	
2024		500,000		541,298	
2025		505,000		536,438	
2026		505,000		530,772	
2027 – 2031		3,380,000		2,515,175	
2032 – 2036		4,435,000		2,102,378	
2037 – 2041		5,220,000		1,443,539	
2042 – 2046		6,070,000		590,233	
Total	\$	21,600,000	\$	9,352,740	

NOTE 7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

A. Plan Description

The City of Barnesville Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is administered through the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System ("GMEBS"), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. The Plan provides retirement and disability benefits and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are provided by the Plan. The City Council, in its role as the Plan sponsor, has the governing authority to establish and amend from time to time, the benefits provided and the contribution rates of the City and its employees. The Georgia Municipal Association issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS. That report may be obtained at www.gmanet.com, by writing to Georgia Municipal Association, Risk Management and Employee Benefit Services, 201 Pryor Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, or by calling (404) 688-0472.

B. Plan Membership

As of January 1, 2021, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Retirees, beneficiaries, and the disabled receiving benefits	55
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	9
Active plan members	56
	120

NOTE 7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

C. Contributions

The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The Board of Trustees of GMEBS has adopted a recommended actuarial funding policy for the Plan which meets state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provide the benefits under the Plan. The funding policy for the Plan, as adopted by the City Council, is to contribute an amount equal to or greater than the actuarially recommended contribution rate. This rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The City is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of plan members, as determined by the City Council. City contributions to the Plan were \$270,762 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

D. Net Pension Liability of the City

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020, with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of September 30, 2020.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.25%

Salary increases 2.25% plus service based merit increases

Investment rate of return 7.375%

Mortality rates were based on the gender-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25%. The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019.

NOTE 7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

D. Net Pension Liability of the City (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued). The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of March 31, 2020, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Domestic equity	45 %	6.40 %
International equity	20 %	7.05 %
Domestic fixed income	20 %	1.15 %
Real estate	10 %	4.50 %
Global fixed income	5 %	1.25 %
Cash	- %	
Total	100 %	

^{*} Rates shown are net of the 2.25% assumed rate of inflation

E. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.375%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that City contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

NOTE 7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

F. Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the City

The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 were as follows:

	To	otal Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)			Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)			
Beginning Balance	\$	10,903,886	\$	9,385,105		\$	1,518,781		
Changes for the year:		_		_					
Service cost		96,402		-			96,402		
Interest		787,966		-			787,966		
Differences between expected and									
actual experience		(60,937)		-			(60,937)		
Contributions - employer		-		241,038			(241,038)		
Net investment income		-		883,075			(883,075)		
Benefit payments, including refunds									
of employee contributions		(632,020)		(632,020)			-		
Administrative expense		_		(19,336)			19,336		
Net changes		191,411		472,757			(281,346)		
Ending Balance	\$	11,095,297	\$	9,857,862	_	\$	1,237,435		

The required schedule of changes in the City's net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multi-year trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

G. Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 7.375%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.375%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.375%) than the current rate:

City's net pension liability	1% Decrease (6.375%)			Current scount Rate (7.375%)	1% Increase (8.375%)		
City's net pension liability	\$	2,458,659	\$	1,237,435	\$	205,205	

NOTE 7. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

G. Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate (Continued)

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of September 30, 2020, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

H. Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the City recognized pension expense of \$203,556. At September 30, 2021, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Oi	Deferred utflows of esources	li	Deferred oflows of esources
Differences between expected and actual experience Changes in assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earnings	\$	132,446 128,726	\$	(45,702)
on pension plan investments		-		(109,490)
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date Total	\$	270,762 531,934	\$	(155,192)

City contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$270,762 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending September 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending September 30,		
2022	\$ 12,27	'6
2023	104,99	90
2024	29,92	25
2025	(41,21	1)
Total	\$ 105,98	30

NOTE 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City is a member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency ("GIRMA"). This membership allows the City to share liability, crime, motor vehicle, and property damage risks.

