

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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CITY COUNCIL

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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 Annual Comprehensive 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 six 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, 2025, 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, 2025. 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 12,790. 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 environment. This report includes all of the City’s activities in delivering and administrating 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, kitchen cabinets & accessories, motor vehicle parts, and textiles, as well as several financial institutions, restaurants, and real estate related businesses. 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 high of 11.5 percent (2011) to a decade low of 3.0 percent (2022). The unemployment rate as of June 30, 2025, was 3.5 percent. This rate is lower than the State’s rate of 3.7 percent and lower than the national rate of 4.1 percent. Lincolnton has followed the same pattern as the State during the economic cycles.

Numerous businesses opened in Lincolnton, including: The Pickle Fetich Co., Gimmie Par Golf & Social, Loom & Loft, Fairway Leathers, Standing in the Gap Ministries, Cowboy Killer Company, Black Tie Events, and Break Out & Smash.

The Lincoln Economic Development Association stated that Lincoln County has seen three years of record growth until fiscal year 24/25 which was due to the uncertainty in the market plus the prior year's growth had to be finished by industry across the nation. Another surge is expected in the near future due to several expansions to be announced later.

The large number of expansions announced in the past three years has seen new construction with new jobs now being added. Bosch, for example, has moved into their new 335,000 square foot facility in the Indian Creek Industrial Park, as has GNEM in the Denver area, Wanzl in their new facility by GNEM, and Active Concepts moved into their expansion last summer. SG Seating continues to grow at the facility on Generals Boulevard while Huber Technology, ST Engineering LeeBoy, and United Plate Glass have occupied their new expansions over the past year. The following is a list of this growth over the past three years:

Huber Technology	August	Exp. Fac. & Equipment	\$39,500,000
Kirk & Matz	August	Expansion	\$775,000
Race City Steel	August	New Facility & Equipment	\$5,600,000
Cataler North America	August	Expansion	\$16,397,801
ST Engineering LeeBoy	October	Expansion	\$7,000,000
Blum	October	Expansion	\$15,023,584
United Plate Glass	March	Expansion	\$5,035,000
Kaco	March	Expansion	\$1,500,000
Timken	April	Expansion	\$1,500,000
Fiscal Year 22-23			\$92,331,385
SG Seating	September	New Facility & Equipment	\$6,629,000
Cataler North American	October	Expansion	\$18,198,289
Sennebogen	October	Exp. Fax. & Equipment	\$11,800,000
Wanzl	November	New Facility & Equipment	\$17,050,000
Bosch	November	New Facility & Equipment	\$227,513,000
Green New Energy Materials	April	New Facility & Equipment	\$80,000,000
Fiscal Year 23-24			\$361,190,289
Spantek	February	Equipment Expansion	\$3,850,000
Fiscal Year 24-25			\$3,850,000

During the past five years, the government's expenses related to public safety have increased in amount and also increased as a percentage of total expense (a five-year increase of 53.58 to 59.86 percent). The increase reflects increases in salary and benefits and capital outlay.

During this same five-year period, charges for services have remained fairly constant as a percentage of total revenue (a five-year increase of .76 to 2.03 percent). The reason for this relatively small decrease 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 64.63 percent of total general fund expenditures, which is above the required amount of 8 percent set by the State of North Carolina. As a demonstration of the City's commitment to financial planning and fiscal health, the unreserved, unassigned fund balance in the general fund was \$12,039,995.

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

Public Service Center: The City purchased the Excel Textile Supply Company building and surrounding land in November 2022. This purchase is the initial phase for the City's PSC/Substation project to centralize Public Works and establish another substation for the City's electric services for future growth. This project is projected to have a minimum of three phases. Phase I – purchase of building/land (\$1.3M); Phase II – PSC architectural services with current expenditures of \$153,222.33; Phase III – substation design and construction.

City Park Redevelopment: The City contracted with McGill & Associates to facilitate the City Park Redevelopment project. This project is a multi-year endeavor to add to the City's Parks and Greenways. The City will be utilizing funding from various sources to pay for this project, which is estimated to cost \$4.1M. To assist with this project, the City was awarded \$500,000 from the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Matching Grants. The City will also use ARPA funds for this project in addition to other funding resources that become available. The City sought input from the community, and those ideas were presented to City Council for approval.

HVAC Units-City Hall: The City invested in 3 roof top units at City Hall FY2425. This project was managed by the Lincoln County Maintenance Department with Trane U.S. Inc out of Charlotte. Completion was in October 2024. No financing was needed for this project.

Ford Property-202 N. Poplar Street, 216 N. Poplar Street, and adjacent lot (Parcels 20410, 20411, & 20412): The City purchased the remaining "Ford Property" across from First Federal Park from Ms. Ann Davis Ford in the amount of \$502,114.32. The current plans for this capital expenditure are to expand First Federal Park in conjunction with the Ford Property purchased in FY2324 for the City of Lincoln. Demolition of the buildings has not been scheduled for the expansion. Therefore, no completion date has been set.

HVAC Units-Betty Ross Recreational Center: The City invested in 5 new Heat Pump Package Units for the Recreational Center at Betty Ross in the amount of \$88,300. This work was performed by GSM Commercial HVAC in Gastonia, NC. No financing was needed for this project and was completed in July 2024.

Solid Waste Department-2 International Leaf Trucks: The City invested in two (2) 2005 International Leaf Trucks in October of 2024. These trucks were purchased from One Source Trucks LLC in Burkeville, Virginia in the amount of \$79,676.58. Capital funding was budgeted for FY2425 in the amount of \$300,000 for a new automated leaf truck. No financing was needed for this project.

Water Treatment Plant Department: The City invested in numerous projects at the Water Treatment Plant. Projects – (1) Rooftop Daiken 10 Ton Conventional Heat Pump installed by Reinhardt Heating and Air from Gastonia, NC in the amount of \$21,154.21; (2) Decant Pump replacement (HOMA AMS434 Pump) installed by Charles R. Underwood from Sanford, NC in the amount of \$13,574.45; (3) Monitor AMI Turbiwell w/ LED AC from Swan Analytical Instruments in the amount of \$24,314.00; and (4) Axis Cameras (to view front & back of building, Chlorine filling tanks) installed by KNC Technologies from Winston-Salem, NC in the amount of \$19,980.22. No financing was needed for these projects.

Distribution & Collection Department: The City invested in numerous infrastructure projects related to the distribution and collection of water and sewer. Projects – (1) Hwy 27-Highland View Lift station Panel installed by Sanford Electrical Contractors from Sanford, NC in the amount of \$49,287.25; (2) S. Cedar Sewer line and manholes installed by Willis Contracting, Inc from Lincolnton in the amount of \$132,645.00; (3) Rhyne Mills Lift station Canilever Weil Pump installed by Charles R. Underwood from Sanford, NC in the amount of \$28,926.30; (4) Periwinkle Lift station Pump from Dixie Electro Mechanical Services, Inc in the amount of \$10,046.25; (5) McBee Lift station Pump from Dixie Electro Mechanical Services, Inc in the amount of \$7,467.00; and (6) Betty Ross Lift station Pump installed by Charles R. Underwood from Sanford, NC in the amount of \$27,021.00. No financing was needed for these projects.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Department: The City invested in several equipment projects and an infrastructure project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Projects – (1) SCADA equipment and system upgrades in the amount of \$19,118.12; (2) Kubota 72” Diesel Tractor/Mower purchased from Parker Farm Service in Kings Mountain, NC in the amount of \$29,819.17; (3) #1 Main Influent Pump Discharge Valves installed by Charles R. Underwood from Sanford, NC in the amount of \$53,222.90; and (4) Blower Building Centrifugal Blowers #1 & #2 installation by Sanford Electrical Contractors from Sanford, NC in the amount of \$26,107.66. No financing was needed for these projects.

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

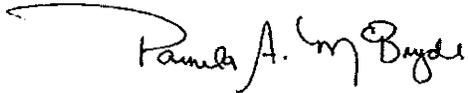
The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Lincolnton for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This was the thirty-fifth consecutive year that Lincolnton has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the government had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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 twenty-third year in a row. Awards are given to water systems that demonstrate outstanding turbidity and microbial removal; two important factors 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 not have 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela A. McBryde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line above the first few letters.

Pamela A. McBryde
Finance Director

November 21, 2025



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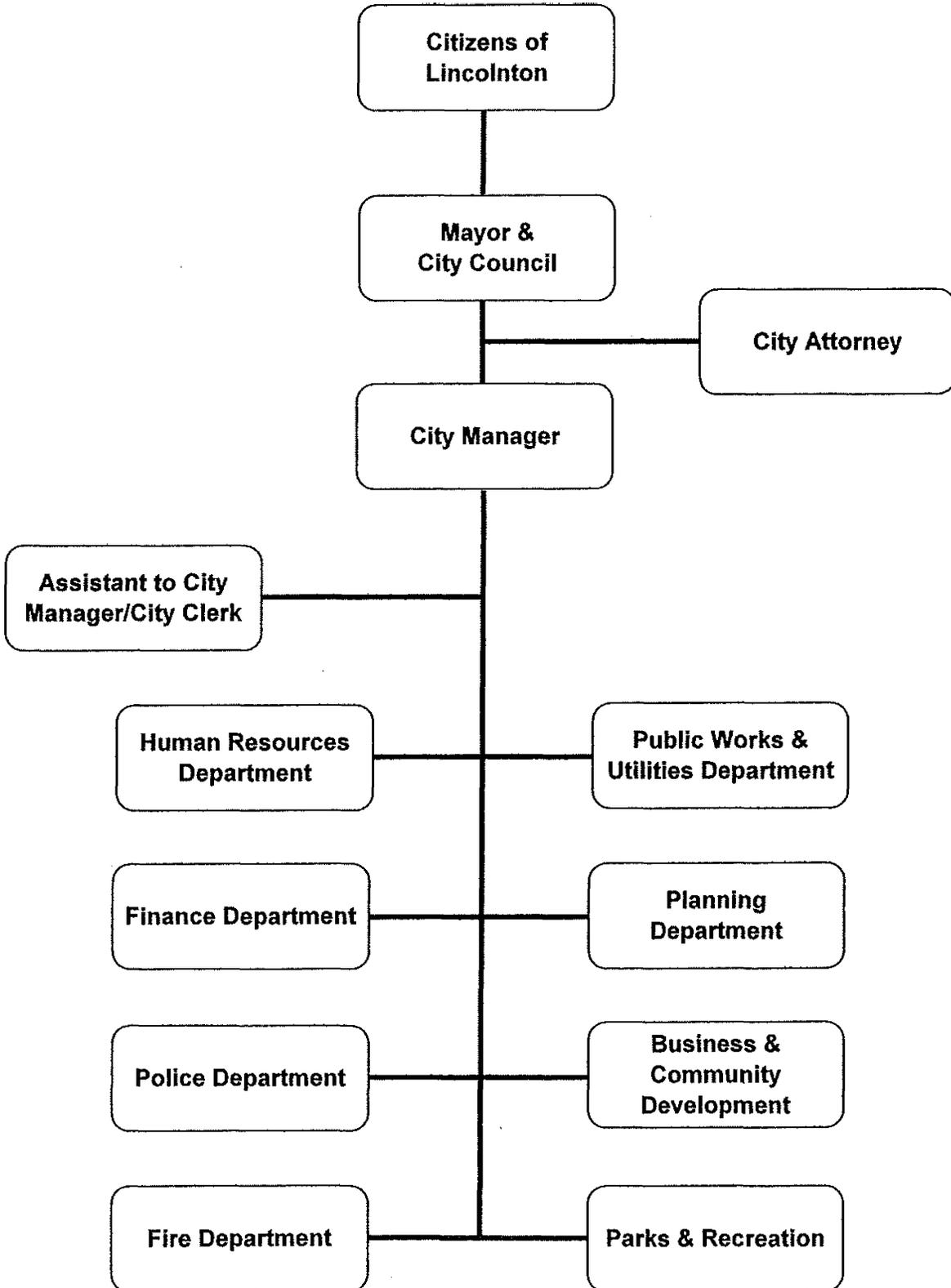
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June 30, 2024

Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director/CEO

City of Lincolnton
Department Organizational Chart



CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

June 30, 2025

Mayor & City Council

Mayor	Edward L. Hatley, Jr.
Ward I Mayor Pro-Tem	Kevin Demeny
Ward II	Mark Johnson
Ward III	Jill Tipton
Ward IV	Roby D. Jetton

City Administration

City Manager	Richard Haynes
Assistant City Manager	Scott Clark
Finance Director	Pamela McBryde
Assistant to City Manager/City Clerk	Daphne Ingram
Human Resources Director	Tanya Osborne
Police Chief	Brian Greene
Fire Chief	Ryan Heavner
Business Services Director	David Ramsey
Water Resources Director	Todd Elmore
Electric Operations Director	Brent Turner
Planning & Development Director	Jean Derby
Public Services Director	Nathan Eurey
Technology & Innovation Director	Chris Jones

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Independent Auditors' Report

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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, 2025, 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.

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, 2025, 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.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions. The financial statements of City of Lincolnton ABC Board and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Responsibilities of Management for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions, 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 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary 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 accompanying individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 21, 2025, 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City 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 City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Morganton, North Carolina
November 21, 2025

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, 2025. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with the additional information that we have furnished in the City's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

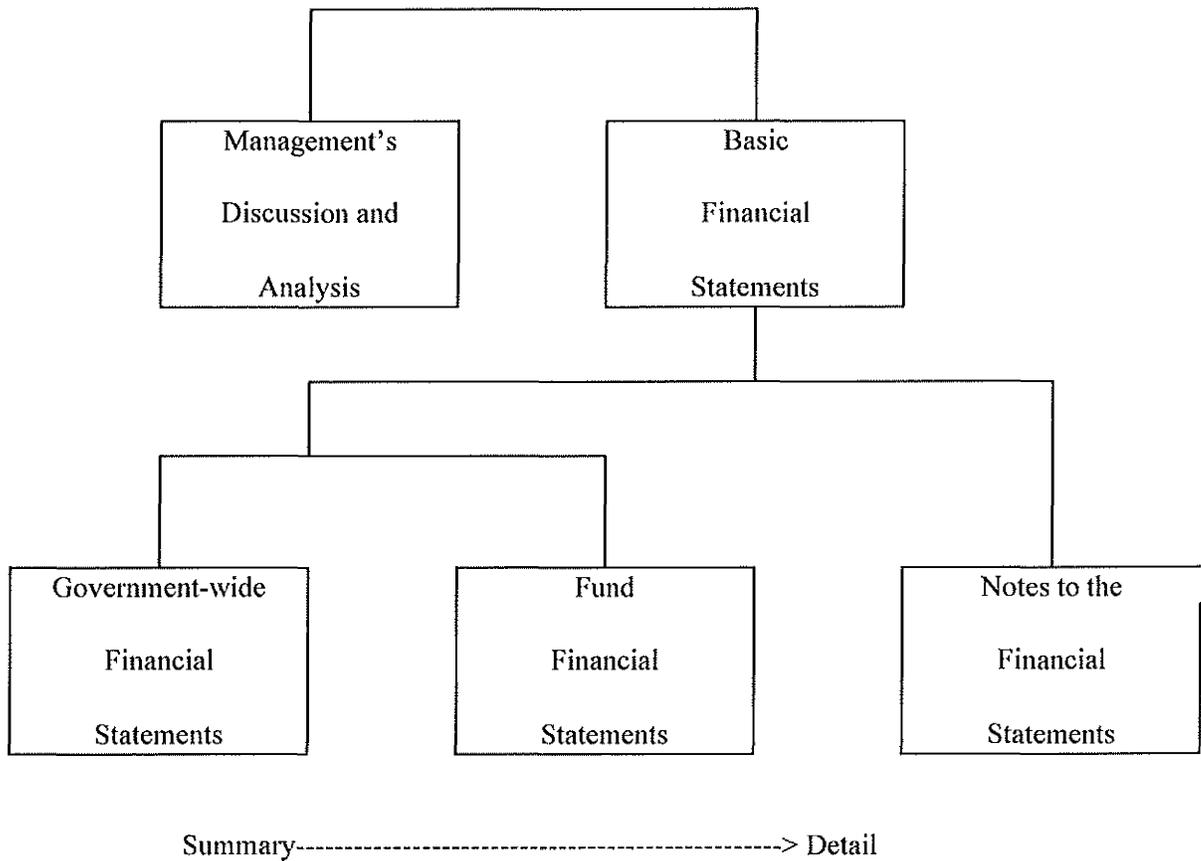
Financial Highlights

- 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 \$69,463,161 (net position).
- The City's total net position increased by \$3,616,449, (net of a restatement of \$533,726) primarily due to additional ad valorem taxes and increase in charges for service in the business-type activities..
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Lincoln's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$15,128,697, with a net increase of \$1,047,249 in fund balance. Approximately 13.81 percent of this total amount, or \$2,088,702, is non-spendable.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$12,039,995, or 64.63 percent, of total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The City of Lincoln's total debt decreased by \$457,890 (1.91%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this change was principal payments, additional debt and a decrease in net pension liability (LGERS), (LEO) and OPEB liability, an increase in compensated absences due to the implementation of GASB 101.
- The City's last bond rating was Aaa and AAA.
- The City's total capital assets decreased by \$800,347 (1.51%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this decrease is depreciation and amortization 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 23 through 26) 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 27 through 35) are the **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 for major governmental funds; 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 North Carolina 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 23 through 26 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 to 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 fewer 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.

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 and OPEB benefits to its employees.

The individual fund statements and schedules are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions.

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 governments and other holders of publicly held U.S. Treasury Securities.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

City of Lincolnton, Net Position

Figure 2

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	Current and other assets	\$ 15,390,612	\$ 14,328,071	\$ 24,229,534	\$ 20,198,956	\$ 39,620,146
Capital assets	26,497,392	26,167,437	25,655,631	26,785,934	52,153,023	52,953,371
Total assets	41,888,004	40,495,508	49,885,165	46,984,889	91,773,169	87,480,398
Deferred outflows of resources	3,977,384	4,848,179	1,188,501	1,545,990	5,165,885	6,394,169
Long-term liabilities outstanding	18,091,229	17,959,847	5,437,781	6,027,053	23,529,010	23,986,900
Other liabilities	167,699	121,032	1,273,967	1,190,636	1,441,666	1,311,668
Total liabilities	18,258,928	18,080,879	6,711,748	7,217,689	24,970,676	25,298,568
Deferred inflows of resources	1,919,079	2,041,025	586,143	688,260	2,505,222	2,729,285
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	23,957,338	23,487,366	24,840,442	25,621,235	48,797,780	49,108,601
Restricted	2,065,638	1,921,583	-	-	2,065,638	1,921,583
Unrestricted	(335,597)	(187,166)	18,935,340	15,003,696	18,599,743	14,816,530
Total net position	\$ 25,687,379	\$ 25,221,783	\$ 43,775,782	\$ 40,624,931	\$ 69,463,161	\$ 65,846,714

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 Lincolnton exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$69,463,161 as of June 30, 2025. The City’s net position increased by \$3,616,449 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. However, the largest portion of net position (70.25%) reflects the City’s net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment). The City of Lincolnton uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City of Lincolnton’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 Lincolnton’s net position, \$2,065,638, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$18,599,743 is unrestricted.

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

- Increase in operating grants and contributions due to additional grants received and an increase in other taxes.
- An increase in general revenues in the governmental activities due to an increase in property taxes and other receipts.
- An increase in interest income due to an increase in cash and interest rates.
- An increase in charges for services in the Electric Fund and in the Water and Sewer Fund due to the continued installation of Smart Meters.

City of Lincolnton, Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Revenues:						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	\$399,089	\$368,677	\$18,470,105	\$16,698,974	\$18,869,194	\$17,067,651
Operating grants and contributions	1,217,150	910,301	-	-	1,217,150	910,301
Capital grants and contributions	25,586	536,959	-	-	25,586	536,959
General Revenues:						
Property taxes	8,103,621	7,932,870	-	-	8,103,621	7,932,870
Other taxes	8,748,330	8,236,988	-	-	8,748,330	8,236,988
Unrestricted investment earnings	626,335	668,805	774,036	697,160	1,400,371	1,365,965
Other	130,213	1,566,397	5,040	448,478	135,253	2,014,875
Total revenues	19,250,324	20,220,997	19,249,181	17,844,612	38,499,505	38,065,609
Expenses:						
General government	2,898,347	2,037,534	-	-	2,898,347	2,037,534
Public safety	11,189,721	9,199,393	-	-	11,189,721	9,199,393
Public works	1,947,722	2,120,826	-	-	1,947,722	2,120,826
Economic and physical development	570,008	513,719	-	-	570,008	513,719
Environmental protection	714,682	727,830	-	-	714,682	727,830
Cultural and recreational	1,286,166	1,575,359	-	-	1,286,166	1,575,359
Interest on long-term debt	85,289	82,721	34,415	44,207	119,704	126,928
Water and sewer	-	-	8,308,578	8,212,525	8,308,578	8,212,525
Electric	-	-	7,314,405	7,143,358	7,314,405	7,143,358
Total Expenses	18,691,935	16,257,382	15,657,398	15,400,090	34,349,333	31,657,472
Increase (decrease) in net position before transfers and extraordinary item	\$558,389	\$3,963,615	\$3,591,783	\$2,444,522	\$4,150,175	\$6,408,136
Transfers	408,258	403,450	(408,258)	(403,450)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$966,650	\$4,367,065	\$3,183,524	\$2,041,072	\$4,150,175	\$6,408,137
Net position July 1, original	\$25,221,783	\$20,854,718	\$40,624,931	\$38,583,859	\$65,846,714	\$59,438,577
Restatement	(501,054)	-	(32,672)	-	(533,726)	-
Net position July 1, restated	24,720,729	20,854,718	40,592,259	38,583,859	65,312,988	59,438,577
Increase (decrease) in net position	966,650	4,367,065	3,183,524	2,041,072	4,150,175	6,408,137

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$465,596, (net of restatement of \$501,054) thereby accounting for 12.87% of the total growth in the net position for the City of Lincolnton. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Tax revenues for the year increased \$170,751, primarily due to an average increase of approximately 2.46% in the taxable property values. This is a direct result of the increased interest in the City's real estate market that has three major developers currently under construction, and the property revaluation.
- Other tax increases of \$511,342, mainly due to sales tax increases due to a more robust economy.
- Operating grants and contributions increased \$306,849. This increase is the result of the additional grants received in the current fiscal year.
- Interest income increased \$42,470. The City is proactive with idle funds by investing in the NCCMT and NCCLAA. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the average annualized yield was 4.33%. This is a 1.04% decrease from the prior year due to market Fluctuations with interest rates.

