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October 25, 2017

Office of State Auditor P.O. Box 956 Jackson, MS 39201

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Enclosed is the City of Fulton audit for the year ending September 30, 2016. If you need additional information, please call.

Sincerely,

Ceburn Gray

Ceburn Gray City Clerk

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CITY OF FULTON, MISSISSIPPI

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen The City of Fulton Fulton, Mississippi

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 in formation, of The City of Fulton, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Fulton'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 the 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 of 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 in formation, of the City of Fulton, Mississippi as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-13 budgetary comparison information on pages 59–62, the schedule of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability, on page 66, and the schedule of the City's pension contributions, on page 67, 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 inquires, 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 an assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Fulton basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund Financial Statements and other supplemental information, listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual Non-Major Fund Financial Statements and the schedule of surety bonds for municipal officials and employees are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements 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 combining and individual Non-Major Fund Financial Statements and the schedule of surety bonds for municipal officials and employees are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2017, on our consideration of the City of Fulton, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Fulton's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Mike Dozier, Certified Public Accountant, P.C.

Fulton, Mississippi June 20, 2017

As management of the City of Fulton, Mississippi, we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

The assets and deferred outflows of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$11,388,322 (net position). Of this amount, \$355,079 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The governments total net position decreased by \$182,380 during the current fiscal year.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,673,909 a increase of \$437,006 during the current fiscal year. Approximately 84% percent of this total amount, or \$2,229,385, is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).

At the end of the current fiscal year, unsigned fund balance for the general fund was \$2,132,021.

The City's total debt decreased by \$383,272 during the current fiscal year.

The City's governmental fund property taxes increased by approximately \$12,583, and sales taxes increased by \$77,005.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government- wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.



Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, economic development and housing and community development. The business-type activities of the City include natural gas operations, water and sewer operations and waste collection operations.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 14 and 15 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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Governmental funds - continued. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the governmentwide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term effect of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other two governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund, debt service fund and the special revenue funds. Budgetary comparison schedules for the general fund have been provided in the financial statements on pages 59-62 to demonstrate compliance with those budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 16-20 of this report.

Proprietary funds. The City maintains four different types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government- wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its natural gas operations, water operations, sewer operations, and its waste collection operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the natural gas operations, the water operations, sewer operations, and the waste collection operations. The gas system fund, the water fund and sewer fund are considered to be major funds of the City. The waste collection fund is considered to be a non-major fund of the City. The revenues and expenditures reported in the internal service fund are not included in the government-wide financial statements since the related expense pertaining to each activity has already been included therein.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 21-26 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on page 27 of this report.

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Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 28-58 of this report.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information. This is limited to budgetary comparison schedules for certain governmental funds referred to earlier. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 59-67 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 68 and 69 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Fulton, assets exceeded liabilities by \$11,388,322 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far the largest portion of the City's net position (92 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, equipment and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City's net position (approximately 6 percent or \$640,475) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position (approximately 4 percent or \$355,079) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net positions, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

The government's net position decreased by \$182,381 during the current fiscal year. This decrease was mainly due to the \$135,565 decrease in net position from the governmental activities and the business-type activities of \$46,816 as detailed on the City of Fulton, Mississippi's changes in net position presented on the following pages. See other detail changes on the following pages.

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Government - Wide Financial - Analysis Continued

City of Fulton, Mississippi's Net Position

				Government	tal						Busines	s-Tyj	pe									
				Activities							Activ	ities							Total			
						Increase	%						Increase		%					I	ncrease	%
		2016		2015		(Decrease)	Change		2016		2015	a	Decrease)	Ch	ange		2016		2015	Œ	Decrease)	Change
Current and other assets	S	3,806,354	\$	3,353,915	\$	452,439	13%	\$	2,491,941	\$	2,464,188	\$	27,753	1	%	\$	6,298,295	\$	5,818,103	\$	480,192	8%
Capital assets		7,187,997		7,606,572		(418,575)	-6%		11,874,511		12,149,590		(275,079)	-	2%		19,062,508		19,756,162		(693,654)	-4%
Total assets		10,994,351		10,960,487		33,864	0%	_	14,366,452		14,613,778	·	(247,326)	-	2%		25,360,803		25,574,265		(213,462)	-1%
Deferred outflows of resources		552,333		636,551		(84,218)	0%	_	184,110		212,183		(28,073)	()%		736,443		848,734	_	(112,291)	0%
Current liabilities		283,709		259,896		23,813	9%		700,362		569,045		131,317	2	3%		984,071		828,941		155,130	19%
Long-term liabilities		5,959,329		5,796,733	_	162,596	3%		6,947,148		7,229,527		(282,379)	-	4%		12,906,477		13,026,260	_	(119,783)	-1%
Total liabilities		6,243,038		6,056,629		186,409	3%	_	7,647,510	_	7,798,572		(151,062)	-	2%	_	13,890,548		13,855,201		35,347	0%
Deferred inflows of resources		872,399		973,597		(101,198)	-10%		3,104		23,499	_	(20,395))%		875,503		997,096		(121,593)	-12%
Net position																						
Net investment in																						
capital assets		4,631,534		4,961,470		(329,936)	-7%		5,761,234		5,681,680		79,554		1%		10,392,768		10,643,150		(250,382)	-2%
Restricted		416,311		560,542		(144,231)	-26%		224,164		224,164		-		0%		640,475		784,706		(144,231)	-18%
Unrestricted		(616,598)		(955,200)	_	338,602	-35%	_	914,550		1,098,046		(183,496)	-	17%	_	297,952		142,846		155,106	109%
Total net position	<u>s</u>	4,431,247	5	4,566,812	\$	(2,925,377)	-64%	<u>s</u>	6,899,948	\$	7,003,890	<u>s</u>	(975,372)	-	4%	S	11,331,195	<u>s</u>	11,570,702	<u>s</u>	(239,507)	-2%

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Government - Wide Financial - Analysis Continued

City of Fulton, Mississippi's Changes in Net Position

	 Governm	nental	-				Busine	ss-T	уре		Increase	%				Increa	se	%
	 Activi	ities	_	Increase	%		Acti	vitie	s	(]	Decrease)	Chang	e	To	tal	(Decrea	ase)	Change
Revenue	<u>2016</u>	2015		(Decrease)	Change	_	2016		2015					2016	2015			
Program revenue;			-															
Charges for services	\$ 218,123	\$ 255,951	l \$	(37,828)	-15%	\$ 3	3,229,053	\$	3,637,744	\$	(408,691)	-11%	\$	3,447,176	\$ 3,893,695	\$ (446	,519)	-11%
Capital grants and contributions	-		-	-	0%		105,593		-		105,593		-	105,593	-	105	,593	0%
General revenue:																		
Property taxes and late fees	882,877	870,294	4	12,583	1%		-		-		-		-	882,877	870,294	12	,583	1%
Homestead exemption	62,327	63,763	3	(1,436)	-2%		-		-		-		-	62,327	63,763	(1	,436)	-2%
Sales taxes	1,647,067	1,570,062	2	77,005	5%		-		-		-		-	1,647,067	1,570,062	77	,005	5%
Franchise tax	147,292	135,592	2	11,700	9%		-		-		-		-	147,292	135,592	11	,700	9%
TVA and other payment in lieu of taxes	52,144	92,302	2	(40,158)	-44%		-		-		-		-	52,144	92,302	(40	,158)	-44%
Road tax and advalorem privilege tax	266,512	247,033	3	19,479	8%		-		-		-		-	266,512	247,033	19	,479	8%
Municipal aid and gasoline tax	5,910	5,910	D	-	0%		-		-		-		-	5,910	5,910		-	0%
Earnings on investments	3,900	3,480	0	420	12%		-		-		-		-	3,900	3,480		420	12%
Other	 622,094	290,852	2	331,242	114%		-	_	-		-			622,094	290,852	331	,242	114%
Total revenue	\$ 3,908,246	\$ 3,535,239	<u>9</u>	373,007	11%	<u>\$</u>	3,334,646	<u>\$</u>	3,637,744	<u>\$</u>	(303,098)	-8%	9	7,242,892	\$ 7,172,983	<u>\$69</u>	,909	1%

Government - Wide Financial - Analysis Continued

	Governmental	Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Busines Activ		Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Total	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Expenses:	2016 2015			2016	2015			2016 2015		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
General government Public safety Public works	\$ 905,867 \$ 908,610 909,627 880,644 1,186,336 1,205,090	28,983	0% 3% -2%	\$ - - -	\$ -	\$ - - -	-	\$ 905,867 \$ 908,61 909,627 880,64 1,186,336 1,205,09	4 28,983	3%
Culture and recreation Fire protection Emergency management Other programs	300,233 283,579 334,496 289,810 81,976 81,470 214,945 207,455	44,686 500	6% 15% 1% 4%	-	-	-	- - -	300,233 283,57 334,496 289,81 81,976 81,47 214,945 207,45	9 16,654 0 44,686 6 500	6% 15% 1% 4%
Interest and fiscal charges	110,331 90,90	,	21%	-	-	-	-	110,331 90,90	,	4% 21%
Water	-			1,289,857	1,310,219	(20,362)	-2%	1,289,857 1,310,21	9 (20,362)	-2%
Gas Sewer Garbage	-	· · ·		1,245,120 465,130 381,355	1,657,587 428,532 379,098	(412,467) 36,598 2,257	-25% 9% 1%	1,245,120 1,657,58 465,130 428,53 381,355 379,09	2 36,598	-25% 9% 1%
Total expenses	4,043,811 3,947,57	96,236	2%	3,381,462	3,775,436	(393,974)	-10%	7,425,273 7,723,01		-4%
Increase (decrease) in net position before transfers	(135,565) (412,33	5)276,771	-67%	(46,816)	(137,692)	90,876	-66%	(182,381) (550,02	8)367,647	-67%
Transfers	<u> </u>		0%	<u> </u>		<u>-</u>	0%		<u> </u>	0%
Increase (decrease) in net position Net position beginning of year Net position end of year	(135,565) (412,33 <u>4,566,812</u> <u>4,979,14</u> <u>\$ 4,431,247</u> <u>\$ 4,566,81</u>			(46,816) 7,003,891 <u>\$ 6,957,075</u>	(137,692) <u>7,141,582</u> <u>\$ 7,003,891</u>	90,876 (137,691) \$ (46,815)	-66% -2% -1%	(182,381) (550,02 11,570,703 12,120,72 \$ 11,388,322 \$ 11,570,707	0 (550,027)	

City of Fulton, Mississippi's Changes in Net Position-Continued

Government-Wide Financial Analysis – (continued)

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities decreased the City's net position by \$135,565 as a result of this year's operations. By comparison governmental activities reported a \$412,336 decrease for the prior year. Key elements of the changes were as follows:

The City's earnings on investments decreased by approximately \$420, and charges for services decreased by \$37,828. Payments in lieu of taxes decreased by \$40,158. Road taxes and advalorem taxes from Itawamba County increased \$19,479. The City's property taxes increased \$12,583, and sales taxes increased \$77,005. Other revenue from the sale of timber totaled \$209,823 and the sale of equipment totaled \$176,671.

General government expenses decreased by \$2,749, public safety expenses increased by \$28,983 (3 percent), public works decreased by \$18,766 (2 percent), culture and recreation increased by \$16,654 (6 percent), fire protection increased \$44,686, emergency management increased \$500 and other programs increased by \$7,494 (4 percent), and interest and fiscal charges decreased by \$19,428 (21 percent).