The City participates in the Georgia Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund. The fund was established to insure members for liabilities imposed under workers' compensation and employers' liability laws. The fund is obligated to provide for the cost of claims and related interest incurred by the City under the Workers' Compensation Law of Georgia along with the cost of investigating, negotiation, and defending such claims. The fund is intended to be self-sustaining through member premiums. Accordingly, the City is required to pay an annual premium to the fund.

NOTE 9. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the five-county central Georgia area, is a member of the McIntosh Trail Regional Development and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the City paid \$6,700 in such dues. Membership in a Regional Commission is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") §50-8-34, which provides for the organizational structure of the Regional Commission in Georgia. The Regional Commission Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. O.C.G.A. §50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a Regional Commission. Separate financial statements may be obtained from the McIntosh Trail Regional Development, Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223

NOTE 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

The City is involved in several pending lawsuits. Liability, if any, which might result from these proceedings, would not, in the opinion of management and legal counsel, have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the City.

NOTE 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

B. Grant Contingencies

The City has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to the disallowance of certain expenditures previously reimbursed by those agencies. Based upon prior experience, management of the City believes such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

C. Agreements with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia

The Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG") is a public corporation and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia created to supply electricity to local government electric distribution systems. As provided by state law, MEAG establishes rates and charges so as to produce revenues sufficient to cover its costs, including debt service, but it may not operate any of its projects for profit unless any such profits inure to the benefit of the public. As of September 30, 2021, the City is an electric utility participant in MEAG and obligated to purchase all of its bulk power supply requirements from MEAG for a period not to exceed 50 years. The City has agreed to purchase all of its future power and energy requirements in excess of that received by the City through the Southeastern Power Administration at prices intended to cover the operating costs of the systems and to retire any debt incurred by the Authority. In the event that revenues are insufficient to cover all costs and retire the outstanding debt, each participating City has guaranteed a portion of the unpaid debt based on its individual entitlement shares of the output and services of generating units acquired or constructed by MEAG. In addition, in the event of discontinued service to a participant in default, the City would be obligated to purchase additional power subject to contractual limitations. Payments to MEAG are made monthly based on kWh usage. The total payments under these contracts amounted to \$6,710,827 in 2021.

At September 30, 2021, the outstanding debt of MEAG was approximately \$7.57 billion. The City's guarantee varies by individual projects undertaken by MEAG and totals approximately \$60,542,115 at September 30, 2021.

NOTE 11. HOTEL/MOTEL LODGING TAX

The City was in compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. §48-13-51 which require the City to meet the expenditures requirement for the levying and collecting of hotel/motel tax. The amount of funds expended as provided within the Code Section 36-81-7 during the fiscal year is \$13,809. The City has a contractual agreement with the Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce to remit 40% of the hotel/motel tax collections. The City remitted \$5,524 in hotel/motel tax collections during the fiscal year to the Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce. The Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce provides the City with annual financial statements as verification of the expenditure of the hotel/motel collections.

NOTE 12. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of September 30, 2021 is as follows:

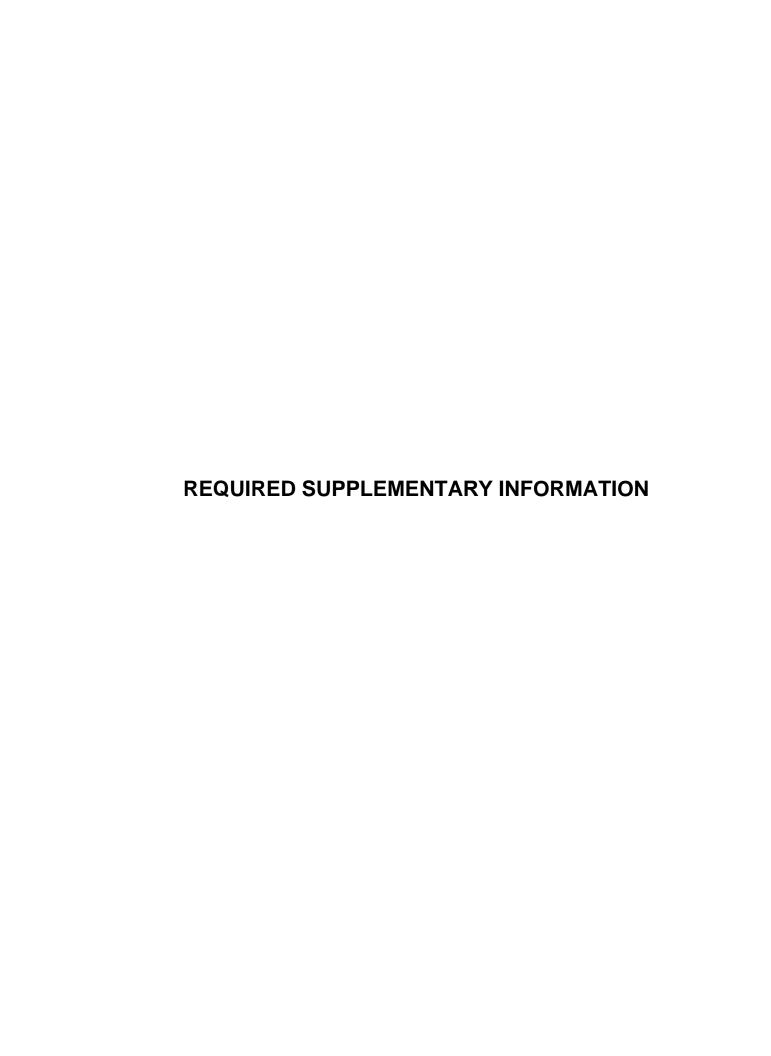
Investment Level 1		Level 1	Level 2	 Level 3	 Fair Value
Municipal Competitive Trust	\$	6,227,199	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 6,227,199
	\$	6,227,199	\$ 	\$ 	6,227,199
Investments not subject to le Georgia Fund 1	vel di	isclosure:			 926,219
					\$ 7,153,418

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that: 1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and 3) payments between funds are made.

Interfund transfers:

	Tra	nsfers out	
		2017	
	General	SPLOST	
Transfers In	Fund	Fund	Total
Electric Fund	\$ 1,457,07	73 \$ -	\$ 1,457,073
Water and Sewer Fund		<u>-</u> 468,150	468,150
Total	\$ 1,457,07	73 \$ 468,150	\$ 1,925,223

Transfers are used to: 1) move revenues from the fund that the statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that the statute or budget requires to expend them, 2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the Electric Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, and 3) fund SPLOST approved projects.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

	 2021	 2020	 2019	 2018
Total pension liability				
Service cost	\$ 96,402	\$ 89,815	\$ 88,788	\$ 98,515
Interest on total pension liability	787,966	750,487	728,210	717,234
Differences between expected				
and actual experience	(60,937)	218,332	93,119	247,374
Changes of assumptions	-	257,450	-	(187,124)
Benefit payments, including				
refunds of member contributions	 (632,020)	 (657,755)	 (570,477)	 (449,422)
Net change in total pension liability	191,411	658,329	339,640	426,577
Total pension liability - beginning	 10,903,886	10,245,557	9,905,917	9,479,340
Total pension liability - ending (a)	11,095,297	10,903,886	10,245,557	9,905,917
Plan fiduciary net position				
Contributions - employer	241,038	249,981	273,222	226,428
Net investment income	883,075	267,928	880,983	1,192,873
Benefit payments, including				
refunds of member contributions	(632,020)	(657,755)	(570,477)	(449,422)
Administrative expenses	(19,336)	(18,659)	(19,566)	(20,720)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	472,757	(158,505)	564,162	949,159
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	9,385,105	9,543,610	8,979,448	8,030,289
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	9,857,862	9,385,105	9,543,610	8,979,448
City's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 1,237,435	\$ 1,518,781	\$ 701,947	\$ 926,469
Plan fiduciary net position as a				
percentage of the total pension liability	88.8%	86.1%	93.1%	90.6%
Covered payroll	\$ 3,133,420	\$ 2,891,083	\$ 2,668,684	\$ 2,758,383
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	39.5%	52.5%	26.3%	33.6%

