

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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Martin A. Eaddy, Mayor Pro-Tem
David M. Black
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Letter of Transmittal

The Honorable Mayor, Members of the
City Council and the Citizens of
the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina is submitted for your review and use. The City, like other local governments in the State, is required by State law to publish a complete set of financial statements within four months of the close of each fiscal year. The financial statements must be presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. This report is published to fulfill that requirement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and to provide complete and further accountability to citizens and other interested parties by providing a comprehensive report in lieu of the minimum basic financial statement requirements.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, we have established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the City of Lincolnton's financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits. The City's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we believe to the best of our knowledge, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects and is reported in a manner to present fairly the financial position of the City.

Lowdermilk Church & Co., L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants, have issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the City of Lincolnton's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The independent auditors' report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors' report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A is designed to complement this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the City

The City of Lincolnton, incorporated in 1785, is the County seat of Lincoln County ("the County"). It is located in the heart of the Piedmont section of the State, approximately 32 miles northwest of Charlotte on highways U.S. 321, State 27, and State 150. The City is the second oldest city west of the Catawba River in North Carolina with Morganton, established 1784, being the oldest city. Evidence of our long and distinguished history abounds throughout the stately streets of the City. The State of North Carolina has erected over a dozen historical markers to honor some of the important events, landmarks, and distinguished people in Lincolnton's past. Lincolnton was named for Benjamin Lincoln, who achieved fame at the time of Cornwallis' surrender to Washington at Yorktown, Virginia. It currently occupies 8.6 square miles and serves a population of 10,945. Lincolnton is empowered by State statute to extend its corporate limits by annexation, which it has done from time to time.

The City of Lincolnton is the only incorporated municipality in the County and operates under the council-manager form of government. The Mayor is elected at large for a four-year term. Composed of four members, the Lincolnton City Council has policy making and legislative authority. Members are elected at large but must file for election by ward. Two members of the City Council are elected every two years in even numbered years, serving four year terms. The City Council is responsible for the budget approval and appointing the City Manager and City Attorney. The City Manager is responsible for implementing Council policies and City ordinances, managing daily operations, and acts on all recommendations of employment for the City.

The City of Lincolnton provides a full range of services, including police and fire protection, the construction and maintenance of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and other infrastructure; solid waste and recycling; community development; planning and zoning; cemetery; and recreation and cultural activities. Additionally the City owns and operates an electric and water and sewer system, which provides services to residents of the City and its environs. This report includes all of the City's activities in delivering and administering these services. Although legally separate from the City, the City of Lincolnton ABC Board ("the Board") and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority (LTDA) are important to the City, because the City exercises control over the Board and the LTDA by appointing members to the boards, and because the Board is required to distribute its profits to the City. Additional information on those legally separate entities can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

The Council is required to adopt a budget by July 1 of each year. The City is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries. The City's budget ordinance creates a legal limit on spending authorizations and serves as the foundation for Lincolnton's financial planning and control. The budget is prepared by fund and department (e.g., police).

Local Economy

Major industries located within the City boundaries or close proximity include manufacturers of ball bearings and textiles, as well as several financial institutions, restaurants, and real estate related businesses. Lincolnton is fortunate to have retained much of its older textile base due to the firms altering their production to a specialty product that gave them a niche in the market. The City has offered a favorable water and sewer fee rate structure that has also enabled the textile market to survive fierce domestic and foreign competition. Other major employers include the local county schools, local county and city government sectors, medical center, and retail businesses. The top employment sectors are manufacturing (41%), education (22%), retail (14%), public administration (14%) and medical (9%).

During the past ten years, the unemployment rate rose from an initial low of 5.1 percent (2007) to a decade high of 14.8 percent (2009), only to descend to the current rate of 4.1 percent. This rate is lower than the State's rate of 4.2 percent and higher than the national rate of 3.7 percent. Lincolnton has followed the same pattern as the State during the economic cycles.

Numerous small businesses opened in Lincolnton, including: Chic-fil-a, Untapped Territory, Crafted - A Southern Speakeasy, Alki Outfitters, Jersey Mike's Subs, CBD East Main, Bloom Market and Petsmart.

Texture Plus announced their corporate and manufacturing relocation from Long Island, New York to Lincolnton, North Carolina. Producing polymer-based building materials for over three decades, Texture Plus is a family-owned and operated business serving contractors, DIY'ers and corporate customers in multiple industries globally. Lincoln Economic Development Association has been working with Texture Plus for over a year in the recruitment effort, which culminated on Monday night, August 6th, when the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners' approved an Industrial Incentive Grant request on behalf of the company. Having purchased a building off Roseland Drive in Lincolnton, Texture Plus will be investing in facility improvements and creating over 30 new jobs for county residents.

Blum executives, along with Lincoln County officials, ceremonially broke ground Thursday, February 14, 2019, on a 62,000 square-foot expansion to their U. S. headquarters. The facility's two-part expansion, which is estimated to cost \$22.5 million in infrastructure, state-of-the-art technology and personnel, was announced last year. The added space will increase warehouse capacity by 70%, creating approximately 30 new jobs. The company currently employs 431 full-time employees.

A recently announced project by the Lincoln Economic Development Association is breaking ground in Denver, N. C., Airlie Business Park. Wastewater equipment manufacturer HUBER Technology, Inc. will begin construction on a new facility, which will serve as both the headquarters and manufacturing center for the North American arm of the business. To be completed by the end of the year, the new facility will be able to house a growing staff, as well as support a multi-million dollar manufacturing operation.

Lincoln County existing industry, Race City Steel, is planning to invest over \$3,700,000 in equipment and building facility in Denver, N. C. Race City Steel, based out of Denver, North Carolina, is a family-owned business that prides itself on quality steel, aluminum and plastic products and on superior customer service. Race City Steel was started in 2007, with more than 20 years' experience in the racing industry and over 30 years' experience in the construction industry. They currently have just over 30 employees at their Denver facility and will add over 30 additional jobs to their head count.

Cataler North America, located in the Lincoln County Industrial Park, is a manufacturer of catalysts used in automotive catalytic converters. Cataler will make an investment of \$14,806,881 in new equipment and building expansion.

Dellinger Precast, located in Denver, N. C., produces precast concrete products. Dellinger Precast will make an investment of \$3,079,255 in equipment and building expansion. They will be adding a line to produce pre-stressed concrete bridge beams.

During the past five years, the government's expenses related to public safety have remained fairly constant with only a slight increase in amount, and also increased as a percentage of total expense (a five-year increase of 4.79 percent). The increase reflects increases in salary and benefits and capital outlay.

During this same five-year period, charges for services continue to increase in amount and have increased slightly as a percentage of total revenue (a five-year increase of 0.08 percent). The reason for this relatively small increase is the relative increase in expenses related to services that are not supported by fees and charges (e.g., public safety); thus, as taxes have increased to support these services, so has the proportion of total revenue generated by taxes.

Long-Term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives

Unassigned fund balance in the general fund is 30.92 percent of total general fund expenditures, which is above the required amount of 8 percent set by the State of North Carolina. As demonstration of the City's commitment to financial planning and fiscal health, the unreserved, unassigned fund balance in the general fund was \$3,455,634.

Each year the City adopts a capital improvement budget and prepares a 5-year capital improvement plan.

During the year, the City funded and managed significant projects including the following:

Construction of a River Launch and Fishing Deck at Betty Ross Park.

Construction of two flag football fields, including lighting and irrigation system, at Betty Ross Park.

Renovation of a building purchased for the purpose of relocation of the Police Department.

Implementation of a smart meter project for all utilities provided by the City.

Installation of new software for all accounting functions, including utility billing and collections.

Purchase of property for creation of a dog park.

Purchase of property for providing downtown public restrooms.

Relevant Financial Policies

The City of Lincolnton's Unified Development Ordinance requires that a developer of a subdivision dedicate land for a park, recreation, and open space purposes or the developer pays a fee in lieu of land before the subdivision is approved. The use of these funds is governed by the North Carolina General Statute 160A-372.

Awards and Acknowledgments

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Lincolnton for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. This was the twenty-ninth consecutive year that Lincolnton has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the government had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The Water Department was one of four water systems that was honored for surpassing federal and State drinking water standards by the Department of Environmental Quality for seventeen years in a row. Awards are given to water systems that demonstrate outstanding turbidity and microbial removal, two factors important in determining the drinking water quality. While all systems must meet strict guidelines from federal and State standards, those awarded met performance goals that were more rigorous.

The preparation of this report would have not been possible without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire staff of the finance department. We wish to express our appreciation to all members of the department who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit must also be given to the City Manager, Mayor and the City Council for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the City of Lincolnton's finances.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven B. Zickefoose

Steven B. Zickefoose, MBA
City Manager/Finance Director

December 11, 2019

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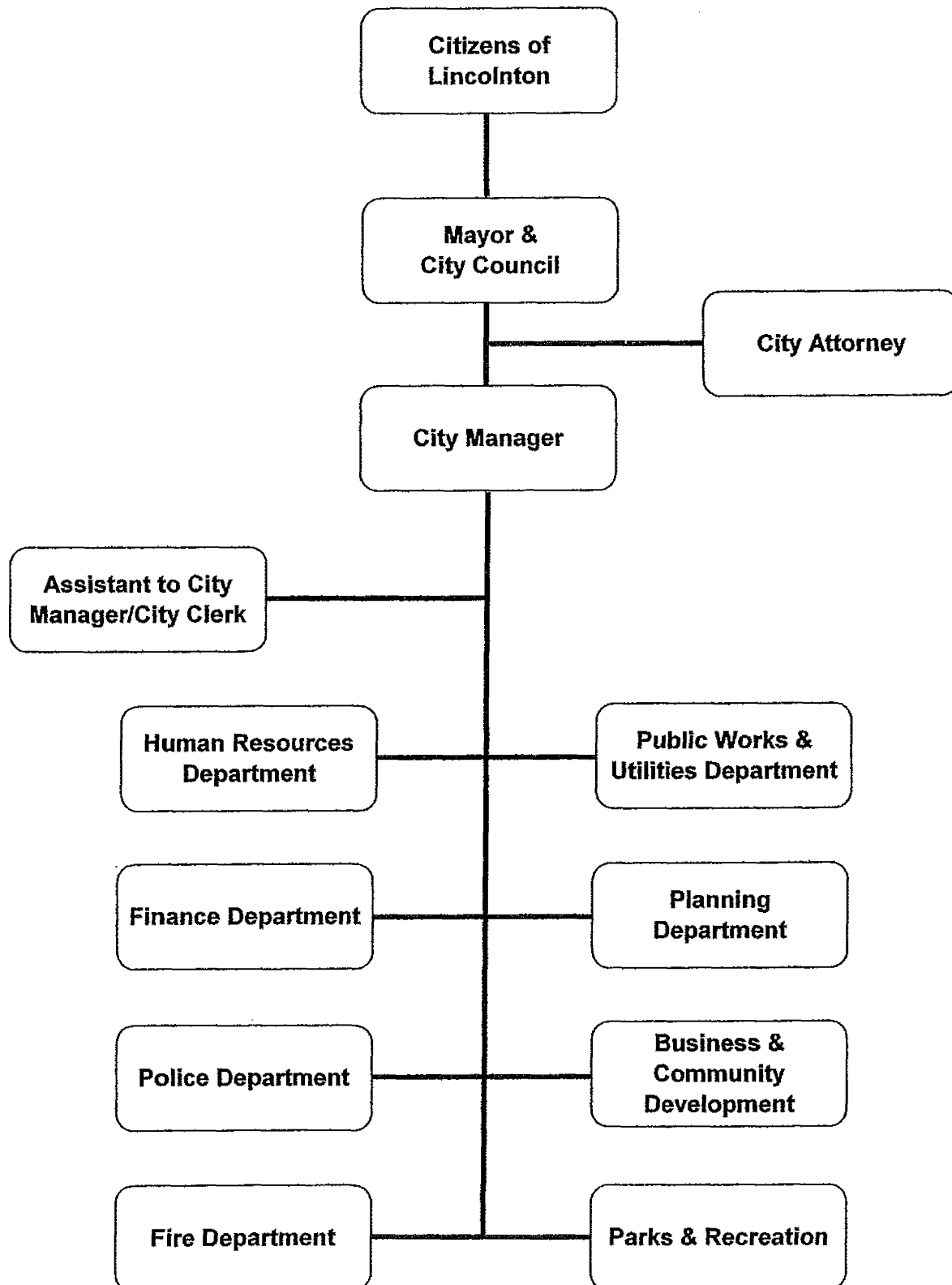
June 30, 2018

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

City of Lincolnton

Department Organizational Chart



CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

June 30, 2019

Mayor & City Council

Mayor	Edward L. Hatley, Jr.
Ward I	Mary Frances White
Ward II	Jim Watson
Ward III Mayor Pro-Tem	Martin Eaddy
Ward IV	Rob D. Jetton

City Administration

City Manager	Steven B. Zickefoose
Assistant City Manager	Richard Haynes
Assistant to City Manager/City Clerk	Donna Flowers
Human Resources Director	Tanya Osborne
Police Chief	Rodney Jordan
Fire Chief	Ryan Heavner
Public Works & Electric Utility Director	Brad Gates
Water Resources Director	Robert Pearson
Planning & Development Director	Laura Elam
Parks & Recreation Director	Nathan Eurey
Community Relations Director	Laura Morris

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members
Of the City Council and the Citizens of
the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The financial statements of the City of Lincolnton ABC Board and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. 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 the 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Other Postemployment Benefits Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Local Government Employees' Retirement System Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions and the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund's Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset) and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedules of the Changes in Total Pension Liability and Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll, on pages 12-21 and 76-81, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's basic financial statements. The introductory section individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and other schedules and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and other schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from, and relate directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements, or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and other schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 11, 2019, on our consideration of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina'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 the effectiveness of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lowenick Church & Co., L.L.P.

Morganton, North Carolina
December 11, 2019

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the City of Lincoln, we offer the readers of the City of Lincoln's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Lincoln for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the City's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

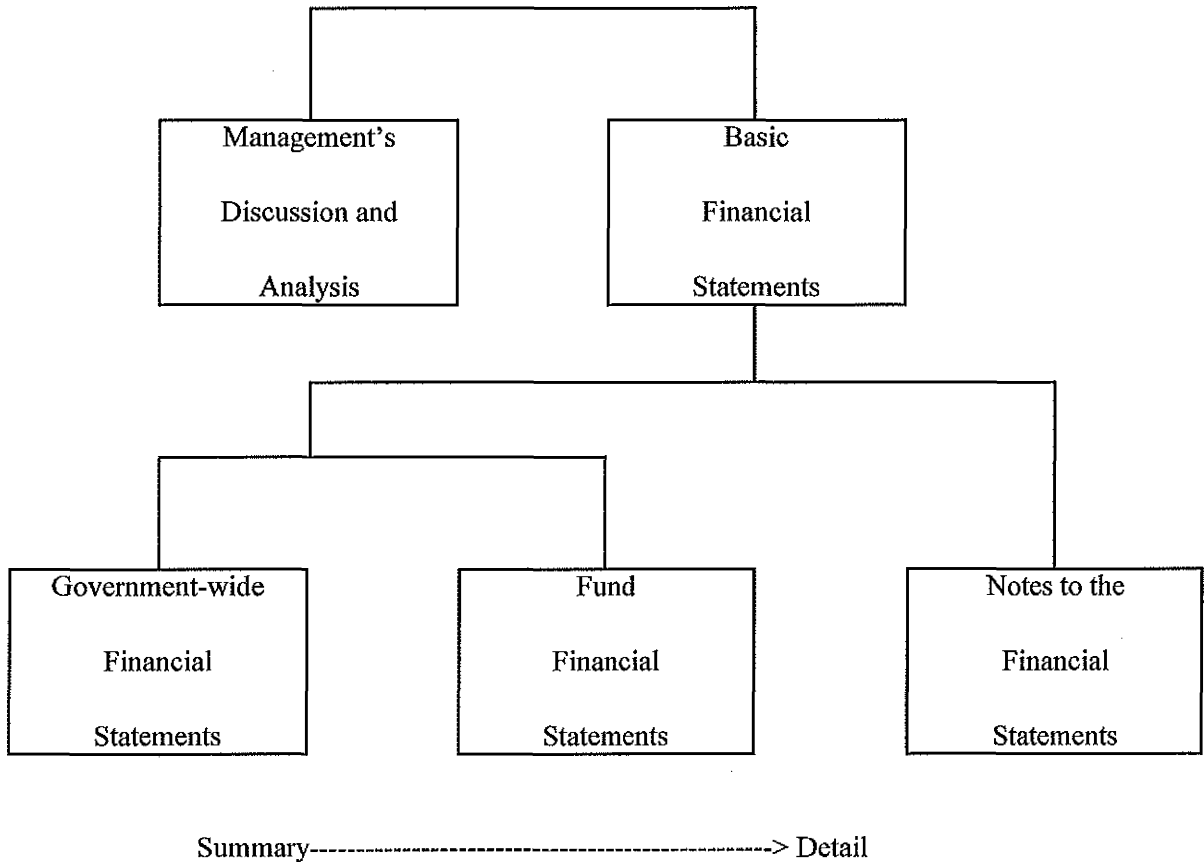
- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City of Lincoln exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$45,618,881 (net position).
- The City's total net position increased by \$2,422,291, primarily due to additional grant funding.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Lincoln's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,200,341, with a net increase of \$404,357 in fund balance. Approximately 28.99 percent of this total amount, or \$1,507,707, is non-spendable.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$3,455,634, or 30.92 percent, of total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The City of Lincoln's total debt increased by \$548,792 (2.28%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this change was the issuance of debt and an increase in pension related debt.
- The City's last bond rating was Aaa and AAA.
- The City's total capital assets decreased by \$352,103 (0.73%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this decrease is depreciation expense.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Lincoln's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the City through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the City of Lincoln.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report

Figure 1



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (pages 22 through 25) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the City's financial status.

The next statements (pages 26 through 34) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the City's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statements; and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **Notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, **Supplemental Information** is provided to show details about the City's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the City's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the City's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the City's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the City's total assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the City's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into three categories: 1) governmental activities; 2) business-type activities; and 3) component units. The governmental activities include most of the City's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and State and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the City charges customers to provide. These include the water and sewer and electric services offered by the City of Lincolnton. The final category is the component units. Although legally separate from the City, the City of Lincolnton ABC Board ("the Board") is important to the City because the City exercises control over the Board by appointing its members and because the Board is required to distribute its profits to the City. Although legally separate from the City, the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority is important to the City because the City exercises control over the Board by appointing its members and because the occupancy tax collected is used to promote travel and tourism in the City.

The government-wide financial statements are on pages 22 through 25 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) provide a more detailed look at the City's most significant activities. 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 of Lincolnton, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the City's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the City of Lincolnton can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the City's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting* which provides a short-term spending focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the City's programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The City of Lincolnton adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the City, the management of the City, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the City to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the City complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the City succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the Board; 2) the final budget as amended by the Board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Proprietary Funds - The City of Lincolnton has one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise Funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City of Lincolnton uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer activity and for its electric operations. These funds are the same as those functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 35 of this report.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the City of Lincolnton's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 76 of this report.

The individual fund statements and schedules are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions. Individual fund statements and schedules can be found beginning on page 82 of this report.

Interdependence with Other Entities – The City depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the federal government and the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the City is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to federal and State laws and federal and State appropriations. It is also subject to changes in investment earnings and asset values associated with U.S. Treasury Securities because of actions by foreign government and other holders of publicly held U.S. Treasury Securities.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The City of Lincolnton, Net Position						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Current and other assets	\$ 5,735,141	\$ 5,383,264	\$16,652,394	\$14,198,068	\$22,387,535	\$19,581,332
Capital assets	<u>18,960,568</u>	<u>19,215,388</u>	<u>29,205,902</u>	<u>29,303,184</u>	<u>48,166,470</u>	<u>48,518,572</u>
Total assets	<u>24,695,709</u>	<u>24,598,651</u>	<u>45,858,296</u>	<u>43,501,252</u>	<u>\$70,554,006</u>	<u>\$68,099,904</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,610,302</u>	<u>1,086,748</u>	<u>493,918</u>	<u>304,192</u>	<u>2,104,220</u>	<u>1,390,940</u>
Long-term liabilities outstanding	12,048,644	11,841,844	9,268,602	9,288,490	21,317,247	21,130,334
Other liabilities	<u>956,661</u>	<u>956,979</u>	<u>4,012,855</u>	<u>3,610,291</u>	<u>4,969,516</u>	<u>4,567,270</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,005,305</u>	<u>12,798,822</u>	<u>13,281,457</u>	<u>12,898,781</u>	<u>26,286,763</u>	<u>25,697,604</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>581,548</u>	<u>459,495</u>	<u>171,034</u>	<u>137,154</u>	<u>752,582</u>	<u>596,649</u>
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	18,180,889	18,078,633	20,641,887	20,899,184	38,822,777	38,977,817
Restricted	1,446,522	1,721,261	-	-	1,446,522	1,721,261
Unrestricted	<u>(6,908,253)</u>	<u>(7,372,812)</u>	<u>12,257,836</u>	<u>9,870,326</u>	<u>5,349,583</u>	<u>2,497,514</u>
Total net position	<u>\$12,719,158</u>	<u>\$ 12,427,082</u>	<u>\$32,899,723</u>	<u>\$30,769,510</u>	<u>\$45,618,881</u>	<u>\$43,196,592</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve, over time, as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the City of Lincolnnton exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$45,618,881 as of June 30, 2019. The City's net position increased by \$2,422,291 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. However, the largest portion of net position (85.10%) reflects the City's net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment). The City of Lincolnnton uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City of Lincolnnton's net investment in capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the City of Lincolnnton's net position, \$1,446,522, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$5,349,583 is unrestricted.

Several particular aspects of the City's financial operations influenced the total unrestricted governmental net position:

- Increase in capital grants and contributions and an increase in general revenues in the governmental activities.
- Slight increase in overall governmental expenses.
- Slight decrease in overall expenses in the business-type activities.
- Slight decrease in charges for services in the Water and Sewer Fund.