Business-Type Activities. Business-type activities decreased the City's net position by \$46,816 as a result of this year's operations. By comparison, business-type activities reported a decrease in net position the previous fiscal year of approximately \$137,692. Key elements of this increase over the prior year are as follows:

Charges for services for business-type activities decreased \$408,691, or 11 percent, compared to the prior year. This was the result of the variations in natural gas sold and in the cost of gas.

Expenses decreased approximately 10 percent or \$393,974, primarily due to natural gas expenditures decreased by \$293,871 (37% primarily due to an decrease in the cost of natural gas purchased).

Water purchases increased by \$3,404.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds.

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financerelated legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on nearterm inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. •

Governmental Funds – (continued)

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,673,909, an increase of \$345,041 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 84 percent of this total amount \$2,229,385 constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed 1) for prepaid expense \$28,213, and 2) restricted \$416,311, (\$226,761 for debt service, \$107,484 for tourism, \$69,278 for fire protection, \$7,990 for Gaither House and \$4,798 for drug prevention).

The increase of \$437,006 in the combined fund balances of the City's governmental funds was mostly attributable to the changes in the individual funds as follows:

. The General Fund increased \$673,210.

- . The Special Revenue Park and Recreation Fund decreased \$91,973.
- . The Debt Service Funds decreased \$194,345.
- . The Tourism Tax Fund increased \$32,506.
- . The Fire Protection Fund increased \$15,422.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$2,132,021, while total fund balance was \$2,160,234. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unreserved fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 76 percent of total general fund expenditures.

Proprietary Funds

The City's proprietary funds provide the same type information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the gas system, water system, sewer system and waste collection funds at the end of the year amounted to (\$72,010), \$772,979, \$250,060, and \$20,648 respectively. The gas system fund had a decrease in net position for the year of \$198,284, the water system fund had a increase in net position for the year of \$135,808 the sewer system fund had an increase in net position for the year of \$44,869, and the waste collection fund had a decrease of \$29,209. Other factors concerning the finances of these four funds have already been addressed in the discussion of the City's business-type activities.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights



General Fund Budgetary Highlights - (continued)

in finance and administrative expenditures, \$19,400 increase in police expenditures, \$43,700 increase in Fire expenditures, and \$56,850 decrease in street department expenditures. These changes were precipitated by the need to increase expenditures in certain areas deemed by the Board of Alderpersons to be beneficial to the City.

During the year, general fund revenues were more than the budgetary estimates and expenditures were less resulting in an actual increase in fund balance that was less than the final amended budget fund balance amount by approximately \$306,010.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of September 30, 2016, amounted to \$19,122,508 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, machinery and equipment, and park facilities. Capital assets also include roads, highways, bridges and other infrastructure acquired after October 1, 2003.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

1. General Administration- Improvements \$	17,360
2. Street Department Equipment	14,250
3. Water System Equipment, Vehicles & Construction	250,289
4. Fire Fixtures Equipment & Truck	175,675
5. Police Equipment	12,051
6. Park Equipment	24,406
7. Gas Department Equipment & Vehicle	32,122
8. Sewer System Additions & Equipment	82,345

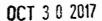
	overnmental Activities	В	isiness-Type Activities		Total
Land	\$ 3,587,464	\$	133,914	\$	3,721,378
Buildings and Improvements	5,861,421		77,872		5,939,293
Automotive and equipment	3,713,205		1,277,057		4,990,262
Infrastructure-utility systems	1,399,463		24,334,450		25,733,913
Less: Accumulated depreciation	 (7,313,556)		(13,948,782)	_	(21,262,338)
Total	\$ 7.247.997	<u>\$</u>	11.874.511	\$	19,122,508

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note E of this report.

Long-term Debt:

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had total debt outstanding of \$8,729,740.

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City of Fulton, Mississippi's Outstanding Debt

	Governmental	Business-Typ	e
	Activities	Activities	<u>Total</u>
Notes	\$ -	\$ 3,418,278	\$3,418,278
Limited Obligation bonds	100,000	-	100,000
Revenue Bonds	-	2,695,000	2,695,000
Industrial Note	2,516,462		2,516,462
Total	\$ 2,616,462	\$ 6,113,278	\$ <u>8.729,740</u>

The City's total debt decreased by \$383,272 during the current fiscal year.

Not included above, but reported as long-term debt in the financial statements, is the accumulated leave time that would be paid as employees take leave or retire. Under GAAP reporting, this liability must be reported as a compensated absence at year-end, due to contract language to the effect that the employee has "earned" this compensation.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following factors were considered in preparing the City's budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year:

The City does not expect its tax base to vary significantly from the current year.

Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the City Clerk, 213 W. Wiygul St., Fulton, Mississippi 38843.

CITY OF FULTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

SEPTEN		. 30, 2016		
	GO	VERNMENTAL	BUSINESS-TYPE	
ASSETS		ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,349,273	\$ 1,608,209	\$ 3,957,482
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		-	370,104	370,104
Receivables(net, where applicable, of allowances				
for uncollectibles)				
Accounts		-	473,596	473,596
Taxes		899,276	-	899,276
Police Fines		201,414	-	201,414
Due from other governments		267,897	-	267,897
Supply Inventory		-	93,827	93,827
Meter deposits		281	237	518
Prepaid expenses		28,213	3,095	31,308
Capital assets				
Land and right of ways		3,587,464	135,536	3,723,000
Other capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		3,660,533	11,738,975	15,399,508
Total assets		10,994,351	14,423,579	 25,417,930
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		10,551,551	11,123,017	
		660.000	104 110	72(442
Deferred outflows-pensions		552,333	184,110	 736,443
Total deferred outflows of resources		552,333	184,110	 736,443
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$</u>	11,546,684	<u>\$ 14,607,689</u>	\$ 26,154,373
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	19,090	\$ 180,233	\$ 199,323
Customer deposits		-	145,940	145,940
Accrued Liabilities		9,930	8,888	18,818
Long-term liabilities :				
Notes and bonds due within one year		245,369	170,347	415,716
Obligations under capital lease due within one year		-	191,849	191,849
Compensated absences due within one year		9,320	3,105	12,425
Obligations under capital lease due in more than one year		-	2,522,268	2,522,268
Compensated absences due in more than one year		83,881	27,949	111,830
Unfunded pension liability		3,504,354	1,168,118	4,672,472
Notes and bonds due in more than one year		2,371,094	3,228,813	 5,599,907
Total liabilities		6,243,038	7,647,510	13,890,548
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				 <u> </u>
Unavailable Revenue		863,087	_	863,087
			2 104	
Deferred inflows-pensions		9,312	3,104	 12,416
Total deferred inflows of resources		872,399	3,104	 875,503
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets		4,631,534	5,761,234	10,392,768
Restricted for:				
Bond cushion, depreciation and contingency-expendable		-	224,164	224,164
Debt service		226,761	-	226,761
Tourism		107,484	-	107,484
Fire Protection		69,278	-	69,278
Gaither House		7,990	-	7,990
Narcotics Fund		4,798	-	4,798
Unrestricted		(616,598)	971,677	 355,079
Total net position		4,431,247	6,957,075	 11,388,322
Total liabilities, deferred outflows of resocures, and				
net position	\$	11,546,684	\$ 14,607,689	\$ 26,154,373
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CITY OF FULTON STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

							Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net P						
		_		Program Revenues			Primary Governmen	1t					
			Charges For	Operating Grants &	Capital Grants &	Governmental	Business-Type						
Functions/Programs	Expense	<u>s</u>	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total					
Governmental Activities:													
General government	\$ 905,	867	\$ 14,988	\$-	\$-	\$ (890,879)	\$ -	(
Public safety	909,		122,419	-	-	(787,208)	-	(787,208)					
Public works	1,186,		-	-	-	(1,186,336)	-	(1,186,336)					
Culture and recreation	300,		80,716	-	-	(219,517)	-	(219,517)					
Fire protection	334,		-	-	-	(334,496)	-	(334,496)					
Emergency management		976	-	-	-	(81,976)	-	(81,976)					
Other programs	214,		-		-	(214,945)	-	(214,945)					
Interest and fiscal charges	110,	,331		-	-	(110,331)		(110,331)					
Total government activities	4,043	811	218,123	-		(3,825,688)		(3,825,688)					
Business-type Activities:													
Water	1,289		1,320,072		105,593	-	135,808	135,808					
Gas	1,245		1,046,836		-	-	(198,284)	(198,284)					
Sewer	465		509,999		-	-	44,869	44,869					
Garbage	381	355	352,146	-	-		(29,209)	(29,209)					
Total Business-Type Activities	3,381	462	3,229,053	*	105,593		(46,816)	(46,816)					
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 7,425	273	\$ 3,447,176	\$	<u>\$ 105,593</u>	(3,825,688)	(46,816)	(3,872,504)					
	General reve	enues:											
	Taxes					000 077		000 077					
			and late fees			882,877	-	882,877					
			dvalorem privilege	tax		266,512 1,647,067	-	266,512 1,647,067					
	Municip					, ,	-	62,327					
	Homeste		mption			62,327 147,292	-	147,292					
	Franchis				,	33,107	-	33,107					
	State Re							52,144					
			payment in lieu of	taxes		52,144 5,910	-	5,910					
			and gasoline tax			3,900	-	3,900					
	Investment	incom	e				-						
	Rent					64,478	-	64,478					
	Other					524,509	-	524,509					
	Transfers					-							
	Total					3,690,123	· -	3,690,123					
	Chan	ge in n	et position			(135,565)	,	(182,381)					
	NET POSIT	TION -	BEGINNING			4,566,812	7,003,891	11,570,703					
	NET POSIT	TION -	ENDING			\$ 4,431,247	\$ 6,957,075	\$ 11,388,322					

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CITY OF FULTON GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

			ONMAJOR OTHER ERNMENTAL				
ASSETS	G	ENERAL		FUNDS		FUNDS	
Cash	\$	1,846,109	\$	503,164	\$	2,349,273	
Investments		-		-		-	
Receivable (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)							
Taxes		831,526		67,750		899,276	
Due From Other Governments		267,493		404		267,897	
Police-Fines		201,414		-		201,414	
Prepaid Expenses		28,213		-		28,213	
Meter Deposits		281		-		281	
Total Assets	\$	3,175,036	<u>\$</u>	571,318	<u>\$</u>	3,746,354	
LIABILITIES							
Liabilities:							
Vouchers Payable		13,750		5,340		19,090	
Accrued Liabilities		53		5,540		53	
				5.240			
Total Liabilities		13,803		5,340		19,143	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unavailable Revenue	<u></u>	1,000,999		52,303		1,053,302	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		1,000,999		52,303		1,053,302	
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable		28,213		_		28,213	
Restricted		20,215		416,311		416,311	
Committed		-		410,511		410,511	
Assigned		-		-		-	
Unassigned		2 122 021		97,364		2 220 285	
Chassigned		2,132,021		97,504		2,229,385	
Total Fund Balances		2,160,234		513,675		2,673,909	
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources,							
and Fund Balances	<u>\$</u>	3,175,036	<u>\$</u>	571,318	<u>\$</u>	3,746,354	