Business-type Activities. Business-type activities increased the City's net position by \$3,150,852, (net of restatement of \$32,672) hereby accounting for 87.12% of the total growth in net position for the City of Lincolnton. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- The Water and Sewer Fund revenues increased due to three major developments currently under construction and the connection fees associated with those projects. The Electric Fund increases are weather related and due to an increase in demand during the summer months, as well as the working capital credit received from NCMPI in August 2024 in the amount of \$1,256,300.
- Operating expenditures increased, primarily due to an increase in salaries and benefits. The City Council approved a 2% annual yearly compression adjustment in FY 23-24 and the retirement rates increased approximately 5.73% from the prior year. In addition, supplies and materials to operate have increased due to inflationary costs.
- All utility rates remained unchanged from the prior year in an ongoing effort to stimulate growth for both commercial and residential purposes.
- Administrative expenditures to the General Fund were \$856,779 for the Water and Sewer Fund and \$729,848 for the Electric Fund. This is an increase of ~11.29% of indirect costs.

Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

As noted earlier, the City of Lincolnton uses fund accounting to ensure, and to 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.

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet) reported a combined fund balance of \$15,128,697, which is more than last year's total of \$14,081,447. Included in this change in fund balance is an increase in the General Fund balance of \$1,046,125. The primary reasons for the change mirror the changes discussed earlier in connection with Governmental Activities noted above. Additional changes:

- An increase in property taxes from growth within the housing and retail developments, an increase in permits and fees related to the growth, as well as an increase in the recreational programs provided that are fee based.
- Decreases in general government expenditures due to turnover and cost consolidations, as well as a decrease in capital expenditures in the governmental funds.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City of Lincolnton. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Lincolnton's fund balance available in the General Fund was \$13,508,218, while total fund balance reached \$15,128,697. The City currently has an available fund balance of 72.51 percent of General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 81.21 percent of that same amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights. During the year, there was \$3,377,642 in appropriations between the original and final budget. The following are the main components of the increase:

- \$1,068,435 New Enterprise Leases
- \$502,114 Capital Expense-Ford Property
- \$300,305 Bank Loan/Interest – Fire Engine Payoff
- \$264,444 Equipment Repairs
- \$230,062 Overtime
- \$170,454 Telecommunications Services
- \$121,069 Powell Bill-Streets/Paving
- \$100,246 Technology Services

Revenue increases were realized from local sales tax collections, vehicle tax collections, interest, Franchise tax collections, grants/donations for Cybersecurity & Recreational projects; Parks & Recreation registration fees, Ad Valorem Levy, Loan Proceeds for New Enterprise Leases, and Boger City Fire Tax. The most significant differences between estimated revenues and actual revenues were as follows:

Revenue source	Estimated revenues	Actual revenues	Difference
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 940,626	\$ 940,626
Local Sales & Use Tax	5,000,000	5,744,276	744,276
Interest - General Fund	252,000	626,335	374,335
Miscellaneous Revenue-GF	3,000	219,371	216,371
Ad Valorem Levy	7,300,000	7,504,582	204,582
Franchise Tax	800,000	1,002,453	202,453
Grants-Other	5,000	137,069	132,069
Powell Bill Allocation	325,000	427,259	102,259
NCVTS	540,000	642,169	102,169
Boger City Fire Tax	1,510,000	1,571,390	61,390
Registration & Entry Fees	100,000	155,630	55,630

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

- Total governmental expenditures were approximately \$1,765,362 more than originally budgeted due to inflationary increases in costs and salary increases. Revenue increases as noted countered those expenses allowing the City to fund major projects and add to the General Funds fund balance.
- Public Safety was more than budgeted due to increases in operating costs for personnel costs related to additional positions, benefit rates, uniforms and equipment by \$535,144.
- Public Works was less than budgeted due to lower operating costs for personnel costs, administrative costs, and street related expenses of \$437,281.
- Parks and Recreation was more than budgeted due to capital expenditures for the City Park Redevelopment project. Grant funds received helped with the overall costs of the sports program and donations for the Veteran Banners program also helped with the overall costs.

- Economic and Physical Development was less than budgeted due to part-time employment, administrative costs, and legal fees in the amount of \$47,330.72. Community Business & Development Enhancements/promotion costs slightly increased by \$3,664 due to retirement and payout of benefits. In addition to the retirement, the Incentive Grants increased in FY2425.
- General government expenditures were more than budgeted due to capital expenditures for the purchase of the Ann Ford Property on Poplar Street and the Public Service Center Planning expenditures with Becker Morgan Group, Inc. in amount of \$1,607,604. The overall budget increases were \$1,462,500 with decreases in debt services of \$124,360, equipment rental/lease of \$42,076, and salaries of \$11,944.

Proprietary Funds. The City of Lincolnton's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements, but in more detail. The unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$8,376,854, and unrestricted net position for the Electric Fund amounted to \$10,558,486. The total change in net position for both funds was \$688,340 (net of restatement of \$23,459) and \$2,462,512 (net of restatement of \$9,213), respectively. The change in net position in the Water and Sewer Fund is a result of an increase in operating revenues. The change in net position in the Electric Fund is a result of an increase in operating revenues and a decrease in purchase for power due to a credit for excess working capital.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The City of Lincolnton's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2025, totals \$49,937,860 (net of accumulated depreciation) and right to use assets totaling \$2,215,163 (net of accumulated amortization). These assets include buildings, roads and bridges, land, machinery and equipment, recreation and park facilities, and vehicles and leases.

Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following:

- Major additions in the General Fund included vehicles and equipment of approximately \$255,205, land of \$502,114, buildings and improvements of \$378,316, and construction in progress of \$474,814. Completion of construction in progress of \$224,660. The disposal of Fire Department assets in the amount of \$8,134.
- Major additions in the Electric fund included construction in progress of \$75,902, vehicles and equipment of \$104,902, and buildings and improvements of 5,919. Completion of construction of progress of \$67,837.
- Major additions to the Water and Sewer Fund included \$387,335 for equipment, \$320,271 construction in progress, \$64,260 for building and improvements, and \$329,750 for distribution systems. Completion of construction in progress of \$284,297.

**City of Lincolnton Capital Assets
(Net of depreciation/amortization)**

	Figure 4					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Land	\$ 10,631,771	\$ 10,129,657	\$ 865,534	\$ 865,534	\$ 11,497,305	\$ 10,995,191
Buildings/improvements	9,473,579	9,787,547	6,670,130	7,017,608	16,143,709	16,805,155
Distribution Systems	106,612	115,778	14,039,375	14,843,548	14,145,987	14,959,326
Infrastructure	1,673,714	1,800,437	-	-	1,673,714	1,800,437
Vehicles/equipment	1,886,317	2,235,286	3,452,730	3,621,705	5,339,047	5,856,991
Construction in progress	721,834	389,995	416,264	225,893	1,138,098	615,888
Total	\$ 24,493,827	\$ 24,458,700	\$ 25,444,033	\$ 26,574,288	\$ 49,937,860	\$ 51,032,988
Right to use assets:						
Leases	\$ 2,003,564	\$ 1,708,736	\$ 211,599	\$ 211,645	\$ 2,215,163	\$ 1,920,382

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, 2025, the City of Lincolnton had \$928,141 of direct placement installment purchases. The direct placement installment purchases are backed by security interest in the property for which it was issued.

City of Lincolnton Outstanding Debt

	Figure 5					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Direct placement installment purchases	\$ 383,217	\$ 841,828	\$ 544,924	\$ 911,578	\$ 928,141	\$ 1,753,406
Lease payable	2,156,837	1,838,243	270,265	253,119	2,427,102	2,091,362
Compensated absences	1,170,261	484,739	196,744	169,710	1,367,006	654,449
OPEB	7,673,925	7,834,100	2,813,220	2,871,757	10,487,145	10,705,857
Pension related debt (LGERS)	5,408,682	5,482,324	1,612,627	1,820,888	7,021,309	7,303,212
Pension related debt (LEO)	1,298,307	1,478,613	-	-	1,298,307	1,478,613
Total	\$ 18,091,229	\$ 17,959,847	\$ 5,437,781	\$ 6,027,053	\$ 23,529,010	\$ 23,986,900

The City of Lincolnton's total debt decreased by \$457,890 (1.91%) during the fiscal year, primarily due to the principal payments and a decrease in pension obligations (LGERS), (LEO) and OPEB and an increase in lease payables due to additional leases and an increase in compensated absences due to the implementation of GASB 101.

The City of Lincolnton has an Aaa bond rating from Moody's Investors' Service and an 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 \$131,918,577. The City has no bonds authorized, but un-issued, at June 30, 2025.

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

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

Governmental Activities: Property taxes are expected to increase 2.46 percent from amounts budgeted in the prior year due to growth. The City's General Fund budgeted revenues are approximately \$19,665,458.

The tax rate will remain at \$.50 cents per 100 dollars valuation.

Budgeted expenditures compared with 2025 actual expenditures are expected to increase 2.5% due to inflation and pay/benefit increases for group B.

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 increased effective July 1, 2025, after a WithersRavenel study was conducted. The minimum charges increase by a multiplier of each meter's maximum water flow rate. This created the "best practice" of pushing costs of potential greater water demands to those customers with larger meters where greater capacity is set aside.

Electric rates did not change but the City will be conducting a study through Electricities in FY2526 on the Cities electric rates.

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 pncbryde@lincolntonnc.org for more information.