City of Lincolnnton, Changes in Net Position						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 198,419	\$ 232,657	\$ 15,823,446	\$15,969,934	\$ 16,021,865	\$16,202,591
Operating grants and contributions	592,248	545,794	-	-	592,248	545,794
Capital grants and contributions	646,462	156,106	-	-	646,462	156,106
General revenues:						
Property taxes	4,855,114	4,737,848	-	-	4,855,114	4,737,848
Other taxes	4,662,966	4,466,390	-	-	4,662,966	4,466,390
Unrestricted investment earnings	95,717	49,932	255,617	136,764	351,333	186,695
Other	<u>87,525</u>	<u>8,048</u>	<u>13,641</u>	<u>(12,133)</u>	<u>101,166</u>	<u>(4,085)</u>
Total revenues	<u>11,138,451</u>	<u>10,196,775</u>	<u>16,092,704</u>	<u>16,094,565</u>	<u>27,231,154</u>	<u>26,291,339</u>
Expenses:						
General government	2,061,727	2,121,703	-	-	2,061,727	2,121,703
Public safety	5,711,498	5,397,252	-	-	5,711,498	5,397,252
Public works	1,245,261	1,420,115	-	-	1,245,261	1,420,115
Economic and physical development	489,183	378,549	-	-	489,183	378,549
Environmental protection	750,577	759,807	-	-	750,577	759,807
Cultural and recreational	956,697	991,094	-	-	956,697	991,094
Interest on long-term debt	36,502	37,729	158,795	200,965	195,297	238,694
Water and sewer	-	-	5,995,286	6,158,427	5,995,286	6,158,427
Electric	-	-	<u>7,403,339</u>	<u>7,561,454</u>	<u>7,403,339</u>	<u>7,561,454</u>
Total expenses	<u>11,251,446</u>	<u>11,106,249</u>	<u>13,557,420</u>	<u>13,920,846</u>	<u>24,808,865</u>	<u>25,027,095</u>

City of Lincolnton, Changes in Net Position						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Increase (decrease) in net position before transfers and extraordinary item	\$ (112,995)	\$ (909,474)	\$ 2,535,284	\$ 2,173,719	\$ 2,422,289	\$ 1,264,245
Transfers	405,071	405,071	(405,071)	(405,071)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>\$ 292,076</u>	<u>\$ (504,403)</u>	<u>\$ 2,130,213</u>	<u>\$ 1,768,648</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,291</u>	<u>\$ 1,264,245</u>
Net position, July 1, as previously reported	\$ 12,427,082	\$ 19,492,689	\$ 30,769,510	\$ 31,022,006	\$ 43,196,592	\$ 50,514,695
Restatement	-	(6,561,204)	-	(2,021,145)	-	(8,582,349)
Net position, July 1, restated	12,427,082	12,931,485	30,769,510	29,000,861	43,196,592	41,932,346
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>292,076</u>	<u>(504,403)</u>	<u>2,130,213</u>	<u>1,768,648</u>	<u>2,422,291</u>	<u>1,264,246</u>
Net position, June 30	<u>\$ 12,719,158</u>	<u>\$ 12,427,082</u>	<u>\$ 32,899,724</u>	<u>\$ 30,769,510</u>	<u>\$ 45,618,881</u>	<u>\$43,196,592</u>

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$292,076. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- \$490 increase in capital grants and contributions.
- \$196,576 increase in other taxes.
- Expenses increased only slightly.

Business-type Activities. Business-type activities increased the City of Lincolnton's net position by \$2,130,213. Key elements of this change are as follows:

- Charges for services decreased approximately \$146,500.
- Investment earnings increased \$118,853.
- \$405,071 transfers out, in the current year.
- The Water and Sewer Fund rates did not increase.
- Electric Fund rates did not increase.
- Administrative expenditures to the General Fund were \$500,000 for the Water and Sewer Fund and \$600,000 for the Electric Fund.
- Purchase for power decreased approximately \$484,300.
- Expenses decreased in both the Water and Sewer Fund and the Electric Fund.

Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

As noted earlier, the City of Lincolnton uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the City of Lincolnton's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City of Lincolnton's financing requirements.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City of Lincoln. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Lincoln's fund balance available in the General Fund was \$4,132,754, while total fund balance reached \$5,200,341. The City currently has an available fund balance of 36.98 percent of General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 46.54 percent of that same amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights. During the year, there was a \$1,358,703 increase in appropriations between the original and final budget. Following are the main components of the increase:

- \$300,000 Brownfields Grant.
- \$325,000 State Grant - Betty Ross Park Flag Football Fields.
- \$150,000 State Grant - Betty Ross Park River Launch/Fishing Deck.
- \$61,600 LTDA Grant - Betty Ross Park River Launch/Fishing Deck.
- \$203,000 Federal Grant - Fire Department Equipment.
- \$99,103 Federal Grant - Firefighters.

Revenues increased from the prior year due to the issuance of debt, capital contributions, Powell Bill reimbursements, donations and interest on investments.

The final budget and actual results varied during the year. The significant budgetary variances are as follows:

- Total governmental expenditures were approximately \$1,800,348 less than budgeted due to an overall controlling of costs in all departments and capital projects not completed by year end.
- Public safety was less than budgeted due to vacancies and lower operating costs of \$84,155.
- Public works was less than budgeted due to lower operating costs for administration \$133,348, the delay of capital projects for Highway 321 Sidewalk \$414,720, paving \$26,790 and street repairs \$55,057.
- Parks and recreation was less than budgeted due to lower operating costs of \$37,293 and the progress of a major capital project for \$266,998.
- Economic and Physical Development was less than budgeted due to the delay of implementation of adding building inspections \$246,222 and operation costs \$14,531.
- Environmental Protection was less than budgeted due to lower operation costs \$7,409 and the delay of purchasing capital equipment \$253,406.
- General government expenditures were less than budgeted due to lower operating costs of \$188,953.
- Debt Service expenditures were less than budgeted due to the delay of purchase of a garbage truck \$71,465.

Proprietary Funds. The City of Lincoln's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$8,170,227, and unrestricted net position for the Electric Fund amounted to \$4,087,609. The total change in net position for both funds was \$1,317,599 and \$812,615, respectively. The change in net position in the Water and Sewer Fund is a result of decreased operating expenses and interest expense and an increase in investment income. The increase in the Electric Fund is a result of an increase in operating revenues and investment income and a decrease in purchase for power.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The City of Lincoln's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2019, totals \$48,166,470 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads and bridges, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following:

- Major additions in the General Fund included vehicles and equipment of approximately \$510,500, construction in progress of \$49,400 and improvements of \$256,300.
- The Electric Fund had approximately \$393,000 of construction in progress and \$120,800 of vehicles and equipment in current year additions.
- The Water and Sewer Fund had approximately \$538,800 of new additions for vehicles and equipment and \$589,800 for construction in progress.

City of Lincoln Capital Assets						
Figure 4						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Land	\$ 8,669,355	\$ 8,669,355	\$ 132,820	\$ 105,820	\$ 8,802,175	\$ 8,775,175
Buildings and improvements	5,968,695	6,054,297	7,662,177	8,016,311	13,630,872	14,070,608
Distribution systems	161,606	170,824	18,973,271	20,134,370	19,134,877	20,305,194
Infrastructure	2,406,542	2,563,402	-	-	2,406,542	2,563,402
Vehicles and equipment	1,646,491	1,699,017	1,454,905	1,046,683	3,101,396	2,745,700
Construction in progress	<u>107,878</u>	<u>58,494</u>	<u>982,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,090,607</u>	<u>58,494</u>
Total	<u>\$18,960,568</u>	<u>\$19,215,388</u>	<u>\$29,205,902</u>	<u>\$29,303,184</u>	<u>\$ 48,166,470</u>	<u>\$48,518,573</u>

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note IIIA of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Debt. As of June 30, 2019, the City of Lincolnton had total bonded debt outstanding of \$3,265,000 and \$6,078,693 of direct placement installment purchases. The direct placement installment purchases are backed by security interest in the property for which it was issued. The remainder of the City's debt represents bonds secured solely by specified revenue sources (e.g., revenue bonds).

City of Lincolnton Outstanding Debt						
	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Direct placement installment purchases	\$ 779,678	\$ 1,136,755	\$ 5,299,015	\$ 3,543,000	\$ 6,078,693	\$ 4,679,755
Revenue bonds	-	-	3,265,000	4,861,000	3,265,000	4,861,000
Compensated absences	346,451	351,526	126,037	131,960	472,488	483,486
OPEB	8,798,896	8,824,552	2,747,972	2,772,008	11,546,868	11,596,560
Pension related debt (LGERS)	1,689,053	1,125,134	572,738	363,785	2,261,791	1,488,919
Pension related debt (LEO)	<u>1,014,141</u>	<u>980,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,014,141</u>	<u>980,468</u>
Total	<u>\$12,628,219</u>	<u>\$12,418,435</u>	<u>\$12,010,762</u>	<u>\$11,671,753</u>	<u>\$24,638,981</u>	<u>\$24,090,188</u>

The City of Lincolnton's total debt increased by \$548,792 (2.28%) during the fiscal year, primarily due to the issuance of debt and an increase in pension obligations.

The City of Lincolnton has an Aaa bond rating from Moody's Investors Service and AAA rating from Standard and Poor's Corporation and Fitch Ratings. This bond rating is a clear indicator of the sound financial condition of the City of Lincolnton. This achievement is a primary factor in keeping interest costs low on the City's outstanding debt.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8 percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within the government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for the City of Lincolnton is \$70,292,100. The City has no bonds authorized, but un-issued, at June 30, 2019.

Additional information regarding the City of Lincolnton's long-term debt can be found in Note III.B of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following key economic indicators reflect the growth and prosperity of the City:

- The City is continuing to evaluate its infrastructure assets and, as part of that ongoing evaluation, will prioritize any necessary capital improvements.
- Two industrial parks in Lincoln County are located within close proximity of our corporate limits and their continuous growth benefits the City economically.
- The City replaced 5 aging vehicles through a lease program with Enterprise.
- The City completed a \$211,000 project for a river launch, fishing deck and pickleball courts at Betty Ross Park.
- The City approved a \$350,000 project for flag football fields and a softball field at Betty Ross Park.

- The 2019-20 budget includes a \$2,800,000 project to install smart meters for all water and electric users.
- Numerous small businesses opened in Lincolnton, including: Chic-fil-a, Untapped Territory, Crafted - A Southern Speakeasy, Alki Outfitters, Jersey Mike's Subs, CDB East Main, Bloom Market and Petsmart.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Governmental Activities: Property taxes are expected to increase eleven percent from amounts budgeted in the prior year due to revaluation. The City's general fund budgeted revenues are approximately \$11,818,700, which reflects a decrease from the prior year.

The City was able to balance the budget without the use of fund balance.

The tax rate is to remain the same at \$.56 cents per 100 dollars valuation.

Budgeted expenditures compared with the 2019 actual expenditures are expected to increase 10%.

Business-type Activities: The City continues to evaluate its water and sewer rates to ensure that revenues generated by that activity are sufficient to meet operating requirements, as well as ongoing debt service requirements.

Water and Sewer rates did not change. Electric rates did not change.

The City does anticipate an increase of five or more percent in water and sewer revenues due to the installation of smart meters.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the City's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the City's information found in this report, or requests for additional information, should be directed to the Director of Finance, City of Lincolnton, P. O. Box 617, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092. Questions concerning any of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board information found in this report, or requests for additional information, should be directed to the Finance Officer, City of Lincolnton ABC Board, 105 Stanford Road, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092. You can also call 704-736-8980, visit our website at www.ci.lincolnton.nc.us or send an email to stevezickefoose@ci.lincolnton.nc.us for more information.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Basic Financial Statements provide a condensed overview of the financial position and results of operations of the City as a whole. They also serve as an introduction to the more detailed statements and schedules that follow.

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**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019**

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business - type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Develop- ment Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
<u>Assets</u>					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,085,737	\$ 13,686,902	\$ 18,772,639	\$ 381,099	\$ 288,801
Taxes receivable, net	114,021	-	114,021	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	732,627	1,400,872	2,133,499	-	-
Note receivable	43,125	-	43,125	-	-
Due from other government agencies	273,774	-	273,774	5,299	-
Internal balances	(1,015,000)	1,015,000	-	-	-
Inventories	10,598	99,298	109,897	-	238,148
Prepaid items	50,587	60,828	111,415	-	13,677
Total current assets	<u>5,295,469</u>	<u>16,262,900</u>	<u>21,558,369</u>	<u>386,397</u>	<u>540,627</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Restricted cash	<u>439,672</u>	<u>389,494</u>	<u>829,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital assets:					
Land and nondepreciable assets	8,777,233	1,115,550	9,892,783	-	425,000
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>10,183,334</u>	<u>28,090,353</u>	<u>38,273,687</u>	<u>54,387</u>	<u>1,088,067</u>
Total capital assets	<u>18,960,568</u>	<u>29,205,902</u>	<u>48,166,470</u>	<u>54,387</u>	<u>1,513,067</u>
Total assets	<u>24,695,709</u>	<u>45,858,296</u>	<u>70,554,006</u>	<u>440,785</u>	<u>2,053,694</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>					
Pension deferrals	1,541,238	472,348	2,013,586	-	47,645
OPEB deferrals	<u>69,064</u>	<u>21,570</u>	<u>90,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,610,302</u>	<u>493,918</u>	<u>2,104,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,645</u>

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**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019**

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business - type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Develop- ment Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 377,076	\$ 881,202	\$ 1,258,278	\$ -	\$ 239,443
Customer deposits -restricted	-	389,494	389,494	-	-
Unearned revenues	10	-	10	-	-
Current portion of long-term liabilities	579,575	2,742,159	3,321,734	-	-
Total current liabilities	956,661	4,012,855	4,969,515	-	239,443
Long-term liabilities					
Net pension liability	1,689,053	572,738	2,261,791	-	44,600
Total pension liability	1,014,141	-	1,014,141	-	-
Total OPEB liability	8,798,896	2,747,972	11,546,868	-	-
Due in more than one year	546,555	5,947,893	6,494,447	-	-
Total liabilities	13,005,305	13,281,457	26,286,763	-	284,043
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>					
Prepaid taxes	2,680	-	2,680	-	-
Pension deferrals	66,986	11,169	78,155	-	2,787
OPEB deferrals	511,882	159,865	671,747	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	581,548	171,034	752,582	-	2,787
<u>Net Position</u>					
Net investment in capital assets	18,180,889	20,641,887	38,822,777	-	1,513,067
Restricted for:					
Working capital	-	-	-	-	92,795
Stabilization by State Statute	1,006,402	-	1,006,402	-	-
Streets	440,115	-	440,115	-	-
Public safety	5	-	5	-	-
Economic development	-	-	-	440,785	-
Unrestricted	(6,908,253)	12,257,836	5,349,583	-	208,646
Total net position	\$ 12,719,158	\$32,899,723	\$45,618,881	\$ 440,785	\$ 1,814,508

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

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**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government			Component Units	
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Develop- ment Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
Primary Government:									
Governmental activities:									
General government	\$ 2,061,727	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,061,727)	\$ -	\$ (2,061,727)	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	5,711,498	13,908	183,170	221,828	(5,292,593)	-	(5,292,593)	-	-
Public works	1,245,261	-	318,068	26,534	(900,660)	-	(900,660)	-	-
Economic and physical development	489,183	8,000	-	-	(481,183)	-	(481,183)	-	-
Environmental protection	750,577	49,377	91,011	-	(610,189)	-	(610,189)	-	-
Cultural and recreational	956,697	127,134	-	398,100	(431,463)	-	(431,463)	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	36,502	-	-	-	(36,502)	-	(36,502)	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>11,251,446</u>	<u>198,419</u>	<u>592,248</u>	<u>646,462</u>	<u>(9,814,317)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,814,317)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Business-type activities:									
Water and sewer	6,154,081	7,660,499	-	-	-	1,506,418	1,506,418	-	-
Electric	7,403,339	8,162,947	-	-	-	759,608	759,608	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>13,557,420</u>	<u>15,823,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,266,026</u>	<u>2,266,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$24,808,865</u>	<u>\$16,021,865</u>	<u>\$ 592,248</u>	<u>\$ 646,462</u>	<u>(9,814,317)</u>	<u>2,266,026</u>	<u>(7,548,290)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Component Unit:									
Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority	\$ 91,043	\$ -	\$ 136,798	\$ -	-	-	-	45,755	-
City of Lincolnton ABC Board	2,411,571	2,412,680	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,109
Total component unit	<u>\$ 2,502,614</u>	<u>\$ 2,412,680</u>	<u>\$ 136,798</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,755</u>	<u>1,109</u>

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**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Develop- ment Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
General revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,855,114	\$ -	\$ 4,855,114	\$ -	\$ -
Local option sales tax	3,357,639	-	3,357,639	-	-
Franchise tax	897,284	-	897,284	-	-
Other taxes and licenses	408,045	-	408,045	-	-
Unrestricted investment earnings	95,717	255,617	351,334	5,192	545
Miscellaneous	87,525	-	87,525	-	1,729
Gain(loss) on sale of capital assets	-	13,641	13,641	-	(3,383)
Transfers	405,071	(405,071)	-	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers	<u>10,106,394</u>	<u>(135,813)</u>	<u>9,970,581</u>	<u>5,192</u>	<u>(1,109)</u>
Changes in net position	<u>\$ 292,076</u>	<u>\$ 2,130,213</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,291</u>	<u>\$ 50,947</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net position - beginning	\$ 12,427,082	\$ 30,769,510	\$ 43,196,592	\$ 389,837	\$ 1,814,508
Changes in net position	<u>292,076</u>	<u>2,130,213</u>	<u>2,422,291</u>	<u>50,947</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 12,719,158</u>	<u>\$ 32,899,723</u>	<u>\$ 45,618,881</u>	<u>\$ 440,785</u>	<u>\$ 1,814,508</u>

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

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2019**

	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>General</u>
<u>Assets</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,085,737
Taxes receivable, net	114,021
Accounts receivable, net	732,627
Due from government agencies	273,774
Inventories	10,598
Prepaid items	50,587
Restricted cash	<u>439,672</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 6,707,017</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 374,965
Advance from other funds	1,015,000
Unearned revenues	<u>10</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,389,975</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
Property taxes receivable	114,021
Prepaid taxes	<u>2,680</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>116,701</u>
 <u>Fund Balances</u>	
Nonspendable:	
Inventories	10,598
Prepaid expenditures	50,587
Restricted:	
Stabilization by State Statute	1,006,402
Streets - Powell Bill	440,115
Public safety - police	5
Assigned:	
Subsequent year's expenditures	237,000
Unassigned	<u>3,455,634</u>
Total fund balances	<u>5,200,341</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	 <u>\$ 6,707,017</u>

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

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
To the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019**

Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds \$ 5,200,341

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
Statement of Net Position are different because:

Note receivable used in governmental activities is not a financial
resources and, therefore, is not reported in the funds. 43,125

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

Gross capital assets at historical cost	\$ 42,529,927	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(23,569,360)</u>	18,960,568

Deferred outflows of resources related to the following are not
reported in the funds:

Pensions		1,541,238
OPEB		69,064

Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of
resources in the fund statements.

Property taxes receivable		114,021
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Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not
financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Accrued interest on long-term debt		(2,111)
Long-term debt		(779,678)
Compensated absences		(346,451)
Net pension liability		(1,689,053)
Total pension liability		(1,014,141)
OPEB liability		(8,798,896)

Deferred inflows of resources related to the following are
not reported in the funds:

Pensions		(66,986)
OPEB		<u>(511,882)</u>

Net position of governmental activities \$ 12,719,158

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

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds****For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Major Fund General Fund
Revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,879,429
Other taxes and licenses	207,745
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	4,584,284
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	1,109,648
Permits and fees	45,786
Sales and services	179,758
Investment earnings	95,717
Miscellaneous	60,400
Total revenues	<u>11,162,766</u>
Expenditures:	
General government	1,607,558
Public safety	5,534,104
Public works	1,301,877
Economic and physical development	484,657
Environmental protection	593,203
Cultural and recreational	1,258,794
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	357,078
Interest and other charges	37,410
Total expenditures	<u>11,174,683</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(11,916)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Principal received	15,000
Transfers - in	405,071
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>420,071</u>
 Net changes in fund balances	 408,155
 Fund balances, July 1	 4,795,984
Increase (decrease) in inventory	<u>(3,798)</u>
 Fund balances, June 30	 <u>\$ 5,200,341</u>

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

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 408,155
Change in fund balance due to change in reserve for inventory	(3,798)

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

Capital outlay	878,831
Depreciation expense	(1,133,652)
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	4,357
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	(4,357)

Contributions to the pension plan in the current year fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	416,345
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Benefit payments paid and administrative expenses for the LEOSSA are not included in the Statement of Activities	84,046
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OPEB benefit payments and administrative costs made in the current fiscal year are not included in the Statement of Activities	548,103
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
Change in deferred revenue for tax purposes	(24,314)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds,
while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial
resources of the governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position.
This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term
and related items.