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CITY OF FULTON RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Fund balances of governmental funds	\$	2,673,909
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. The assets were adjusted as follows:		
Land and right of ways		3,587,464
Other capital assets		10,974,089
Less: accumulated depreciation		(7,313,556)
Total capital assets		7,247,997
Some of the City's revenues will be collected after year end but will not be available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and; therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds. The unavailable revenues were adjusted as follows:		
Revenues - Municipal court fines		189,152
Revenues - Property taxes		1,063
Total deferred revenues		190,215
Interest payable on long-term debt did not require current financial resources; therefore, interest payable was not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.		(9,877)
Tulius.		(),011)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds and notes payable and compensated absences not due and payable in the current period and; therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. The long-term liabilities were adjusted as follows:		
Bonds and notes payable		(2,616,463)
Unfunded pension liability		(3,504,354)
Deferred outflows		552,333
Deferred inflows		(9,312)
Compensated absences		(93,201)
Total long-term debt		(5,670,997)
Total net position of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	4,431,247

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CITY OF FULTON GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

			NO	NMAJOR		
				THER	-	TOTAL
					GOV	ERNMENTAL
	GENE	RAL		UNDS		FUNDS
REVENUES						
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 98	9,399	\$	67,205	\$	1,056,604
Interest & Penalties		3,978	•	-	-	3,978
Printer Fees		222		-		222
Privilege Licenses	1	1,595		-		11,595
Municipal Aid & Gas Tax		5,910		-		5,910
Building Permits		3,393		-		3,393
Program Fees		_		27,420		27,420
Grants		4,725		-		4,725
In Lieu of Taxes		2,144		· _		52,144
Progragm Dues		-		-		-
Municipal Sales Tax	1,58	7,012		60,055		1,647,067
State Fire Protection	- ,	-				-
Civil Defense	3	3,107		-		33,107
Itawamba County		5,089		-		155,089
Court Revenue		6,877		-		116,877
Interest		3,900 -		-		3,900
Rent		-		64,478		64,478
Other	26	9,908		68,655		338,563
Sale of Equipment/Land		7,021		-		177,021
Cops and Drug Fund		-		-		-
Fire District		-		-		-
TVA Franchise Tax	14	7,292		-		147,292
Concession Revenue				53,296		53,296
Total Revenues	3,56	1,572		341,109		3,902,681
EXPENDITURES						
Finance and Administration	59	6,878		-		596,878
Police	77	9,212		-		779,212
Fire		1,587		-		281,587
National Guard and Airport		1,500		-		1,500
Animal Control		9,216		-		9,216
Emergency Management		2,411		-		72,411
Street Department		4,001		-		944,001
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CITY OF FULTON GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		NONMAJOR	
	•	OTHER	TOTAL
		GOVERNMENTAL	GOVERNMENTAL
	GENERAL	FUNDS	FUNDS
EXPENDITURES-CONTINUED			
Court Fund	\$ 55,952	\$-	\$ 55,952
Library & Grammar School Building	81,785	-	81,785
Park & Recreation	-	289,944	289,944
Tourism	-	29,990	29,990
Fire Protection	-	162,552	457,671
Gaither House	-	13,986	
Drug	-	4,792	
Other	-	-	-
Debt Service Principle Retirement	-	204,078	204,078
Interest and Fiscal Charges		87,791	87,791
Total Expenditures	2,822,542	793,133	3,615,675
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues			
Over (Under) Expenditures	739,030	(452,024)	287,006
Other Financing			
Sources (Uses):			
Transfer In	17,226	65,820	83,046
Transfer (Out)	(83,046)	-	(83,046)
Other	-	150,000	150,000
Total Other			
Financing			
Sources (Uses)	(65,820)	215,820	150,000
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues			
& Other Sources			
Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses	673,210	(236,204)	437,006
Fund Balances -		,	
October 1, 2015	1,487,024	749,879	2,236,903
Fund Balances -			
September 30, 2016	<u>\$ 2,160,234</u>	<u>\$ 513,675</u>	<u>\$ 2,673,909</u>

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CITY OF FULTON RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	437,006
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		
However, in the statement of activities, activities with an individual cost of more		
than \$ 500 are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful		
lives and are reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which		
capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.		
Capital outlay .		243,742
Depreciation expense		(602,317)
		(358,575)
The repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure		
when due in governmental funds, but as a reduction of principal		
outstanding in the statement of activities.		178,640
Note proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds; however,		
issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. In the		
currrent year proceeds were received from note proceeds.		(150,000)
Revenues in the statement of activities that are not available in governmental		
funds are not reported as revenue in governmental funds.Unavailable revenues		
increased (decreased) by these amounts during the current year.		
Property taxes		23
Municipal court fines		5,542
		5,565
Some expenses in the statement of activities do not require the use of current		
financial resources and; therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental		
funds. They are as follows:		
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest		2,898
Change in unfunded pension liability		(223,388)
Change in deferred outflow (inflows) of resources		(23,033)
(Increase) decrease in compensated absences		(4,678)
	-	(248,201)
Changes in net position of governmental activities.	<u>\$</u>	(135,565)
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CITY OF FULTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES-ENTERPRISE FUND											
ASSETS		WATER <u>SYSTEM</u>		GAS <u>SYSTEM</u>		SEWER <u>SYSTEM</u>		NMAJOR FUND RBAGE <u>YSTEM</u>]	TOTAL BUSINESS TYPE FUNDS		
ASSE 15												
Current assets:												
Cash and cash equivalents-unrestricted	\$	816,053	\$	358,665	\$	390,656	\$	42,835	\$	1,608,209		
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted		299,096		71,008		-		-		370,104		
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)		257,782		111,146		57,127		47,541		473,596		
Prepaid expenses		500		2,595		-		-		3,095		
Supply inventory		54,679		31,256		7,892		-		93,827		
Deferred charges		-		-		-		-		-		
Meter deposits		110		127				-		237		
Total current assets		1,428,220	_	574,797		455,675	<u> </u>	90,376		2,549,068		
Noncurrent Assets:						٩						
Capital assets:												
Nondepreciable land and improvements		46,009		46,075		43,452		-		135,536		
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciat		7,038,964		1,623,638		3,071,807		4,566		11,738,975		
Total noncurrent assets		7,084,973		1,669,713		3,115,259		4,566		11,874,511		
Total assets		8,513,193		2,244,510		3,570,934	<u> </u>	94,942		14,423,579		
Deferred outflow of resources:												
Difference between expected and actual experience-												
net pension liability		44,187		103,102		29,457		7,364		184,110		
Total deferred outflows of resources		44,187		103,102		29,457		7,364		184,110		
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$</u>	8,557,380	\$	2,347,612	<u>\$</u>	3,600,391	<u>\$</u>	102,306	<u>\$</u>	14,607,689		

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CITY OF FULTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES-ENTERPRISE FUND											
LIABILITIES		WATER <u>SYSTEM</u>		GAS <u>SYSTEM</u>		EWER <u>YSTEM</u>	GA	NMAJOR FUND ARBAGE <u>YSTEM</u>	F	TOTAL BUSINESS TYPE FUNDS		
Current liabilities:												
Accounts payable	\$	104,465	\$	4,775	\$	40,750	\$	30,243	\$	180,233		
Accrued Liabilities	•	7,110	÷	-	÷	1,778	*		•	8,888		
Customer deposits		74,932		71,008		-		-		145,940		
Compensated absences		, 766		1,824		515				3,105		
Current portion of note payable		-		-		35,347		-		35,347		
Current portion of revenue bond payable Current portion of obligations under		108,000		-		27,000		-		135,000		
capital lease		120,865		70,984		-		-		191,849		
Total current liabilites		416,138		148,591		105,390		30,243		700,362		
Noncurrent liabilities:												
Compensated absences		6,898		16,418		4,633		-		27,949		
Note payable, less current maturities		-		-		668,813	-			668,813		
Unfunded pension liability		280,348		654,146		186,899		46,725		1,168,118		
Revenue bond payable, less current portion	2,	052,000		-		508,000		-		2,560,000		
Lease obliations payable, less current portion	1,	589,028		933,240						2,522,268		
Total noncurrent liabilites	3,	928,274	1	,603,804		1,368,345		46,725		6,947,148		
Total liabilites	4,	344,412	1	,752,395		1,473,735		76,968		7,647,510		
Deferred inflows of resources:												
Difference between projected and actual earnings												
on pension plan investments-net pension		745		1,738		497		124		3,104		
Total deterred inflows of resources	···-	745		1,738		497		124		3,104		
NET POSITION												
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for debt service	3,	215,080		665,489 -]	1,876,099 -		4,566		5,761,234		
Restricted for bond cushion,												
depreciation and contingent-expendable		224,164		-		-		-		224,164		
Unrestricted		772,979		(72,010)		250,060		20,648		971,677		
Total net position	4,	212,223		593,479	2	2,126,159		25,214		6,957,075		
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of	_											
resources and net position	<u>\$8,</u>	557,380	<u>\$ 2</u>	,347,612	<u>\$</u>	3,600,391	<u>\$</u>	102,306	<u>\$</u>	14,607,689		

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CITY OF FULTON STATEMENT OF REVENUES EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	BUS	SINESS-TYPE	ACTIVITIES-I	ENTERPRISE FU	UND
		Arranger - Arrand Man Maddin & San Franzis		NONMAJOR FUND	TOTAL BUSINESS
	WATER <u>SYSTEM</u>	GAS <u>SYSTEM</u>	SEWER <u>SYSTEM</u>	GARBAGE <u>SYSTEM</u>	TYPE <u>FUNDS</u>
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 1,320,072	\$ 1,046,836	\$ 509,999	\$ 352,146	\$ 3,229,053
Total operating revenues	1,320,072	1,046,836	509,999	352,146	3,229,053
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personnel services	173,429	409,956	116,191	16,816	716,392
Services and supplies	66,426	40,400	29,956	361,157	497,939
Repairs	75,051	72,924	31,816	-	179,791
Operational	155,656	91,811	66,610	3,229	317,306
Purchases of natural gas	-	484,971	-	-	484,971
Purchases of water	370,627	~	-	-	370,627
Waste disposal	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	344,864	114,553	184,984	153	644,554
Total operating expenses	1,186,053	1,214,615	429,557	381,355	3,211,580
Operating Income (loss)	134,019	(167,779)	80,442	(29,209)	17,473
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPEN	SES)				
Interest revenue	<u>5E5)</u>		_	_	
Interest expenses and fiscal charges	(103,804)	(30,505)	(35,573)	-	(169,882)
Other	(105,001)	-	- (55,575)	-	
Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)	(103,804)	(30,505)	(35,573)		(169,882)
Income (loss) before transfers	30,215	(198,284)	44,869	(29,209)	(152,409)
Capital Grants	105,593	-	-		105,593
Operating transfer in	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfer out				<u> </u>	-
Changes in net position	135,808	(198,284)	44,869	(29,209)	(46,816)
Net position - beginning	4,076,415	791,763	2,081,290	54,423	7,003,891
Net position - ending	\$ 4,212,223	\$ 593,479	\$ 2,126,159	\$ 25,214	\$ 6,957,075

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



CITY OF FULTON PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES-ENTERPRISE FUND											
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		NDS										
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:												
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,323,421 \$ 1,051,819 \$ 513,852 \$ 350,241 \$ 3,	239,333										
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(577,177) (691,346) (135,391) (334,143) (1,	738,057)										
Payments to employees including fringe benefits	(154,854) (357,737) (102,208) (13,530) (628,329)										
Cash payment in lieu of taxes		-										
Net Cash provided (used) by Operating Activities	<u> </u>	872,947										
Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities:												
Operating transfers in (out)		-										
Other non-operating cash receipts	· 											
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-capital Financing Activities	<u>\$\$\$</u> \$											

The notes to the financial statements are an intergal part of this statement.