	2017		2016
\$	89,881	\$	100,023
	693,648		644,765
	(40,150)		312,639
	-		-
	(428,669)		(424,679)
	314,710		632,748
	9,164,630		8,531,882
	9,479,340		9,164,630
	000 000		040.700
	223,688		216,720
	819,553		94,168
	(428,669)		(424,679)
	(11,523)		(13,426)
	603,049		(127,217)
			, ,
	7,427,240		7,554,457
	8,030,289		7,427,240
\$	1,449,051	\$	1,737,390
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	84.7%		81.0%
\$	2,755,710	\$	2,619,051
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	52.6%		66.3%

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 270,762	\$ 241,037	\$ 249,980	\$ 252,638	
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	270,762	241,037	 249,980	 252,638	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ _	\$ 	\$ _	
Covered payroll	\$ 3,026,535	\$ 3,133,420	\$ 2,891,083	\$ 2,668,684	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	8.9%	7.7%	8.6%	9.5%	

Notes to the Schedule:

Valuation Date January 1, 2021
Cost Method Projected Unit Credit

Actuarial Asset Valuation Method Sum of actuarial value at beginning of year and the cash flow during the year plus the

assumed investment return, adjusted by 10% of the amounts that the value exceeds or is less than the market value at the end of the year. The actuarial value is adjusted,

if necessary, to be within 20% of market value.

Assumed Rate of Return

On Investments 7.375%

Projected Salary Increases 2.25%, plus service based merit increases

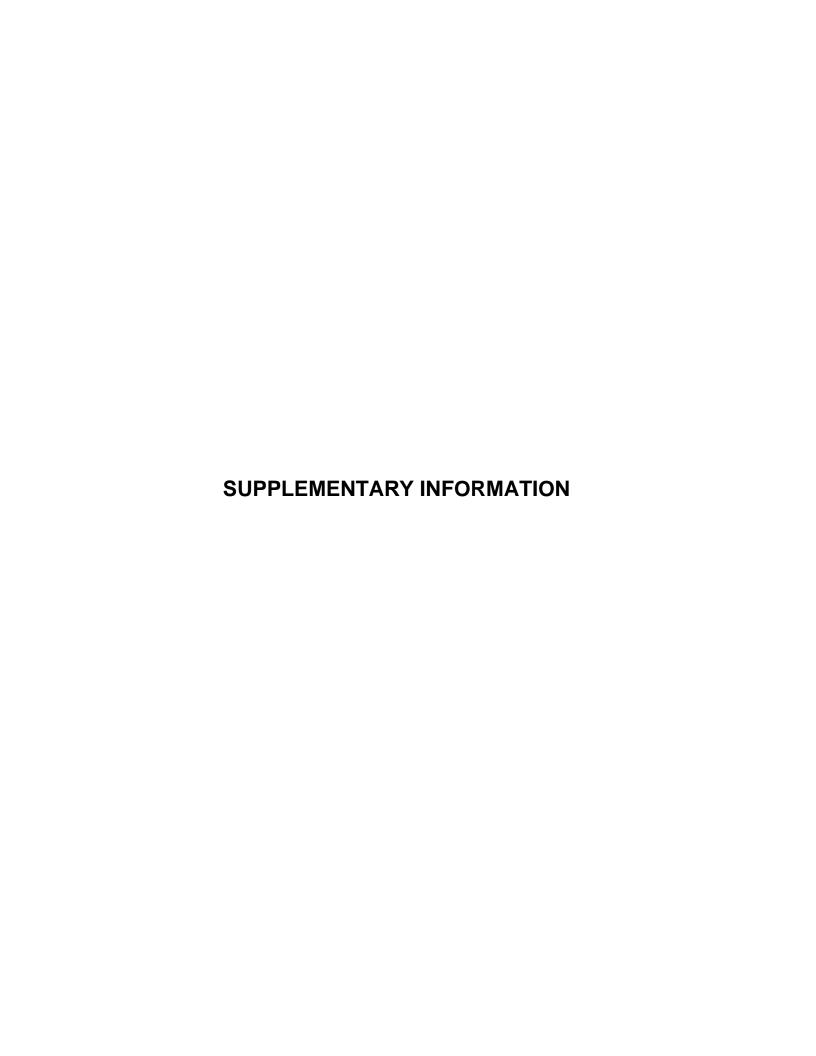
Cost-of-living Adjustment 2.25%

Amortization Method Closed level dollar for unfunded liability

Remaining Amortization Period Varies for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 10 years

The schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

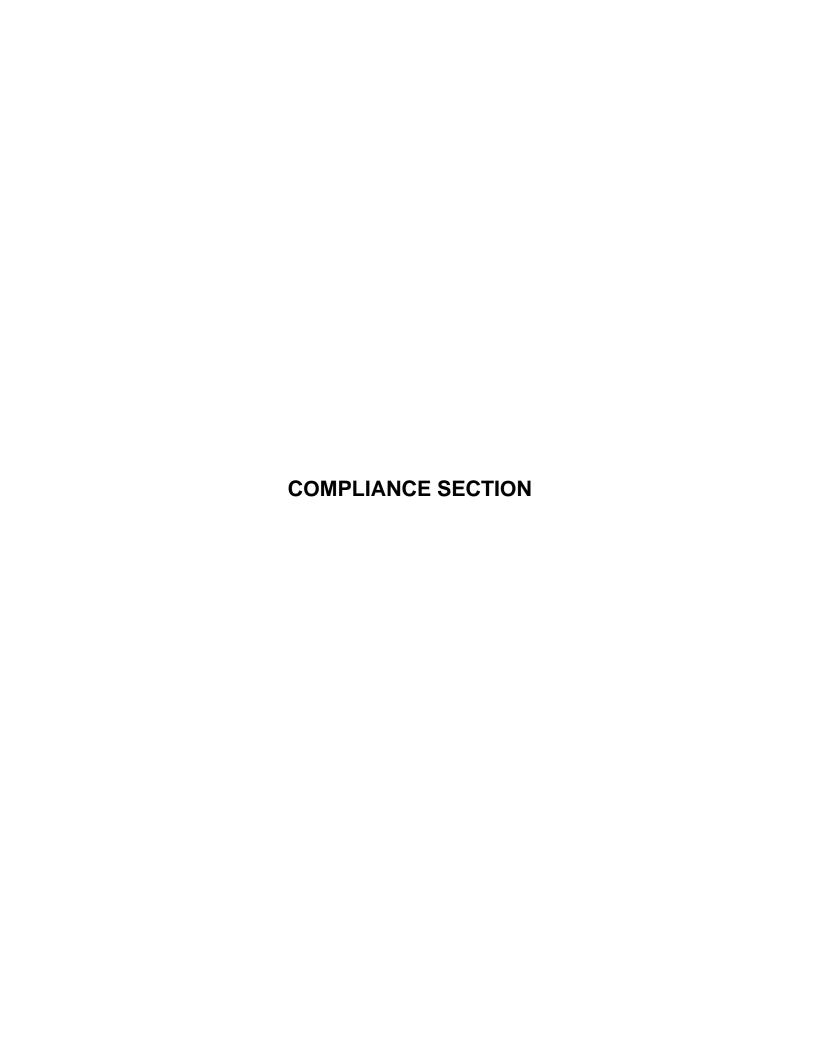
2017	2016
\$ 247,012	\$ 214,434
247,012	214,434
\$ -	\$
\$ 2,758,383	\$ 2,755,710
9.0%	7.8%



SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS 2017 ISSUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Original		Revised		E	penditures	
		Estimated	ı	Estimated	Prior		Current	
Project Description		Cost		Cost	 Years		Year	 Total
Improvements to water								
and sewer system	\$	1,649,235	\$	1,649,235	\$ 112,052	\$	564,372	\$ 676,424
Paving, resurfacing and								
construction of roads								
(Including drainage and								
sidewalks)		550,000		550,000	154,575		99,679	254,254
Equipment		700,000		700,000	251,500		101,767	353,267
Construction and renovation								
of public facilities		660,000		660,000	 108,839		376,474	 485,313
	\$	3,559,235	\$	3,559,235	\$ 626,966	\$	1,142,292	\$ 1,769,258
Reconciliation of 2020 SPLOS	T schedu	le to financial s	statem	ents:				
Total of 2020 SPLOST schedu	le of exp	enditures				\$	1,142,292	
Expenditures - 2020 SPLOST	Fund					\$	682,142	
Transfers out - 2020 SPLOST	ГI						468,150	

\$ 1,150,292





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

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Barnesville, Georgia
Barnesville, Georgia

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Barnesville, Georgia (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2021-001 through 2021-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

City of Barnesville, Georgia's Response to Findings

City of Barnesville, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia September 30, 2022

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	X_YesNo
Significant deficiencies identified not considered	
to be material weaknesses?	Yes _XNone Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes <u>X</u> No

Federal Awards

There was not an audit of major federal award programs as of September 30, 2021 due to the total amount expended being less than \$750,000.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

2021-001 - General Accounting Matters/Close-Out Procedures (Repeat Finding)

Criteria: Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of an entity's objectives with regard to the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is also a process of safeguarding assets against unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition, and includes controls related to financial reporting and operations objectives. Generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") require assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures to be recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available. Further, a fundamental principle in accounting and financial reporting is the notion of timely recognition and recording of financial and non-financial transactions and activities.

Condition: During our audit, we noted accounting, reporting and reconciling not being properly performed and reviewed consistently during the fiscal year which required a significant effort to close the City's 2021 fiscal year. Significant adjustments were determined and required to be recorded in the months that followed September 30, 2021. Specifically, we noted a lack of timely and accurate financial and non-financial information needed:

- to properly maintain the accounts payable on a periodic basis throughout the year;
- to accurately maintain and record the City's capital assets; and
- to close-out and report activities, events and transactions on a periodic basis.

We believe it is important to note that we observed a genuine interest by the City's accounting personnel in their desire to learn and assume greater responsibilities for the City's accounting and financial reporting and noticed great improvement throughout the audit.

Context: We addressed the matter with the City officials who were able to provide all respective details and reconciliations as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Effects: The ultimate effect of the above condition is the potential for errors and irregularities to occur and not be detected and corrected in a timely manner.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls implemented at the City during the fiscal year to properly maintain financial and non-financial information and to properly close out the year-end.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2021-001 - General Accounting Matters/Close-Out Procedures (Repeat Finding) (Continued)

Recommendation: We recommend the City consider a variety of options in addressing the above condition. The City needs to continue evaluating its strengths and weaknesses relative to the accounting function, and take appropriate measures to address the concerns noted above with a goal of providing timely recording, reconciling and reporting of City operations and financial and non-financial activities. We also recommend the City seek the expertise of a software technician to come in and diagnose the issues with the City's accounting software related to the accounts receivable and capital assets to improve the overall audit. We have noted the City has begun implementing a number of processes/procedures to improve the overall accounting function during the audit fieldwork.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. We will continue to review and improve policies and procedures in an effort to eliminate error and identify deficiencies from both operational and financial perspectives.

2021-002 - Management of Interfund Transactions

Criteria: Generally accepted accounting principles require consideration of the collectability of receivables of all kinds, whether external or internal to the City. In addition, internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that interfund transactions are properly recorded.

Condition: We noted the City did not recognize interfund balances and transactions properly within the operations of the City resulting in trial balances that did not balance.

Context: We addressed the matter with the City and determined that several significant adjustments needed to be performed in order for the trial balances to be usable for audit functions.

Effects: The effect of the above condition resulted in a number of significant adjustments to interfund balances after year-end. This took a significant amount of time to produce functioning trial balances.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls implemented at the City during the fiscal year to record all of the necessary interfund activity.