Principal payments on long-term debt	357,078
Accrued interest payable	908
Principal payments received	(15,000)

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

Compensated absences	5,075
Pension expense	(608,860)
OPEB plan expense	(620,840)
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 292,076</u>

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,818,000	\$ 4,818,000	\$ 4,879,429	\$ 61,429
Other taxes and licenses	172,000	172,000	207,745	35,745
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	3,958,270	3,958,270	4,584,284	626,014
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	794,700	1,783,703	1,109,648	(674,055)
Permits and fees	102,500	102,500	45,786	(56,714)
Sales and services	137,800	137,800	179,758	41,958
Investment earnings	20,300	20,000	95,717	75,717
Miscellaneous	63,600	63,600	60,400	(3,200)
Total revenues	<u>10,067,170</u>	<u>11,055,873</u>	<u>11,162,766</u>	<u>106,893</u>
Expenditures:				
General government	1,804,430	1,795,510	1,607,558	187,952
Public safety	5,157,620	5,609,533	5,534,104	75,429
Public works	1,766,554	1,936,594	1,301,877	634,717
Economic and physical development	514,060	745,410	484,657	260,753
Environmental protection	854,228	854,018	593,203	260,815
Cultural and recreational	957,520	1,534,620	1,258,794	275,826
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	464,270	401,700	357,078	44,622
Interest and other charges	49,254	49,254	37,410	11,844
Total expenditures	<u>11,567,936</u>	<u>12,926,639</u>	<u>11,174,683</u>	<u>1,751,956</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,500,766)</u>	<u>(1,870,766)</u>	<u>(11,916)</u>	<u>1,858,850</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Issuance of debt	275,000	275,000	-	(275,000)
Principal received	55,000	55,000	15,000	(40,000)
Appropriated fund balance	765,470	1,135,470	-	(1,135,470)
Transfers in	405,296	405,296	405,071	(225)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,500,766</u>	<u>1,870,766</u>	<u>420,071</u>	<u>(1,450,695)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	408,155	<u>\$ 408,155</u>
Fund balance, July 1			4,795,984	
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory			(3,798)	
Fund balance, June 30			<u>\$ 5,200,341</u>	

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

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2019**

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,216,824	\$ 3,470,078	\$ 13,686,902
Accounts receivable	736,825	664,046	1,400,872
Advance to other funds	-	74,944	74,944
Inventories	72,379	26,919	99,298
Prepaid expenses	20,454	40,375	60,828
Total current assets	<u>11,046,482</u>	<u>4,276,362</u>	<u>15,322,844</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	115,839	273,655	389,494
Advance to other funds	-	940,056	940,056
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	27,415,237	1,790,665	29,205,902
Total noncurrent assets	<u>27,531,076</u>	<u>3,004,376</u>	<u>30,535,452</u>
Total assets	<u>38,577,558</u>	<u>7,280,738</u>	<u>45,858,296</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Pension deferrals	344,025	128,323	472,348
OPEB deferrals	19,041	2,529	21,570
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>363,066</u>	<u>130,852</u>	<u>493,918</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	150,346	730,856	881,202
Customer deposits - restricted	115,839	273,655	389,494
Bonds payable - current	1,618,000	-	1,618,000
Loans payable - current	1,049,785	-	1,049,785
Accrued compensated absences	61,111	13,263	74,373
Total current liabilities	<u>2,995,081</u>	<u>1,017,774</u>	<u>4,012,855</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Bonds payable	1,647,000	-	1,647,000
Loans payable	4,249,230	-	4,249,230
Total OPEB liability	2,425,809	322,163	2,747,972
Accrued compensated absences	35,656	16,007	51,663
Net pension liability	417,142	155,596	572,738
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>8,774,836</u>	<u>493,766</u>	<u>9,268,603</u>
Total liabilities	<u>11,769,917</u>	<u>1,511,540</u>	<u>13,281,457</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Pension deferrals	8,135	3,034	11,169
OPEB deferrals	141,123	18,742	159,865
	<u>149,258</u>	<u>21,776</u>	<u>171,034</u>
<u>Net Position</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	18,851,222	1,790,665	20,641,887
Unrestricted	8,170,227	4,087,609	12,257,836
Total net position	<u>\$ 27,021,449</u>	<u>\$ 5,878,274</u>	<u>\$ 32,899,723</u>

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

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:			
Electricity sales	\$ -	\$ 7,008,624	\$ 7,008,624
Water sales	3,260,078	-	3,260,078
Sewer charges	4,202,589	-	4,202,589
Water and sewer taps	69,201	-	69,201
Electricity - municipal operations	-	681,544	681,544
Other operating revenues	128,630	472,779	601,409
Total operating revenues	<u>7,660,499</u>	<u>8,162,947</u>	<u>15,823,446</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Electrical operations	-	1,360,872	1,360,872
Electrical power purchases	-	5,288,257	5,288,257
Water treatment plant	1,401,786	-	1,401,786
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	1,400,500	-	1,400,500
Waste treatment plant	1,535,743	-	1,535,743
Administrative	-	600,000	600,000
Depreciation	1,657,257	154,209	1,811,466
Total operating expenses	<u>5,995,286</u>	<u>7,403,339</u>	<u>13,398,625</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>1,665,213</u>	<u>759,608</u>	<u>2,424,821</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):			
Investment earnings	176,636	78,981	255,617
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	13,641	-	13,641
Interest on long-term debt	(158,795)	-	(158,795)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>31,481</u>	<u>78,981</u>	<u>110,463</u>
Income (loss) before transfers and capital contributions	1,696,695	838,590	2,535,284
Transfers (to) from other funds			
General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>
Changes in net position	<u>\$ 1,317,599</u>	<u>\$ 812,615</u>	<u>\$ 2,130,213</u>
Total net position - beginning	\$ 25,703,851	\$ 5,065,659	\$ 30,769,510
Changes in net position	1,317,599	812,615	2,130,213
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 27,021,449</u>	<u>\$ 5,878,274</u>	<u>\$ 32,899,723</u>

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

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**Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 7,474,359	\$ 8,200,245	\$ 15,674,604
Customer deposits received	9,630	6,930	16,560
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,453,573)	(6,539,451)	(8,993,024)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	(1,916,041)	(642,198)	(2,558,239)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>3,114,375</u>	<u>1,025,526</u>	<u>4,139,901</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:			
Transfers - in (out)	(379,096)	(25,975)	(405,071)
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(577,823)	(547,345)	(1,125,168)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	14,411	-	14,411
Proceeds from borrowing	1,880,229	-	1,880,229
Principal paid on long-term debt	(2,310,000)	-	(2,310,000)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(155,067)	-	(155,067)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,148,250)</u>	<u>(547,345)</u>	<u>(1,695,595)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Investment earnings	176,636	78,981	255,617
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>176,636</u>	<u>78,981</u>	<u>255,617</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,763,665	531,187	2,294,852
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>8,568,998</u>	<u>3,212,546</u>	<u>11,781,544</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$10,332,663</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,743,733</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 14,076,395</u></u>

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**Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,665,213	\$ 759,608	\$ 2,424,822
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation	1,657,257	154,209	1,811,466
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(186,140)	37,298	(148,842)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(9,199)	9,549	350
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	(8,496)	(2,488)	(10,984)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	(8,062)	31,444	23,382
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation pay	(1,977)	(3,946)	(5,923)
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability	(40,972)	16,936	(24,036)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	(13,772)	(1,877)	(15,649)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	39,575	6,177	45,752
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions	(108,474)	(65,603)	(174,077)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	129,853	79,100	208,953
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pensions	(10,061)	(1,811)	(11,872)
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	9,630	6,930	16,560
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 3,114,375</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,526</u>	<u>\$ 4,139,901</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non Cash Financing Activities:			
Acquisition of capital assets through issuance of debt	<u>\$ 589,786</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 589,786</u>

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These notes are intended to communicate information necessary for a fair presentation of financial position and results of operations that are not readily apparent from, or cannot be included in, the financial statements themselves. The notes supplement the financial statements, are an integral part thereof, and are intended to be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2019

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the City of Lincolnton, and its discretely presented component units, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The City of Lincolnton is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and a four-member council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the City and its component units, two legally separate entities for which the City is financially accountable. The discretely presented component units presented below are reported in separate columns in the City's financial statements in order to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City.

City of Lincolnton ABC Board

The members of the ABC Board's governing board are appointed by the City. In addition, the ABC Board is required by State statute to distribute its surpluses to the General Fund of the City. The ABC Board, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a proprietary fund (discrete presentation). Complete financial statements for the ABC Board may be obtained from the entity's administrative offices at City of Lincolnton ABC Board, 105 Stanford Road, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092.

Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority

The members of the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority (LTDA) governing board are appointed by the City. The City collects Room Occupancy Tax as provided in N. C. General Statutes 160A-215 and remits the tax to LTDA. The LTDA is required to make use of at least 2/3 of the funds remitted to it to promote travel and tourism in the City of Lincolnton and the remainder for tourism related expenditures. The LTDA, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a governmental fund (discrete presentation). Financial statements of LTDA are included in this report. The LTDA does not issue separate financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

The City reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, street maintenance and construction, sanitation services, and other general government services.

The City reports the following major enterprise funds:

Water and Sewer Fund. This fund is used to account for the City's water and sewer operations.

Electric Fund. This Fund is used to account for the City's electric operations.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the City are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements - The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the City gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the City's Enterprise Funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The City also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the water and sewer system. Operating expenses for 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.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements - Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The City considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as revenue, because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013, and for limited registration plates, are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

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Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as beer and wine tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the City, are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue for the City of Lincolnton because the tax is levied by Lincoln County and then remitted to, and distributed by, the State. Most intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because, generally, they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the City funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the City's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The City's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, Enterprise Funds and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority (a discretely presented component unit). All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. The enterprise fund projects are consolidated with their respective operating fund for reporting purposes. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Budget ordinances allow for the transfer of funds within the department, as long as expenditures do not exceed the appropriations at the departmental level for all annually budgeted funds, and at the object level for the multi-year funds. All amendments must be approved by the governing board, and the Board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the City, the ABC Board, and the LTDA are made in Board-designated, official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The City, the ABC Board and LTDA may designate as an official depository any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the City, the ABC Board and LTDA may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the City, the ABC Board and LTDA to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). The investments of the City, the ABC Board and LTDA are reported at fair value. Non-participating interest earning contracts are accounted for at cost. The NCCMT Government Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) external investment pool, is measured at fair value. The NCCMT-Term Portfolio is a bond fund, has no rating and is measured at fair value. As of June 30, 2019, the Term Portfolio has a duration of .11 years. Because the NCCMT Government and Term Portfolios have a weighted average maturity of less than 90 days, they are presented as an investment with a maturity of less than 6 months.

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In accordance with State law, the City has invested in securities which are callable and which provide for periodic interest rate increases in specific increments until maturity. These investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The City pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income and considers all cash and investments cash and cash equivalents. The ABC Board considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of twelve months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. The LTDA cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents.

3. Restricted Assets

Customer deposits held by the City before any services are supplied and restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. The unexpended debt proceeds of the General Fund are classified as restricted assets for the General Fund because their use is completely restricted to the purpose for which the debt was originally issued. Powell Bill Funds are also classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purposes outlined in G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Federal Asset Seizure Funds are also classified as restricted cash, because it can be expended only for the purposes of expenses associated with forfeited operations or used to finance certain general investigative expenses.

City of Lincolnton Restricted Cash	
Governmental activities	
General Fund	
Streets	\$439,667
Public safety	5
	<u>439,672</u>
Business-type activities	
Water and Sewer Fund	
Customer deposits	115,839
Electric Fund	
Customer deposits	<u>273,655</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>389,494</u>
Total restricted cash	<u>\$829,166</u>

4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the City levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1st (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6th. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2018. As allowed by State law, the City has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid prior to the due date. In the City's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

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5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

6. Inventories and Prepaid Items

The inventory of the City is valued at cost (first-in, first-out), which approximates market. The City's General Fund inventory consists of expendable supplies that are recorded as expenditures as used rather than when purchased. The inventories of the City's enterprise funds and the ABC Board consist of materials and supplies held for subsequent use. The cost of these inventories is expensed when consumed rather than when purchased. The inventory of the ABC Board is valued at lower of cost (FIFO) or market.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements and are expensed as the items are used. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization cost is \$5,000. Donated capital assets received prior to June 15, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 15, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003, consist of the road network and water and sewer system assets that were acquired, or that received substantial improvements subsequent to July 1, 1980, and are reported at estimated historical cost using deflated replacement cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset, or materially extend assets' lives, are not capitalized.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Infrastructure	20-45
Buildings	25-50
Improvements	8-25
Vehicles	4-6
Furniture and equipment	5-15
Computer equipment	5

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Property, plant, and equipment of the ABC Board are depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings	10-33
Improvements and equipment	5-10

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial 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 and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The City has two items that meet this criterion, pension and other post-employment deferrals for the 2019 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial 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 and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The City has only four items that meet the criterion for this category - prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable, pension and other post-employment deferrals.

9. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discount. Bond issuance costs, except for prepaid insurance costs, are expensed in the reporting period in which they are incurred. Prepaid insurance costs are expensed over the life of the debt.

In fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

10. Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the City provides for a maximum of 240 hours to be carried from one year to the next. Any employee with more than 240 hours of accumulated leave during the last pay period of each calendar year shall have the excess accumulation removed so that only 240 hours are carried forward to the first pay period of the next calendar year. All excess vacation hours

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over 240 will be converted to the employee's sick leave account. If the employee separates from service, payment for accumulated vacation leave shall not exceed 240 hours. The vacation policy of the ABC Board provides for the accumulation of up to thirty days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the City's government-wide and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. The City has assumed a first-in, first-out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements. The ABC Board's accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material.

Both the City and the ABC Board's sick leave policies provide for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since neither the City, nor the ABC Board, has any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

11. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements is classified as invested in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through State statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either: (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Inventories - the portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of ending inventories, which are not spendable resources.

Prepaid Items - the portion of fund balance that is not available for appropriation because it represents the year-end balance of prepaid items, which are not expendable available resources.

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Restricted Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute - North Carolina G.S. 159-8 prohibits units of government from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. This is one of several statutes enacted by the North Carolina State Legislature in the 1930's that were designed to improve and maintain the fiscal health of local government units. Restricted by State Statute (RSS), is calculated at the end of each fiscal year for all annually budgeted funds. The calculation in G.S. 159-8(a) provides a formula for determining what portion of fund balance is available for appropriation. The amount of fund balance not available for appropriation is what is known as "restricted by State Statute". *Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investments, minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget.* Per GASB guidance, RSS is considered a resource upon which a restriction is "imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation." RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as non-spendable. Outstanding Encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of Restricted Net Position and Restricted Fund Balance on the face of the balance sheet.

Restricted for Streets - the Powell Bill portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill Funds.

Restricted for Economic Development - the portion of fund balance used to account for occupancy tax revenue which is restricted for tourism related purposes.

Restricted for Public Safety - the portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for narcotic enforcement.

Committed Fund Balance - the portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by a majority vote by quorum of City of Lincolnton's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). The governing body can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned Fund Balance - the portion of fund balance that City of Lincolnton intends to use for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The governing council (the Council) has the authority to assign fund balance. The Council may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget.

Subsequent Year's Expenditures - the portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation.

Unassigned Fund Balance - the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

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The City of Lincolnton does not have a formal revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. However, the Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local, non-city funds, city funds. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly, unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the City.

12. Defined Benefit Cost-Sharing Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and additions to/deductions from LGERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LGERS. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The City of Lincolnton's employer contributions are recognized when due, and the City of Lincolnton has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of LGERS. Investments are reported at fair value.

For purposes of measuring the net pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund (FRSWPF) and additions to/deductions from FRSWPF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by FRSWPF. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

F. Other

Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure 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. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

II. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes

The City spent Powell Bill Funds that were not in compliance with N. C. G.S. 136-41.3 and 136-41.4. Non-allowable expenses in the amount of \$57,631 were spent from the Powell Bill Funds. The City will review all Powell Bill expenditures to ensure that they are in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes.

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Noncompliance with Federal Wage/Compensation Laws

The City is not in compliance with the IRS reporting of compensation to individuals. Several of the City's employees are paid travel allowances. However, these amounts are not being reported as income and the employees are not being reimbursed under an accountable plan. These amounts should be reported as W-2 wages and are subject to payroll taxes. The City will report compensation not under an accountable plan as W-2 wages.

III. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All the deposits of the City, the ABC Board and the LTDA are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the City's, the ABC Board's and LTDA's agents in these units' names. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the City, the ABC Board and the LTDA, these deposits are considered to be held by the City's, the ABC Board's and the LTDA's agents in their names. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits.

The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the City, the ABC Board and LTDA, or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the City, the ABC Board and LTDA under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for undercollateralization. This risk may increase in periods of high cash flows.

However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The City, the ABC Board and LTDA have no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but rely on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all Pooling Method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The City complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2019, the City's deposits had a carrying amount of \$12,738,164 and a bank balance of \$13,208,695. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. At June 30, 2019, the City's petty cash fund totaled \$1,350.

At June 30, 2019, the ABC Board had a carrying amount of \$284,101 and a bank balance of \$292,301. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance. At June 30, 2019, the ABC Board had cash on hand of \$4,700.

At June 30, 2019, the LTDA had a carrying amount of \$381,099 and a bank balance of \$381,099. Of the bank balance \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.

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2. Investments

<u>Investment by Type</u>	<u>Valuation Measurement Method</u>	<u>Book Value at 6/30/19</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rating</u>
N. C. Capital Management Trust - Government Portfolio	Fair Value Level 1	\$474,124	N/A	AAAm
N. C. Capital Management Trust - Term Portfolio	Fair Value Level 1	<u>6,388,167</u>	.11 years (a)	Unrated
Total		<u>\$6,862,291</u>		

All investments are measured using the market approach: using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or a group of assets.

Level of fair value hierarchy: Level 1 debt securities are valued using directly observable, quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 debt securities are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' benchmark quoted prices.

(a) This is the duration for the Term Portfolio.

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

Credit Risk. The City has no formal policy regarding credit risk, but has internal management procedures that limit the City's investments to the provisions of G.S. 159-30 and restricts the purchase of securities to the highest possible ratings whenever particular types of securities are rated. The City's investment in the N. C. Capital Management Trust Government Portfolio carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's as of June 30, 2019. The City's investment in the N. C. Capital Management Trust Term Portfolio is unrated. The Term Portfolio is authorized to invest in obligations of the U. S. government and agencies, and in high grade money market instruments as permitted under North Carolina General Statutes 159-30 as amended.

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3. Receivables - Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position are net of the following allowances for doubtful accounts:

General Fund:	
Taxes receivable	<u>\$116,000</u>
Enterprise Funds:	
Water and Sewer Fund	105,845
Electric Fund	<u>121,386</u>
Total enterprise funds	<u>227,231</u>
Total	<u><u>\$343,231</u></u>

4. Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the year ended June 30, 2019 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 8,669,355	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,669,355
Construction in progress	<u>58,494</u>	<u>294,109</u>	<u>244,724</u>	<u>107,879</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>8,727,849</u>	<u>\$ 294,109</u>	<u>\$ 244,724</u>	<u>8,777,233</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	8,495,421	\$ 38,713	\$ -	8,534,134
Other improvements	2,766,928	256,270	-	3,023,198
Plant and distribution systems	239,075	-	-	239,075
Furniture and equipment	2,232,471	410,463	-	2,642,934
Vehicles and motorized equipment	5,730,646	100,000	24,262	5,806,384
Infrastructure	<u>13,482,969</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,506,969</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>32,947,510</u>	<u>\$ 829,446</u>	<u>\$ 24,262</u>	<u>33,752,694</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building	3,739,619	\$ 249,139	\$ -	3,988,758
Other improvements	1,468,433	131,446	-	1,599,879
Plant and distribution systems	68,251	9,218	-	77,469
Furniture and equipment	1,581,050	143,667	-	1,724,717
Vehicles and motorized equipment	4,683,050	419,322	24,262	5,078,110
Infrastructure	<u>10,919,567</u>	<u>180,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,100,427</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>22,459,970</u>	<u>\$1,133,652</u>	<u>\$ 24,262</u>	<u>23,569,360</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>10,487,540</u>			<u>10,183,334</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u><u>\$19,215,389</u></u>			<u><u>\$18,960,568</u></u>

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

General government	\$ 461,444
Public safety	352,084
Public works	112,254
Economic and physical development	-
Environmental protection	144,717
Cultural and recreational	63,154
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$1,133,652</u>

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Water and Sewer Fund:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 95,600	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 122,600
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>589,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,786</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>95,600</u>	<u>\$ 616,786</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>712,386</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	14,215,117	\$ -	\$ -	14,215,117
Plant and distribution systems	46,922,926	12,000	-	46,934,926
Furniture and equipment	7,924,609	196,201	-	8,120,810
Vehicles	<u>441,202</u>	<u>342,622</u>	<u>64,308</u>	<u>719,516</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>69,503,854</u>	<u>\$ 550,823</u>	<u>\$ 64,308</u>	<u>69,990,369</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	6,568,027	\$ 350,385	\$ -	6,918,412
Plant and distribution systems	27,671,687	1,104,115	-	28,775,802
Furniture and equipment	7,096,156	151,942	-	7,248,098
Vehicles	<u>357,929</u>	<u>50,815</u>	<u>63,538</u>	<u>345,206</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>41,693,799</u>	<u>\$1,657,257</u>	<u>\$ 63,538</u>	<u>43,287,518</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>27,810,055</u>			<u>26,702,851</u>
Water and Sewer Fund capital assets, net	<u>27,905,655</u>			<u>27,415,237</u>
Electric Fund:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	10,220	\$ -	\$ -	10,220
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>392,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,943</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>10,220</u>	<u>\$ 392,943</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>403,163</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	775,989	\$ 33,589	\$ -	809,578
Plant and distribution systems	3,869,942	-	-	3,869,942
Furniture and equipment	133,855	120,813	-	254,668
Vehicles	<u>660,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660,347</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>5,440,133</u>	<u>\$ 154,402</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>5,594,535</u>

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	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	\$ 406,768	\$ 37,338	\$ -	\$ 444,106
Plant and distribution systems	2,986,811	68,984	-	3,055,795
Furniture and equipment	88,747	10,459	-	99,206
Vehicles	570,498	37,428	-	607,926
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>4,052,824</u>	<u>\$ 154,209</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>4,207,033</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,387,309</u>			<u>1,387,502</u>
Electric Fund capital assets, net	<u>1,397,529</u>			<u>1,790,665</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$29,303,184</u>			<u>\$29,205,902</u>

The City has active construction projects as of June 30, 2019. At year-end, the City's commitments with contractors are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Spent-to-date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
River Launch Project	\$ 154,028	\$ -
Tennis/Pickleball Court Renovation	46,400	-
Flag Football/Softball Fields	105,878	244,122
321 Sidewalk Project	51,308	322,793
Police Building Renovation	799,408	1,350,000
Total	<u>\$1,157,022</u>	<u>\$1,916,915</u>

Discretely Presented Component Units:

Activity for the City of Lincolnton ABC Board for the year ended June 30, 2019 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 425,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425,000
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	1,346,853	-	-	1,346,853
Equipment	173,664	66,612	20,543	219,733
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,520,517</u>	<u>66,612</u>	<u>20,543</u>	<u>1,566,586</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	295,072	35,861	-	330,933
Equipment	155,223	9,523	17,160	147,586
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>450,295</u>	<u>45,384</u>	<u>17,160</u>	<u>478,519</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,070,222</u>	<u>21,228</u>	<u>3,383</u>	<u>1,088,067</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$1,495,222</u>	<u>\$21,228</u>	<u>\$ 3,383</u>	<u>\$1,513,067</u>

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Activity for the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority for the year ended June 30, 2019 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 23,484	\$ -	\$23,484	\$ -
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 17,955	\$39,294	\$ -	57,249
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	-	\$ 2,862	\$ -	2,862
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	41,439			54,387
Capital assets, net	\$ 41,439			\$ 54,387

B. Liabilities

1. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2019 were as follows:

	<u>Vendors</u>	<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>	<u>Accrued Interest</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental activities:					
General	\$187,040	\$187,925	\$ 2,111	\$ -	\$ 377,076
Other governmental	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	187,040	187,925	2,111	-	377,076
Business-type activities:					
Water and Sewer	70,898	50,542	28,906	-	150,346
Electric	683,425	17,784	-	29,647	730,856
Total business-type activities	754,323	68,326	28,906	29,647	881,202
Total	\$941,363	\$256,251	\$ 31,017	\$ 29,647	\$1,258,278

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2. Pension Plan and Post-employment Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description - The City of Lincolnton is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, and one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

Benefits Provided - LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service, or at age 60 with five years of creditable service (age 55 for firefighters). Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service, or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age (15 years of creditable service for firefighters and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty), or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service, or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

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Contributions - Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The City of Lincolnton employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The City of Lincolnton's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2019 was 8.50% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 7.83% for general employees, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the City of Lincolnton were \$557,523 for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Refunds of Contributions - City employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of LGERS may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By State law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60 day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by LGERS.