CITY OF FULTON PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES-ENTERPRISE FUND											
						•	NO	NMAJOR		TOTAL		
								FUND	B	BUSINESS		
	V	VATER	GAS		SEWER		GARBAGE		TYPE			
	<u>S</u>	YSTEM	SYSTEM		SYSTEM		SYSTEM			FUNDS		
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:						4		-				
Principal payments - revenue bonds	\$	(108,000)	\$	-	\$	(27,000)	\$	-	\$	(135,000)		
Principal payments - capital lease		(117,408)		(68,954)		-		-		(186,362)		
Capital Grant		67,828		-		-		-		67,828		
Principal payments - notes		-		-		(33,271)		-		(33,271)		
Payments for capital acquisitions		(250,289)		(32,122)		(82,345)		(4,719)		(369,475)		
Interest and fiscal charges paid	<u> </u>	(111,454)	_	(30,505)		(35,573)	• <u> </u>		_	(177,532)		
Net cash (used) provided for Capital Related												
Financing Activities:		(519,323)		(131,581)	_	(178,189)		(4,719)		(833,812)		
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:												
Receipts of interest						-				2,081,289		
Net cash provided from Investing Activities:	_		_	-	-							
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash		72,067		(128,845)		98,064		(2,151)		39,135		
Cash and Cash Equivalents 9-30-15		1,043,082	_	558,518	_	292,592		44,986	_	1,939,178		
Cash and Cash Equivalents 9-30-16	<u>\$</u>	1,115,149	<u>\$</u>	429,673	<u>\$</u>	390,656	\$	42,835	\$	1,978,313		

The notes to the financial statements are an intergal part of this statement.



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CITY OF FULTON PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		BUS	SINI	ESS-TYPE A	C	TIVITIES-E	NTE	RPRISE F	UND	
	WATER <u>SYSTEM</u>		GAS <u>SYSTEM</u>		SEWER SYSTEM		GA	NMAJOR FUND RBAGE KSTEM	BI	FOTAL JSINESS TYPE FUNDS
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to					-					
net cash provided (used) by operating activities:										
Operating income (loss)	\$	134,019	\$	(167,779)	\$	80,442	\$	(29,209)	\$	17,473
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash										
provided (used) by operating activities:		,								
Depreciation expense		344,864		114,553		184,984		153		644,554
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense		283		436		-		-		188
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows		6,737		15,721		4,492		1,123		
(Increase) decrease in receivables		(4,579)		(4,288)		3,853		(1,905)		(75,836)
(Increase) decrease in provision for uncollectible accounts		-		-		-		-		-
(Increase) decrease in inventory		2,190		(117)		(3,853)		-		(1,780)
Net changes in customer deposits		7,928		9,271		-		-		30,073
Increase (decrease) in unfunded pension liability		17,871		41,699		11,914		2,979		
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows-pensions		(4,895)		(11,421)		(3,263)		(816)		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		88,110		(1,559)		(1,244)		30,243		104,842
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences		(1,138)		6,220		840		-		685,729
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	<u></u>	-		-	_	(1,912)		-		(39,768)
Total adjustments		457,371		170,515		195,811		31,777		855,474
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$</u>	591,390	<u>\$</u>	2,736	<u>\$</u> _	276,253	<u>\$</u>	2,568	<u>\$</u>	872,947

The notes to the financial statements are an intergal part of this statement.

CITY OF FULTON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	AGENCY <u>FUND</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 6,515
Total Assets	\$ 6,515
LIABILITIES	
Liabilities:	
Payable to other governments	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>
NET POSITION	<u>\$</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Fulton, Mississippi, ("the City") operates under the Home-Rule Authority granted by the 1985 Mississippi Legislature. A mayor-board of aldermen form of government is used and the City provides the following services: public safety (police and fire), street maintenance, sanitation, emergency management, park & recreation, natural gas utilities, water services, sewer services, and general administrative services.

The accounting and reporting policies of the City relating to the accompanying financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, (GAAP) applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting board for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. For the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund accounting, all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or prior to November 30, 1989, and applied, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting and reporting policies and practices used but the City are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

(a) Reporting Entity

As required by GAAP, the accompanying financial statements present the financial data of the City (the primary government). The City is governed by an elected Mayor and five member Board of Alderpersons. In determining how to define the reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a component unit in the reporting entity is governed by applying the criteria set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements, determining whether certain organizations are component units. These criteria state that the financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The City for financial purposes, includes all of the activities relevant to the operations of the organization. The financial statements of the City include all administered programs that are controlled by or dependent on the City. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, funding and appointment of the respective governing board of commissioners. The City has no oversight responsibility for any other government entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the City, therefore no other entities have been identified as a component unit.

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NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (based on the City as a whole) 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 nonfiduciary activities of the primary 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 previous reporting model emphasized fund types (the total of all funds of a particular type). In the new reporting model, as defined by GASB Statement No. 34, the focus is either the City as a whole, or major individual funds (within the fund financial statements).

The government-wide statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a functional category (Public Safety, Public Works, etc) or activity are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenue include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or activity and 3) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. The net cost (by function or business-type activity) is normally covered by general revenue (property, sales, franchise taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.). When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Separate fund based financial statements are provided for governmental funds, propriety funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The major governmental fund is the general fund. The major business type funds are the gas system fund, the water fund and the sewer system fund. GASB Statement No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category for the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements. The nonmajor funds are detailed in the combining section of the statements. The City's fiduciary funds (which have been refined and narrowed in scope) are presented in the fund financial statements by type. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, individuals, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

2. <u>Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements</u> - (continued)

obligation of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide financial statements.

The government-wide focus is more of the sustainability of the City as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. The focus of the fund financial statements is on major individual funds of the governmental and business-type categories as well as the fiduciary funds. Each presentation provides valuable information that can be analyzed and compared to enhance the usefulness of the information.

3. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund 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 (i.e., intended to finance). Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund level 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 or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of 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 the liability has matured and payment is due.

Ad valorem taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, fines, interest revenues and charges for services are recognized under the susceptible to accrual concept. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met.

Business-type activities and all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in net total assets. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating



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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

3. <u>Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting</u> – (continued)

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 City's gas fund, water fund, sewer fund and waste collection fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of sales 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.

The following major funds are used by the City:

Governmental Funds:

The following is a description of the Governmental Funds of the City:

a. General Fund accounts for several of the City's primary services (General Government, Public Safety, Public Works and Emergency Management, etc.), and is the primary operating unit of the City.

The City additionally reports other governmental funds which is a summary of all the nonmajor governmental funds.

Proprietary Funds:

The following is a description of the Major Proprietary Funds of the City:

- a. Gas System Fund accounts for the operation of the City's natural gas utility. Activities of the fund include administration, operation and maintenance of the natural gas system, and billing and collection activities. The fund also accounts for the accumulation of resources for and payment of long term debt principal and interest for revenue bonds and obligations under capital leases when due through the year. All cost are financed through charges made to utility customers with rates reviewed regularly and adjusted, if necessary, to ensure integrity of the fund.
- b. Water System and Sewer accounts for the operations of the City's water and sewer utilities. Activities of these funds include administration, operation and maintenance of the water fund and sewer system, and billing and collection activities. These funds also account for the accumulation of resources for and payment of long term debt principal and interest for revenue bonds and obligations under capital leases when due through the year. All costs are financed through charges made to utility customers with rates reviewed regularly and adjusted, if necessary, to ensure integrity of these funds.



NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

3. <u>Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting</u> – (continued)

c. The City additionally reports non-major funds consisting of the Garbage Collection Fund, which accounts for the operation of the City's Garbage Collection. Customers are billed monthly at a rate to cover the cost of providing such service.

Other Fund Types:

The City additionally, reports for the following fund type:

a. Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the City in an agency capacity for other governments, individuals or companies.

Non-Current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement No. 34 eliminates the presentation of Account Groups, but provides for these records to be maintained and incorporates the information into the Governmental Activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

4. Statement of Cash Flows

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the City considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of 90 days or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Certificates of deposit with a maturity of more than 90 days when purchased are not considered to be cash equivalents. All investments are in certificates of deposit that are valued at cost which approximates fair value.

Cash and cash equivalents include the following Proprietary Fund cash balances.

	Gas	Sewer	Water	Garbage	Tatal
	System	System	System	System	Total
Cash and Cash					
Equivalents	\$358,665	\$390,656	\$ 816,053	\$42,835	\$1,608,209
Restricted Cash					
And Cash					
Equivalents	71,008	-	299,096	-	370,104
Total	\$429,673	\$390,656	\$1,115,149	\$42,835	\$ 1,978,313
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

5. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of the enterprise funds are maintained on the consumption method and are valued at cost. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Inventory consists of enterprise fund expendable supplies held for consumption. The governmental funds record inventories under the purchase method; therefore, items are recorded as expenses when purchased. The City governmental funds do not maintain material inventories; therefore, the accompanying fund and government-wide financial statements do not reflect governmental fund or governmental activities inventory.

Prepaid items record payments to vendors that benefit future reporting periods and are reported on the consumption basis for both fund and government-wide financial statements.

6. Capital Assets

Property, plant and equipment purchased or acquired is recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time received. As permitted by GASB 34, the city has elected to not report public domain (infrastructure) fixed assets acquired prior to October 1, 2003. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Major outlays for assets and improvement are capital as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized phase of capital assets constructed. Net revenue bond interest costs incurred during construction periods is capitalized when material.

Property, plant and equipment of the primary government, is depreciated using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

Assets	Years
Vehicles and equipment	5
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-10
Improvements	10-40
Buildings	10-40
Infrastructure – streets, roads and	
Utility Systems	20-40

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

7. Compensated Absences

All full-time employees will accrue paid vacation at the following rate based on total continuous service:

After one (1) of service thru 5 years of service	1 Week per year
Six years of service thru 10 years of service	2 Weeks per year
After 10 years of services	3 Weeks per year
Police Department	1 Week equal 4 Days
Fire Department	1 Week equals 2 ½ Days
All Other Departments	1 Week equals 5 Days

A complete year is understood to be from the date of hire to the anniversary date.

All annual leave, comp time, and holiday hours given beginning January 1, 2011 will be taken before their hire date of the following year or they will lose it. Vacation will be granted, as far as possible, in accordance with employee preference and in line with department seniority.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.

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 financial statement of net assets.

8. Payable from Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the business-type activities have been restricted for debt service, and customer deposits. These assets consist of cash demand deposits and a savings account.

	Sewer System	Gas System	Water System
Customer deposits	\$ -	\$ 71,008	\$ 74,932
Bond Cushion depreciation contingent			
and Debt Service Fund		-	<u>224,164</u>
	\$	\$ <u>71,008</u>	\$ <u>299,096</u>



NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

The ordinances authorizing the Waste System Revenue Bonds require that the City establish the above revenue bond reserves. At September 30, 2016, the revenue bond reserve accounts were sufficient to satisfy such bond ordinance requirements.

9. Capitalization of Interest

In Conformity with Financial Accounting Standards No. 34, Capitalization of Interest Cost, the City capitalizes interest costs for business-type activities only, net of related interest earned, from the date of the borrowing until the projects acquired with those funds are ready for their intended use. Total interest and fiscal charges incurred in the enterprise funds was \$ -0- for the year ended September 30, 2016.

10. Fund Equity/Net Positions

In the government-wide financial statements, restricted net position are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific purpose. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources.

Non-spendable fund balance. This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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

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

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

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

10. <u>Fund Equity/Net Positions</u> – (continued)

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

The constraints on fund balances as listed in aggregate in the Statement of Revenues Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are detailed according to balance classification and fund.