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.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2025**

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,904,499	\$ 20,380,379	\$ 35,284,878	\$ 577,118	\$ 212,608
Taxes receivable, net	3,095	-	3,095	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	1,214,975	1,140,883	2,355,858	280	-
Note receivable	89,339	-	89,339	-	-
Due from other government agencies	382,439	-	382,439	-	-
Due from component unit	-	-	-	-	-
Internal balances	(1,695,022)	1,695,022	-	-	-
Inventories	14,564	478,725	493,289	-	842,368
Prepaid items	8,500	25,000	33,500	-	23,761
Total current assets	<u>14,922,389</u>	<u>23,720,009</u>	<u>38,642,398</u>	<u>577,398</u>	<u>1,078,737</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Restricted cash	468,223	509,534	977,757	-	-
Capital assets:					
Right to use assets, net of mortization	2,003,564	211,599	2,215,163	-	-
Land and nondepreciable assets	11,353,606	1,281,798	12,635,404	-	716,082
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>13,140,222</u>	<u>24,162,234</u>	<u>37,302,456</u>	<u>37,212</u>	<u>1,500,028</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>26,965,615</u>	<u>26,165,165</u>	<u>53,130,780</u>	<u>37,212</u>	<u>2,216,110</u>
Total assets	<u>41,888,004</u>	<u>49,885,173</u>	<u>91,773,178</u>	<u>614,610</u>	<u>3,294,847</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Pension deferrals	3,118,524	873,647	3,992,171	-	80,409
OPEB deferrals	<u>858,860</u>	<u>314,854</u>	<u>1,173,714</u>	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,977,384</u>	<u>1,188,501</u>	<u>5,165,885</u>	-	<u>80,409</u>

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2025

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 135,220	\$ 764,433	\$ 899,653	\$ 100	\$ 165,138
Customer deposits - restricted	-	509,534	509,534	-	-
Unearned revenues	32,479	-	32,479	-	-
Current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>1,649,818</u>	<u>770,389</u>	<u>2,420,207</u>	-	<u>57,674</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>1,817,517</u>	<u>2,044,356</u>	<u>3,861,873</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>222,812</u>
Long-term liabilities					
Net pension liability	5,408,682	1,612,627	7,021,309	-	121,481
Total pension liability - long term	1,214,707	-	1,214,707	-	-
OPEB liability-long term	7,295,625	2,664,255	9,959,880	-	-
Due in more than one year	<u>2,522,397</u>	<u>390,510</u>	<u>2,912,907</u>	-	<u>327,516</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>16,441,411</u>	<u>4,667,392</u>	<u>21,108,803</u>	-	<u>448,997</u>
Total liabilities	<u>18,258,928</u>	<u>6,711,748</u>	<u>24,970,676</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>671,809</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Prepaid taxes	2,786	-	2,786	-	-
Pension deferrals	458,798	51,832	510,630	-	143
OPEB deferrals	<u>1,457,495</u>	<u>534,311</u>	<u>1,991,806</u>	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,919,079</u>	<u>586,143</u>	<u>2,505,222</u>	-	<u>143</u>
Net Position					
Net investment in capital assets	23,957,338	24,840,442	48,797,780	37,212	1,830,920
Restricted for:					
Working capital	-	-	-	-	154,853
Stabilization by State Statute	1,597,415	-	1,597,415	-	-
Streets	443,240	-	443,240	-	-
Public safety	24,983	-	24,983	-	-
Economic development	-	-	-	577,298	-
Unrestricted	<u>(335,597)</u>	<u>18,935,340</u>	<u>18,599,743</u>	-	<u>717,530</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 25,687,379</u>	<u>\$ 43,775,782</u>	<u>\$ 69,463,161</u>	<u>\$ 614,510</u>	<u>\$ 2,703,303</u>

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>							
		<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Primary Government</u>			<u>Component Units</u>	
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority</u>	<u>City of Lincolnton ABC Board</u>
Primary Government:									
Governmental activities:									
General government	\$ 2,898,347	\$ -	\$ 11,771	\$ -	\$ (2,886,576)	\$ -	\$ (2,886,576)	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	11,189,721	76,224	579,083	-	(10,534,414)	-	(10,534,414)	-	-
Public works	1,947,722	14,790	523,542	25,586	(1,383,804)	-	(1,383,804)	-	-
Economic and physical development	570,008	36,382	-	-	(533,626)	-	(533,626)	-	-
Environmental protection	714,682	62,575	95,362	-	(556,745)	-	(556,745)	-	-
Cultural and recreational	1,286,166	209,118	7,392	-	(1,069,656)	-	(1,069,656)	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	85,289	-	-	-	(85,289)	-	(85,289)	-	-
Total governmental activities	18,691,934	399,089	1,217,150	25,586	(17,050,110)	-	(17,050,110)	-	-
Business-type activities:									
Water and sewer	8,341,394	9,005,971	-	-	-	664,577	664,577	-	-
Electric	7,316,004	9,464,134	-	-	-	2,148,130	2,148,130	-	-
Total business-type activities	15,657,398	18,470,105	-	-	-	2,812,707	2,812,707	-	-
Total primary government	\$ 34,349,332	\$ 18,869,194	\$ 1,217,150	\$ 25,586	(17,050,110)	2,812,707	(14,237,403)	-	-
Component Unit:									
Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority	\$ 148,297	\$ -	\$ 177,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	28,862	\$ -
City of Lincolnton ABC Board	3,870,231	4,026,176	-	-	-	-	-	-	155,945
Total component unit	\$ 4,018,528	\$ 4,026,176	\$ 177,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	28,862	155,945

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	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	\$ 8,103,621	\$ -	\$ 8,103,621	\$ -	\$ -
Local option sales tax	5,744,276	-	5,744,276	-	-
Franchise tax	1,002,453	-	1,002,453	-	-
Other taxes and licenses	2,001,604	-	2,001,604	-	-
Unrestricted investment earnings	626,335	774,036	1,400,371	17,064	4,539
Miscellaneous	130,213	5,040	135,253	-	-
Transfers	408,258	(408,258)	-	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers	<u>18,016,760</u>	<u>370,818</u>	<u>18,387,578</u>	<u>17,064</u>	<u>4,539</u>
Changes in net position	\$ <u>966,650</u>	\$ <u>3,183,524</u>	\$ <u>4,150,175</u>	\$ <u>45,926</u>	\$ <u>160,484</u>
Net position-originally stated	\$ 25,221,783	\$ 40,624,931	\$ 65,846,714	\$ 568,584	\$ 2,542,819
Restatement	(501,054)	(32,672)	(533,726)	-	-
Net position-beginning, restated	24,720,729	40,592,259	65,312,988	568,584	2,542,819
Changes in net position	<u>966,650</u>	<u>3,183,524</u>	<u>4,150,175</u>	<u>45,926</u>	<u>160,484</u>
Net position- ending	\$ <u>25,687,379</u>	\$ <u>43,775,782</u>	\$ <u>69,463,161</u>	\$ <u>614,510</u>	\$ <u>2,703,303</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, 2025**

	Major	Non-Major	
	General	Other	
<u>Assets</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,904,499	\$ -	\$ 14,904,499
Taxes receivable, net	3,095	-	3,095
Accounts receivable, net	1,214,975	-	1,214,975
Due from government agencies	382,439	-	382,439
Inventories	14,564	-	14,564
Prepaid items	8,500	-	8,500
Restricted cash	468,223	-	468,223
Total assets	\$ 16,996,295	\$ -	\$ 16,996,295
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 134,217	\$ -	\$ 134,217
Unearned revenues	32,479	-	32,479
Advance from other funds	1,695,022	-	1,695,022
Total liabilities	1,861,718	-	1,861,718
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Property taxes receivable	3,095	-	3,095
Prepaid taxes	2,786	-	2,786
Total deferred inflows of resources	5,881	-	5,881
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Nonspendable:			
Inventories	14,564	-	14,564
Prepaid expenditures	8,500	-	8,500
Restricted:			
Stabilization by State Statute	1,597,415	-	1,597,415
Streets - Powell Bill	443,240	-	443,240
Public safety - police	24,983	-	24,983
Assigned:			
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Unassigned	12,039,995	-	12,039,995
Total fund balances	15,128,697	-	15,128,697
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 16,996,296	\$ -	\$ 16,996,296

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, 2025**

Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds	\$ 15,128,697
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Note receivable used in governmental activities is not a financial resource and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Gross capital assets at historical cost	\$ 55,274,503
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(30,780,676)</u> 24,493,827
Right to use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Right to use assets at historical cost	\$ 3,292,723
Accumulated amortization	<u>(1,289,160)</u> 2,003,563
Deferred outflows of resources related to the following are not reported in the funds:	
Pensions	3,118,524
OPEB	858,860
Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in the fund statements.	
Property taxes receivable	3,095
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	(1,004)
Long-term debt	(383,217)
Lease liability	(2,156,837)
Compensated absences	(1,170,261)
Net pension liability	(5,408,682)
Total pension liability	(1,298,307)
OPEB liability	(7,673,925)
Deferred inflows of resources related to the following are not reported in the funds:	
Pensions	(458,798)
OPEB	<u>(1,457,495)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 25,687,379</u>

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, 2025**

	<u>Major</u>	<u>Non-Major</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Other</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 8,130,794	\$ -	\$ 8,130,794
Other taxes and licenses	1,805,262	-	1,805,262
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	7,338,436	-	7,338,436
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	822,812	25,586	848,398
Permits and fees	125,956	-	125,956
Sales and services	302,407	-	302,407
Investment earnings	626,335	-	626,335
Miscellaneous	114,542	-	114,542
Total revenues	<u>19,266,544</u>	<u>25,586</u>	<u>19,292,130</u>
Expenditures:			
General government	4,589,317	-	4,589,317
Public safety	9,922,227	-	9,922,227
Public works	1,876,631	25,586	1,902,217
Economic and physical development	426,552	-	426,552
Environmental protection	748,114	-	748,114
Cultural and recreational	1,460,160	-	1,460,160
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	458,609	-	458,609
Interest and other charges	87,692	-	87,692
Total expenditures	<u>19,569,302</u>	<u>25,586</u>	<u>19,594,888</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(302,759)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(302,758)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Issuance of debt/leases	940,626	-	940,626
Transfers - in	408,258	-	408,258
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,348,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,348,884</u>
Net changes in fund balances	<u>\$ 1,046,125</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,124</u>
Fund balances, July 1	\$ 14,081,447	\$ -	\$ 14,081,447
Net changes in fund balances	1,046,125	-	1,046,125
Increase (decrease) in inventory	1,124	-	1,124
Fund balances, June 30	<u>\$ 15,128,697</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,128,697</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, 2025**

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,046,124
Change in fund balance due to change in reserve for inventory	1,124

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	2,452,851
Depreciation and amortization expense	(2,114,762)
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	18,466
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	(26,593)

Contributions to the pension plan in the current year fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	1,202,016
Benefit payments paid and administrative expenses for the LEOSSA are not included in the Statement of Activities	91,313
OPEB benefit payments and administrative costs made in the current fiscal year are not included in the Statement of Activities	270,292

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	(27,174)

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.