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

At June 30, 2019, the City reported a liability of \$2,261,791 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2018 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018 (measurement date), the City's proportion was 0.09534%, which was a decrease of 0.00212% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the City recognized pension expense of \$635,640. At June 30, 2019, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 348,941	\$11,709
Changes of assumptions	600,192	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	310,477	-
Changes in proportion, and differences between, City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	48,211	32,399
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>557,523</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$1,865,344</u>	<u>\$44,108</u>

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\$557,523, reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2019	\$598,271
2020	394,211
2021	86,201
2022	185,030
2023	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 8.10 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e., general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e., disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

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The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections 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 allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	<u>6.0%</u>	4.0%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2017 asset, liability, and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the 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.

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Sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$5,433,018</u>	<u>\$2,261,791</u>	<u>\$(388,136)</u>

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description - The City administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the City's qualified sworn law enforcement officers under the age of 62 who have completed at least 30 years of creditable service or have attained 55 years of age and have completed five or more years of creditable service. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

All full-time City law enforcement officers are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2017 the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	8
Terminated plan members entitled to, but not receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	<u>31</u>
Total	<u>39</u>

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The City has chosen to fund the Separation Allowance on a pay as you go basis. Pension expenditures are made from the General Fund, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The Separation Allowance has no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the following criteria which we outlined in GASB Statement 73:

Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2017 valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 7.35 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	3.64 percent

The discount rate is based on the yield of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of December 31, 2017.

Mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

Contributions

The City is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the amounts necessary to cover the benefits earned on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. There were no contributions made by employees. The City's obligation to contribute to this plan is established, and may be amended by, the North Carolina General Assembly. Administration costs of the Separation Allowance are financed through investment earnings. The City paid \$88,619 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

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

At June 30, 2019, the City reported a total pension liability of \$1,014,141. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2018 based on a December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2018 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the City recognized pension expense of \$90,386.

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 78,421	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	28,572	34,047
City benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>41,249</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$148,242</u>	<u>\$34,047</u>

\$41,249 paid as benefits came due, and \$-0- of administrative expenses subsequent to the measurement date, have been reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in the pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:

2020	\$20,962
2021	20,962
2022	21,314
2023	9,708
2024	-
Thereafter	-

Sensitivity of the City's total pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the City's total pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.64 percent, as well as what the City's total pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.64 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.64 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.64%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (3.64%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.64%)</u>
Total pension liability	<u>\$1,083,301</u>	<u>\$1,014,141</u>	<u>\$950,345</u>

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Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

Beginning balance	\$ 980,468
Service cost	39,841
Interest on the total pension liability	29,583
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of total pension liability	85,376
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(32,508)
Benefit payments	(88,619)
Other changes	-
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$1,014,141</u>

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age and health status (i.e., disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U. S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

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

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense for all pension plans:

	<u>LGERS</u>	<u>LEOSSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pension expense	\$ 635,640	\$ 90,386	\$ 726,026
Pension liability	2,261,791	1,014,141	3,275,932
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.09534%	n/a	
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	348,941	78,421	427,362
Changes of assumptions	600,192	28,572	628,764
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	310,477	-	310,477
Changes in proportion, and differences between, contributions and proportionate share of contributions	48,211	-	48,211
Benefit payments and administrative costs paid subsequent to the measurement date	557,523	41,249	598,772
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	11,709	-	11,709
Changes of assumptions	-	34,047	34,047
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	-	-
Changes in proportion, and differences between, contributions and proportionate share of contributions	32,399	-	32,399

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c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description - The City contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (the Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of the State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the City. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy - Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the City to contribute, each month, an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan.

The City made contributions of \$84,062 for the reporting year. No amounts were forfeited.

d. Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund

Plan Description - The State of North Carolina contributes, on behalf of the City of Lincolnton, to the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund (FRSWPF), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation administered by the State of North Carolina. FRSWPF provides pension benefits for eligible fire and rescue squad workers who have elected to become members of the fund. Article 86 of G.S. Chapter 58 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members -- nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, and one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

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Benefits Provided - FRSWPF provides retirement and survivor benefits. The present retirement benefit is \$170 per month. Plan members are eligible to receive the monthly benefit at age 55 with 20 years of creditable service as a firefighter or rescue squad worker and have terminated duties as a firefighter or rescue squad worker. Eligible beneficiaries of members who die before beginning to receive the benefit will receive the amount paid by the member, and contributions paid on the member's behalf, into the plan. Eligible beneficiaries of members who die after beginning to receive benefits will be paid the amount the member contributed, minus the benefits collected.

Contributions - Plan members are required to contribute \$10 per month to the plan, which is paid by the City. The State, a non-employer contributor, funds the plan through appropriations. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 58 - 86 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the State contributed \$17,952,000 to the plan. The City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the State's contribution is \$11,278.

Refunds of Contributions - Plan members who are no longer eligible, or choose not to participate in the plan, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. Refunds include the member's contributions and contributions paid by others on the member's behalf. No interest will be paid on the amount of the refund. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by FRSWPF.

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

At June 30, 2019, the City reported no liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability, as the State provides 100% pension support to the City through its appropriations to the FRSWPF. The total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the City, and supported by the State, was \$30,683. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2018 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers. As the City is not projected to make any future contributions to the plan, its proportionate share at June 30, 2018 and at June 30, 2017 was 0%.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the City recognized pension expense of \$8,726 and revenue of \$8,726 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2019, the City reported no deferred outflows of resources and no deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

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Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	Not applicable
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

For more information regarding actuarial assumptions including mortality tables, the actuarial experience study, the consideration of future ad hoc COLA amounts, the development of the projected long-term investment returns, and the asset allocation policy, refer to the discussion of actuarial assumptions for the LGERS plan in Section a. of this note.

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the 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.

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

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e. Other Post-employment Benefits

Healthcare Benefits

Plan Description - Under the terms of a City resolution, the City administers a single-employer defined benefit Healthcare Benefits Plan (the HCB Plan). This plan provides post-employment health care benefits to retirees of the City provided they participate in the North Carolina Local Government Employees' Retirement System (the System) and have at least the following years of creditable service with the City or a disability status with the following years of creditable service with the City:

	<u>Creditable Years of Service</u>	<u>Disability Creditable Years of Service</u>
For employees hired on, or after, July 1, 2012	25	15
For employees hired prior to July 1, 2012	20	10

The City pays the full cost of coverage for these benefits. Also, the City's retirees can purchase coverage for their dependents. Currently, thirty-two (32) retirees are eligible for post-employment health benefits. As of February 1, 2018, the City participates in the North Carolina State Health Plan which is a division of the North Carolina Department of the State Treasury.

Membership of the HCB Plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2018, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	32
Terminated plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	114
Active employees-Law Enforcement Officers	<u>31</u>
Total	<u>177</u>

Funding Policy - The City pays the full cost of coverage for the healthcare benefits paid to qualified retirees under a City resolution that can be amended by City Council. The City's members pay the City's group rates for dependent coverage, if enrolled in dependent coverage at the time of retirement. The City has chosen to fund the healthcare benefits on a pay as you go basis.

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Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability of \$11,546,868 was measured as of June 30, 2018 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 7.75 percent, average, including inflation
Discount Rate	3.89 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates	Pre-Medicare - 7.50% for 2017, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 5.00% by 2023

The discount rate is based on the yield of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of the measurement date.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at July 1, 2018	<u>\$ 11,596,560</u>
Changes for the year	
Service cost	433,171
Interest	401,537
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	82,464
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(326,388)
Benefit payments	<u>(640,476)</u>
Net changes	<u>(49,692)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2019	<u><u>\$ 11,546,868</u></u>

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.56% to 3.89%.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Total Data Set for Healthy Annuitants Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 2010 through December 2014.

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Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.89 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.89 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.89%)	Discount Rate (3.89%)	1% Increase (4.89%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$12,570,166</u>	<u>\$11,546,868</u>	<u>\$10,622,574</u>

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	(Medical - 6.5% Prescription - 6.5%)	Discount Rate (Medical - 7.5% Prescription - 7.50%)	(Medical - 7.5% Prescription - 8.5%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$10,347,977</u>	<u>\$11,546,868</u>	<u>\$12,943,285</u>

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources
Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$719,280. At June 30, 2019, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 90,634	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	<u>671,747</u>
Total	<u>\$ 90,634</u>	<u>\$ 671,747</u>

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\$-0- reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made, and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:

2019	\$ (115,428)
2020	(115,428)
2021	(115,428)
2022	(115,428)
2023	(93,272)
Thereafter	(26,130)

The ABC Board has not elected to provide other post-employment benefits to employees.

f. Other Employment Benefits

The City has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (the Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, State-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the System, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death, are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan, and not by the City, the City does not determine the number of eligible participants. The City has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based upon rates established annually by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The City considers these contributions to be immaterial. The City provides additional group term life insurance through their health insurance plan. Any amount in excess of \$50,000 is considered taxable to the employee as a fringe benefit.

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3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The City has several deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources is comprised of the following:

<u>Source</u>	
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	\$ 557,523
Benefit payments and administrative expenses for LEOSA made subsequent to the measurement date	41,249
Benefit payments and administrative expenses for OPEB made subsequent to the measurement date	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	517,996
Changes of assumptions	628,764
Net difference between projected and actual	310,477
Changes in proportion, and differences between, employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	48,211
Charge on refunding	-
Total	<u><u>\$2,104,220</u></u>

Deferred inflows of resources at year-end is comprised of the following:

	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>	<u>General Fund Balance Sheet</u>
Prepaid taxes (General Fund)	\$ 2,680	\$ 2,680
Taxes Receivable, less penalties (General Fund)	-	114,021
Changes in assumptions	705,794	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	11,709	-
Changes in proportion, and differences between, employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>32,399</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$752,582</u></u>	<u><u>\$116,701</u></u>

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4. Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City participates in a self-funding risk financing pool offered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities for Workers' Compensation coverage up to statutory limits.

The City carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The City is eligible to, and has purchased commercial flood insurance for a limit of \$5,000,000 for all locations on our commercial property policy, except the areas located in special flood hazard areas as defined by the National Flood Insurance Program, and all locations in any Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Zones.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the City's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the City's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$200,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are insured up to \$100,000.

The Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority's finance officer is bonded for \$50,000.

The ABC Board's general manager and finance officer are bonded for \$50,000.

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5. Long-Term Obligations

a. Installment Purchases

The City has entered into various direct placement installment purchases to finance the following:

Serviced by the General Fund:

\$120,000, 2015, 4.5% installment purchase payable to an individual bank in monthly installments of \$1,244, due in 2025, secured by land.	\$ 76,311
\$175,000, 2017, 1.5% installment purchase payable to bank in semi-annual installments of \$22,550, due in 2019, secured by vehicles.	19,061
\$1,025,000, 2017, 1.65% installment purchase payable to bank in annual installments of \$154,395 to \$153,492, due in 2022, secured by vehicles.	447,000
\$391,186, 2018, 1.40% installment purchase payable to bank in annual installments of \$100,537, due in 2020, secured by various vehicles and equipment.	99,148
\$275,589, 2019, 2.68% installment purchase payable to bank in annual installments of \$71,868, due in 2021, secured by equipment.	<u>138,158</u>
	779,678

Serviced by the Water and Sewer Fund:

\$2,470,515, 2019, 3.00% installment purchase payable in annual installments of \$397,121, due in 2026, secured by equipment.	<u>2,470,015</u>
Total	<u>\$3,249,693</u>

b. Revolving Loans

In June 2000, a grant of \$269,425 was received from the State of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and in December 2001, a State revolving loan was received in conjunction to finance water supply projects pursuant to the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987. In July 2003, an additional revolving loan was received to finance a wastewater treatment facility upgrade. Both of these loans were refunded in June 2018 for \$4,240,000. The loans are reported as long-term debt in the Water and Sewer Fund. The loans are collateralized by water and sewer fee collections. Principal and interest requirements are appropriated when due.

Current refunding - On June 13, 2017, the City of Lincolnton entered into a Series 2017 Water & Sewer Refunding Bonds of \$4,240,000, with an interest rate of 2.0% for six years to refinance two revolving loans, a December 2001, 2.87% revolving loan with a remaining balance of \$322,146, maturity date 2021, and a July 2003, 2.87% revolving loan with a remaining balance of \$3,883,994, maturity date 2023. As a result of the current refunding, the City reduced its annual debt service cost from \$800,286 to \$784,580, which resulted in an economic gain (the difference between the present value of the old debt and the new debt service payments) of \$84,523. There were no premiums or discounts related to the refunded debt and, therefore, there was not a deferred inflow of resources, nor a deferred outflow of resources.

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Revolving loans payable consist of the following individual issue at June 30, 2019:

\$4,240,000 Water and Sewer revenue loan, with principal installments due annually in May with semiannual interest payments due in May and November, at an annual interest rate of 2.00% through 2023 \$ 2,829,000

c. Revenue Bond

Revenue bonds of \$23,130,000 that were originally issued in December 1996 refunded in October 2005 for \$19,790,000, and refunded in April 2015 for \$9,479,000 were used to finance the construction of facilities utilized in the operations of the water and sewer system. The bonds which will be retired by its resources are reported as long-term debt in the Water and Sewer Fund. The City has pledged future water and sewer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$9,479,000 in water and sewer system revenue bonds issued in April 2015. The bonds are payable solely from water and sewer customer net revenues and are payable through 2021. Principal and interest requirements are appropriated when due.

Bonds payable consists of the following individual issue at June 30, 2019:

\$9,479,000, 2015, revenue bonds with principal installments due annually in May, of \$1,511,000 to \$1,647,000 through 2021; with semiannual interest payments due in May and November at rates of 1.65% \$3,265,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for long-term obligations are as follows:

	Direct Placement		Revolving Loans		Revenue Bonds		Total Debt Due	
	Installment Purchase		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
	Principal	Interest						
Governmental activities:								
2020	\$ 345,105	\$15,803	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 345,105	\$ 15,803
2021	231,262	9,481	-	-	-	-	231,262	9,481
2022	163,832	4,583	-	-	-	-	163,832	4,583
2023	13,422	1,502	-	-	-	-	13,422	1,502
2024	14,039	885	-	-	-	-	14,039	885
2025	<u>12,019</u>	<u>246</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>12,019</u>	<u>246</u>
Total governmental	<u>779,678</u>	<u>32,501</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>779,678</u>	<u>32,501</u>
Business-type activities:								
2020	321,785	-	728,000	56,580	1,618,000	53,873	2,667,785	110,453
2021	331,779	-	743,000	42,020	1,647,000	27,176	2,721,779	69,196
2022	341,871	-	672,000	27,160	-	-	1,013,871	27,160
2023	352,269	-	686,000	13,720	-	-	1,038,269	13,720
2024	362,891	-	-	-	-	-	362,891	-
2025-2026	<u>759,420</u>	-	-	-	-	-	<u>759,420</u>	-
Total business-type	<u>2,470,015</u>	-	<u>2,829,000</u>	<u>139,480</u>	<u>3,265,000</u>	<u>81,048</u>	<u>8,564,016</u>	<u>220,528</u>
Total	<u>\$3,249,693</u>	<u>\$32,501</u>	<u>\$2,829,000</u>	<u>\$139,480</u>	<u>\$3,265,000</u>	<u>\$ 81,048</u>	<u>\$ 9,343,694</u>	<u>\$ 253,029</u>

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The City is in compliance with the covenants as to rates, fees, rentals, and charges in Section 704 of the Bond Order, authorizing the issuance of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2005. Section 704(a) of the Bond Order requires the debt service coverage ratio for Parity Indebtedness to be no less than 120%, including 15% of water and sewer unrestricted net assets as of the last day of the proceeding fiscal year, and no less than 100% for Parity Indebtedness and Subordinated Indebtedness. The debt service coverage ratio calculation for the year ended June 30, 2019, is as follows:

	Revenue Bond Only	All Debt
Operating revenues	\$7,660,499	\$7,660,499
Operating expenses*	<u>4,338,029</u>	<u>4,338,029</u>
Operating income	3,322,470	3,322,470
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)**	190,277	190,277
15% of prior year unrestricted net assets	<u>930,329</u>	<u>-</u>
Income available for debt	<u><u>\$4,443,076</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,512,747</u></u>
Debt service, principal and interest paid	\$1,676,207	\$2,465,067
Debt service coverage	265%	143%

*Per rate covenants, this does not include the depreciation expense of \$1,657,257.

**Per rate covenants, this does not include interest payments of \$158,795.

Per rate covenants, this does not include PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) paid of \$379,096.

At June 30, 2019, the City of Lincolnton had no bonds authorized but un-issued and a legal debt margin of \$70,292,100.

The City has pledged future water and sewer customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$9,479,000 in water and sewer system revenue bonds issued in April 2015. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the construction of facilities utilized in the operations of water and sewer. The bonds are payable solely from water and sewer customer net revenues and are payable through 2021. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are appropriated when due. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$3,346,048. Principal and interest paid for the current year was \$1,676,207.

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Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	<u>Balance July 1, 2018</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Current Portion of Balance</u>
Governmental activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 351,526	\$ 241,706	\$ 246,781	\$ 346,451	\$ 234,470
Total pension liability (LEO)	980,468	122,292	88,619	1,014,141	-
Total OPEB liability	8,824,552	-	25,656	8,798,896	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	1,125,134	563,919	-	1,689,053	-
Direct placement installment purchase	<u>1,136,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>357,077</u>	<u>779,678</u>	<u>345,105</u>
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$12,418,435</u>	<u>\$ 927,917</u>	<u>\$ 718,133</u>	<u>\$12,628,219</u>	<u>\$ 579,575</u>
Business-type activities:					
Water and Sewer Fund:					
Compensated absences	\$ 98,744	\$ 52,269	\$ 54,246	\$ 96,767	\$ 61,111
Total OPEB liability	2,466,781	-	40,972	2,425,809	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	287,289	129,853	-	417,142	-
Revenue bonds	4,861,000	-	1,596,000	3,265,000	1,618,000
Revolving loans	3,543,000	-	714,000	2,829,000	728,000
Direct placement installment purchase	<u>-</u>	<u>2,470,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,470,015</u>	<u>321,785</u>
Water and Sewer Fund Long-term liabilities	<u>11,256,814</u>	<u>2,652,137</u>	<u>2,405,218</u>	<u>11,503,733</u>	<u>2,728,896</u>
Electric Fund:					
Compensated absences	33,216	18,300	22,246	29,270	13,263
Total OPEB liability	305,227	16,936	-	322,163	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	<u>76,496</u>	<u>79,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,595</u>	<u>-</u>
Electric Fund long-term liabilities	<u>414,939</u>	<u>114,335</u>	<u>22,246</u>	<u>507,028</u>	<u>13,263</u>
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$11,671,752</u>	<u>\$2,766,472</u>	<u>\$2,427,464</u>	<u>\$12,010,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,742,159</u>

C. Interfund Balances and Activity

Interfund Loan - On June 30, 2019, the General Fund borrowed \$1,000,000 from the Electric Fund to fund a new police building. The terms of the arrangement require the General Fund to repay the Electric Fund over fifteen years with an interest rate of 1.5%. In the Electric Fund, \$74,944 (principal \$59,444 and \$15,500 accrued interest) that will be due within the next year is presented as an advance to the other funds; the remaining \$940,056 is presented as an advance to other funds.

Transfers To/From Other Funds

The composition of transfers as of June 30, 2019 is as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Transfers In Electric Rate Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Transfer Out			
Water and Sewer Fund	\$379,096	\$ -	\$379,096
Electric Fund	<u>25,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,975</u>
Total	<u>\$405,071</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$405,071</u>

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Transfers are used to: (1) move unrestricted revenues to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, including amounts provided as subsidies or matching funds for various grant programs, (2) move funds from the fund with collection authorization to other funds to stabilize rates.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the government made the following transfers:

Transfers from the Water and Sewer Fund to the General Fund - payment in lieu of taxes.