Fund Balances:	General Fund	Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Non-spendable:		
Prepaid Items	<u>\$ 28,213</u>	\$ -
riepaid ionis	<u> </u>	<u>×</u>
Total – Non-spendable	<u>\$ 28,213</u>	<u>\$</u>
Fund Balances:		
Restricted:		
Drug Fund	\$ -	\$ 4,798
Debt Service	-	226,761
Tourism Tax	-	107,484
Gaither House	-	7,990
Fire Protection		69,278
Total Restricted	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 416,311</u>
Committed:	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Committed	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Assigned:		
Subsequent year budget shortfall	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Assigned	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

When restricted, committed, assigned and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use externally restricted resources first then committed, assigned, and unassigned in that order as needed.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

11. 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 certain assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. As such, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

At September 30, 2016, the cash balances included the following:

Account Bal	ances	Ownership of	Ownership of Funds				
Demand deposits	\$4,323,984	Governmental Funds	\$2,349,273				
Savings Account	10,117	Enterprise Funds	1,978,313				
Other Cash	-0-	Fiduciary Fund	6,515				
	<u>\$4,334,101</u>		\$ <u>4,334,101</u>				

The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are now held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against these deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the City or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the City under the pooling method, the potential exists for under collateralization, and the risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer for Mississippi enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes under the Statewide Collateral Pool Program.

At September 30, 2016, the City's deposits had a carrying amount of \$4,334,101 and a bank balance of \$4,390,229. Of the bank balance \$254,798 was covered by federal deposit insurance and the remainder were covered by the statewide collateral pool program as discussed above.

The City has designated Trustmark Bank as its official depository.



NOTE B – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – CONTINUED

Investments

Mississippi laws address the investments of surplus money by municipalities and the investment of proceeds separately. The investment of surplus money is limited to bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county or municipality of this state of any school district or obligation issued or guaranteed in full as to principal and interest by the United States of America which are subject to a repurchase agreement with a qualified depository or time certificate of deposits in qualified depositories. The City of Fulton's policy is to advertise for the qualified depository that will offer the highest rate on all its deposits.

The City had no investments as of or during the year ended September 30, 2016.

Interest Rate Risk

The City has no formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure its exposure to fair value losses arising for increasing interest rates. The City had no investments during the year and limited its demand deposits during the year to federal depository insured accounts with Trustmark Bank and BancorpSouth Bank.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments to 1) financial institutions insured by FDIC that are members of the Statewide Collateral Pool Program, 2) bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county or municipality of this state or any school district or obligation issued or guaranteed in full as to principal and interest by the United States of America. The City has no investment policy that would limit its investment choices.

Custodial Credit Risks

Custodial credit is the risk that the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are in the possession of its safekeeping custodian. To minimize the risk, the City's investment policy requires that all negotiable instruments shall be held in safekeeping in the trust department of a bank. The City had no investments in negotiable instruments during the year ended September 30, 2016.

Concentration of Credit Risks

The City of Fulton had no investments at September 30, 2016, but had demand deposits with more than 5% of the total in Trustmark Bank. These demand deposits represented approximately 99% of total demand deposits.

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NOTE C- PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on January 1 of the following year and are due and payable at that time. All unpaid taxes levied January 1 become delinquent February 1. Property taxes for automotives are collected and remitted to the City of Fulton by Itawamba County, Mississippi.

Appraised values are established by Itawamba County, Mississippi at 100 percent of estimated market values. The City is required to adopt county tax rolls. The 2015 taxes are collected in December, 2015 and January, 2016. The 2015 taxes are levied to fund the 2015-2016 budget year. The assessed value upon which the 2015 taxes were based was \$21,909,825.

City property tax revenue is recorded in governmental funds as receivables and unavailable revenues at the time the tax attaches as an enforceable lien, which includes the 2016 taxes intended to fund the 2016-2017 budget year of \$863,087. Current year revenues recognized are those collected within the current period, or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities, generally within sixty days after year end. An allowance is provided for delinquent personal property taxes not expected to be collected in the future.

The 2016 taxes of \$863,087 are also included in unavailable revenue and not in current revenues in governmental activities because they are levied to fund the 2016-2017 budget year.

For the year ended September 30, 2016 the City assessed a tax rate of 31 mills.

NOTE D - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at September 30, 2016 for the government's individual major funds, non-major funds, and business-type funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, consist of the following:

	General	Water <u>System</u>	Gas <u>System</u>	Sewer <u>System</u>	Garbage <u>System</u>	Non-Major <u>Funds</u>
Receivables						
Taxes	\$ 831,526	\$-	\$-	\$-\$	-	\$ 55,383
Sales Tax	267,493	-	-	-	-	12,771
Accounts	-	214,535	131,943	67,241	55,193	-
Police Fines	503,534		<u> </u>			
Gross Receivable	1,602,553	214,535	131,943	67,241	55,193	68,154
Less: Allowance for						
Uncollectables	<u>(302,120</u>)	<u>(30,181</u>)	(20,797)	(10,114)	(7,652)	
Net receivables	<u>\$1,300,433</u>	\$184,354	<u>\$111,146</u>	<u>\$57,127</u>	<u>\$47,541</u>	<u>\$ 68,154</u>

NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2016 was as follows: Transfers Balance Balance and Other September 30. September 30, Retirements Adjustments 2016 2015 Additions **Governmental Activities** Capital assets not depreciated: Land \$ 3,587,464 \$ \$ \$ 3,587,464 \$ _ _ _ Construction in progress -Total capital assets not being depreciated 3,587,464 3,587,464 --Capital assets being depreciated: Building and improvements 5,777,679 83,742 5,861,421 ---Automotive and equipment 3,573,383 160,000 20,178 3,713,205 ... Infrastructure 1,399,463 -1,399,463 Total capital assets being depreciated 10,750,525 243,742 20,178 10,974,089 Less accumulated depreciation 6,731,417 602,317 (20, 178)7,313,556 Total capital assets being depreciated, net 4,019,108 (358,575) 3,660,533 --**Total Governmental Activities** Capital Assets, Net \$ (358,575) \$ \$ 7,247,997 \$ 7,606,572 -\$ -

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NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

	Balance September 30, 2015	Additions	Retirements	Transfers and Other <u>Adjustments</u>	Balance September 30, <u>2016</u>
Business-Type Activities					
Water System					
Capital assets not				•	
depreciated:					
Land	\$ 46,009	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 46,009
Construction in progress					
Total capital assets					
not being depreciated	46,009	-			46,009
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Building and improvements	5,204	-	-	-	5,204
Automotive and equipment	511,385	44,436	-	-	555,821
Infrastructure-Systems	14,726,274	205,853	-	·	14,932,127
Total capital assets being					
depreciated	15,242,863	250,289	-	-	15,493,152
Less accumulated depreciation	8,109,324	344,864	-		8,454,188
Total capital assets being					
depreciated, net	7,133,539	(94,575)	-		7,038,964
Total Water System					
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 7,179,548	\$ (94,575)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 7,084,973

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NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

	Balance September 30, <u>2015</u>		A	Additions Retireme		Transfers and Other Adjustments		Balance September 30, <u>2016</u>	
Business-Type Activities Gas System Capital assets not being depreciated:									
Land	\$	46,075	\$	-	\$ -		\$-	\$	46,075
Construction in progress				-					
Total capital assets not being depreciated		46,075		-	-		-		46,075
Capital assets being depreciated						•			
Building and improvements		72,668		-	-		-		72,668
Automotive and equipment		271,298		32,122	-		-		303,420
Infrastructure-Systems		3,155,000			<u> </u>		-	. <u> </u>	3,155,000
Total capital assets being									
depreciated		3,498,966		32,122	-		-		3,531,088
Less accumulated depreciation		1,792,897		114,553			-		1,907,450
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		1,706,069		(82,431)	-		-		1,623,638
Total Gas System				(,,,,,,,,,,		•			
Capital Assets, Net	\$	1,752,144	<u>\$</u>	(82,431)	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$ -</u>	\$	1,669,713

NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

	Balance September 30, <u>2015</u>	Additions	<u>Retirements</u>	Transfers and Other <u>Adjustments</u>	Balance September 30, <u>2016</u>
Business-Type Activities Sewer System Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 41,830	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 41,830
Construction in progress Total capital assets					
not being depreciated	41,830		-		41,830
Capital assets being depreciated					
Building and improvements Automotive and equipment	- 384,827	- 23,187	-	-	- 408,014
Infrastructure-Systems	6,188,165	23,107 59,158	-	-	6,247,323
Total capital assets being				····	0,2 11,020
depreciated	6,572,992	82,345	-	-	6,655,337
Less accumulated depreciation	3,396,924	184,984		-	3,581,908
Total capital assets being depreciated, net Total Sewer System	3,176,068	(102,639)			3,073,429
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 3,217,898	<u>\$ (102,639</u>)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 3,115,259

NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS

	Balance September 30, <u>2015</u>	Additions	<u>Retirements</u>	Transfers and Other Adjustments	Balance September 30, <u>2016</u>
Business-Type Activities Garbage System Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land Construction in progress	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total capital assets not being depreciated					
Capital assets being depreciated Building and improvements Automotive and equipment Infrastructure-Systems	5,083	4,719		-	9,802
Total capital assets being depreciated Less accumulated depreciation	5,083 5,083	4,719 153	-	-	9,802 5,236
Total capital assets being depreciated, net Total Garbage System		4,566			4,566
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ </u>	\$ 4,566	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 4,566
Total Business-Type Capital	¢ 10 140 500	¢ (075.070)	¢	¢	¢ 11 074 E44
Assets, Net	<u>\$ 12,149,590</u>	<u>\$ (275,079</u>)	<u>> </u>	<u>> -</u>	<u>\$ 11,874,511</u>

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NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows: Governmental Activities

General government	\$285,377
Public safety	47,266
Public works	194,930
Fire Department	38,820
Emergency Management	3,849
Library	14,846
Park and Recreation	14,351
Animal Control	2,878
Total Depreciation Expense – Government Activities	\$ <u>602,317</u>
Business – Type Activities	
Natural gas	\$114,553
Water	344,864
Sewer	184,984
Garbage	153
Total Depreciation Expense – Business Type Activities	\$ <u>644,554</u>

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NOTE F -- LONG -- TERM DEBT

General Long-Term Debt

Notes, General and limited obligation debt consists of debt issued that is backed by the full faith and credit of the City.

Revenue bonds consist of debt issued by the Water and Sewer System. The gross revenues of the Water System Fund and the Sewer System Fund, after deduction of reasonable expenses of operations and maintenance, are pledged to such funds in amounts equal to the total annual principal and interest requirements of the bonds and amounts required to maintain the Reserve Funds.

The capital lease obligation payable consist of debt entered into by the City that is collateralized by various energy saving fixtures and utility meters.