New long-term debt/lease issued	(940,626)
Principal payments on long-term debt	458,609
Accrued interest payable	2,403
Principal payments on leases	622,031
Loans principal received	(6,500)

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	(184,468)
Pension expense	(1,838,294)
OPEB plan expense	(60,162)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 966,650

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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, 2025**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 7,800,000	\$ 7,911,827	\$ 8,130,794	\$ 218,967
Other taxes and licenses	1,722,000	1,743,473	1,805,262	61,789
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	6,329,000	7,152,861	7,338,436	185,575
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	356,000	620,446	822,812	202,366
Permits and fees	43,000	121,159	125,956	4,797
Sales and services	209,500	290,053	302,407	12,354
Investment earnings	254,000	611,771	626,335	14,564
Miscellaneous	67,250	342,626	114,542	(228,084)
Total revenues	<u>16,780,750</u>	<u>18,794,216</u>	<u>19,266,544</u>	<u>472,328</u>
Expenditures:				
General government	3,001,334	5,302,677	4,589,317	713,360
Public safety	9,687,360	10,058,076	9,922,227	135,849
Public works	1,920,521	2,014,944	1,876,631	138,313
Economic and physical development	570,218	586,976	426,552	160,424
Environmental protection	944,675	851,421	748,114	103,307
Cultural and recreational	1,234,100	1,548,234	1,460,160	88,074
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	301,800	617,781	458,609	159,172
Interest and other charges	29,000	86,541	87,692	(1,151)
Total expenditures	<u>17,689,008</u>	<u>21,066,650</u>	<u>19,569,302</u>	<u>1,497,348</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(908,258)</u>	<u>(2,272,434)</u>	<u>(302,759)</u>	<u>1,969,675</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Issuance of debt/leases	300,000	1,014,175	940,626	(73,549)
Appropriated fund balance	200,000	850,000	-	(850,000)
Transfers in	408,258	408,258	408,258	-
Transfer out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>908,258</u>	<u>2,272,434</u>	<u>1,348,884</u>	<u>(923,549)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,125</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,125</u>
Fund balance, July 1			\$ 14,081,447	
Net change in fund balance			1,046,125	
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory			1,124	
Fund balance, June 30			<u>\$ 15,128,697</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, 2025**

	Business-type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		Total
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,717,270	\$ 9,663,109	\$ 20,380,379
Accounts receivable	590,851	550,031	1,140,882
Advance to other funds	-	162,118	162,118
Inventories	282,029	196,696	478,725
Prepaid expenses	-	25,000	25,000
Total current assets	<u>11,590,150</u>	<u>10,596,954</u>	<u>22,187,104</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	175,619	333,915	509,534
Advance to other funds	-	1,532,904	1,532,904
Capital assets, right to use leased assets, net of amortization	153,828	57,771	211,599
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>23,052,051</u>	<u>2,391,981</u>	<u>25,444,032</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>23,381,498</u>	<u>4,316,571</u>	<u>27,698,069</u>
Total assets	<u>34,971,648</u>	<u>14,913,525</u>	<u>49,885,173</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension deferrals	635,176	238,471	873,647
OPEB deferrals	247,766	67,088	314,854
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>882,942</u>	<u>305,559</u>	<u>1,188,501</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	118,681	645,753	764,434
Customer deposits - restricted	175,619	333,915	509,534
Loans payable - current	403,765	-	403,765
Lease payable - current	91,946	14,618	106,564
OPEB- current	133,384	15,581	148,965
Accrued compensated absences	86,808	24,287	111,095
Total current liabilities	<u>1,010,203</u>	<u>1,034,154</u>	<u>2,044,357</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Loans payable	141,159	-	141,159
Leases payable	114,418	49,283	163,701
OPEB liability	2,092,321	583,852	2,676,173
Accrued compensated absences	34,456	39,275	73,731
Net pension liability	<u>1,172,442</u>	<u>440,185</u>	<u>1,612,627</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,554,796</u>	<u>1,112,595</u>	<u>4,667,391</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,564,999</u>	<u>2,146,749</u>	<u>6,711,748</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Pension deferrals	37,684	14,148	51,832
OPEB deferrals	420,462	113,849	534,311
	<u>458,146</u>	<u>127,997</u>	<u>586,143</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	22,454,591	2,385,851	24,840,442
Unrestricted	8,376,854	10,558,486	18,935,340
Total net position	<u>\$ 30,831,445</u>	<u>\$ 12,944,337</u>	<u>\$ 43,775,782</u>

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

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	Business-type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer <u>Fund</u>	Electric <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Electricity sales	\$ -	\$ 6,949,778	\$ 6,949,778
Water sales	3,666,609	-	3,666,609
Sewer charges	4,133,000	-	4,133,000
Water and sewer taps	819,425	-	819,425
Electricity - municipal operations	-	667,825	667,825
Other operating revenues	386,937	1,846,532	2,233,469
Total operating revenues	<u>9,005,971</u>	<u>9,464,135</u>	<u>18,470,106</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Electrical operations	-	2,406,812	2,406,812
Electrical power purchases	-	3,911,916	3,911,916
Water treatment plant	1,558,108	-	1,558,108
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	1,894,862	-	1,894,862
Waste treatment plant	1,955,784	-	1,955,784
Administrative	856,779	729,848	1,586,627
Depreciation/amortization	2,043,045	265,829	2,308,874
Other operating expenses	-	-	-
Total operating expenses	<u>8,308,578</u>	<u>7,314,405</u>	<u>15,622,983</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>697,393</u>	<u>2,149,730</u>	<u>2,847,123</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):			
Investment earnings	415,965	358,071	774,036
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	5,040	-	5,040
Interest on long term debt	<u>(32,816)</u>	<u>(1,599)</u>	<u>(34,415)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>388,189</u>	<u>356,472</u>	<u>744,661</u>
Income (loss) before transfers and capital contributions	1,085,582	2,506,202	3,591,784
Transfers (to) from other funds			
General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	<u>(373,782)</u>	<u>(34,476)</u>	<u>(408,258)</u>
Changes in net position	<u>\$ 711,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,471,725</u>	<u>\$ 3,183,526</u>
Total net position -originally stated	\$ 30,143,106	\$ 10,481,825	\$ 40,624,931
Restatement	<u>(23,459)</u>	<u>(9,213)</u>	<u>(32,672)</u>
Total net position - beginning, restated	30,119,647	10,472,612	40,592,259
Changes in net position	<u>711,799</u>	<u>2,471,725</u>	<u>3,183,524</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 30,831,445</u>	<u>\$ 12,944,337</u>	<u>\$ 43,775,782</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, 2025**

	Business-type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 9,109,986	\$ 9,496,496	\$ 18,606,482
Customer deposits received	13,352	18,115	31,467
Cash paid for goods and services	(3,561,724)	(5,951,632)	(9,513,356)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	<u>(2,809,634)</u>	<u>(1,026,814)</u>	<u>(3,836,448)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>2,751,980</u>	<u>2,536,165</u>	<u>5,288,145</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:			
Advance to General Fund	-	-	-
Repayment from General Fund	-	159,721	159,721
Transfers - in (out)	<u>(373,782)</u>	<u>(34,476)</u>	<u>(408,258)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	<u>(373,782)</u>	<u>125,245</u>	<u>(248,537)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(946,240)	(136,298)	(1,082,538)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	5,040	-	5,040
Proceeds from borrowing	25,000	-	25,000
Principal paid on long-term debt	(456,219)	(14,325)	(470,544)
Interest paid on long-term debt	<u>(35,414)</u>	<u>(1,599)</u>	<u>(37,013)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,407,833)</u>	<u>(152,222)</u>	<u>(1,560,055)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Investment earnings	<u>415,965</u>	<u>358,071</u>	<u>774,036</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>415,965</u>	<u>358,071</u>	<u>774,036</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,386,330	2,867,259	4,253,589
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>9,506,559</u>	<u>7,129,765</u>	<u>16,636,324</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 10,892,889</u>	<u>\$ 9,997,024</u>	<u>\$ 20,889,913</u>

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**Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	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)	\$ 697,393	\$ 2,149,730	\$ 2,847,123
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation/amortization	2,043,045	265,829	2,308,874
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	104,015	32,363	136,378
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(34,311)	(38,784)	(73,095)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	3,763	50,700	54,463
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences	(11,577)	5,938	(5,639)
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability	(79,406)	20,869	(58,537)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	97,171	19,938	117,109
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	(114,329)	(21,077)	(135,406)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions	197,325	43,055	240,380
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(188,288)	(19,973)	(208,261)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pensions	23,827	9,462	33,289
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	<u>13,352</u>	<u>18,115</u>	<u>31,467</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 2,751,980</u>	<u>\$ 2,536,165</u>	<u>\$ 5,288,145</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non Cash Financing Activities:			
Acquisition of right to use assets through issuance of lease liability	<u>\$ 96,035</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 96,035</u>
Acquisition of capital assets through donation	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</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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Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2025

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

Government-wide Statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments in lieu of taxes where the amounts are reasonably equivalent to the interfund services provided and other charges between the City's Water and Sewer Fund and Electric Fund. Elimination of these activities would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned. 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.

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 specific 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 funds:

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 non-major governmental fund:

Special Revenue Fund/State. The City uses this fund to account for grant funding from the state that is being used for various projects.

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.

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/amortization 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.

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 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. Project ordinances are adopted for the Special Revenue Funds. The enterprise fund projects are consolidated with their respective operating funds 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 Super NOW 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) money market mutual fund, 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, 2025, the Term Portfolio has a duration of .15 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.

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 to be cash and cash equivalents. The ABC Board considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three 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 are 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	\$ 443,240
Public safety	24,983
SCIF funds	-
	<u>468,223</u>
Business-type activities	
Water and Sewer Fund	
Customer deposits	175,619
Electric Fund	
Customer deposits	<u>333,915</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>509,534</u>
Total restricted cash	<u>\$ 977,757</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, 2024. 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.

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 the 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 assets, 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 years
Buildings	25-50 years
Improvements	8-25 years
Vehicles	4-6 years
Furniture and equipment	5-15 years
Computer equipment	5 years

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 years
Improvements and equipment	5-10 years

8. Right to Use Assets

The City has also recorded right to use assets. The right to use assets arise in association with agreements where the City reports a Lease (only applies when the City is the lessee) or agreements where the City reports Information Technology (IT) Subscriptions in accordance with the requirements of GASB 87 and GASB 96, respectively. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives received from the lessor at or prior to the start of the lease term, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

9. 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 assets that applies to future periods 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 2025 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 assets that applies to future periods 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.

10. 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 issuance 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.

11. Compensated Absences

The City recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled (for example paid in cash to the employee upon separation from employment). Based on those criteria listed, two types of leave qualify for liability recognition for compensated absences – vacation and sick leave. 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 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 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. 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. However, a liability for estimated value of sick leave that will be used by employees as time off is included in the liability for compensated absences. The City’s sick leave policy provides each full-time regular and probationary employee working the basic 40-hour week, 8 hours each month with an annual accrual of 96 hours. Employees having a work week with greater or fewer hours than the basic work week, sick leave will accrue in the same proportion as their work week is to a 40-hour work week. The ABC Board’s accumulated sick pay is not considered to be material

12. 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 by 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.

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 Lincoln'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 Lincoln 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 represents the residual amount for the general fund that is not contained in the other classifications. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance. Additionally, any deficit fund balance within the other governmental fund types is reported as unassigned.

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, and 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.

13. Defined Benefit Cost-Sharing Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the 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

None.

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 under collateralization. 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, 2025, the City's deposits had a carrying amount of \$17,537,676 and a bank balance of \$17,881,162. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. At June 30, 2025, the City's petty cash fund totaled \$1,350.

At June 30, 2025, the ABC Board had a carrying amount of \$212,608 and a bank balance of \$310,607. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and the remainder was covered by federal depository insurance.

At June 30, 2025, the ABC Board had cash on hand of \$5,700.

At June 30, 2025, the LTDA had a carrying amount of \$577,118 and a bank balance of \$577,118. Of the bank balance \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.

2. Investments

<u>Investment by Type</u>	<u>Valuation Measurement Method</u>	<u>Book Value at 6/30/25</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rating</u>
N. C. Capital Management Trust - Government Portfolio	Fair Value Level 1	<u>\$18,513,296</u>	N/A	AAAm
North Carolina Class	Level 1	<u>\$ 210,313</u>	N/A	AAAm

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.