Transfers from the Electric Fund to the General Fund - payment in lieu of taxes.

D. On-Behalf Payments for Fringe Benefits and Salaries

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the City of Lincolnton has recognized on-behalf payments for pension contributions made by the State as a revenue and an expenditure of \$8,726 for the 24 employed firemen who perform firefighting duties for the City's fire department. The employees elected to be members of the Firemen and Rescue Workers' Pension Fund, a cost sharing, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system established, and administered, by the State of North Carolina. The Plan is funded by a \$120 annual contribution paid by the City, investment income, and a State appropriation.

Also, the City has recognized as a revenue and an expenditure, on-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries of \$-0- for the low interest loans provided to eligible firemen by the local board of trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Under State law the local board of trustees for the Fund receives an amount each year, which the board may use at its own discretion for eligible firemen or their departments.

E. Net Investment in Capital Assets

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business-type</u>
Capital assets	\$18,960,568	\$ 29,205,902
Less: long-term debt	<u>(779,679)</u>	<u>(8,564,015)</u>
	<u>\$18,180,889</u>	<u>\$ 20,641,887</u>

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F. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of the General Fund Balance that is available for appropriation:

Total fund balance-General Fund	\$5,200,341
Less:	
Inventories	10,598
Prepaid	50,587
Stabilization by State Statute	1,006,402
Streets-Powell Bill	440,115
Police	5
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2020 budget	237,000
Remaining Fund Balance	3,455,634

The outstanding encumbrances are amounts needed to pay any commitments related to purchase orders and contracts that remain unperformed at year-end.

Encumbrances

General Fund

\$-0-

Non-Major Funds

\$-0-

III. Jointly Governed Organizations

The City, in conjunction with eighteen other local governments, is a member of the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 (NCMPA#1). The Electric Agency was formed to enable municipalities that own electric distribution systems to finance, construct, own, operate, and maintain generation and transmission facilities. Each participating government appoints one commissioner to the Electric Agency's governing board. The nineteen members, which receive power from the Electric Agency, have signed power sales agreements to purchase a specified share of the power generated by the Electric Agency. Except for the power sales purchase requirements, no local government participant has any obligation, entitlement, or residual interest. The City's purchases of power for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 were \$5,288,257.

The City, in conjunction with nine counties and seventy-four other municipalities, established the Centralina Council of Governments (the Council). The participating governments established the Council to coordinate various funding received from federal and State agencies. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council's governing board. The City paid membership fees of \$2,553 to the Council during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

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IV. Joint Venture

The City, in conjunction with Lincoln County, participates in a general aviation airport. The Airport Authority's board shall be reconstructed as a five-member board, with one member appointed by the City and four members by the County; however, one of the four members selected by the County shall reside within the City of Lincolnton, and the other three shall reside within the County. The members on the Authority's board shall have staggered 3-year terms, and a two-term limit, with a chairman to be designated by the County. The Airport has been in existence since 1986, but it is not yet self-sustaining. The City has a pro-rata shared ongoing financial responsibility in proportion to the rate at which received sales taxes are allocated for the Airport because it, and the County, are legally obligated under the intergovernmental agreement that created the Airport to honor any deficiencies in the event that proceeds from other default remedies are insufficient. The City contributed \$1,200 to the Airport during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The participating governments do not have any equity interest in the joint venture, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2019. Complete financial statements for the Airport can be obtained from Lincoln County Administrative Offices at 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092.

The City and the members of the City's fire department each appoint two members to the five-member local board of trustees for the Firemen's Relief Fund. The State Insurance Commissioner appoints one additional member to the local board of trustees. The Firemen's Relief Fund is funded by a portion of the fire and lightening insurance premiums that insurers remit to the State. The State passes these moneys to the local board of the Firemen's Relief Fund. The funds are used to assist fire fighters in various ways. The City obtains an ongoing financial benefit from the Fund for the on-behalf of payments for salaries and fringe benefits made to members of the City's fire department by the board of trustees. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the City reported revenues and expenditures for the payments of \$-0- made through the Firemen's Relief Fund. The participating governments do not have any equity interest in the joint venture, so no equity has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2019. The Firemen's Relief Fund does not issue separate audited financial statements. Instead, the local board of trustees files an annual financial report with the State Firemen's Association. This report can be obtained from the Association at 323 West Jones Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27603.

V. Related Organization

The five-member board of the City of Lincolnton Housing Authority is appointed by the City Council of the City of Lincolnton. The City is accountable for the Housing Authority because it appoints the governing board; however, the City is not financially accountable for the Housing Authority. The City of Lincolnton is also disclosed as a related organization in the notes to the financial statements for the City of Lincolnton Housing Authority. Complete financial statements for the Housing Authority can be obtained from the Authority's office at 806 McBee Street, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092.

VI. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The City has received proceeds from several Federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant monies.

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VII. Significant Effects of Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 11, 2019, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. During the period from the end of the year, and through this date, the following subsequent event occurred that requires recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

The City will be completing the smart meter project at a cost of \$1,705,000.

The City will be renovating a building to relocate the police department at a cost of \$1,350,000.

VIII. Change in Accounting Principle

The Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. Statement 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The implementation of the statement required the Town to make changes to note disclosures related to debt.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This section contains additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles

- **Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
 - **Schedule of Contributions - Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
 - **Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability-Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension**
 - **Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability**
 - **Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll**
 - **Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**
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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**City of Lincolnton's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)
Required Supplementary Information
Last Six Fiscal Years*
Local Government Employees' Retirement System**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
City of Lincolnton's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)(%)	0.09534%	0.09746%	0.09605%	0.10989%	0.11119%	0.10930%
City of Lincolnton's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)(\$)	2,261,791	\$1,488,919	\$2,038,503	\$ 493,180	\$ (655,739)	\$1,317,485
City of Lincolnton's covered payroll	6,673,226	\$6,563,566	\$6,145,468	\$6,170,108	\$ 6,230,371	\$6,051,103
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	33.89%	22.68%	33.17%	7.99%	(10.52%)	21.75%
Plan fiduciary net pension as a percentage of the total pension liability**	91.63%	94.18%	91.47%	98.09%	102.64 %	94.35%

*The amount presented for each fiscal year was determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

**This will be the same percentage for all participant employees in the LGERS plan.

Information is not required to be presented retroactively. Additional years information will be displayed as it becomes available.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA**City of Lincolnton's Contributions
Required Supplementary Information
Last Six Fiscal Years
Local Government Employees' Retirement System**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contributions	557,523	\$ 516,612	\$ 491,998	\$ 437,201	\$ 440,567	\$ 443,242
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>557,523</u>	<u>516,612</u>	<u>491,998</u>	<u>437,201</u>	<u>440,567</u>	<u>443,242</u>
Contributions deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City of Lincolnton's covered payroll	6,976,386	\$6,673,226	\$6,563,566	\$6,145,468	\$6,170,108	\$6,230,371
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.99%	7.74%	7.50%	7.11%	7.15%	7.11%

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**City of Lincolnton's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Required Supplementary Information
Last Five Fiscal Years*
Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability (%)	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability (\$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with City of Lincolnton	<u>30,683</u>	<u>22,859</u>	<u>16,133</u>	<u>20,230</u>	<u>11,033</u>
Total	<u>\$ 30,683</u>	<u>\$ 22,859</u>	<u>\$ 16,133</u>	<u>\$ 20,230</u>	<u>\$ 11,033</u>
City of Lincolnton's covered payroll	\$1,082,484	\$1,061,834	\$936,500	\$744,636	\$824,108
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	2.83%	2.15%	1.72%	2.72%	1.33%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	89.69%	89.35%	84.94%	91.40%	93.42%

*The amounts are presented for the prior fiscal year.

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**Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability
Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance
Last Three Fiscal Years**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 980,468	\$943,092	\$ 976,259
Service cost	39,841	32,657	37,675
Interest on the total pension liability	29,583	34,553	33,318
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	85,376	17,713	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(32,508)	48,344	(18,181)
Benefit payments	(88,619)	(95,891)	(85,979)
Other changes	-	-	-
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$1,014,141</u>	<u>\$980,468</u>	<u>\$ 943,092</u>

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior December 31.

Information is not required to be presented retroactively. Additional years information will be displayed as it becomes available.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance
Last Three Fiscal Years**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Pension liability	\$1,014,141	\$ 980,468	\$ 943,092
Covered payroll	1,502,102	1,493,025	1,545,187
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	67.51%	65.67%	61.03%

Notes to the schedules:

The City of Lincolnton has no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 73 to pay the related benefits.

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
June 30, 2019

Total OPEB Liability	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Service cost	\$ 433,171	\$ 469,911
Interest	401,537	348,745
Changes of benefit terms	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	82,464	29,100
Changes of assumptions	(326,388)	(560,847)
Benefit payments	<u>(640,476)</u>	<u>(549,082)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	(49,692)	(262,173)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>11,596,560</u>	<u>11,858,733</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u><u>\$11,546,868</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,596,560</u></u>
 Covered payroll	 \$ 5,935,441	 \$ 5,935,441
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	194.54%	195.38%

Notes to Schedule

Changes of assumptions: Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate of each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2019	3.89%
2018	3.56%

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with government which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund.

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**General Fund
Balance Sheets
June 30, 2019 and 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,085,737	\$ 4,586,802
Taxes receivable, net	114,021	138,336
Accounts receivable, net	732,627	683,741
Due from governmental agencies	273,774	192,630
Inventories	10,598	14,396
Prepaid items	50,587	33,207
Restricted cash	439,672	676,028
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,707,017</u>	<u>\$ 6,325,140</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 374,965	\$ 377,359
Advance from other funds	1,015,000	1,000,000
Unearned revenues	10	10
Total liabilities	<u>1,389,975</u>	<u>1,377,369</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Property taxes receivable	114,021	138,336
Prepaid taxes	2,680	13,450
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>116,701</u>	<u>151,786</u>
 <u>Fund Balances</u>		
Non Spendable:		
Inventories	10,598	14,396
Prepaid expenditures	50,587	33,207
Restricted:		
Stabilization by State statute	1,006,402	1,045,057
Streets	440,115	676,199
Public safety - police	5	5
Assigned:		
Subsequent year's expenditures	237,000	765,470
Unassigned	3,455,634	2,261,650
Total fund balances	<u>5,200,341</u>	<u>4,795,984</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 6,707,017</u>	<u>\$ 6,325,140</u>

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**General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes:				
Current year	\$ 4,723,000	\$4,784,213	\$ 61,213	\$4,667,984
Prior years	70,000	67,479	(2,521)	102,272
Interest and penalties	25,000	27,736	2,736	30,418
Total	<u>4,818,000</u>	<u>4,879,429</u>	<u>61,429</u>	<u>4,800,673</u>
Other taxes and licenses:				
Other taxes	<u>172,000</u>	<u>207,745</u>	<u>35,745</u>	<u>203,572</u>
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues:				
Local option sales tax	2,900,000	3,357,639	457,639	3,155,789
Payment in lieu of taxes	22,470	28,669	6,199	28,545
Utility franchise tax	850,000	897,284	47,284	895,540
Beer and wine tax	44,000	45,706	1,706	46,076
ABC profit distribution	30,000	124,228	94,228	132,044
Other	111,800	130,758	18,958	129,046
Total	<u>3,958,270</u>	<u>4,584,284</u>	<u>626,014</u>	<u>4,387,039</u>
Restricted intergovernmental revenues:				
Powell Bill street aid allocation	311,000	304,284	(6,716)	309,837
Powell Bill investment earnings	300	13,323	13,023	9,176
Other Powell Bill receipts	-	461	461	9,700
Controlled substance tax	4,500	5,382	882	4,108
ABC revenue for law enforcement	30,000	40,000	10,000	40,000
On-behalf of payments-Fire and Rescue	5,200	8,726	3,526	5,002
Federal, state and local grants	1,432,703	737,473	(695,230)	199,856
Total	<u>1,783,703</u>	<u>1,109,648</u>	<u>(674,055)</u>	<u>577,679</u>

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**General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)**

	<u>2019</u>		<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Revenues (continued):				
Permits and fees:				
Zoning fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ 12,221
P&Z inspections	64,000	-	(64,000)	-
Online convenience fees	25,000	33,341	8,341	28,787
Other fees	3,500	4,445	945	3,624
Total	<u>102,500</u>	<u>45,786</u>	<u>(56,714)</u>	<u>44,632</u>
 Sales and services:				
Cemetery lot sales	20,000	49,377	29,377	30,634
Recreation fees and concessions	114,800	127,134	12,334	177,133
Other	3,000	3,247	247	3,145
Total	<u>137,800</u>	<u>179,758</u>	<u>41,958</u>	<u>210,912</u>
 Investment earnings	<u>20,000</u>	<u>95,717</u>	<u>75,717</u>	<u>49,932</u>
 Miscellaneous:				
Sale of property	12,600	13,434	834	8,878
Other	51,000	46,966	(4,034)	50,924
Total	<u>63,600</u>	<u>60,400</u>	<u>(3,200)</u>	<u>59,802</u>
 Total revenues	<u>11,055,873</u>	<u>11,162,766</u>	<u>106,893</u>	<u>10,334,241</u>

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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance	2018
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Governing body				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 111,850	\$ 106,606	\$ 5,244	\$ 92,812
Other operating expenditures	868,943	755,937	113,006	734,208
Tax collection fees	160,027	157,867	2,160	154,866
Interdepartmental charges	(185,080)	(185,080)	-	(185,080)
	<u>955,740</u>	<u>835,330</u>	<u>120,410</u>	<u>796,806</u>
Administrative				
Salaries and employee benefits	624,050	600,831	23,219	618,538
Other operating expenditures	95,610	71,554	24,056	75,124
Capital outlay	2,000	-	2,000	-
Interdepartmental charges	(159,980)	(159,980)	-	(159,980)
	<u>561,680</u>	<u>512,406</u>	<u>49,274</u>	<u>533,681</u>
Finance				
Salaries and employee benefits	521,800	515,795	6,005	537,400
Other operating expenditures	151,940	141,033	10,907	102,473
Capital outlay	10,410	9,055	1,355	8,455
Interdepartmental charges	(406,060)	(406,060)	-	(406,060)
	<u>278,090</u>	<u>259,823</u>	<u>18,267</u>	<u>242,267</u>
Total general government	<u>1,795,510</u>	<u>1,607,558</u>	<u>187,952</u>	<u>1,572,754</u>
Public safety:				
Police				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,861,955	2,827,743	34,212	2,583,152
Other operating expenditures	280,580	293,972	(13,392)	364,110
Capital outlay	115,445	84,047	31,398	1,025,930
	<u>3,257,980</u>	<u>3,205,761</u>	<u>52,219</u>	<u>3,973,192</u>

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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance	2018
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Expenditures (continued):				
Fire				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 1,880,053	\$ 1,859,452	\$ 20,601	\$ 1,744,221
Other operating expenditures	220,600	226,678	(6,078)	197,886
Capital outlay	250,900	242,214	8,686	114,367
	<u>2,351,553</u>	<u>2,328,343</u>	<u>23,210</u>	<u>2,056,475</u>
Total public safety	<u>5,609,533</u>	<u>5,534,104</u>	<u>75,429</u>	<u>6,029,667</u>
Public works:				
General and administrative				
Salaries and employee benefits	127,100	71,262	55,838	192,229
Operating expenditures	59,816	50,729	9,087	59,248
Interdepartmental charges	(146,800)	(146,800)	-	(146,800)
	<u>40,116</u>	<u>(24,810)</u>	<u>64,926</u>	<u>104,677</u>
Street maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	564,900	575,625	(10,725)	579,055
Operating expenditures	267,968	171,844	96,124	171,410
Capital outlay	444,000	56,251	387,749	52,345
Interdepartmental charges	(151,060)	(151,060)	-	(151,060)
	<u>1,125,808</u>	<u>652,660</u>	<u>473,148</u>	<u>651,750</u>
Powell Bill assistance				
Operating expenditures	507,300	430,152	77,148	347,571
Capital outlay	128,700	124,000	4,700	-
	<u>636,000</u>	<u>554,152</u>	<u>81,848</u>	<u>347,571</u>
Fleet maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	137,466	134,515	2,951	138,813
Operating expenditures	31,384	24,340	7,044	33,407
Interdepartmental charges	(40,180)	(40,180)	-	(40,180)
	<u>128,670</u>	<u>118,675</u>	<u>9,995</u>	<u>132,040</u>
Airport operation	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total public works	<u>1,936,594</u>	<u>1,301,877</u>	<u>634,717</u>	<u>1,266,038</u>
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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance	2018
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Expenditures (continued):				
Economic and physical development:				
Business and community development				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360
Operating expenditures	135,000	120,470	14,530	156,494
	<u>135,000</u>	<u>120,470</u>	<u>14,530</u>	<u>156,854</u>
Planning and zoning				
Salaries and employee benefits	237,900	229,327	8,573	229,487
Operating expenditures	382,780	145,701	237,079	46,551
Interdepartmental charges	(10,270)	(10,840)	570	(10,840)
	<u>610,410</u>	<u>364,188</u>	<u>246,222</u>	<u>265,199</u>
Total economic and physical development	<u>745,410</u>	<u>484,657</u>	<u>260,753</u>	<u>422,053</u>
Environmental protection:				
Solid waste				
Salaries and employee benefits	397,365	392,196	5,169	424,501
Operating expenditures	203,248	201,007	2,241	156,301
Capital outlay	253,405	-	253,405	-
	<u>854,018</u>	<u>593,203</u>	<u>260,815</u>	<u>580,802</u>
Total environmental protection	<u>854,018</u>	<u>593,203</u>	<u>260,815</u>	<u>580,802</u>
Cultural and recreational:				
Salaries and employee benefits	684,450	665,519	18,931	647,678
Operating expenditures	259,070	230,012	29,058	227,806
Capital outlay	591,100	363,264	227,836	160,903
Total cultural and recreational	<u>1,534,620</u>	<u>1,258,794</u>	<u>275,826</u>	<u>1,036,387</u>
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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	2018
			<u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Expenditures (continued):				
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	\$ 401,700	\$ 357,078	\$ 44,622	\$ 435,016
Interest and other charges	<u>49,254</u>	<u>37,410</u>	<u>11,844</u>	<u>38,714</u>
Total debt service	<u>450,954</u>	<u>394,488</u>	<u>56,466</u>	<u>473,729</u>
Total expenditures	<u>12,926,639</u>	<u>11,174,683</u>	<u>1,751,956</u>	<u>11,381,430</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,870,766)</u>	<u>(11,916)</u>	<u>1,858,850</u>	<u>(1,047,189)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Issuance of debt	275,000	-	(275,000)	275,589
Principal received	55,000	15,000	(40,000)	1,875
Appropriated fund balance	1,135,470	-	(1,135,470)	-
Transfers (to) from other funds				
Water and Sewer Fund	379,096	379,096	-	379,096
Electric Fund	<u>26,200</u>	<u>25,975</u>	<u>(225)</u>	<u>25,975</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,870,766</u>	<u>420,071</u>	<u>(1,450,695)</u>	<u>682,535</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses and extraordinary item	<u>\$ -</u>	408,155	<u>\$ 408,155</u>	(364,654)
Fund balances, July 1		4,795,984		5,152,070
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory		<u>(3,798)</u>		<u>8,568</u>
Fund balances, June 30		<u>\$5,200,341</u>		<u>\$4,795,984</u>

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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES COMPONENT UNIT

***Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority* - This fund is used to account for occupancy tax revenue to be used for tourism related purposes.**

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority - Component Unit
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Revenues:				
Unrestricted intergovernmental:				
Local occupancy tax	\$ 107,000	\$ 136,798	\$ 29,798	\$ 118,060
Investment earnings	<u>2,000</u>	<u>5,192</u>	<u>3,192</u>	<u>3,459</u>
Total revenues	<u>109,000</u>	<u>141,991</u>	<u>32,991</u>	<u>121,518</u>
Expenditures:				
Supplies	500	-	500	-
Advertising	62,717	17,690	45,027	4,218
Training	4,000	325	3,675	-
Other operating expenditures	101,684	70,166	31,518	37,617
Capital outlay	<u>20,427</u>	<u>15,811</u>	<u>4,616</u>	<u>41,439</u>
Total expenditures	<u>189,328</u>	<u>103,992</u>	<u>85,336</u>	<u>83,273</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(80,328)	37,999	118,327	38,245
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	<u>80,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(80,328)</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	37,999	<u>\$ 37,999</u>	38,245
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual) To Full Accrual:				
Depreciation expense		(2,862)		-
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		<u>15,811</u>		<u>41,439</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures		50,947		79,684
Fund balance, July 1		<u>389,837</u>		<u>310,154</u>
Fund balance, June 30		<u>\$ 440,785</u>		<u>\$ 389,837</u>

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BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the government's governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the government's governing body has decided that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

Water and Sewer Fund - This fund is used to account for the activities associated with the production, distribution and transmission of potable water by the City to its users and for the operation and maintenance of the City's sewer and surface drainage systems.

Electric Fund - This fund is used to account for the activities associated with the distribution and transmission of electricity by the City to its users.

Electric Rate Stabilization Fund - This fund is used to account for funds being accumulated to stabilize Electric Rates.