General long-term debt balance and transactions for the year ended September 30, 2016 are as follows:

Governmental Activities

	Final Maturity	Interest	Beginning Balance			Ending Balance	Due Within One
	Date	Rate	9/30/2015	Additions	Repayments	9/30/2016	Year
Note-Bancorpsouth	12/15/2020	2.13%	\$-	\$ 150,000	\$-	\$ 150,000	\$ 26,311
Note-Three Rivers							
Planning & Dev. District	9/1/2023	3%-4%	302,899	-	31,215	271,684	34,776
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Planning & Dev. District	9/1/2023	3%-4%	302,899	-	31,215	271,684	34,776
Note-Mississippi Dev.							
Authority	7/1/2031	3%	1,919,742	-	96,648	1,823,094	99,506
Limited Obligation Bonds	10/1/2018	4.2%-6%	145,000	-	45,000	100,000	50,000
Comp Absences			88,522	4,678		93,200	9,320
Total Governmental Activitie	s		<u>\$2,759,062</u>	<u>\$ 154,678</u>	\$ 204,078	\$2,709,662	\$ 254,689

NOTE F - LONG - TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

Governmental Activities - (continued)

The principal and interest requirements of the above general obligation debt and industry obligations payable at September 30, 2016 are as follows:

Years Ending	Limite	d Obligation	Bonds	Industrial Notes				
September 30	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total		
2017	50,000	6,755	56,755	195,369	74,312	269,681		
2018	50,000	4,265	54,265	203,548	66,135	269,683		
2019	-	-	-	209,543	60,140	269,683		
2020				215,682	54,001	269,683		
2021				224,314	48,643	272,957		
2022-2026	-	-	-	787,818	180,343	968,161		
2027-2031				680,188	63,417	743,605		
Total	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,020</u>	\$111,020	\$2,516,462	<u>\$ 546,991</u>	\$3,063,453		

Specific years for payment of compensated absences are not determinable and are not included in the table above.

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NOTE F - LONG - TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

Business-Type-Activities	Final Maturity	Interest	Beginning Balance			Ending Balance	Due Within One
	Date	Rate	9/30/2015	Additions	Repayments	9/30/2016	Year
1. Water System							
Series 2013 Revenue Bonds	01/01/23	2.93%	\$ 2,268,000	\$-	\$ 108,000	\$ 2,160,000	\$ 108,000
Siemens Lease Obligation							
Payable-Utility Meters	09/30/28	2.91%	1,827,301	-	117,408	1,709,893	120,865
Compensated Absenses			8,173		509	7,664	766
Total Water System			\$ 4,103,474	<u>\$ </u>	\$ 225,917	\$ 3,877,557	\$ 229,631
2. Sewer System							
Series 2013 Revenue Bonds	01/01/23	2.93%	\$ 562,000	\$-	\$ 27,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 27,000
Mississippi Development Note	06/01/32	3%	737,431	-	33,271	704,160	35,347
Compensated Absenses			4,308	840		5,148	515
Total Sewer System			\$ 1,303,739	<u>\$ 840</u>	\$ 60,271	\$ 1,244,308	<u>\$ 62,862</u>
3. Gas System							
Siemens Lease Obligation							
Payable-Ulitity Meters	09/30/28	2.91%	\$ 1,073,178	\$-	\$ 68,954	1,004,224	\$ 70,984
Compensated Absenses			12,940	5,302		18,242	1,824
Total Gas System			\$ 1,086,118	\$ 5,302	\$ 68,954	\$ 1,022,466	\$ 72,808
Total Business-Type Activities			<u>\$ 6,493,331</u>	\$ 6,142	\$ 355,142	\$ 6,144,331	\$ 365,301

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NOTE F - LONG - TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

<u>Business – Type Activities – (continued)</u>

The principal and interest requirements of the above revenue bonds, notes payable and lease obligations at September 30, 2016 are as follows:

Years Ending	No	tes Payable		Lease Obligations								
September 30,		Principal		interest		Total	Ē	Principal		Interest		Total
2017	\$	35,347	\$	20,536	\$	55,883	\$	191,849	\$	76,961	\$	268,810
2018		36,422		19,462		55,884		197,498		71,312		268,810
2019		37,530		18,354		55,884		203,313		65,497		268,810
2020		38,672		17,212		55,884		209,299		59,511		268,810
2021		39,848		16,036		55,884		215,461		53,349		268,810
2022-2026		218,174		61,244		279,418		1,176,279		167,771	1	,344,050
2027-2031		253,435		24,384		277,819		520,418		17,195		537,613
2032		44,732		161		44,893		-		-		-
			_									
Total	\$	704,160	\$	177,389	\$	881,549	\$ 2	2,714,117	\$	511,596	\$3	,225,713
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u></u>				-			
Years Ending	Rev	enue Bonds						Total				
Years Ending September 30,				Interest		Total		Total Principal		Interest		Total
•		enue Bonds Principal	<u>l</u>	nterest		Total	<u> </u>			Interest		Total
•			<u> </u>	nterest		Total	<u> </u>			Interest		Total
•			<u> </u> \$	<u>Interest</u> 69,750	\$	<u>Total</u> 204,750	<u></u>		\$	<u>Interest</u> 167,247	\$	<u>Total</u> 529,443
September 30,		Principal	-		\$		_	Principal			\$	
<u>September 30.</u> 2017		Principal 135,000	-	69,750	\$	204,750	_	<u>Principal</u> 362,196		167,247	\$	529,443
<u>September 30,</u> 2017 2018		Principal 135,000 135,000	-	69,750 67,050	\$	204,750 202,050	_	Principal 362,196 368,920		167,247 157,824	\$	529,443 526,744
<u>September 30,</u> 2017 2018 2019		Principal 135,000 135,000 135,000	-	69,750 67,050 64,350	\$	204,750 202,050 199,350	_	Principal 362,196 368,920 375,843		167,247 157,824 148,201	\$	529,443 526,744 524,044
<u>September 30,</u> 2017 2018 2019 2020		Principal 135,000 135,000 135,000 140,000	-	69,750 67,050 64,350 61,600	\$	204,750 202,050 199,350 201,600	\$	2rincipal 362,196 368,920 375,843 387,971		167,247 157,824 148,201 138,323		529,443 526,744 524,044 526,294
<u>September 30,</u> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021		Principal 135,000 135,000 135,000 140,000 150,000	-	69,750 67,050 64,350 61,600 30,100	\$	204,750 202,050 199,350 201,600 180,100	\$	2rincipal 362,196 368,920 375,843 387,971 405,309		167,247 157,824 148,201 138,323 99,485	2	529,443 526,744 524,044 526,294 504,794
<u>September 30,</u> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022-2026		Principal 135,000 135,000 135,000 140,000 150,000 790,000	-	69,750 67,050 64,350 61,600 30,100 221,788	\$	204,750 202,050 199,350 201,600 180,100 1,011,788	\$	2rincipal 362,196 368,920 375,843 387,971 405,309 2,184,453		167,247 157,824 148,201 138,323 99,485 450,803	2	529,443 526,744 524,044 526,294 504,794 2,635,256
<u>September 30,</u> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022-2026 2027-2031		Principal 135,000 135,000 135,000 140,000 150,000 790,000 860,000	-	69,750 67,050 64,350 61,600 30,100 221,788 148,583	\$	204,750 202,050 199,350 201,600 180,100 1,011,788 1,008,583	\$	2rincipal 362,196 368,920 375,843 387,971 405,309 2,184,453 1,633,853		167,247 157,824 148,201 138,323 99,485 450,803 190,162	2	529,443 526,744 524,044 526,294 504,794 2,635,256 ,824,015
<u>September 30,</u> 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022-2026 2027-2031		Principal 135,000 135,000 135,000 140,000 150,000 790,000 860,000	-	69,750 67,050 64,350 61,600 30,100 221,788 148,583	\$	204,750 202,050 199,350 201,600 180,100 1,011,788 1,008,583	\$	2rincipal 362,196 368,920 375,843 387,971 405,309 2,184,453 1,633,853	\$	167,247 157,824 148,201 138,323 99,485 450,803 190,162	2	529,443 526,744 524,044 526,294 504,794 2,635,256 ,824,015

Specific years for payment of compensated absences are not determinable and are not included in the table above. All Enterprise Fund debt is paid by the fund incurring the debt.

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NOTE G - CAPITAL LEASES

The City has entered into a capital lease agreement for capital assets under which they will become the property of the City when all terms of the lease agreement are met. The following schedule present the future minimum lease payments as of September 30, 2016.

	Gas	Water	
	System	System	
	Meters	Meters	<u>Total</u>
Minimum lease payments			
Years Ending September 30,			
2017	99,460	169,350	268,810
2018	99,460	169,350	268,810
2019	99,460	169,350	268,810
2020	99,460	169,350	268,810
2021-2025	497,299	846,752	1,344,050
2026-2028	298,378	508,045	806,423
	1,193,515	2,032,198	3,225,713
Less: amounts representing interest	(189,291)	(322,305)	(511,596)
Present value of minimum			
lease payments	<u>\$ 1,004,224</u>	<u>\$ 1,709,893</u>	\$2,714,117

See Note G for interest rate used to compute amounts representing interest and other information pertaining to capital lease transactions.

Capital assets and related accumulated amortization under the capital lease are as follows:

	Gas System <u>Meters</u>	Water System <u>Meters</u>	<u>Total</u>
Capital asset discounted cost Less: accumulated amortization	\$ 1,176,442 <u>(196,312</u>)	\$ 2,004,012 (334,407)	\$3,180,454 (530,719)
Total	\$ 980,130	<u>\$ 1,669,605</u>	\$2,649,735

Amortization of leased equipment under capital assets is included with depreciation.

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NOTE H – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2016 were \$_-0-.

Transfers between funds during the year were as follows:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major Governmental Funds: General Fund	\$ <u>17,226</u>	\$ <u>83,046</u>
Total Major Governmental Fund	17,226	83,046
Non-major Governmental Funds: Park & Recreation Gaither House and Tourism Fund	50,000	17,226
Total Special Revenue Funds	50,000	17,226
Debt Service Funds	33,046	-
Total Debt Service Funds	33,046	
Total Non-major Governmental Fund	83,046	17,226
Major Enterprise Funds: Water System Fund Sewer System Fund Gas System Fund	- - 	
Total Major Enterprise Funds Nonmajor Enterprise Funds Waste Collection Fund		
Total Non-major Enterprise Funds	<u> </u>	
Fiduciary Fund		
Total all Funds	<u>\$ 100,272</u>	<u>\$ 100,272</u>

NOTE I – INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Intergovernmental revenues include the following:

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund	
State of Miss - Municipal Aid & Gas Tax	\$ 5,910
Homestead exemption	62,327
In Lieu of Taxes	52,144
State of Miss – Civil Defense	33,107
Itawamba County	266,512
TVA Franchise Tax	147,292
Total Governmental Funds	\$ <u>567,292</u>

NOTE J – SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Certain segmented information for the individual Enterprise Funds is included on the Proprietary Funds – Statement of Assets, Proprietary Funds – Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets, and the Proprietary Funds – Statement of Cash Flows. The capital asset activity for each individual Enterprise Fund is included in Note E. The Schedule of Changes in Long-Term Debt for each individual Enterprise Fund is included in Note F.

The individual Enterprise Funds have the following types of goods or services:

Gas System – Provide natural gas to its citizens and surrounding areas.

Water and Sewer System – Provide water and sewer services to its citizens.

Waste Collection System - Provide waste collection services to its citizens.

The individual Enterprise Funds have the following net working capital (current assets less current liabilities) at September 30, 2016:

Water	\$ 1,012,082
Gas System	426,206
Sewer System	350,285
Waste Collection System	60,133
Total	\$ <u>1,848,706</u>

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NOTE J -- SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS - CONTINUED

Enterprise Funds operate in the City of Fulton, Mississippi geographic area. Their revenues are subject to the economic conditions of Fulton, Mississippi. At September 30, 2016, the Gas System Fund had extended credit to customers totaling \$131,943. Gas System Fund receivables are secured by customer deposits totaling \$71,008. The balance of the receivables is unsecured. At September 30, 2016, the Water System Fund had extended credit to customers totaling \$214,535. Water System Fund receivables are secured by customer deposits totaling \$74,932. The balances of the receivables are unsecured. At September 30, 2016, the Sewer System had extended credit to customers totaling \$67,241. The receivables are not secured. At September 30, 2016, the Non-major Enterprise Fund had extended credit to customers totaling \$53,193. The Non-major Enterprise receivables are not secured.