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, and AAAm-mf by Moody's Investment Service and the City's investments in North Carolina Class carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's Global Ratings as of June 30, 2025.

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>\$ 136,000</u>
Enterprise Funds:	
Water and Sewer Fund	105,845
Electric Fund	<u>121,386</u>
Total Enterprise Funds	<u>227,231</u>
Total	<u>\$ 363,231</u>

4. Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,129,657	\$ 502,114	\$ -	\$ 10,631,771
Construction in progress	389,995	556,499	224,660	721,834
Total capital assets not being depreciated	10,519,652	\$ 1,058,613	\$ 224,660	11,353,606
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	14,310,148	\$ 213,842	\$ 113,451	14,410,539
Other improvements	4,219,353	164,474	9,721	4,374,106
Plant and distribution systems	239,075	-	-	239,075
Furniture and equipment	3,896,978	93,776	141,578	3,849,176
Vehicles and motorized equipment	7,337,834	161,428	108,280	7,390,982
Infrastructure	13,657,019	-	-	13,657,019
Total capital assets being depreciated	43,660,407	\$ 633,520	\$ 373,030	43,920,897
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building	6,464,081	\$ 494,006	\$ 113,451	6,844,636
Other improvements	2,277,873	198,278	9,721	2,466,430
Plant and distribution systems	123,297	9,166	-	132,463
Furniture and equipment	2,332,297	306,914	133,445	2,505,766
Vehicles and motorized equipment	6,667,229	289,126	108,280	6,848,075
Infrastructure	11,856,582	126,723	-	11,983,305
Total accumulated depreciation	29,721,359	\$ 1,424,213	\$ 364,897	30,780,675
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	13,939,048			13,140,222
Capital assets being amortized:				
Leased vehicles	2,316,928	\$ 985,377	\$ 85,755	3,216,550
Leased equipment	544,623	-	468,448	76,175
	2,861,551	\$ 985,377	\$ 554,203	3,292,725
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased vehicles	813,874	\$ 515,975	\$ 85,755	1,244,094
Leased equipment	338,941	174,577	468,448	45,070
	1,152,815	\$ 690,552	\$ 554,203	1,289,164
Total capital assets being amortized, net	1,708,736			2,003,564
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$ 26,167,436			\$ 26,497,392

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

	Depreciation	Amortization
General government	\$ 571,622	\$ 174,580
Public safety	435,685	462,936
Public works	91,993	36,722
Economic and physical development	50,328	-
Environmental protection	135,918	-
Cultural and recreational	138,667	16,314
Total depreciation expense	\$ 1,424,213	\$ 690,552

Business-type Activities:	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Water and Sewer Fund:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 261,726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261,726
Construction in progress	175,467	449,192	284,297	340,362
Total capital assets not being depreciated	437,193	\$ 449,192	\$ 284,297	602,088
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	15,010,668	\$ 64,260	\$ 20,262	15,054,666
Plant and distribution systems	48,530,738	329,750	-	48,860,488
Furniture and equipment	11,570,057	387,335	9,994	11,947,398
Vehicles	526,794	-	24,681	502,113
Total capital assets being depreciated	75,638,257	\$ 781,345	\$ 54,937	76,364,665
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	8,593,677	\$ 355,920	\$ 20,262	8,929,335
Plant and distribution systems	34,248,568	1,093,166	-	35,341,734
Furniture and equipment	8,635,597	515,916	9,994	9,141,519
Vehicles	526,794	-	24,681	502,113
Total accumulated depreciation	52,004,636	\$ 1,965,002	\$ 54,937	53,914,701
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	23,633,621			22,449,964
Capital assets, net	24,070,814			23,052,051
Capital assets being amortized:				
Leased vehicles	343,515	\$ 96,035	\$ -	439,550
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased vehicles	207,679	\$ 78,042	\$ -	285,721
Total capital assets being amortized, net	135,836			153,828
Water and Sewer Fund capital assets, net	24,206,650			23,205,879
Electric Fund:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	603,808	\$ -	\$ -	603,808
Construction in progress	50,426	93,314	67,837	75,903
Total capital assets not being depreciated	654,234	\$ 93,314	\$ 67,837	679,711
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	1,298,732	\$ 5,919	\$ -	1,304,651
Plant and distribution systems	3,736,011	-	-	3,736,011
Furniture and equipment	1,068,842	104,902	-	1,173,744
Vehicles	963,556	-	-	963,556
Total capital assets being depreciated	7,067,141	\$ 110,821	\$ -	7,177,962
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	698,115	\$ 61,737	\$ -	759,852
Plant and distribution systems	3,174,633	40,757	-	3,215,390
Furniture and equipment	517,193	95,422	-	612,615
Vehicles	827,960	49,874	-	877,834
Total accumulated depreciation	5,217,901	\$ 247,790	\$ -	5,465,691
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,849,240			1,712,271
Capital assets, net	2,503,474			2,391,981
Capital assets being amortized:				
Leased vehicles	90,879	\$ -	\$ -	90,879
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased vehicles	15,069	\$ 18,039	\$ -	33,108
Total capital assets being amortized, net	75,810			57,771
Electric Fund capital assets, net	2,579,284			2,449,752
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 26,785,935			\$ 25,655,631

The City has active construction projects as of June 30, 2025. At year-end, the City's commitments with contractors are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Spent-to-date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
City Park Project-Design Phase	\$ 245,260	\$ 52,190
Public Works Center-Architectural Phase 1	171,972	228,028
Riverview Lift Station	60,000	190,000
Clarifiers & RAS Pumps-WWTP	55,285	1,489,257
Public Works Center-Architectural Phase 11	281,341	528,659
John Howell Memorial Dr Water Line	8,000	295,808
Rose Street Water Main	8,000	16,500
Public Works Center-Pre Construction	16,530	83,550
Total	\$ 846,388	\$ 2,883,992

Discretely Presented Component Units:

Activity for the City of Lincolnton ABC Board for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 716,082	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 716,082
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	2,007,269	\$ -	\$ -	2,007,269
Equipment	393,859	-	-	393,859
Total capital assets being depreciated	2,401,128	\$ -	\$ -	2,401,128
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	556,265	\$ 53,081	\$ -	609,346
Equipment	259,741	32,012	-	291,753
Total accumulated depreciation	816,006	\$ 85,093	\$ -	901,099
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,585,122			1,500,029
Capital assets, net	\$ 2,301,204			\$ 2,216,110

Activity for the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority for the year ended June 30, 2025, 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment	57,249	\$ -	\$ -	57,249
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	17,175	\$ 2,863	\$ -	20,038
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	40,074			37,212
Capital assets, net	\$ 40,074			\$ 37,212

B. Liabilities

1. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2025, were as follows:

	<u>Vendors</u>	<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>	<u>Accrued Interest</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities:					
General	\$ 62,508	\$ 71,709	\$ 1,004	\$ -	\$ 135,220
Other governmental	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>62,508</u>	<u>71,709</u>	<u>1,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,220</u>
Business-type activities:					
Water and Sewer	109,449	-	9,232	-	118,681
Electric	502,774	-	-	142,978	645,753
Total business-type activities	<u>612,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,232</u>	<u>142,978</u>	<u>764,433</u>
Total	<u>\$ 674,731</u>	<u>\$ 71,709</u>	<u>\$ 10,235</u>	<u>\$ 142,978</u>	<u>\$ 899,653</u>

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, the State Treasurer and the State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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.

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, 2025, was 15.04% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 13.64% 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 \$1,560,404 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

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, 2025, the City reported a liability of \$7,021,309 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2024, 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, 2024 (measurement date), the City's proportion was 0.10415%, which was a decrease of 0.00612% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the City recognized pension expense of \$2,094,115. At June 30, 2025, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,230,399	\$ 8,273
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	954,543	-
Changes in proportion, and differences between, City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	58,481	217,396
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,560,404</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,803,827</u>	<u>\$ 225,669</u>

\$1,560,404, 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, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:

2026	\$ 655,415
2027	1,303,511
2028	166,760
2029	(107,932)
2030	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increases	3.25 to 8.25 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50 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, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

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

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 weighing 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, 2023, 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	33.0%	0.9%
Global Equity	38.0%	6.5%
Real Estate	8.0%	5.9%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.2%
Credit	7.0%	5.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	2.7%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2023 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 2.50%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50%. 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.

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 6.50 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 (5.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.50%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (6.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.50%)</u>
City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$12,441,965</u>	<u>\$7,021,309</u>	<u>\$2,562,074</u>

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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, 2022, the valuation date, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	6
Terminated plan members entitled to, but not receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	<u>32</u>
Total	<u>38</u>

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, 2023, valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increases	3.25 to 7.75 percent, including inflation and productivity
Discount rate	4.28 percent

The discount rate used to measure the TPL is the S & P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

Mortality assumption: All mortality rates use Pub-2010 amount-weighted tables.

Mortality projection: All mortality rates are projected from 2010 using generational improvement with Scale MP-2019.

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 \$83,658 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

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

At June 30, 2025, the City reported a total pension liability of \$1,298,307. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2024, based on a December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2024, utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the City recognized pension expense of \$76,661.

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 93,292	\$ 156,678
Changes of assumptions	46,209	128,282
City benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	48,844	-
Total	<u>\$ 188,345</u>	<u>\$ 284,960</u>

\$48,844, 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, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in the pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:

2026	\$ (13,003)
2027	(46,381)
2028	(33,322)
2029	(28,559)
2030	(24,194)
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 4.28 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 (3.28 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.28 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.28%)	Discount Rate (4.28%)	1% Increase (5.28%)
Total pension liability	<u>\$ 1,396,694</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,307</u>	<u>\$ 1,209,461</u>

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,478,613
Service Cost	62,095
Interest on the total pension liability	57,471
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of total pension liability	(189,662)
Changes of assumptions	(26,552)
Benefit payments	(83,658)
Other changes	-
Ending balance of the total pension liability	\$ 1,298,307

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, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending December 31, 2019.

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

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

	L G E R S	L E O S S A	F R S W P F	Total
Pension expense	\$ 2,094,115	\$ 76,661	\$ 2,625	\$ 2,173,401
Pension liability	7,021,309	1,298,307	(4,778)	8,314,838
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.10415%	n/a	n/a	
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,230,399	93,292	-	1,323,691
Changes of assumptions	-	46,209	-	46,209
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	954,543	-	-	954,543
Changes in proportion, and differences between, contributions and proportionate share of contributions	58,481	-	-	58,481
Benefit payments and administrative costs paid subsequent to the measurement date	1,560,404	48,844	-	1,609,248
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Differences between expected and actual experience	8,273	156,678	-	164,951
Changes of assumptions	-	128,282	-	128,282
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	-	-	-
Changes in proportion, and differences between, contributions and proportionate share of contributions	217,396	-	-	217,396

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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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 \$136,370 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, the State Treasurer and the State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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.

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, 2025, the State contributed \$19,789,708 to the plan. The City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the State's contribution is \$6,687.

Refunds of Contributions. Plan members who are no longer eligible, or who 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, 2025, 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 \$(4,778). The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2024, 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, 2025 and at June 30, 2024 was 0%.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the City recognized pension expense of \$2,625 and revenue of \$2,625 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2025, the City reported no deferred outflows of resources and no deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023, 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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina.

c. 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, 2023, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	39
Terminated plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	<u>106</u>
Total	<u>145</u>

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

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 the 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.

Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability of \$10,487,145 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability on the June 30, 2023, 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	3.25 to 8.41 percent, average, including inflation
Discount Rate	3.93 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates	Pre-Medicare - 7.00% for 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2033

The discount rate is based on the Municipal Bond Index Rate as of the measurement date.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	<u>Total OPEB</u>
Balance July 1, 2024	<u>\$ 10,705,857</u>
Changes for the year	
Service cost	267,820
Interest	388,668
Changes of benefit terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	36,984
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(255,840)
Benefit payments	<u>(656,344)</u>
Net changes	<u>(218,712)</u>
Balance June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 10,487,145</u>

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.65% to 3.93%.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables with adjustments for LGERS experience and generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 2015 through December 2019.

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 (2.93 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.93 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.93%)	Discount Rate (3.93%)	1% Increase (4.93%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 11,440,976</u>	<u>\$ 10,487,145</u>	<u>\$ 9,639,574</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 - 6.0% Prescription - 6.0%)	Discount Rate (Medical - 7.0% Prescription - 7.0%)	(Medical - 8.0% Prescription - 8.0%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 9,440,362</u>	<u>\$ 10,487,145</u>	<u>\$ 11,712,822</u>

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

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$369,379. At June 30, 2025, 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	\$ 44,308	\$ 1,015,616
Changes of assumptions	1,129,406	976,189
Total	<u>\$ 1,173,714</u>	<u>\$ 1,991,805</u>

\$-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 ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2026	\$ (260,979)
2027	(109,860)
2028	(211,467)
2029	(186,394)
2030	(42,335)
Therefore	(7,056)

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 month's 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.

3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

Source

Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	\$ 1,560,404
Benefit payments and administrative expenses for LEOSSA made subsequent to the measurement date	48,844
Benefit payments and administrative expenses for OPEB made subsequent to the measurement date	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,323,691
Changes of assumptions	1,175,614
Net Differences between projected and actual	998,851
Changes in proportion, and differences between, employer contribution and proportionate share of contributions	58,481
Charge on refunding	-
Total	<u><u>\$ 5,165,885</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)	\$ 2,786	\$ 2,786
Taxes receivable, less penalties (General Fund)	-	3,095
Changes in assumptions	1,104,471	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,180,569	-
Changes in proportion, and differences between, employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	217,396	-
	<u><u>\$ 2,505,222</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,881</u></u>

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 \$1,000,000. 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.

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:

\$250,000, 2020, 2.99% installment purchase payable to bank in annual installments of \$39,087, due in 2026, secured by equipment	37,073
\$309,000, 2020, 2.99% installment purchase payable to bank in annual installments of \$48,312, due in 2026, secured by equipment	46,829
\$25,361, due in 2028, secured by equipment	71,563
\$350,582, 2023, 3.7% loan payable to a bank in monthly installments of \$4,752, due in 2029, secured by equipment	227,752
	<u>383,219</u>

Serviced by the Water and Sewer Fund:

\$25,000, 1.98% revolving loan payable in annual installments beginning in 2026, due in 2046, secured by Water and Sewer revenues	25,000
\$2,470,515, 2019, 3.00% installment purchase payable in annual installments of \$397,121, due in 2026, secured by equipment	384,586
\$153,328, 2024, 6.375% installment purchase payable in annual installments of \$27,927, due in 2030, secured by equipment	135,339
	<u>544,924</u>

Total	<u>\$ 928,143</u>
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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for long-term obligations are as follows:

	Direct Placement		Revolving Loans		Total Debt Due	
	Installment purchase		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
	Principal	Interest				
Governmental Activities:						
2026	\$ 156,495	\$ 12,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156,495	\$ 12,369
2027	75,172	7,219	-	-	75,172	7,219
2028	77,810	4,550	-	-	77,810	4,550
2029	55,249	1,781	-	-	55,249	1,781
2030	18,493	135	-	-	18,493	135
2031	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental	383,219	26,055	-	-	383,219	26,055
Business-type Activities:						
2026	403,765	20,470	-	-	403,765	20,470
2027	20,419	7,508	25,000	756	45,419	8,264
2028	21,739	6,188	-	-	21,739	6,188
2029	23,131	4,796	-	-	23,131	4,796
2030	24,639	3,288	-	-	24,639	3,288
2031	26,232	1,695	-	-	26,232	1,695
2032	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type	519,924	43,946	25,000	756	544,924	44,702
Total	\$ 903,143	\$ 70,001	\$ 25,000	\$ 756	\$ 928,143	\$ 70,757

At June 30, 2025, the City of Lincolnnton had no bonds authorized but un-issued and a legal debt margin of \$131,918,577.

b. Leases

The City entered into lease agreements to lease certain equipment. The lease agreements qualify as other than short-term leases under GASB 87 and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

As of June 30, 2025, the City had 84 active leases. The leases have payments that range from \$0 to \$146,000 and interest rates from 0.4790% to 2.8590%. As of June 30, 2025, the total combined value of the lease liability is \$2,427,102, the total short-term lease liability is \$713,746. The combined value of the right to use assets, as of June 30, 2025, is \$3,823,154 with accumulated amortization of \$1,607,993. The right to use assets is discussed in more detail in section III.A.4 of the notes.

The future minimum lease obligation and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2025, were as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 607,184	\$ 42,272	\$ 649,456
2027	499,417	31,263	530,680
2028	402,665	22,048	424,713
2029	373,168	12,776	385,944
2030	274,416	5,330	279,746
Total governmental	\$ 2,156,850	\$ 113,689	\$ 2,270,539
Business-type Activities:			
Water and Sewer			
2026	\$ 91,946	\$ 3,446	\$ 95,392
2027	29,553	2,118	31,671
2028	24,851	2,083	26,934
2029	38,427	1,436	39,863
2030	21,588	572	22,160
	<u>206,365</u>	<u>9,655</u>	<u>216,020</u>
Electric			
2026	14,618	1,104	15,722
2027	13,105	1,531	14,636
2028	11,461	624	12,085
2029	10,367	268	10,635
2030	14,350	283	14,633
	<u>63,901</u>	<u>3,810</u>	<u>67,711</u>
Total business activities	\$ 270,266	\$ 13,465	\$ 283,731

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	Balance July 1, 2024	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2025	Current Portion of Balance
Governmental activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 484,739	\$ 685,532	\$ -	\$ 1,170,271	\$ 424,239
Lease liabilities	1,838,242	940,642	622,034	2,156,850	607,184
Total pension liability (LEO)	1,478,613	-	180,306	1,298,307	83,600
Total OPEB liability	7,834,100	-	160,175	7,673,925	378,300
Net pension liability (LGERS)	5,482,324	-	73,642	5,408,682	-
Direct placement installment purchase	841,828	-	458,609	383,219	156,495
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	\$ 17,959,846	\$ 1,626,174	\$ 1,494,766	\$ 18,091,254	\$ 1,649,818
Business-type activities:					
Water and Sewer Fund:					
Compensated absences	\$ 121,300	\$ 11,883	\$ -	\$ 133,183	\$ 86,808
Lease liabilities	174,893	95,687	64,216	206,364	91,946
Total OPEB liability	2,293,193	-	79,406	2,213,787	133,384
Net pension liability (LGERS)	1,360,730	-	188,288	1,172,442	-
Revolving loans	-	25,000	-	25,000	-
Direct placement installment purchase	911,578	-	391,654	519,924	403,765
Water and Sewer Fund long-term liabilities	4,861,694	132,570	723,564	4,270,700	715,903
Electric Fund:					
Compensated absences	48,410	15,152	-	63,562	24,287
Lease liabilities	78,226	-	14,325	63,901	14,618
Total OPEB liability	578,564	20,869	-	599,433	15,581
Net pension liability (LGERS)	460,158	-	19,973	440,185	-
Electric Fund long-term liabilities	1,165,358	36,021	34,298	1,167,081	54,486
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	\$ 6,027,052	\$ 168,591	\$ 757,862	\$ 5,437,781	\$ 770,389

The change in compensated absences' liability is presented as a net change. OPEB liabilities and pension liabilities are typically liquidated in the corresponding fund as the liability. Compensated absences are accounted for on a FIFO basis, assuming that employees are taking leave as it is earned.

C. Interfund Balances and Activity

Interfund Loan - The General Fund borrowed funds from the Electric Fund to fund various projects.

Interfund loans consist of the following at June 30, 2025:

\$1,000,000 interfund loan over fifteen years, with an interest rate of 1.5%, with \$74,994 annual payments for the construction of a police building, through 2033.	\$ 561,028
\$1,054,429 interfund loan over fifteen years, with an interest rate of 1.5%, with \$79,024 annual payments for the construction of a police building, through 2036.	795,855
\$448,000 interfund loan over fifteen years, with an interest rate of 1.5%, with \$33,575 annual payments for the construction of a welcome center, through 2036.	<u>338,138</u>
Total advances to other funds	1,695,022
Due within one year	<u>162,118</u>
Due in more than one year	<u>\$ 1,532,904</u>

Transfers To/From Other Funds

The composition of transfers as of June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Transfers In Electric Rate Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Transfer Out			
Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 373,782	\$ -	\$ 373,782
Electric Fund	<u>34,476</u>	-	<u>34,476</u>
Total	<u>\$ 408,258</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 408,258</u>

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, 2025, 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, 2025, the City of Lincolnnton has recognized on-behalf payments for pension contributions made by the State as a revenue and an expenditure of \$2,625 for the 15 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, 2025. 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	\$ 24,493,828	\$ 25,444,032
Right to use assets	2,003,564	211,599
Less: long-term debt	<u>(2,540,054)</u>	<u>(815,189)</u>
	<u>\$ 23,957,338</u>	<u>\$ 24,840,442</u>

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	\$ 15,128,697
Less:	
Inventories	14,564
Prepaid	8,500
Stabilization by State Statute	1,597,415
Streets - Powell Bill	443,240
Police	24,983
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2026 Budget	1,000,000
Remaining Fund Balance	12,039,995

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

<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Non-Major Funds</u>
\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-

IV. 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, 2025, were \$3,911,916.

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 \$2,752 to the Council during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

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. Related Party Transactions

The City employed a relative of the mayor who was paid a total of \$1,156 for the year ended June 30, 2025. In addition, the City purchases vending and concessions from a business owned by a relative of the City Manager. The City purchased \$2,071 in vending and concessions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. At June 30, 2025, there were \$-0- outstanding amounts due to the City.

VII. 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.

VIII. Significant Effects of Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 21, 2025, 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 events occurred that require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

The City of Lincolnton entered into a contract with McGill Associates back in August of 2022 to provide professional services for the redevelopment of City Park. This was presented to City Council and approved. The proposed plan was presented to City Council at the 2023 Budget Retreat and the City Council approved the plan presented and the additional services of McGill Associates to prepare the PARTF Grant Application for the park. Application was due by May 1, 2023. Application was submitted and the City of Lincolnton was awarded the maximum amount available through the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund of \$500,000 in August 2023. This project will be over several years with an anticipated cost of \$5,672,145. In addition to the PARTF Grant, the City plans to utilize ARPA money reimbursed, apply for other grants, and fund balance if needed. The Design Phase cost of this project is \$260,000. Currently, the City is ready to begin the bid process in December 2025, with the expectation of bid opening late December / early January 2026. The plan is to present the bids to the City Council at the January 2026 City Council meeting.