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statements of Net Position
Water and Sewer Fund
June 30, 2019 and 2018**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,216,824	\$ 8,462,789
Accounts receivable	736,825	550,687
Inventories	72,379	63,180
Prepaid expenses	20,454	11,958
Total current assets	11,046,482	9,088,615
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	115,839	106,209
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	27,415,237	27,905,655
Total assets	38,577,558	37,100,478
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	344,025	235,551
OPEB deferrals	19,041	5,269
Total deferred outflows of resources	363,066	240,820
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	150,346	154,680
Customer deposits - restricted	115,839	106,209
Bonds payable - current	1,618,000	1,596,000
Loans payable - current	1,049,785	714,000
Accrued compensated absences	61,111	64,673
Total current liabilities	2,995,081	2,635,562
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Bonds payable	1,647,000	3,265,000
Loans payable	4,249,230	2,829,000
Total OPEB liability	2,425,809	2,466,781
Accrued compensated absences	35,656	34,071
Net pension liability	417,142	287,289
Total noncurrent liabilities	8,774,836	8,882,141
Total liabilities	11,769,917	11,517,704
<u>Deferred Infows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	8,135	18,196
OPEB deferrals	141,123	101,548
Total deferred inflows of resources	149,258	119,744
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	18,851,222	19,501,655
Unrestricted	8,170,227	6,202,196
Total net position	\$ 27,021,449	\$ 25,703,851

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Water charges	\$ 3,260,078	\$ 3,311,272
Sewer charges	4,202,589	4,228,192
Water and sewer taps	69,201	260,500
Other operating revenues	<u>128,630</u>	<u>256,222</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>7,660,499</u>	<u>8,056,185</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Water treatment plant	1,401,786	1,591,252
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	1,400,500	1,374,223
Waste treatment plant	1,535,743	1,572,142
Depreciation	<u>1,657,257</u>	<u>1,620,810</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>5,995,286</u>	<u>6,158,426</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>1,665,213</u>	<u>1,897,758</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Investment earnings	176,636	98,133
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	13,641	6,753
Interest on long-term debt	<u>(158,795)</u>	<u>(200,965)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>31,481</u>	<u>(96,079)</u>
Income (loss) before transfers and capital contributions	1,696,695	1,801,679
Transfer to General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(379,096)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 1,317,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,422,583</u>
Total net position -beginning	\$ 25,703,851	\$ 24,281,268
Change in net position	<u>1,317,599</u>	<u>1,422,583</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 27,021,449</u>	<u>\$ 25,703,851</u>

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Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

Water and Sewer Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance	2018
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Actual</u>
			<u>(Negative)</u>	
Revenues:				
Operating revenues:				
Water charges	\$ 3,290,000	\$ 3,260,078	\$ (29,922)	\$ 3,311,272
Sewer charges	4,150,000	4,202,589	52,589	4,228,192
Water and sewer taps	27,000	69,201	42,201	260,500
Other	201,950	128,630	(73,320)	256,222
Total operating revenues	<u>7,668,950</u>	<u>7,660,499</u>	<u>(8,451)</u>	<u>8,056,185</u>
Nonoperating revenues:				
Investment earnings	<u>45,000</u>	<u>176,636</u>	<u>131,636</u>	<u>98,133</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>45,000</u>	<u>176,636</u>	<u>131,636</u>	<u>98,133</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,713,950</u>	<u>7,837,134</u>	<u>123,184</u>	<u>8,154,318</u>
Expenditures:				
Operating expenditures:				
Water treatment plant				
Salaries and employee benefits	704,400	661,682	42,718	651,073
Chemicals	123,000	108,990	14,010	89,870
Electricity	266,800	265,374	1,426	263,158
Water service contract	130,000	113,271	16,729	127,827
Administrative	153,410	153,410	-	153,410
Repairs and maintenance	42,300	40,997	1,303	21,902
Other operating expenditures	207,400	70,794	136,606	218,026
	<u>1,627,310</u>	<u>1,414,517</u>	<u>212,793</u>	<u>1,525,264</u>
Water and sewer distribution maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	712,488	656,917	55,571	652,538
Supplies	219,740	203,237	16,503	206,788
Administrative	193,180	193,180	-	193,180
Repairs and maintenance	199,575	172,038	27,537	133,529
Other operating expenditures	169,147	177,009	(7,862)	140,218
	<u>1,494,130</u>	<u>1,402,381</u>	<u>91,749</u>	<u>1,326,254</u>
Waste treatment plant				
Salaries and employee benefits	668,400	591,614	76,786	614,418
Sludge removal	177,500	167,071	10,429	219,601
Electricity	278,000	278,000	-	278,000
Administrative	153,410	153,410	-	153,410
Repairs and maintenance	95,600	86,014	9,586	55,393
Other operating expenditures	337,900	260,050	77,850	203,086
	<u>1,710,810</u>	<u>1,536,159</u>	<u>174,651</u>	<u>1,523,909</u>

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Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

Water and Sewer Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Total operating expenditures	\$ 4,832,250	\$ 4,353,057	\$ 479,193	\$ 4,375,427
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	2,335,545	2,310,000	25,545	2,264,000
Interest and fees	162,099	155,067	7,033	197,469
Total debt service	2,497,644	2,465,067	32,578	2,461,469
Capital outlay:				
Water treatment plant	150,150	96,014	54,136	99,980
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	2,823,615	1,036,878	1,786,737	103,972
Waste water treatment plant	115,100	34,718	80,382	34,700
Total capital outlay	3,088,865	1,167,609	1,921,256	238,652
Total expenditures	10,418,759	7,985,733	2,433,026	7,075,548
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,704,809)	(148,599)	2,556,210	1,078,770
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	330,890	-	(330,890)	-
Transfer-General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	(379,096)	(379,096)	-	(379,096)
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	3,000	13,641	10,641	6,753
Proceeds from borrowing	2,750,015	2,470,015	(280,000)	-
Total other financing sources	2,704,809	2,104,560	(600,249)	(372,343)
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$ -	1,955,961	\$ 1,955,961	706,425
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:				
Increase (decrease) in inventory		9,199		(11,602)
(Increase) decrease in accrued vacation pay	-	1,978		2,788
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions		108,474		(117,988)
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability		(129,853)		112,038
(Increase) decrease in deferred infows of resources - pensions		10,061		9,883
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB		13,772		5,269
(Increase) decrease in OPEB liability		40,972		(61,031)
(Increase) decrease in deferred infows of resources - pensions		(39,575)		(101,548)
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		1,167,609		238,652
Payment of debt principal		2,310,000		2,264,000
Proceeds from borrowing		(2,470,015)		-
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest		(3,729)		(3,496)
Depreciation		(1,657,257)		(1,620,810)
Change in net position	-	\$ 1,317,599		\$ 1,422,583

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Statements of Cash Flows Water and Sewer Fund For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 7,474,359	\$ 8,123,870
Customer deposits received	9,630	3,610
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,453,573)	(2,668,319)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	(1,916,041)	(1,767,441)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>3,114,375</u>	<u>3,691,720</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Transfers - in (out)	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(379,096)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(577,823)	(238,652)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	14,411	6,753
Proceeds from borrowing	1,880,229	-
Principal paid on long-term debt	(2,310,000)	(2,264,000)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(155,067)	(197,469)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,148,250)</u>	<u>(2,693,368)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment earnings	<u>176,636</u>	<u>98,133</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>176,636</u>	<u>98,133</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,763,665	717,389
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>8,568,998</u>	<u>7,851,609</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 10,332,663</u>	<u>\$ 8,568,998</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,665,213	\$ 1,897,758
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,657,257	1,620,810
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(186,140)	67,685
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(9,199)	11,602
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	(8,496)	6,189
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	(8,062)	(66,522)
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation pay	(1,977)	(2,789)
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability	(40,972)	61,031
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-OPEB	(13,772)	(5,269)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-OPEB	39,575	101,548
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-pensions	(108,474)	117,988
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	129,853	(112,038)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-pensions	(10,061)	(9,883)
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	9,630	3,610
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 3,114,375</u>	<u>\$ 3,691,720</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non Cash Financing Activities:		
Purchase of fixed assets with the issuance of debt	<u>\$ 589,786</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Statements of Net Position

Electric Fund

June 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,470,078	\$ 2,945,821
Accounts receivable	664,046	716,344
Advance to other funds	74,944	59,944
Inventories	26,919	36,468
Prepaid expenses	40,375	37,887
Total current assets	<u>4,276,362</u>	<u>3,796,464</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	273,655	266,725
Advance to other funds	940,056	940,056
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,790,665</u>	<u>1,397,529</u>
Total assets	<u>7,280,738</u>	<u>6,400,774</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	128,323	62,720
OPEB deferrals	<u>2,529</u>	<u>652</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>130,852</u>	<u>63,372</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	730,856	699,413
Customer deposits - restricted	273,655	266,725
Accrued compensated absences	<u>13,263</u>	<u>8,591</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>1,017,774</u>	<u>974,729</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Total OPEB liability	322,163	305,227
Accrued compensated absences	16,007	24,625
Net pension liability	<u>155,596</u>	<u>76,496</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>493,766</u>	<u>406,348</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,511,540</u>	<u>1,381,077</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	3,034	4,845
OPEB deferrals	<u>18,742</u>	<u>12,565</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>21,776</u>	<u>17,410</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	1,790,665	1,397,529
Unrestricted	<u>4,087,609</u>	<u>3,668,130</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 5,878,274</u>	<u>\$ 5,065,659</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position****Electric Fund****For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Electric sales	\$ 7,008,624	\$ 6,925,175
Electricity - municipal operations	681,544	697,326
Other operating revenues	<u>472,779</u>	<u>291,248</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>8,162,947</u>	<u>7,913,749</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Electrical operations	1,360,872	1,043,319
Electrical power purchases	5,288,257	5,772,554
Administrative	600,000	600,000
Depreciation	<u>154,209</u>	<u>145,580</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>7,403,339</u>	<u>7,561,454</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>759,608</u>	<u>352,295</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses);		
Investment earnings	78,981	38,631
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,886)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>78,981</u>	<u>19,745</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	838,590	372,040
Transfer to the General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 812,615</u>	<u>\$ 346,065</u>
Total net position - beginning	\$ 5,065,659	\$ 4,719,594
Change in net position	<u>812,615</u>	<u>346,065</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 5,878,274</u>	<u>\$ 5,065,659</u>

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Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

Electric Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Revenues:				
Operating revenues:				
Electricity sales	\$6,641,000	\$7,008,624	\$ 367,624	\$6,925,175
Electricity - municipal operations	776,914	681,544	(95,370)	697,326
Other operating revenues	<u>236,350</u>	<u>472,779</u>	<u>236,429</u>	<u>291,248</u>
Total operating revenues	7,654,264	8,162,947	508,683	7,913,749
Nonoperating revenues:				
Investment earnings	<u>15,000</u>	<u>78,981</u>	<u>63,981</u>	<u>38,631</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,669,264</u>	<u>8,241,929</u>	<u>572,665</u>	<u>7,952,380</u>
Expenditures:				
Salaries and employee benefits	708,135	671,174	36,961	483,793
Electrical power purchases	5,289,000	5,288,257	743	5,772,554
Administrative	600,000	600,000	-	600,000
Repairs and maintenance	161,158	134,924	26,234	158,120
Other operating expenditures	847,996	516,249	331,747	372,101
Capital outlay	<u>578,000</u>	<u>547,345</u>	<u>30,655</u>	<u>343,144</u>
Total operating expenditures	<u>8,184,289</u>	<u>7,757,950</u>	<u>426,339</u>	<u>7,729,712</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(515,025)</u>	<u>483,979</u>	<u>999,004</u>	<u>222,668</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	841,000	-	(841,000)	-
Loan to General Fund	(300,000)	-	300,000	-
Transfers from (to):				
General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	(25,975)	(25,975)	-	(25,975)
Rate Stabilization Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>515,025</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(541,000)</u>	<u>(50,975)</u>

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Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

Electric Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019		Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 458,004	\$ <u>458,004</u>	\$ 171,693
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:				
Transfer to Rate Stabilization Fund		-		25,000
Increase (decrease) in inventory		(9,549)		(6,940)
(Increase) decrease in accrued vacation pay		3,946		(3,248)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions		65,603		(28,066)
(Increase) decrease in net penion liability		(79,100)		26,048
(Increase) decrease in deferred inflows of resources - pensions		1,811		2,366
(Increase) decrease in OPEB liability		(16,936)		(7,552)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB		1,877		652
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB		(6,177)		(12,565)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets		-		(18,886)
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		547,345		343,144
Depreciation		<u>(154,209)</u>		<u>(145,580)</u>
Changes in net position		\$ <u>812,615</u>		\$ <u>346,065</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Statements of Cash Flows Electric Fund For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 8,200,245	\$ 7,823,090
Customer deposits received	6,930	5,877
Cash paid for goods and services	(6,539,451)	(6,996,828)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	(642,198)	(483,794)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>1,025,526</u>	<u>348,345</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Advance to other funds	-	(1,000,000)
Transfers - in (out)	(25,975)	(25,975)
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(1,025,975)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(547,345)	(343,144)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(547,345)</u>	<u>(343,144)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment earnings	78,981	38,631
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>78,981</u>	<u>38,631</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	531,187	(982,143)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,212,546	4,194,689
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 3,743,733</u>	<u>\$ 3,212,546</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 759,608	\$ 352,295
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	154,209	145,580
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	37,298	(90,659)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	9,549	6,940
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	(2,488)	254
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	31,444	(94,307)
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation pay	(3,946)	3,248
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability	16,936	7,552
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-OPEB	(1,877)	(652)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-pensions	(65,603)	28,066
Increase (decrease) net pension liability	79,100	(26,048)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-pensions	(1,811)	(2,366)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-OPEB	6,177	12,565
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	6,930	5,877
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,025,526</u>	<u>\$ 348,345</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

Electric Rate Stabilization Fund

From Inception and for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Investment earnings	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in (out):				
Electric Fund	750,000	750,000	-	750,000
Electric Fund	<u>(750,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750,000</u>
Revenues and other financing sources (uses) over (under) expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 750,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 750,000</u>

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OTHER SCHEDULES

This section contains additional information required on property taxes and transfers.

- **Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable**
 - **Analysis of Current Tax Levy**
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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
June 30, 2019**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Collections and Credits</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2019</u>
2018 - 2019	\$ -	\$4,920,447	\$4,840,432	\$ 80,015
2017 - 2018	90,330	-	49,778	40,552
2016 - 2017	25,756	-	12,680	13,076
2015 - 2016	14,882	-	5,502	9,380
2014 - 2015	11,684	-	3,000	8,684
2013 - 2014	25,723	-	3,337	22,386
2012 - 2013	18,721	-	2,202	16,519
2011 - 2012	16,816	-	1,431	15,385
2010 - 2011	14,401	-	1,940	12,461
2009 - 2010	13,480	-	1,916	11,564
2008 - 2009	<u>14,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,553</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 246,346</u>	<u>\$4,920,447</u>	<u>\$4,936,771</u>	230,021
Less allowance for uncollectibles				<u>(116,000)</u>
Balance				<u>\$ 114,021</u>
Reconciliation With Revenue:				
Taxes - Ad valorem - General Fund				\$ 4,879,429
Adjustments, releases and discounts				70,525
Taxes written off				14,553
Interest collected				<u>(27,736)</u>
Total collections and credits				<u>\$ 4,936,771</u>

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Analysis of Current Tax Levy June 30, 2019

	City Wide			Total Levy	
	Property Valuation	Rate	Total Levy	Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original levy:					
Property taxes at current year's rate	\$ 797,002,679	0.56	\$ 4,463,215	\$ 4,463,215	\$ -
Motor vehicles taxed at current year rate	<u>80,499,464</u>	0.56	<u>450,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,797</u>
Total	<u>877,502,143</u>		<u>4,914,012</u>	<u>4,463,215</u>	<u>450,797</u>
Discoveries:					
Current year taxes	2,158,607		12,088	14,517	-
Adjustments	<u>(1,009,500)</u>		<u>(5,653)</u>	<u>(2,620)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>1,149,107</u>		<u>6,435</u>	<u>11,897</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property valuation	<u><u>\$ 878,651,250</u></u>				
Net levy			4,920,447	4,475,112	450,797
Less uncollected taxes at June 30, 2018			<u>(80,015)</u>	<u>(80,015)</u>	<u>-</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$ 4,840,432</u>	<u>\$ 4,395,097</u>	<u>\$ 450,797</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>98.37%</u>	<u>98.21%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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STATISTICAL SECTION

(Unaudited)

This part of the City of Lincolnton's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health.

Contents

Financial Trends

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the government's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the government's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Debt Capacity

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the government's current levels of outstanding debt and the government's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the government's financial activities take place.

Operating Information

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the government's financial report relates to the services the government provides and the activities it performs.

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Net Position by Component Last Ten Fiscal Years (Accrual Basis of Accounting) (Unaudited)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Governmental Activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$20,342,099	\$20,210,351	\$19,493,069	\$19,313,526	\$18,914,071	\$18,225,559	\$17,845,361	\$17,836,400	\$18,078,633	\$18,180,889
Restricted	1,302,773	1,864,473	1,912,469	1,876,915	1,903,248	1,490,531	1,592,074	1,522,318	1,721,261	1,446,522
Unrestricted	<u>4,687,937</u>	<u>2,897,027</u>	<u>2,329,895</u>	<u>1,656,570</u>	<u>1,213,155</u>	<u>748,673</u>	<u>857,731</u>	<u>133,971</u>	<u>(7,372,812)</u>	<u>(6,908,253)</u>
Total governmental activities										
net position	<u>\$26,332,809</u>	<u>\$24,971,852</u>	<u>\$23,735,434</u>	<u>\$22,847,010</u>	<u>\$22,030,474</u>	<u>\$20,464,763</u>	<u>\$20,295,166</u>	<u>\$19,492,689</u>	<u>\$12,427,082</u>	<u>\$12,719,158</u>
Business-type Activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$15,321,964	\$15,584,724	\$15,270,921	\$15,251,603	\$17,188,580	\$17,189,653	\$18,312,253	\$19,838,664	\$20,899,184	\$20,641,887
Unrestricted	<u>9,432,418</u>	<u>9,310,193</u>	<u>9,272,685</u>	<u>9,886,493</u>	<u>10,465,958</u>	<u>10,597,432</u>	<u>11,227,830</u>	<u>11,183,342</u>	<u>9,870,326</u>	<u>12,257,836</u>
Total business-type activities										
net position	<u>\$24,754,382</u>	<u>\$24,894,916</u>	<u>\$24,543,606</u>	<u>\$25,138,096</u>	<u>\$27,654,538</u>	<u>\$27,787,085</u>	<u>\$29,540,083</u>	<u>\$31,022,006</u>	<u>\$30,769,510</u>	<u>\$32,899,723</u>
Primary Government:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$35,664,063	\$35,795,075	\$34,763,990	\$34,565,129	\$36,102,650	\$35,415,211	\$36,157,613	\$37,675,063	\$38,977,817	\$38,822,776
Restricted	1,302,773	1,864,473	1,912,469	1,876,915	1,903,248	1,490,531	1,592,074	1,522,318	1,721,261	1,446,522
Unrestricted	<u>14,120,355</u>	<u>12,207,220</u>	<u>11,602,580</u>	<u>11,543,063</u>	<u>11,679,114</u>	<u>11,346,106</u>	<u>12,085,562</u>	<u>11,317,314</u>	<u>2,497,515</u>	<u>5,349,583</u>
Total primary government										
net position	<u>\$51,087,192</u>	<u>\$49,866,769</u>	<u>\$48,279,040</u>	<u>\$47,985,106</u>	<u>\$49,685,012</u>	<u>\$48,251,848</u>	<u>\$49,835,249</u>	<u>\$50,514,695</u>	<u>\$43,196,592</u>	<u>\$45,618,881</u>

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Change in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)

Expenses:	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 2,030,667	\$ 1,810,131	\$ 1,880,470	\$ 1,898,069	\$ 2,025,069	\$ 1,864,278	\$ 1,896,606	\$ 1,864,038	\$ 2,121,703	\$ 2,061,727
Public safety	4,445,229	4,510,132	4,773,082	4,586,096	4,663,422	4,562,298	4,487,641	4,808,973	5,397,252	5,711,498
Public works	1,422,754	1,460,931	1,312,549	1,530,196	1,488,646	1,315,049	1,342,101	1,352,039	1,420,115	1,245,261
Economic and physical development	431,472	430,681	532,931	531,028	497,450	348,274	404,448	333,749	378,549	489,183
Environmental protection	1,131,470	1,198,004	1,194,004	1,133,471	1,067,913	1,173,121	1,120,857	1,010,361	759,807	750,577
Cultural and recreational	637,700	662,228	667,510	673,215	718,794	654,985	683,973	688,966	991,094	956,697
Interest on long-term debt	31,710	23,762	16,973	11,190	5,428	5,662	16,458	37,365	37,729	36,502
Total governmental activities	<u>10,131,001</u>	<u>10,095,868</u>	<u>10,377,520</u>	<u>10,363,265</u>	<u>10,466,722</u>	<u>9,923,668</u>	<u>9,952,085</u>	<u>10,095,491</u>	<u>11,106,249</u>	<u>11,251,446</u>
Business-type activities:										
Interest on long-term debt	1,053,796	983,268	911,725	827,061	760,216	663,840	312,468	296,382	200,965	158,795
Water and sewer	5,998,337	6,095,894	6,420,997	6,438,818	6,470,498	6,516,275	6,220,283	6,370,070	6,158,426	5,995,286
Electric	6,850,392	7,248,183	7,341,177	7,351,083	7,601,547	8,066,191	7,525,821	7,445,989	7,561,454	7,403,339
Total business-type activities	<u>13,902,524</u>	<u>14,327,344</u>	<u>14,673,899</u>	<u>14,616,961</u>	<u>14,832,261</u>	<u>15,246,306</u>	<u>14,058,572</u>	<u>14,112,442</u>	<u>13,920,845</u>	<u>13,557,420</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 24,033,525</u>	<u>\$ 24,423,213</u>	<u>\$ 25,051,419</u>	<u>\$ 24,980,226</u>	<u>\$ 25,298,983</u>	<u>\$ 25,169,974</u>	<u>\$ 24,010,658</u>	<u>\$ 24,207,933</u>	<u>\$ 25,027,094</u>	<u>\$ 24,808,865</u>
Program Revenues:										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Environmental protection	\$ 63,668	\$ 14,487	\$ 40,608	\$ 19,001	\$ 71,766	\$ 8,875	\$ 29,259	\$ 27,201	\$ 12,221	\$ 49,377
Cultural and recreational	89,218	93,470	98,702	96,676	91,302	120,945	116,764	169,179	177,133	127,134
Other	24,533	15,355	15,638	13,014	13,860	24,052	17,187	17,427	43,303	21,908
Operating grants and contributions	454,353	434,879	644,722	617,234	557,434	447,765	428,431	490,071	545,794	592,248
Capital grants and contributions	40,375	-	-	305,882	-	14,237	364,737	-	156,106	646,462
Total governmental activities	<u>672,147</u>	<u>558,191</u>	<u>799,670</u>	<u>1,051,807</u>	<u>734,362</u>	<u>615,874</u>	<u>956,378</u>	<u>703,878</u>	<u>934,557</u>	<u>1,437,129</u>
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services-Water and Sewer	7,072,445	7,972,746	8,186,402	8,384,249	8,380,928	8,434,290	8,393,729	8,011,313	8,056,185	7,660,499
Charges for services-Electric	6,186,496	6,457,194	6,681,363	7,204,066	7,677,848	7,943,099	7,793,578	7,918,630	7,913,749	8,162,947
Operating grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	1,674,563	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>13,258,941</u>	<u>14,429,940</u>	<u>14,867,765</u>	<u>15,588,315</u>	<u>17,733,339</u>	<u>16,377,389</u>	<u>16,187,307</u>	<u>15,929,943</u>	<u>15,969,934</u>	<u>15,823,446</u>
Total program revenues	<u>\$ 13,931,088</u>	<u>\$ 14,988,131</u>	<u>\$ 15,667,435</u>	<u>\$ 16,640,122</u>	<u>\$ 18,467,701</u>	<u>\$ 16,993,263</u>	<u>\$ 17,143,685</u>	<u>\$ 16,633,821</u>	<u>\$ 16,904,491</u>	<u>\$ 17,260,575</u>