Recommendation: We recommend the City carefully review all interfund accounts to ensure transactions are reported in accordance with GAAP.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. We will continue to review and improve policies and procedures in an effort to eliminate error and identify deficiencies from both operational and financial perspectives.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION III FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Not applicable.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

2020-001 - General Accounting Matters/Close-Out Procedures

Criteria: Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of an entity's objectives with regard to the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is also a process of safeguarding assets against unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition, and includes controls related to financial reporting and operations objectives. Generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") require assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures to be recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available. Further, a fundamental principle in accounting and financial reporting is the notion of timely recognition and recording of financial and non-financial transactions and activities.

Condition: During our audit, we noted accounting, reporting and reconciling not being properly performed and reviewed consistently during the fiscal year which required a significant effort to close the City's 2020 fiscal year. Significant adjustments were determined and required to be recorded in the months that followed September 30, 2020. Specifically, we noted a lack of timely and accurate financial and non-financial information needed.

Status: Unresolved – See finding 2021-001.

2020-002 – Restatement – Proper Recognition of Cash in the Water and Sewer Fund and the Electric Fund

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure that all bank accounts belonging to the City are identified and recorded for financial reporting. Additionally, internal controls should be in place to ensure that all cash and investment receipts and disbursements are recorded in the proper account in the proper period.

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly record cash balances for both the Water and Sewer Fund and the Electric Fund.

Status: Resolved.

2020-003 - Restatement - Proper Recognition of MEAG Investments in the Electric Fund

Criteria: GAAP requires investments to be reported at fair value.

Condition: During the prior year, we noted the City did not properly recognize all of the City's MEAG investments.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

2020-004 - Restatement - Proper Recognition of Capital Assets

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure amounts reported for capital assets and related items are appropriate and properly valued and recorded in accordance with GAAP.

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly record general capital assets at the government-wide level and the business-type capital assets at the government-wide level and at the fund level (Water and Sewer Fund, Electric Fund, and Solid Waste Fund).

Status: Resolved.

2020-005 - Restatement - Proper Recognition of Funds (Industrial Development Transactions)

Criteria: Generally accepted accounting principles states business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. These funds are usually reported in enterprise funds.

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly recognize the Industrial Development transactions and account balances. The Industrial Development does not charge fees to external parties for goods or services. As such, this fund does not meet the criteria for being an enterprise fund.

Status: Resolved.

2020-006 - Restatement - Proper Recognition of Accrued Payroll

Criteria: Generally accepted accounting principles require reporting of all current liabilities whose liquidation is expected to require the use of current assets when the goods have been received or services have been performed.

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly record accrued payroll at the fund level and the government-wide level for the primary government.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

2020-007 - Restatement - Proper Recognition of Net Pension Liability, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Deferred Outflows of Resources

Criteria: The net pension liability for a defined benefit pension plan should be calculated by taking the actuarial determined total pension liability ("TPL") and reducing the TPL by the pension plan's fiduciary net position, to arrive at the net pension liability ("NPL").

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly record the net pension liability, deferred inflows of resources, deferred outflows of resources and net position at both the fund level (Water and Sewer Fund, Electric Fund, and the Solid Waste Fund) and the government-wide level (business-type activities).

Status: Resolved.

2020-008 – Restatement – Proper Recognition of Receivables, Due from Other Governments and Related Accounts for Governmental Funds

Criteria: GAAP requires revenues to be recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Revenue recognition in governmental funds must be deferred until the resources are considered to be available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Resources are considered to be available only if collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly record receivables and related accounts across various funds.

Status: Resolved.

2020-009 - Restatement - Proper Recognition of the Receivables and Related Accounts for Enterprise Funds

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure that amounts reported as revenues and related balance sheet accounts are appropriate, properly valued, and recorded in the proper period in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly record accounts receivable, net at the fund level (Water and Sewer Fund, Electric Fund, and Solid Waste Fund) and the government-wide level (business-type activities).

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

2020-010 - Restatement - Proper Recognition of Customer Deposits Payable

Criteria: Generally accepted accounting principles require timely reporting of all current liabilities when goods have been received or services have been performed, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Condition: During the prior year, the City did not properly record customer deposits payable for the Electric Fund.