Gas System Fund accounts payable – operations consist of \$4,775 for operations. The Water System Fund accounts payable – operations consist of \$104,465 for operations. The Sewer System Fund Accounts payable operation consists of \$40,750. The Non-major Enterprise fund accounts payable were \$30,243 at September 30, 2016.

NOTE K - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City had no material related party transactions during the current year.

NOTE L - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES AND UNCERTAINTIES

Grant Audit

The City receives federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject and audit by federal and state agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the federal or state agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the appropriate agency.

The amount of any disallowance of grant expenditures, if any, is unknown; therefore, the accompanying financial statements do not include any liability for such disallowances. In the opinion of City management, such disallowances, if any will not be significant.

NOTE M - RISK MANAGEMENT CLAIMS AND JUDGEMENTS

The City is a member of the Mississippi Municipal Service Company which provides general liability and worker's compensation. The City pays insurance premiums based on experience ratios. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current or three prior years.

NOTE N – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the City of Fulton, Mississippi evaluated the activity of the city through June 20, 2017, and determined that there was no subsequent event that required adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

NOTE O - POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND 125 CAFETERIA PAN

Other Postemployment Benefits

The City does not have any retired employees that participate in post- employment benefits.

NOTE P – NET POSITION - RESTRICTED

The Government-wide statement of net position reports \$640,475 of restricted net position.

NOTE Q - 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 so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred inflows are directly related to pension reporting.

See Note R for further details.

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Note R – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. The City contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issued a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions. PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of September 30, 2015 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only the State of Mississippi Legislature. The City's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$255,809, \$255,745 and \$267,597 respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2016, the City reported a liability of \$4,672,472 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the City's proportion was 0.0261 percent.

For the year ended September 30, 2016, the City recognized pension expense of \$575,057. At September 30, 2016 the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
	of Resources	of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	e \$135,044	-
Net difference between projected and actual earning on pension plan investments	gs \$ 304,740	-
Changes of assumptions	\$ 237,886	
Changes in proportion and differences between City's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	\$ 12,416
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City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 58,773	-
Total	\$736,443	\$ 12,416

The \$58,773 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2017. 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 ended September 30:	
2017	\$ 227,303
2018	171,142
2019	163,969
2020	102,841
	\$ 665,254

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	3.75 – 19.00 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Health Annuitant Blue Collar Table Projected with Scale BB to 2016, set forward one year for males.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2014. The experience report is dated May 4, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of 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. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

	Target	Long-Term Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
U.S. Broad	34%	5.20%
International Equity	19	5.00
Emerging Markets Equity	8	5.45
Fixed Income	20	0.25
Real Assets	10	4.00
Private Equity	8	6.15
Cash	1	(0.50)
Total	<u> 100 %</u>	

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate members, (9.00%). Employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (15.75%). 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 periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount	1% Increase
	(6.75%)	Rate (7.75%)	(8.75%)
City's proportionate share		-	
of the net pension liability	\$ 5,991,157	\$ 4,672,472	\$ 3,578,391

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

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	<u>01</u>	RGINAL		<u>FINAL</u>	A	CTUAL		BASIS		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>(N</u>	<u>EGATIVE)</u>
REVENUES												
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	923,380	\$	944,380	\$	989,399	\$	(1,246)	\$	988,153	\$	43,773
Interest & Penalties		5,000		4,000		3,978		-		3,978		(22)
Printer Fees		300		300		222		· –		222		(78)
Privilege Licenses		11,000		11,500		11,595		-		11,595		95
Municipal Revolving		7,000		6,000		5,910		-		5,910		(90)
Building Permits		1,000		2,800		3,393		-		3,393		593
Grant & Loans		-		-		4,725		-		4,725		4,725
TVA In Lieu of Taxes		90,000		53,000		52,144		-		52,144		(856)
City Sales Tax		1,510,000		1,555,000		1,587,012		(17,681)		1,569,331		14,331
Civil Defense		30,000		32,400		33,107		-		33,107		707
Itawamba County		145,000		147,800		155,089		(301)		154,788		6,988
Court Revenue		100,500		92,500		116,877		(24,195)		92,682		182
Interest		2,000		3,500		3,900		-		3,900		400
Rent		500		500		-		-		-		(500)
Other		7,300		415,300		269,908		-		269,908		(145,392)
Sale of Equipment/Land		-		-		177,021		-		177,021		177,021
TVA Franchise Tax		126,000		147,000		147,292		-		147,292		292
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Total Revenues	<u>\$</u>	2,958,980	<u>\$</u>	3,415,980	<u>\$</u>	3,561,572	<u>\$</u>	(43,423)	<u>\$</u>	3,518,149	\$	102,169

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	BUDG	ETED	<u></u>	ACTUAL AMOUNTS ADJUSTMENTS ACTUAL ON				
	<u>ORGINAL</u>	FINAL	ACTUAL	TO BUDGETARY BASIS		FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE <u>(NEGATIVE)</u>		
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>								
Finance and Administration								
Personnel Services	\$ 301,150	\$ 301,150	299,766	\$-	\$ 299,766			
Supplies	31,850	57,950	55,503	-	55,503	2,447		
Other Services and Charges	213,600	238,600	241,609	(17,542)	224,067	14,533		
Capital Outlay	88,046	88,046				88,046		
Total	634,646	685,746	596,878	(17,542)	579,336	106,410		
Police								
Personnel Services	686,500	693,800	686,771	-	686,771	7,029		
Supplies	62,000	62,000	49,958	-	49,958	12,042		
Other Services and Charges	37,970	37,970	30,432	(23)	30,409	7,561		
Capital Outlay		12,100	12,051		12,051	49		
Total	786,470	805,870	779,212	(23)	779,189	26,681		
Fire								
Personnel Services	199,650	194,350	187,459	-	187,459	6,891		
Supplies	32,700	62,700	57,980	-	57,980	4,720		
Other Services and Charges	20,920	23,920	20,473	798	21,271	2,649		
Capital Outlay		16,000	15,675		15,675	325		
Total	\$ 253,270	<u>\$ 296,970</u>	281,587	<u>\$ 798</u>	\$ 282,385	<u>\$ 14,585</u>		

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				ADJUSTMENTS	ACTUAL ON	FINAL BUDGET
	ORGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	TO BUDGETARY BASIS	BUDGETARY TOTAL	POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
EXPENDITURES - continued	ORGINAL	<u>FINAL</u>	ACTUAL	DASIS	IOTAL	(NEGATIVE)
Animal Control						
Personnel Services	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Supplies	6,600	10,600	7,509	-	7,509	3,091
Other Services and Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay			1,707		1,707	(1,707)
Total	6,600	10,600	9,216		9,216	1,384
Emergency Management						
Personnel Services	57,750	57,750	57,400	-	57,400	350
Supplies	8,700	8,700	3,260	-	3,260	5,440
Other Services and Charges	14,900	14,900	11,751	-	11,751	3,149
Capital Outlay	-				-	
Total	81,350	81,350	72,411		72,411	8,939
Street Department						
Personnel Services	544,397	459,797	450,747	-	450,747	9,050
Supplies	278,000	310,500	298,966	-	298,966	11,534
Other Services and Charges	179,700	165,700	149,525	217	149,742	15,958
Capital Outlay	35,600	44,850	44,763		44,763	87
Total	1,037,697	980,847	944,001	217	944,218	36,629
National Guard Armory						
Other Services and Charges	1,500	1,500	1,500		1,500	<u> </u>
Total	\$ 1,500	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	\$

	BUDG	ETED		ACTUAL AMOUNTS			
	ORGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGETARY BASIS	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY TOTAL	FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)	
EXPENDITURES - continued							
Library & Grammar School							
Other Services and Charges	\$ 67,950	<u>\$ 87,950</u>	\$ 81,785	<u>\$</u>	\$ 81,785	\$ 6,165	
Total	67,950	87,950	81,785		81,785	6,165	
Court Fund							
Other Services and Charges	64,000	59,000	55,952		55,952	3,048	
Total	64,000	59,000	55,952		55,952	3,048	
Total Expenditures	2,933,483	3,009,833	2,822,542	(16,550)	2,805,992	203,841	
Excess Revenues							
Over (Under) Expenditures	25,497	406,147	739,030	(26,873)	712,157	(306,010)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Notes	-	-			-	-	
Transfer In	-	17,200	17,226	-	17,226	(26)	
Transfer (Out)		(83,046)	(83,046)	-	(83,046)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(65,846)	(65,820)		(65,820)	(26)	
Non-Financing Sources							
Donations						· •	
Total Non-Financing Sources				-			
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources							
Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses	25,497	340,301	673,210	(26,873)	646,337	(306,036)	
Fund Balance - October 1, 2015	(1,279,290)	229,121	1,487,024	(20,075)	1,296,125	(1,056,826)	
Fund Balance - September 30, 2016	<u>\$ (1,253,793)</u>	\$ 569,422	\$ 2,160,234	\$ (26.873)		\$ 2,106,488	

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CITY OF FULTON NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGETARY REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY INFORMATION

NOTE A: A City is legally subject to the budgetary control requirements of the State of Mississippi. The City follows the following procedures in establishing the budgetary comparison schedule:

- A. Prior to September 1, the City Clerk submits to the Board of Alderpersons a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year. The State of Mississippi requires at a minimum expenditures be adopted in four categories (personnel services, supplies, other services and charges, and capital outlays).
- B. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- C. Prior to September 15, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
- D. The budget must be balanced. The balanced budget may include a contribution to or appropriation from fund balance.
- E. The budget must be amended when necessary.
- F. Debt cannot be entered into unless permitted by law.
- G. Expenditures, except for capital outlays, cannot exceed budget appropriations.
- H. Expenditures cannot be made unless authorized in the budget.
- I. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

NOTE B: Budgets are adopted on a modified cash basis. Claims that have been incurred prior to the end of the year and that are paid within 30 days are recorded under the accrual basis. Prior year claims that are paid after 30 days revert to the cash basis. All revenue is accounted for under the cash basis. The required budgetary basis is therefore not considered a generally accepted accounting principal. Governmental accounting requires the budgetary comparison schedule be prepared according to budgetary laws which is the modified cash basis (GAAP).

NOTE 2 – PENSION SCHEDULES

- A. *Changes of benefit terms*. None identified during periods presented in the required supplementary information.
- B. Changes in assumptions. In 2015 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2015 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015. In 2015, The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table which was used prior to 2015. Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2015, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience. Finally, the price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.5% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

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CITY OF FULTON NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGETARY REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

NOTE 2 – PENSION SCHEDULES – (continued)

C. Changes in size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms. None identified during periods presented in the required supplementary information.