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**Change in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net revenue (expense)										
Governmental activities	\$ (9,458,855)	\$ (9,537,677)	\$ (9,577,850)	\$ (9,311,458)	\$ (9,732,360)	\$ (9,307,794)	\$ (8,995,707)	\$ (9,391,613)	\$ (10,171,692)	\$ (9,814,317)
Business-type activities	(643,583)	102,596	193,865	971,353	2,901,078	1,131,083	2,128,735	1,817,502	2,049,089	2,266,026
Total net expense	<u>\$ (10,102,438)</u>	<u>\$ (9,435,081)</u>	<u>\$ (9,383,985)</u>	<u>\$ (8,340,105)</u>	<u>\$ (6,831,281)</u>	<u>\$ (8,176,711)</u>	<u>\$ (6,866,972)</u>	<u>\$ (7,574,112)</u>	<u>\$ (8,122,603)</u>	<u>\$ (7,548,290)</u>
General Revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,715,808	\$ 4,697,996	\$ 4,563,151	\$ 4,724,967	\$ 4,849,278	\$ 4,761,205	\$ 4,641,125	\$ 4,718,281	\$ 4,737,848	\$ 4,855,114
Other taxes and licenses	3,295,628	3,331,733	3,311,700	3,292,144	3,349,868	3,573,901	3,682,640	4,148,713	4,466,391	4,662,968
Unrestricted investment earnings	18,895	20,384	6,830	3,990	1,916	3,477	10,321	18,979	49,932	95,717
Other	18,759	126,607	71,951	11,235	320,657	56,808	86,953	(3,245)	8,048	87,525
Transfers	381,600	-	387,800	390,700	394,105	394,135	405,071	405,071	405,071	405,071
Extraordinary item	950,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>9,380,691</u>	<u>8,176,720</u>	<u>8,341,432</u>	<u>8,423,036</u>	<u>8,915,824</u>	<u>8,789,526</u>	<u>8,826,110</u>	<u>9,287,798</u>	<u>9,667,289</u>	<u>10,106,394</u>
Business-type activities:										
Unrestricted investment earnings	41,539	38,791	21,211	14,743	9,233	10,869	26,421	51,748	136,764	255,617
Other	11,100	(852)	-	(906)	236	(405,084)	2,914	17,744	(12,133)	13,641
Transfers	(381,600)	-	(387,800)	(390,700)	(394,105)	(394,135)	(405,071)	(405,071)	(405,071)	(405,071)
Total business-type activities	<u>(328,961)</u>	<u>37,939</u>	<u>(366,589)</u>	<u>(376,863)</u>	<u>(384,637)</u>	<u>(788,350)</u>	<u>(375,736)</u>	<u>(335,579)</u>	<u>(280,440)</u>	<u>(135,813)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 9,051,730</u>	<u>\$ 8,214,659</u>	<u>\$ 7,974,843</u>	<u>\$ 8,046,172</u>	<u>\$ 8,531,188</u>	<u>\$ 8,001,176</u>	<u>\$ 8,450,374</u>	<u>\$ 8,952,219</u>	<u>\$ 9,386,849</u>	<u>\$ 9,970,581</u>
Change in Net Position:										
Governmental activities	\$ (78,165)	\$ (1,360,957)	\$ (1,236,418)	\$ (888,422)	\$ (816,535)	\$ (518,268)	\$ (169,597)	\$ (103,815)	\$ (504,403)	\$ 292,076
Business-type activities	(972,544)	140,534	(172,724)	594,491	2,516,442	342,733	1,752,998	1,481,923	1,768,648	2,130,213
Total primary government	<u>\$ (1,050,709)</u>	<u>\$ (1,220,423)</u>	<u>\$ (1,409,142)</u>	<u>\$ (293,933)</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,906</u>	<u>\$ (175,535)</u>	<u>\$ 1,583,401</u>	<u>\$ 1,378,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,264,246</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,291</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Governmental Activities Tax Revenues By Source
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Property Tax	Rental Vehicle Tax	Sales Tax	Franchise Tax	Payment in lieu of Tax (1)	Payment in lieu of Tax (2)	Alcoholic Beverage Tax	Solid Waste Disposal Tax	Total
2010	\$4,715,808	\$ 12,519	\$2,125,810	\$ 888,871	\$ 17,209	\$ 381,600	\$ 16,140	\$ 7,810	8,165,767
2011	4,697,996	13,743	2,166,206	860,398	22,950	-	50,919	7,717	7,819,929
2012	4,563,151	16,399	2,138,139	849,492	25,552	387,800	45,667	7,375	8,033,575
2013	4,724,967	20,592	2,173,528	868,442	24,732	390,700	42,462	6,618	8,252,041
2014	4,849,278	19,622	2,264,938	808,761	22,651	394,105	45,873	5,899	8,411,127
2015	4,761,205	21,270	2,499,885	920,256	22,471	394,135	50,317	6,717	8,676,256
2016	4,641,125	16,000	2,644,526	873,432	21,216	405,071	46,286	5,900	8,653,556
2017	4,718,281	27,376	2,983,564	911,698	23,400	405,071	47,787	7,086	9,124,263
2018	4,737,848	26,362	3,155,789	895,540	28,545	405,071	46,076	7,250	9,302,481
2019	4,855,114	29,012	3,357,639	897,284	28,669	405,071	45,706	7,413	9,625,908

(1) Payment in lieu of tax from the Housing Authority

(2) Payment in lieu of tax from the Enterprise Funds

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Fund Balances, Governmental Funds-Pre GASB 54

Fiscal Year 2010

(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

(Unaudited)

	<u>2010</u>
General Fund:	
Reserved	\$ 2,340,260
Unreserved:	
Designated	1,724,750
Undesignated	<u>2,418,046</u>
	-
Total general fund	<u><u>\$ 6,483,056</u></u>
 All Other Governmental Funds:	
Unreserved, reported in:	
Special revenue funds	\$ 400,207
Capital projects funds	<u>-</u>
	-
Total all other governmental funds	<u><u>\$ 400,207</u></u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Fund Balances, Governmental Funds-GASB 54
Last Nine Fiscal Years
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Fund:									
Nonspendable:									
Inventories	\$ 184,545	\$ 149,779	\$ 144,390	\$ 134,268	\$ 22,880	\$ 14,316	\$ 5,828	\$ 14,396	\$ 10,598
Prepaid expenditures	53,192	57,049	53,022	55,321	58,524	57,490	44,437	33,207	50,587
Restricted:									
Stabilization by State Statute	580,149	644,443	635,842	686,430	633,776	695,340	827,256	1,045,057	1,006,402
Streets - Powell Bill	894,846	917,139	905,325	833,430	849,755	896,728	695,057	676,199	440,115
Public safety - Police	-	-	-	-	7,000	5	5	5	5
Assigned:									
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,617,555	1,784,060	1,443,059	1,547,057	1,405,541	1,050,000	785,301	765,470	237,000
Unassigned	<u>2,184,903</u>	<u>1,737,430</u>	<u>1,618,193</u>	<u>1,364,736</u>	<u>1,714,961</u>	<u>2,508,579</u>	<u>2,794,186</u>	<u>2,261,650</u>	<u>3,455,634</u>
 Total general fund	 <u>\$5,515,190</u>	 <u>\$5,289,900</u>	 <u>\$4,799,831</u>	 <u>\$4,621,242</u>	 <u>\$4,692,437</u>	 <u>\$5,222,459</u>	 <u>\$5,152,070</u>	 <u>\$4,795,984</u>	 <u>\$5,200,341</u>
 All Other Governmental Funds:									
Restricted:									
Economic development	\$ 389,478	\$ 350,887	\$ 362,848	\$ 383,128	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned:									
Subsequent year's expenditures	<u>47,800</u>	<u>43,950</u>	<u>16,850</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total all other governmental funds	 <u>\$ 437,278</u>	 <u>\$ 394,837</u>	 <u>\$ 379,698</u>	 <u>\$ 383,388</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>

GASB 54 implemented in 2011.

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**Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Modified Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,754,810	\$ 4,714,523	\$ 4,573,099	\$ 4,680,104	\$ 4,905,832	\$ 4,734,705	\$ 4,712,610	\$ 4,704,877	\$ 4,800,673	\$ 4,879,429
Other taxes and licenses	20,831	21,614	23,774	27,210	25,521	27,986	32,034	167,263	203,572	207,745
Unrestricted intergovernmental	3,325,324	3,351,667	3,397,305	3,398,765	3,379,348	3,601,858	3,709,323	4,109,375	4,387,039	4,584,284
Restricted intergovernmental	444,202	393,331	534,113	768,655	418,009	391,822	505,951	362,145	577,679	1,109,648
Permits and fees	24,532	15,355	15,638	13,014	25,768	27,756	32,559	35,394	44,632	45,786
Sales and services	152,886	107,957	139,310	115,676	166,235	142,760	149,132	199,336	210,912	179,758
Investment earnings	18,895	20,384	8,060	4,618	1,916	3,477	10,321	18,979	49,932	95,717
Miscellaneous	40,759	126,607	71,951	92,549	304,501	54,519	296,487	120,621	59,802	60,400
Total revenues	<u>8,782,239</u>	<u>8,751,438</u>	<u>8,763,250</u>	<u>9,100,592</u>	<u>9,227,129</u>	<u>8,984,882</u>	<u>9,448,416</u>	<u>9,717,989</u>	<u>10,334,241</u>	<u>11,162,766</u>
Expenditures:										
General government	1,400,247	1,188,057	1,165,808	1,248,570	1,392,411	1,355,882	1,327,589	1,293,767	1,572,754	1,607,558
Public safety	4,191,610	4,332,145	4,485,885	4,487,544	4,599,355	4,902,029	5,060,727	5,022,088	6,029,667	5,534,104
Public works	1,404,132	1,800,117	1,359,972	1,566,676	1,553,660	1,234,560	1,241,230	1,651,114	1,266,038	1,301,877
Economic and physical development	457,145	473,906	565,131	902,831	409,460	346,769	374,412	315,893	422,053	484,657
Environmental protection	1,171,102	1,098,170	1,102,472	1,065,771	980,682	1,099,891	1,519,010	873,584	580,802	593,203
Cultural and recreational	593,233	638,588	593,648	610,871	781,570	632,441	708,628	977,385	1,036,387	1,258,794
Debt service:										
Principal	151,474	151,540	94,126	97,658	67,134	89,200	271,078	404,726	435,016	357,078
Interest	31,710	23,762	16,973	11,190	5,428	5,662	12,229	37,591	38,714	37,410
Total expenditures	<u>9,400,652</u>	<u>9,706,284</u>	<u>9,384,015</u>	<u>9,991,112</u>	<u>9,789,700</u>	<u>9,666,434</u>	<u>10,514,903</u>	<u>10,576,148</u>	<u>11,381,430</u>	<u>11,174,683</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(618,412)</u>	<u>(954,846)</u>	<u>(620,765)</u>	<u>(890,520)</u>	<u>(562,571)</u>	<u>(681,552)</u>	<u>(1,066,487)</u>	<u>(858,158)</u>	<u>(1,047,189)</u>	<u>(11,916)</u>

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**Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Modified Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Transfers in	\$ 381,600	\$ -	\$ 387,800	\$ 390,700	\$ 394,105	\$ 394,135	\$ 405,071	\$ 405,071	\$ 405,071	\$ 405,071
Issuance of debt	-	-	-	-	-	470,000	1,200,000	391,186	275,589	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,875	15,000
Extraordinary item	950,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,331,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387,800</u>	<u>390,700</u>	<u>394,105</u>	<u>864,135</u>	<u>1,605,071</u>	<u>796,257</u>	<u>682,535</u>	<u>420,071</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 713,188</u>	<u>\$ (954,846)</u>	<u>\$ (232,965)</u>	<u>\$ (499,820)</u>	<u>\$ (168,466)</u>	<u>\$ 182,583</u>	<u>\$ 538,585</u>	<u>\$ (61,901)</u>	<u>\$ (364,654)</u>	<u>\$ 408,155</u>
Debt service as a percentage of non-capital project expenditures	2.1%	2.0%	1.2%	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	3.1%	4.7%	4.7%	3.8%

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Assessed Value of Taxable Property Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year	Assessed Value (1)				Property Tax Rate (Per \$100 Assessed Value)	Percent Increase in Value	Estimated Actual Taxable Value (4)	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
	Real Property	Personal Value(3)	Public Service Companies	Total				
2010	703,874,050	\$126,090,395	\$ 17,329,754	847,294,199	0.56	(0.4)%	\$ 868,663,317	97.54%
2011	704,250,623	120,213,019	20,881,247	845,344,889	0.56	(0.2)%	789,968,124	107.01%
2012 (2)	686,864,483	114,288,978	21,123,419	822,276,880	0.56	(2.7)%	833,360,576	98.67%
2013	702,066,213	125,389,496	21,180,272	848,635,981	0.56	3.2%	812,869,714	104.40%
2014	705,934,770	157,621,750	18,774,043	882,330,563	0.56	4.0%	845,954,519	104.30%
2015	706,398,383	134,664,090	19,126,151	860,188,624	0.56	(2.5)%	859,243,456	100.11%
2016 (2)	685,583,561	125,026,097	21,026,134	831,635,792	0.56	(3.3)%	831,552,837	100.01%
2017	702,208,297	125,357,003	23,533,271	851,098,571	0.56	2.3%	846,166,992	99.42%
2018	701,648,672	132,992,216	24,285,332	858,926,220	0.56	0.9%	870,315,305	98.41%
2019	715,613,213	137,747,098	25,290,939	878,651,250	0.56	2.3%	857,870,168	97.63%

Notes:

- (1) Assessed value is established by Lincoln County Assessor's office.
- (2) North Carolina General Statutes require that a reappraisal of real property be conducted every eight years. A revaluation of real property became effective for the fiscal year.
- (3) Includes vehicles. During 2014, the State of North Carolina began collecting vehicle taxes.
- (4) The estimated market value is calculated by dividing the assessed value by an assessment-to-sales ratio determined by the State Department of Revenue. The ratio is based on the actual property sales which took place for Lincoln County during the fiscal year.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Property Tax Rates - Direct and Overlapping Governments
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
City of Lincolnton	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.56</u>
Lincoln County	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.611</u>	<u>0.611</u>	<u>0.611</u>	<u>0.611</u>
Special District:										
East Lincoln Water and Sewer District	<u>0.0175</u>	<u>0.0175</u>	<u>0.0199</u>	<u>0.0355</u>	<u>0.0342</u>	<u>0.0342</u>	<u>0.0345</u>	<u>0.0000</u>	<u>0.0000</u>	<u>0.0000</u>
Fire Districts:										
Alexis	0.1050	0.1100	0.1100	0.1100	0.1100	0.1100	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165
Boger City	0.0700	0.0750	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0999	0.0999	0.0999	0.0999
Crouse	0.0600	0.0600	0.0609	0.0609	0.0609	0.0609	0.0640	0.0640	0.0640	0.0640
Denver	0.0968	0.0968	0.1099	0.1099	0.1099	0.1099	0.1125	0.1125	0.1150	0.1150
East Lincoln	0.0606	0.0606	0.0680	0.0785	0.0850	0.0850	0.0850	0.1125	0.0890	0.0890
Howards Creek	0.1000	0.1000	0.1050	0.1050	0.1150	0.1150	0.1203	0.1223	0.1223	0.1223
North Brook	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0800	0.0800	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000
North 321	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400
Pumpkin Center	0.0951	0.0951	0.0951	0.0951	0.1242	0.1242	0.1295	0.9700	0.9700	0.9700
South Fork	0.0910	0.0910	0.0910	0.0910	0.1236	0.1236	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250
Union	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.1250</u>	<u>0.1250</u>
	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.86</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>0.93</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.08</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>1.97</u>	<u>1.97</u>

Other Tax Data:

Tax rates are established on a per \$100 valuation basis and are levied on July 1, the first day of the fiscal year.

There is a State statutory tax rate limit of \$1.50 per hundred dollars valuation for operating expenses, but no limitation on the rate of tax, which may be levied for debt service.

The City has no financial responsibility for the public school system. It is funded through the County, State and Federal Government.

Lincoln County is an overlapping district of the East Lincoln Water and Sewer District.

Fire districts are overlapping of the County and the East Lincoln Water and Sewer District, but not of the City of Lincolnton.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Principal Property Taxpayers
Nine Years Ago and Current Year
(Unaudited)**

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Enterprise</u>	2019			2010		
		<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Wal-Mart Real Estate Business	Real Estate	\$ 13,599,830	1	1.55	\$ -	-	-
Griffin-American Healthcare REIT	Healthcare	13,288,362	2	1.51	-	-	-
Colonial Village of Linc, LLC	Apts/Real Estate	10,652,042	3	1.21	8,060,421	3	0.95
Lowes Home Centers, Inc.	Retail	10,336,115	4	1.18	12,165,482	2	1.44
Triangle Real Estate	Apts/Real Estate	9,391,393	5	1.07	-	-	-
Ingles Markets	Retail	8,693,034	6	0.99	-	-	-
The Oaks Apartments	Apts/Real Estate	6,009,178	7	0.68	-	-	-
T & T Investments	Real Estate	6,008,524	8	0.68	12,769,609	1	1.51
Archer Central Building, LLC	Real Estate	5,765,321	9	0.66	5,782,634	7	0.68
Provest Lincolnton Center, LLC	Retail	5,732,018	10	0.65	-	-	-
Bell South Telephone Company	Utility	-	-	-	6,956,462	5	0.82
Mohican Mills, Inc.	Textile	-	-	-	4,394,616	10	0.52
Robert Bosch Tool	Manufacturing	-	-	-	6,074,990	6	0.72
McMurray Fabrics	Textile	-	-	-	7,733,134	4	0.91
Leucadia	Real Estate	-	-	-	4,564,581	9	0.54
Duke Energy	Utility	-	-	-	4,948,192	8	0.58
Totals		<u><u>\$ 89,475,817</u></u>		<u><u>10.18</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 73,450,121</u></u>		<u><u>8.67</u></u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Total tax Levy for Fiscal Year	Current Year's Taxes Collected/Credited	Percentage of Levy Collected	Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections and Credits	Percentage of Total Tax Collections to Net Levy	Taxes Receivable Balance June 30 (1)
2010	4,752,808	\$ 4,649,531	97.8	\$ 91,713	4,741,244	99.8	11,564
2011	4,751,351	4,636,451	97.6	102,439	4,738,890	99.7	12,461
2012	4,609,731	4,483,921	97.3	110,425	4,594,346	99.7	15,385
2013	4,756,670	4,619,621	97.1	120,530	4,740,151	99.7	16,519
2014	4,941,052	4,819,616	97.5	99,050	4,918,666	99.5	22,386
2015	4,817,056	4,688,416	97.3	119,956	4,808,372	99.8	8,684
2016	4,657,160	4,577,654	98.3	70,126	4,647,780	99.8	9,380
2017	4,766,152	4,653,457	97.6	99,619	4,753,076	99.7	13,076
2018	4,813,332	4,723,012	98.1	49,768	4,772,780	99.2	40,552
2019	4,920,447	4,840,432	98.4	-	4,840,432	98.4	80,015

Notes:

(1) Includes current portion only of taxes receivable.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities			Total	Percentage of Personal	Per
	Installment Financing	Revenue Bonds	State Revolving Loan	Installment Financing	Primary Government	Income(1)	Capita(1)
2010	\$ 410,458	\$ 15,615,000	\$ 8,460,873	\$ -	\$ 24,486,331	6.44%	\$ 2,119
2011	258,918	14,475,000	7,903,414	-	22,637,332	6.44%	2,148
2012	164,792	13,280,000	7,329,956	-	20,774,748	5.98%	1,975
2013	67,134	12,040,000	6,740,040	-	18,847,173	5.24%	1,797
2014	-	10,750,000	6,133,193	-	16,883,192	4.40%	1,608
2015	380,800	9,479,000	5,508,929	-	15,368,728	3.78%	1,461
2016	1,309,722	7,968,000	4,866,749	-	14,144,472	3.34%	1,333
2017	1,296,182	6,428,000	4,240,000	-	11,964,183	2.51%	1,112
2018	1,136,755	4,861,000	3,543,000	-	9,540,756	2.10%	902
2019	779,678	3,265,000	2,829,000	2,470,015	9,343,693	2.10%	854

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

(1) See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Ratios of General Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Population(1)	Total Assessed Value	Gross Bonded Debt	Less: Debt Payable From Enterprise Revenues	Total General Bonded Debt	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value of Property	Per Capita
2010	11,553	\$ 847,294,199	\$ 15,615,000	\$ 15,615,000	-	-	-
2011	10,540	845,344,889	14,475,000	14,475,000	-	-	-
2012	10,517	822,276,880	13,280,000	13,280,000	-	-	-
2013	10,487	848,635,981	12,040,000	12,040,000	-	-	-
2014	10,498	882,330,563	10,750,000	10,750,000	-	-	-
2015	10,552	860,188,624	9,479,000	9,479,000	-	-	-
2016	10,612	831,635,792	7,968,000	7,968,000	-	-	-
2017	10,754	851,098,571	6,428,000	6,428,000	-	-	-
2018	10,578	858,926,220	4,861,000	4,861,000	-	-	-
2019	10,945	878,651,250	3,265,000	3,265,000	-	-	-

(1) North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA**Direct and Overlapping Government Activities Debt
June 30, 2019
(Unaudited)**

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt</u>
Debt repaid with property taxes:			
County of Lincoln	\$ 84,530,114	8.10%	<u>\$ 6,846,939</u>
Subtotal, overlapping debt			6,846,939
City of Lincolnton direct debt			<u>779,678</u>
Total direct and overlapping debt			<u><u>\$ 7,626,617</u></u>

Note: The percentage of overlapping debt is based on the June 30, 2019 assessed valuation of the County of Lincoln of \$10,650,000,000 as compared to the June 30, 2019 assessed valuation for the City of Lincolnton of \$878,651,250.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Legal Debt Margin Information Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assessed value of taxable property	<u>\$847,294,199</u>	<u>\$845,344,889</u>	<u>\$822,276,880</u>	<u>\$848,635,981</u>	<u>\$882,330,563</u>	<u>\$860,188,624</u>	<u>\$831,635,792</u>	<u>\$851,098,571</u>	<u>\$858,926,220</u>	<u>\$878,651,250</u>
Debt limit, 8% of assessed value (statutory limitation)	<u>\$ 67,783,536</u>	<u>\$ 67,627,591</u>	<u>\$ 65,782,150</u>	<u>\$ 67,890,878</u>	<u>\$ 70,586,445</u>	<u>\$ 68,815,090</u>	<u>\$ 66,530,863</u>	<u>\$ 68,087,886</u>	<u>\$ 68,714,098</u>	<u>\$ 70,292,100</u>
Debt applicable to limit:										
General obligation bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Amount set aside for repayment of general obligation debt	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net debt applicable to limit	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Legal debt margin	<u>\$ 67,783,536</u>	<u>\$ 67,627,591</u>	<u>\$ 65,782,150</u>	<u>\$ 67,890,878</u>	<u>\$ 70,586,445</u>	<u>\$ 68,815,090</u>	<u>\$ 66,530,863</u>	<u>\$ 68,087,886</u>	<u>\$ 68,714,098</u>	<u>\$ 70,292,100</u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note: NC Statute GS 159-55 limits the City's outstanding debt to 8% of the appraised value of property subject to taxation.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Bond Coverage
Combined Enterprise System Bonds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Available for Debt Service	Less Expenses	Income Available for Debt Service	Total Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Coverage
2010	7,088,173	\$ 3,981,988	\$ 3,106,185	\$ 2,609,438	\$ 1,635,000	\$ 974,438	1.19
2011	7,990,029	4,135,944	3,854,085	2,601,370	1,697,459	903,911	1.48
2012	8,194,878	4,486,488	3,708,390	2,600,825	1,768,458	832,367	1.43
2013	8,390,074	4,583,075	3,806,999	2,597,647	1,829,916	767,731	1.47
2014	10,059,186	4,702,685	5,356,501	2,597,732	1,896,847	700,885	2.06
2015	8,445,905	4,769,117	3,676,788	2,485,103	1,895,263	589,840	1.48
2016	8,416,097	4,485,512	3,930,585	2,465,652	2,153,184	312,468	1.59
2017	8,061,581	4,617,328	3,444,253	6,703,132	6,406,750	296,382	0.51
2018	8,161,071	4,537,616	3,623,455	2,464,965	2,264,000	200,965	1.47
2019	7,850,776	4,338,029	3,512,747	2,468,796	2,310,000	158,796	1.42

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.
Operating expenses do not include interest, depreciation or PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes).

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Population(1)	Personal Income (Amounts Expressed in Thousands)	Per Capita Personal Income(2)	Median Age(1)	School Enrollment(3)	Unemployment Rate (%) (4)
2010	11,553	\$ 380,232	\$ 32,912	39.3	11,757	12.2
2011	10,540	351,773	33,375	38.9	11,571	11.5
2012	10,517	347,366	33,029	41.1	11,655	10.4
2013	10,487	359,442	34,275	41.5	11,447	9.8
2014	10,498	384,016	36,580	42.0	11,589	8.3
2015	10,522	406,301	38,614	42.0	11,646	5.9
2016	10,612	423,938	39,949	38.5	11,503	4.7
2017	10,754	436,515	40,591	42.0	11,503	3.8
2018	10,578	475,593	44,961	43.0	11,441	3.5
2019	10,945	-	-	43.0	11,443	4.1

Data Sources

(1) North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management, U.S. Census Bureau

(2) State Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

(3) School District

(4) North Carolina Employment Security Commission

Information not available for 2019 personal income and per capita personal income.

Note: Separate data for the City is not available except for the population amounts, Lincoln County data was provided. Personal income information is a total for the previous year. Unemployment rate information is an adjusted yearly average. School enrollment is based on the census at the start of the school year.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Principal Employers Current Year and Nine Years Ago (Unaudited)

<u>Employer</u>	2019			2010		
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u>
Lincoln County Schools	1,525	1	3.52%	1,570	1	3.91%
Atrium Health	830	2	1.91%	717	3	1.79%
RSI Home Products	773	3	1.78%	570	6	1.42%
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	750	4	1.73%	637	5	1.59%
Lincoln County Government	725	5	1.67%	753	2	1.88%
The Timken Company	641	6	1.48%	650	4	1.62%
Julius Blum, Inc.	428	7	0.99%	370	7	0.92%
Robert Bosch Tool Corporation	396	8	0.91%	183	15	0.46%
Cataler North America	383	9	0.88%	200	12	0.50%
VT LeeBoy, Inc.	304	10	0.70%	190	13	0.47%
Medline	275	11	0.63%	174	16	0.43%
United Technologies	237	12	0.55%	310	8	0.77%
G & W	235	13	0.54%			
State of North Carolina	130	14	0.30%	189	14	0.47%
Total	<u>7,632</u>		<u>17.59%</u>	<u>6,513</u>		<u>16.23%</u>
Total Civilian Labor Force	<u>43,368</u>			<u>40,156</u>		

Sources: Lincoln Economic Development Association
North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Employment Security
Telephone survey by Lincoln County Finance Department

Note: Separate Data for the City is not available, Lincoln County data was provided.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Full-Time Equivalent City Government Employees By Function Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Function										
General Government										
City Manager	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3
Human resources	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2
Finance	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8
Public Safety										
Police										
Officers	31	30	27	30	31	31	31	33	33	33
Civilians	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Fire										
Firefighters and officers	21	21	24	21	22	21	21	22	23	26
Civilians	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Works										
Public works	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Street	12	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	11
Equipment services	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	-	-
Environmental Protection										
Solid waste	13	13	13	12	12	12	13	13	11	11
General services-cemetery	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	-	-
Economic and Physical Development										
Planning and zoning	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3
Business and community development	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Cultural and Recreational										
Parks and recreation	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7
Water and Sewer										
Water treatment plant	10	9	10	9	9	9	10	10	10	10
Distribution and collection	12	12	12	11	13	13	11	11	11	11
Waste water treatment plant	9	9	9	8	8	8	9	9	9	9
Electric	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	<u>155</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>152</u>

Source: Finance Department's payroll record

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**Operating Indicators By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Public Safety										
Police										
Physical arrests	1,836	1,448	1,580	1,588	1,500	1,505	1,330	1,243	1,308	652
Parking violations	243	82	63	74	68	79	61	150	843	477
Traffic violations	1,339	798	707	1,183	1,366	1,727	2,359	1,830	1,667	1,357
Fire										
Number of calls answered	1,802	1,975	1,983	2,013	2,016	2,164	2,185	2,212	2,294	2,259
Inspections	636	698	615	598	526	597	344	301	297	243
Public Works - Highways and streets										
Street resurfacing (miles)	0.92	0.82	0.22	0.95	0.98	0.98	1.03	2.24	1.57	1.80
Potholes repaired	30	29	37	41	39	42	39	83	83	196
Environmental Protection										
Refuse collected (tons/day)	32.39	33.08	29.98	31.13	31.01	30.33	27.88	26.56	22.82	18.91
Recyclables collected (tons/day)	0.95	0.99	2.62	0.82	0.89	1.07	1.04	1.10	1.03	0.69
Cultural and Recreational (1)										
Youth sports participants	494	584	698	932	1,075	1,228	1,209	1,157	1,281	1,396
Youth camps/clinics participants	261	301	286	235	170	235	179	199	2,121	1,634
Open gym participants	10,139	12,511	12,703	13,118	4,072	10,099	7,827	9,846	15,219	15,229
Swimming pool participants	12,167	12,404	12,467	11,672	6,826	10,825	11,045	7,767	9,686	8,101
Other programs participants	4,029	3,440	5,015	5,196	4,125	5,305	3,992	3,435	3,885	5,531
Special events	16	22	26	26	13	19	23	23	27	25
Special events participants	6,613	5,992	7,399	7,935	4,456	6,427	6,971	3,435	6,750	6,101
Recreation program participants	33,703	35,232	38,568	39,088	20,724	34,109	34,223	28,791	38,942	37,992
Facility and ball field rentals	2,681	2,682	2,848	2,587	727	2,570	2,911	2,952	2,843	1,862

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**Operating Indicators By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Water										
New connections	16	12	20	12	9	18	12	14	12	34
Water main breaks	27	31	42	21	20	20	31	18	23	22
Average daily consumption (thousands of gallons)	2,890	3,000	2,810	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,689	2,424	2,295
Wastewater										
New connections	19	5	19	9	7	10	5	14	9	25
Average daily sewage treatment (thousands of gallons)	2,588	2,390	2,390	2,357	2,650	2,075	2,390	1,760	1,700	1,760
Electric										
New connections	13	4	6	9	5	15	4	23	9	6

Sources: Various City departments.

Note: Indicators are not available for general government function.

(1) Flood on July 28, 2013, resulted in a lower number of participants in 2014.

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**Capital Asset Statistics By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Function										
Public Safety										
Police										
Stations	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Patrol units	24	25	25	25	25	34	37	38	38	38
Fire stations	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Public Works - Highways and streets										
Streets (miles)	58.65	60.03	60.03	59.90	59.90	59.90	59.90	60.15	60.15	60.15
Streetlights	979	979	979	981	981	981	981	981	981	981
Traffic signals	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Environmental Protection										
Refuse collection trucks	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Cultural and Recreational										
Number of parks	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Park acreage	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	89.37	89.37
Number of parks with trail systems	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Park trail mileage	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Number of greenways	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Greenway mileage	1	1	1	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Number of ball fields	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Number of soccer fields	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

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**Capital Asset Statistics By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Water										
Water mains (miles)	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	260
Fire hydrants	717	717	717	717	717	717	717	717	717	717
Maximum daily capacity (thousands of gallons)	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Sewer										
Sanitary sewers (miles)	225.75	225.75	225.75	225.75	229.00	229.00	229.00	229.00	229.00	229.00
Storm sewers (miles)(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maximum daily treatment capacity (thousands of gallons)	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Electric										
Number of distribution stations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Miles of services lines	74.5	75.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0

Sources: Various city departments.

Note: No capital asset indicators are available for general government function.

(1) Not under Phase I or II storm water regulations-miles unknown.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Water Sold By Type Of Customer Last Ten Fiscal Years (in millions of gallons) (Unaudited)

Type of Customer	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Residential	232.5	222.8	217.1	216.9	210.8	198.1	214.7	215.9	213.5	228.8
Industrial	1.8	2.6	3.7	3.9	4.9	4.0	18.2	20.2	18.3	82.6
Industrial/Textile (1)	412.4	422.3	418.6	438.6	363.6	308.8	227.1	167.7	132.0	67.5
Commerical	147.1	155.1	148.1	148.0	111.1	108.5	107.7	106.4	107.6	124.9
Institutional (3)	-	-	-	-	33.2	37.9	38.7	38.0	39.1	37.4
Other Local Governments (2)	12.2	13.2	77.4	63.6	65.7	19.8	116.3	187.7	194.3	193.3
Military	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Government	<u>35.8</u>	<u>20.7</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>10.4</u>	<u>9.5</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>7.6</u>	<u>8.7</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>7.5</u>
Total	<u>841.8</u>	<u>836.7</u>	<u>873.3</u>	<u>881.4</u>	<u>798.8</u>	<u>684.5</u>	<u>730.4</u>	<u>744.7</u>	<u>713.4</u>	<u>742.1</u>
Total direct rate per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$ 3.59</u>	<u>\$ 3.92</u>	<u>\$ 3.88</u>	<u>\$ 3.99</u>	<u>\$ 4.31</u>	<u>\$ 4.99</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$ 4.81</u>	<u>\$ 4.90</u>	<u>\$ 4.90</u>

Source: City of Lincolnton, Utility Billing Office

(1) 2010-First year of segregating Industrial Customers into two

(2) 2010-First year of segregating Other Local Governments

(3) 2014-First year of segregating water sold to customers classified as Institutional category.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Sewer Sold By Type Of Customer Last Ten Fiscal Years (in millions of gallons) (Unaudited)

Type of Customer	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Residential	171.6	163.2	161.3	161.6	158.9	161.6	157.6	158.9	158.7	175.2
Industrial	45.1	52.9	56.4	55.5	54.7	55.2	63.8	58.8	52.9	125.1
Industrial/Textile (1)	391.8	405.5	380.5	415.5	350.0	267.9	195.2	137.7	116.4	67.5
Commerical	130.8	132.6	125.1	128.5	99.3	94.4	91.8	93.1	97.2	116.2
Institutional (2)	-	-	-	-	30.0	33.3	28.9	30.5	32.8	31.7
Military	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Government	<u>34.7</u>	<u>19.6</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>9.3</u>	<u>8.7</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>7.6</u>
Total	<u>774.0</u>	<u>773.8</u>	<u>731.1</u>	<u>770.4</u>	<u>701.6</u>	<u>619.5</u>	<u>544.7</u>	<u>487.4</u>	<u>466.6</u>	<u>523.4</u>
Total direct rate per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$ 5.47</u>	<u>\$ 5.96</u>	<u>\$ 6.25</u>	<u>\$ 6.33</u>	<u>\$ 6.87</u>	<u>\$ 7.57</u>	<u>\$ 8.60</u>	<u>\$ 9.00</u>	<u>\$ 9.00</u>	<u>\$ 9.00</u>

Source: City of Lincolnton, Utility Billing Office

(1) 2010-First year of segregating Industrial Customers into two categories.

(2) 2014-First year of segregating sewer sold to customers classified as Institutional category.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Water and Sewer Rates
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Water</u>		<u>Sewer</u>	
	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Gallons</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Gallons</u>
2010	11.74	3.16	17.58	5.23
2011	13.09	3.52	19.60	5.83
2012	13.62	3.67	20.39	6.07
2013	14.16	3.82	21.21	6.31
2014	14.73	3.97	22.06	6.56
2015	15.32	4.57	22.94	6.82
2016	16.71	4.52	22.94	7.47
2017	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40
2018	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40
2019	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40

Note: Rates are based on 5/8" meter, which is the standard household meter size.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

**Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Over
Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other
Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements
Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

**Independent Auditors' Report On Compliance For Each Major
State Program And On Internal Control Over Compliance
Required By The Uniform Guidance And The State Single
Audit Implementation Act**

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**Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements
Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

To the Honorable Mayor and the
Members of the City Council
City of Lincolnton, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2019. The financial statements of the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority and the City of Lincolnton ABC Board were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies. Items 2019-001 and 2019-002.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

City of Lincolnton North Carolina's Response to Findings

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

Lowdermilk Church & Co., L.L.P.

Morganton, North Carolina
December 11, 2019

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**Independent Auditors' Report On Compliance For Each Major State Program
And On Internal Control Over Compliance Required By The Uniform Guidance
And The State Single Audit Implementation Act**

To the Honorable Mayor and the
Members of the City Council
City of Lincolnton, North Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

We have audited the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Lincolnton's major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2019. The City of Lincolnton's major State programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and responses.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with State statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its State awards applicable to its State programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City of Lincolnton's major State programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and applicable sections of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) as described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina* and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City of Lincolnton's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Lincolnton's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major State Program

In our opinion, the City of Lincolnton complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed one instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with applicable sections of the Uniform Guidance as described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items, 2019-002. Our opinion on each major State program is not modified with respect to these matters.

The City of Lincolnton's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The City of Lincolnton's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Lincolnton is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City of Lincolnton's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major State program, and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Lincolnton's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. However, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and response as item 2019-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

The City of Lincolnton's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The City of Lincolnton's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance, and the results of that testing, based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Lowfennick Church & Co., L.L.P.

Morganton, North Carolina
December 11, 2019

**Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results**Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ <u>X</u> yes	_____ none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no
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Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no
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Identification of major federal programs:

None

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs	\$750,000
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no
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**Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

State Awards

Internal control over major State programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?	<u> </u>	<u> X </u> no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u> none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major State programs:	Unmodified
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Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u> no
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Identification of major State programs:

Program Name

N. C. Department of Transportation - Non-State System Street Aid Allocation "Powell Bill"

Section II. Financial Statement Findings**Finding : 2019-001**

Significant Deficiency

Compensation Not Being Reported

Criteria: Compensation needs to be reported in accordance with IRS regulations.

Condition: The City is providing a travel allowance to some employees under a non-accountable plan and not being reported as compensation.

Effect: The City is not in compliance with the IRS reporting of compensation to individuals.

Recommendation: Amounts received under a non-accountable plan should be included in the employee's W-2 wages and are subject to payroll taxes.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective action: The City agrees with this finding. Please refer to corrective action plan on page 138.

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Responses

None reported.

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Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Section IV. State Award Findings and Responses.

N. C. Department of Transportation

Program Names: Non-State System Street-Aid Allocation Powell Bill

Finding: 2019-002

Significant Deficiency

Activities Allowed or Unallowed

Criteria: N. C. G. S. 136-41.3 and 136-41.4 provide the purposes for which the Powell Bill funds may be expended.

Condition: Powell Bill funds were expended for two non-allowable expenses.

Effect: The City was not in compliance with N. C. G. S. 136-41.3 and 136-41.4. However, the City had additional allowable expenses paid with non Powell Bill funds. The City used these additional allowable expenses to offset the non-allowable expenses. Therefore, there was no effect on the total amount of Powell Bill expenses. The Powell Bill report was amended after year end to reflect these changes.

Cause: Non-allowable expenses were spent in error.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City review the activities allowed or unallowed under N. C. G. S. 136-41.3 and 136-41.4 before expending Powell Bill funds.

View of responsible officials

and planned corrective action: The City agrees with this finding. Please refer to corrective action plan on page 138.

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**Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2019-001:

Name of contact person: Steve Zickefoose, City Manager

Corrective action: Effective December, 2019, the City will give employees that are receiving a travel allowance two options for reimbursement. Employees will be issued a 1099 for 2019 for travel allowance that cannot be substantiated.

Option 1 - Receive the monthly travel allowance through payroll. Federal and State taxes would be deducted. No mileage logs are required. Allowance can be included as part of miscellaneous itemized deductions for tax purposes.

Option 2 - Receive the monthly travel allowance through accounts payable. Federal and State taxes would not be deducted. Employee must submit a mileage log for business travel to substantiate the allowance. Miles driven X 58 cents per mile must equal the allowance, or the difference will be included as W-2 wages.

Proposed completion date: December 2019

Section III. State Award Findings

Finding 2019-002:

Name of contact person: Steve Zickefoose, City Manager

Corrective action: The City will review future activities allowed and unallowed under N. C. G. S. 136-41.3 and 136-41.4 before expending Powell Bill funds.

Proposed completion date: December 2019.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Finding: 2018-001

Status: Corrected

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

<u>Grantor/Passthrough Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal (Direct & Pass-through) Expenditures</u>	<u>State Expenditures</u>	<u>Local Expenditures</u>
Federal Grants:					
Cash Programs:					
<u>U. S. Environmental Protection Agency</u>					
Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup					
Cooperative Agreements	66.818		\$ 91,011	\$ -	\$ -
<u>U. S. Department of Transportation</u>					
Passed-through the N. C. Department of Transportation					
Highway Research and Planning Program	20.205	C-56061	26,534	-	6,634
<u>U. S. Department of Homeland Security</u>					
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)	97.083		<u>18,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,304</u>
Total assistance - federal programs			<u>136,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$12,938</u>
State Grants:					
Cash Assistance:					
<u>N. C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources</u>					
Legislatively Directed Programs - Special Appropriation			-	255,878	-
<u>N. C. Office of the State Budget and Management</u>					
Special Appropriation		5765-Q	-	202,917	-
<u>N. C. Department of Transportation</u>					
Powell Bill			<u>-</u>	<u>554,152</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assistance - state programs			<u>-</u>	<u>1,012,947</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assistance			<u>\$136,456</u>	<u>\$1,012,947</u>	<u>\$12,938</u>

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**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards:**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of the City of Lincolnton under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of Lincolnton, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City of Lincolnton.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable, or are limited, as to reimbursement.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

The City of Lincolnton has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimus indirect cost as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.