CITY OF FULTON NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY REPORTING - CONTINUED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

BUDGETARY INFORMATION - CONTINUED

NOTE C: The following provides details for General Fund adjustments to budgetary basis from actual:

Revenue	
Receivables	(43,423)
Total	(43,423)
Expenditures	
Accounts payable paid after 30 day	-
Prepaid expenses	1,292
Reclassification for Bad Debt Allowance-Court Fines	(17,842)
Total	(16,550)
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Net difference in budgetary basis and actual	<u>\$ (26,873)</u>

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CITY OF FULTON SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS*

	2016	2015	
City's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0262%	0.0283%	
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 4,672,472 \$	4,374,621	
City's's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,624,185 \$	1,623,774	
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	287.69%	269.41%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.70%	67.21%	

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30 of the year prior to the fiscal year presented.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 9/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the City has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

CITY OF FULTON SCHEDULE OF CITY'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS*

	2016			2015	
Contractually required contribution	\$	255,809	\$	255,744	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		255,809	255,744		
Contribution deficiency (excess)		0	0		
City's covered-employee payroll	\$	1,624,185	\$	1,623,774	
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll		15.75%		15.75%	

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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CITY OF FULTON COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

				(DEAC 30, 20)						
	PARI <u>RECRE</u>		DEBT <u>SERVICE</u>	TOURISM <u>TAX</u>	FIRE TECTION	GAIT <u>HOI</u>		NARCOTICS	TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENT <u>FUNDS</u>	
ASSETS										
Cash	\$	100,010	\$ 226,761	\$ 94,713	\$ 68,892	\$ 7	,990	4,798	\$ 503,	,164
Other Accounts Receivable		-	-	-	404		-	-		404
Accounts Receivable-										
Taxes		54,979		12,771	 		-			,750
Total Assets		154,989	226,761	107,484	 69,296		,990	4,798	571,	<u>,318</u>
LIABILITIES										
Accrued Expenses		-	-	-	-		-	-		-
Accounts Payable		5,322	-	-	18		-	<u> </u>	5,	,340
Total Liabilities		5,322	-		 18		-		5	,340
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES										
Unavailable Revenue		52,303		-	 -			<u> </u>	52	,303
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		52,303			 	<u></u>			52	,303
FUND BALANCE										
Nonspendable		-	-	-	-		-	-		-
Restricted		-	226,761	107,484	69,278		7,990	4,798	416	5,311
Committed		-	-	-	-		-	-		-
Assigned		-	-	-	-		-	-	^-	-
Unassigned		97,364			 					,364
Total Fund Balance		97,364	226,761	107,484	 69,278		7,990	4,798	513	3,675
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$	154,989	- \$ 226,761	\$ 107,484	\$ 69,296	\$	7,990	\$ 4,798	\$ 571	,318
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CITY OF FULTON NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

REVENUE	PARK & <u>RECREATION</u>	DEBT <u>SERVICE</u>	TOURISM <u>TAX</u>	FIRE <u>PROTECTION</u>	GAITHER <u>HOUSE</u>	DRUG	TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL <u>FUNDS</u>
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 67,205	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,205
Sales Taxes	-	-	60,055			•	60,055
Program Fees & Dues	27,420	-	-	-	-	-	27,420
Concession	53,296	-	-	-	-	-	53,296
Other	50	-	2,441	27,974	33,190	5,000	68,655
Rent	-	64,478	-	-	-	-	64,478
Interest Income	-	-			<u> </u>	-	-
Total Revenue	147,971	64,478	62,496	27,974	33,190	5,000	341,109
EXPENDITURES		-					
Personal Service	181,401	-	-	-	-	-	181,401
Supplies	23,654	-	-		-	-	23,654
Other Cost	58,817	-	29,990	2,552	-	4,792	96,151
Capital Improvements	26,072	-	-	160,000	13,986	-	200,058
Principal Retirement	-	204,078	-	-	-	-	204,078
Interest and Fiscal Charges		87,791			-		87,791
Total Expenditures	289,944	291,869	29,990	162,552	13,986	4,792	793,133
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues							
Over (Under)		-					
Expenditures	(141,973)	(227,391)	32,506	(134,578)	19,204	208	(452,024)
Other Financing		-		150,000			150,000
Transfers In (Out)	50,000	33,046	-		(17,226)	-	65,820
Total Other Financing	50,000	33,046	-	150,000	(17,226)	-	215,820
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and							
Other Sources Over Expenditure	(91,973)	(194,345)	32,506	15,422	1,978	208	(236,204)
Fund Balance							
Fund Balance - 10/1/15	189,337	421,106	74,978	53,856	6,012	4,590	749,879
Fund Balance - 9/30/16	<u>\$97,364</u>	\$ 226,761	<u>\$ 107,484</u>	<u>\$ 69.278</u>	<u>\$ 7.990</u>	<u>\$_4.798</u>	<u>\$513.675</u>

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CITY OF FULTON, MISSISSIPPI SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

NAME

POSITION

COMPANY

<u>BOND</u>

Lynette Weatherford Mayor Lisa Russell Reggie Johnson Hayward Wilson Michael Nanney Joey Steele Barry Childers Elizabeth Beasley Deputy Clerks (4) **Police Officers**

City Clerk Police Chief Alderperson Alderperson Alderperson Alderperson Alderperson

Western Surety	\$100,000
Western Surety	\$200,000
Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Western Surety	\$ 50,000 each
Western Surety	\$ 25,000 each

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

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons The City of Fulton Fulton, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the government activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of The City of Fulton, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Fulton, Mississippi's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses. They are labeled as items 2016-1, 2016-3.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompaning schedule of findings and responses to be a significant deficiency as item 2016-4.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Fulton, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2016-2.

City of Fulton, Mississippi's Response to Findings

City of Fulton, Mississippi response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. City of Fulton, Mississippi'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.

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Mike Dozier Certified Public Accountant, P.C.

Fulton, Mississippi June 20, 2017

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons+ City of Fulton, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Fulton, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, which collectively comprise the City of Fulton, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2017. 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.

Compliance

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the financial statements disclosed material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item number 2016-2.

The instances of noncompliance of the prior year have not been corrected by management as discussed in the accompanying schedule of results of prior year findings or otherwise included in the above noted findings and questioned cost.

City of Fulton, Mississippi's Response to Findings

City of Fulton, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. City of Fulton, Mississippi'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.

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Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance with state laws and regulations, and not to express an opinion on the entity's compliance.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on a subsequent year's audit engagement the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken.

This report is intended for the information of the City's management, Board of Alderpersons, and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Mike Dozier, Certified Public Accountant, P.C.

Fulton, Mississippi June 20, 2017

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CITY OF FULTON SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Finding – Financial Statement Audit Reportable Conditions

2016-1. Segregation of Duties

<u>Condition</u>: The City does not have an adequate segregation of duties among accounting personnel and functions.

<u>Criteria</u>: Internal controls should be implemented to require a segregation of duties among accounting personnel and functions.

<u>Effect</u>: The City Clerk maintains the general ledgers, collects cash, writes and signs checks, reconciles bank statements. The City Court Clerk handles court fine billings, receivables and collections. This type of lack of segregation of duties could result in misappropriation of funds that would not be timely discovered.

<u>Cause</u>: The City does not have enough personnel to have adequate segregation of duties.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City should have a segregation of duties among accounting functions. However, we recognize that the expense of acquiring the additional employees might be prohibitive. The cost benefit of implementing corrective action over this condition may not be justified. The City's management should be aware of this risk from lack of segregation of duties and provide management oversight of the accounting function to the fullest extent possible. The Mayor and Board of Alderman should periodically review accounting functions to compensate for a lack of segregation of duties.

<u>Response</u>: We concur with the recommendation.

2016-2. General Fixed Assets

<u>Condition</u>: The city did not conduct an annual inventory of fixed assets as required by the State of Mississippi audit manual.

<u>Criteria</u>: Internal controls should be in a place that require an annual physical inventory of fixed assets.

Effect: The inventory is necessary to verify the existence, not the condition, of all fixed assets.

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CITY OF FULTON SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

2016-2. General Fixed Assets (continued)

<u>Cause</u>: Management did not properly see that an annual physical inventory of fixed assets was peformed.

<u>Recommendation</u>: At the close of each fiscal year, each department head should list each item of equipment in their department, including a brief description of the item, and its property number, taken from the actual piece of equipment. The procedures to perform an annual physical inventory of fixed assets are located in the State of Mississippi audit manual. Proper supervision should be established to insure that this is done annually.

<u>Response</u>: We are in the process of performing a physical inventory of fixed assets.

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES

2016-3. <u>Outsourcing Financial Statements and Related Notes, and Supplementary Information</u> <u>Preparation</u>

<u>Condition</u>: Management outsources financial statements and related notes, and supplementary information preparation

<u>Criteria</u>: Part of effective internal control over financial reporting is the ability to adequately produce financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

<u>Effect</u>: The City must incur the expense of outsourcing the preparation of the financial statements and related notes, and supplementary information.

<u>Cause</u>: As is normal for governments of this type and size, the City's staff and management do not have the required technical expertise to meet the above criteria.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Due to the size of the City and the cost of hiring additional staff, no change is recommended.

<u>Response</u>: We agree with the finding, but feel the City is best served by continuing to outsource the preparation of the financial statements and related notes, and supplementary information. this is less costly than hiring additional staff to perform these tasks.

CITY OF FULTON SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

MATERIAL WEAKNESS-CONTINUED

2016-4. Police Fine Collection Efforts

Condition: The delinquent police fine receivables are increasing.

<u>Criteria</u>: Effective internal controls include establishing procedures to have someone review delinquent police fines monthly and perform the necessary procedures to collect delinquent police fines.

Effect: The police fines receivables increased by \$29,737 during the year ended September 30, 2016.

<u>Cause</u>: The City did not have anyone reviewing the police fine receivables or instructing someone to enforce the collection of police fines.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City should designate a person to be responsible for reviewing delinquent police fines and getting the correct court order to enforce collection.

<u>Response</u>: We concur with the recommendation. The City is currently using a collection agency to assist in the collection of outstanding fines.

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CITY OF FULTON RESULTS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE FISCALYEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

2015-1. Segregation of Duties

<u>Condition</u>: The City does not have adequate segregation of duties among accounting personal and functions.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City should have a segregation of duties among accounting functions. However, we recognize that the expense of acquiring the additional employees might be prohibitive. The cost benefit of implementing corrective action over this condition may not be justified. The City's management should be aware of this risk from lack of segregation of duties and provide management oversight of the accounting function to the fullest extent possible. The Mayor and Board of Alderman should periodically review accounting functions to compensate for a lack of segregation of duties.

Status: This is still a finding in this report. See current year Finding No.2016-1.

2015-2. General Fixed Assets

<u>Condition</u>: The City did not conduct an annual inventory of fixed assets as required by the State of Mississippi audit manual.

<u>Recommendation</u>: At the close of each fiscal year, each department head should list each item of equipment in their department, including a brief description of the item, and its property number, taken from the actual piece of equipment. The procedures to perform an annual physical inventory of fixed assets are located in the State of Mississippi audit manual. Proper supervision should be established to insure that this is done annually.

Status: This is still a Finding in this report. See current year Finding No. 2016-2.

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CITY OF FULTON RESULTS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

2015-3. <u>Outsourcing Financial Statements and related Notes, and Supplementary Information</u> <u>Preparation</u>

<u>Condition</u>: Management outsources financial statements and related notes, and supplementary information preparation.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Due to the size of the City and the cost of hiring additional staff, no change is recommended.

Status: This is still a Finding in this report. See current Finding 2016-3.

2015-4. Police Fine Collection Efforts

<u>Condition</u>: The delinquent police fine receivables are increasing.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City should designate a person to be responsible for reviewing Delinquent police fines and getting the correct court order to enforce collection.

Status: This is still a Finding in this report. See current year Finding No. 2016-4.