The City of Lincolnton entered into a contract with Burch Environmental LLC to assist with the NCDEQ-Water Infrastructure funding through SWIA. The City applied for two AIA projects; Water and Wastewater Projects. This funding is to assist with the "Asset Inventory and Assessment" of the City's infrastructure. The City was awarded \$300,000 for Wastewater and \$100,000 for Water. Burch Environmental LLC will be handling the projects per the Resolutions approved by City Council on August 3, 2023. The City is nearing the completion of this contract with the final summary to be completed by Burch Environmental LLC by Q1 2026. Once that is completed, the City intends to contract with Burch Environmental LLC again to pursue larger grant funding for the Water and Wastewater infrastructure needs.

The City of Lincolnton along with Burch Environmental, LLC has secured a State Emergency Loan for the Wastewater Treatment Clarifiers. This project is estimated to cost \$1,544,542 and will be over a minimum of 18 months to complete. The SEL is for a period of 20 years with a 1.93% interest rate. The contractor chosen by the City is Charles R. Underwood, Inc. who is scheduled to disassemble, clean, rebuild, and replace Clarifier's 1 and 2 and the RAS Pump. Charles R. Underwood, Inc. has completed the rebuild and installation of Clarifier #2. Once final inspection of Clarifier #2 is approved by the state, the City can move forward with Clarifier #1 and the RAS Pump. In addition, a change order was initiated to replace the impellers on the RAS Pumps due to cavitation damage. This will add additional time to the project. An estimated completion date is July 1, 2026. The project is currently 60% complete. The SEL loan repayment is scheduled to start in November 2026.

The City of Lincolnton entered into a contract with Becker Morgan Group Inc to assist with the architectural needs for the Public Service Center property purchased at 500 Sigmon Road. The City also entered into a contract with Edifice, LLC as the Construction Manager on the Public Service Center Project. Currently, the City is in Phase II of this project with the expectation of going to bid for construction services in the 1st quarter of 2026. This project will take several years to complete with an estimated completion date around March of 2027. The goal is to move the entire Public Works to the new centralized location.

IX. Change in Accounting Principal/Restatement

The City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. In addition to the value of unused vacation time owed to employees upon separation of employment, the City recognizes an estimated amount of sick leave earned as of year-end that will be used by employees as time off in future years as part of the liability for compensated absences. The implementation of this statement required the Town to update its net compensated absences liability thus affecting net position, and the effects required a restatement in net position of a decrease of \$533,726.

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) for Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
 - **Schedule of Contributions - Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
 - **Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability for Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension**
 - **Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability-Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance**
 - **Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll-Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance**
 - **Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**
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CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
City of Lincoln's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.10415%	0.11027%	0.11253%	0.10248%	0.10361%	0.09491%	0.09534%	0.09746%	0.09605%	0.10989%
City of Lincoln's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 7,021,309	\$ 7,303,212	\$ 6,348,299	\$ 1,571,629	\$ 3,702,428	\$ 2,591,918	\$ 2,261,791	\$ 1,488,919	\$ 2,038,503	\$ 493,180
City of Lincoln's covered payroll	\$ 9,612,795	\$ 8,788,589	\$ 8,646,634	\$ 7,903,048	\$ 7,484,813	\$ 6,976,386	\$ 6,673,226	\$ 6,563,566	\$ 6,145,468	\$ 6,170,108
City of Lincoln's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	73.04%	83.10%	73.42%	19.89%	49.47%	37.15%	33.89%	22.68%	33.17%	7.99%
Plan fiduciary net pension as a percentage of the total pension liability**	84.14%	84.14%	84.14%	95.51%	88.61%	91.63%	94.18%	91.47%	98.09%	99.07%

*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.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**City of Lincolnton's Contributions
Required Supplementary Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years
Local Government Employees' Retirement System**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 1,560,404	\$ 1,266,462	\$ 1,085,937	\$ 999,408	\$ 818,409	\$ 687,610	\$ 557,523	\$ 516,612	\$ 491,998	\$ 437,201
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	1,560,404	1,266,462	1,085,937	999,408	818,409	687,610	557,523	516,612	491,998	437,201
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
City of Lincolnton's covered payroll	\$ 11,159,974	\$ 9,612,795	\$ 8,788,589	\$ 8,646,634	\$ 7,903,048	\$ 7,484,813	\$ 6,976,386	\$ 6,673,226	\$ 6,563,566	\$ 6,145,468
Cotributions as a percentage of covered payroll	13.98%	13.17%	12.36%	11.56%	10.36%	9.19%	7.99%	7.74%	7.50%	7.11%

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the City of Lincolnton	(4,778)	3,227	10,047	(15,623)	29,360	15,717	30,683	22,859	16,133	20,230
Total	\$ (4,778)	\$ 3,227	\$ 10,047	\$ (15,623)	\$ 29,360	\$ 15,717	\$ 30,683	\$ 22,859	\$ 16,133	\$ 20,230
City of Lincolnton's covered payroll	\$ 2,509,816	\$ 2,229,939	\$ 2,229,939	\$ 1,874,956	\$ 1,387,166	\$ 1,387,168	\$ 1,082,484	\$ 1,061,834	\$ 936,500	\$ 744,636
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	(0.19%)	0.14%	0.45%	(0.83%)	2.12%	1.13%	2.83%	2.15%	1.72%	2.72%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage										

*The amounts are presented for the prior fiscal year.

Information is not required to be presented retroactively.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,478,613	\$ 1,338,743	\$ 1,531,315	\$ 1,430,885	\$ 1,019,789	\$ 1,014,141	\$ 980,468	\$ 943,092	\$ 976,259
Service cost	62,095	58,283	79,079	74,718	46,812	40,112	39,841	32,657	37,675
Interest on the total pension liability	57,471	55,581	33,402	26,827	31,642	35,422	29,583	34,553	33,318
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	(189,662)	94,541	2,420	116,846	(11,339)	(13,303)	85,376	17,713	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(26,552)	29,799	(213,912)	(36,212)	442,306	25,430	(32,508)	48,344	(18,181)
Benefit payments	(83,658)	(98,334)	(93,561)	(81,749)	(98,325)	(82,013)	(8,619)	(95,891)	(85,979)
Other changes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$ 1,298,307</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,613</u>	<u>\$ 1,338,743</u>	<u>\$ 1,531,315</u>	<u>\$ 1,430,885</u>	<u>\$ 1,019,789</u>	<u>\$ 1,094,141</u>	<u>\$ 980,468</u>	<u>\$ 943,092</u>

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

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of GASB codification P22.101 or P52.101 to pay related benefits for the pension plan.

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 Nine Fiscal Years

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Pension liability	\$ 1,298,307	\$ 1,478,613	\$ 1,338,743	\$ 1,531,315	\$ 1,430,885	\$ 1,019,789	\$ 1,014,141	\$ 980,468	\$ 943,092
Covered-employee payroll	2,012,469	2,082,896	1,896,960	1,677,372	1,775,754	1,621,737	1,502,102	1,493,025	1,545,187
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	64.15%	70.99%	70.57%	91.29%	80.58%	62.88%	67.51%	65.67%	61.03%

Notes to the schedule:

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.

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 Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Last Eight Fiscal Years
June 30, 2025**

Total OPEB Liability	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Service Cost	\$ 267,820	\$ 318,103	\$ 426,016	\$ 510,663	\$ 370,272	\$ 418,078	\$ 433,171	\$ 469,911
Interest	388,668	384,690	266,119	263,026	363,341	436,147	401,537	348,745
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	(40,713)	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	36,984	(450,276)	24,518	(1,070,127)	(28,075)	(1,665,740)	82,464	29,100
Changes of assumptions	(255,840)	232,299	(1,405,231)	1,433,508	1,212,786	226,155	(326,388)	(560,847)
Benefit payments	(656,344)	(649,981)	(665,830)	(520,918)	(553,667)	(676,174)	(640,476)	(549,082)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(218,712)	(165,165)	(1,354,408)	575,439	1,364,657	(1,261,534)	(49,692)	(262,173)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	10,705,857	10,871,022	12,225,430	11,649,991	10,285,334	11,546,868	11,596,560	11,858,733
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 10,487,145</u>	<u>\$ 10,705,857</u>	<u>\$ 10,871,022</u>	<u>\$ 12,225,430</u>	<u>\$ 11,649,991</u>	<u>\$ 10,285,334</u>	<u>\$ 11,546,868</u>	<u>\$ 11,596,560</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,264,455	\$ 6,264,455	\$ 6,456,672	\$ 6,456,672	\$ 7,026,971	\$ 7,026,971	\$ 5,935,441	\$ 5,935,441
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	167.41%	170.90%	168.37%	189.35%	165.79%	146.37%	194.54%	195.38%

Notes to Schedule

The OPEB plan has no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria which are outlined in GASB Statement 75 to pay the related benefits for the plan.

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>
2025	3.93%
2024	3.65%
2023	3.54%
2022	2.16%
2021	2.21%
2020	3.50%
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.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND/STATE

The Special Revenue Fund/State is used to account for state grants funding which are legally required to be accounted for in a special revenue fund.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

General Fund

Balance Sheets

June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,904,499	\$ 14,113,186
Taxes receivable, net	3,095	30,269
Accounts receivable, net	1,214,975	946,011
Due from governmental agencies	382,439	537,543
Inventories	14,564	13,440
Prepaid items	8,500	8,500
Restricted cash	468,223	438,029
Total assets	<u>\$ 16,996,296</u>	<u>\$ 16,086,978</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 134,217	\$ 107,668
Advance from other funds	1,695,022	1,854,743
Unearned revenues	32,479	9,957
Total liabilities	<u>1,861,718</u>	<u>1,972,368</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Property taxes receivable	3,095	30,269
Prepaid taxes	2,786	2,894
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>5,881</u>	<u>33,163</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>		
Non Spendable:		
Inventories	14,564	13,440
Prepaid expenditures	8,500	8,500
Restricted:		
Stabilization by State statute	1,597,415	1,483,554
Streets	443,240	437,048
Public safety - police	24,983	981
Assigned:		
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,000,000	200,000
Unassigned	12,039,995	11,937,924
Total fund balances	<u>15,128,697</u>	<u>14,081,447</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 16,996,296</u>	<u>\$ 16,086,978</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, 2025
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)**

	<u>2025</u>		<u>Variance</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>2024</u>
			<u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes:				
Current year	\$ 7,835,162	\$ 8,044,363	\$ 209,201	\$ 7,883,672
Prior years	55,340	59,285	3,945	41,171
Interest and penalties	21,326	27,146	5,820	23,675
Total	<u>7,911,828</u>	<u>8,130,794</u>	<u>218,966</u>	<u>7,948,518</u>
Other taxes and licenses:				
Other taxes	1,743,473	1,805,262	61,789	1,720,712
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues:				
Local option sales tax	5,566,912	5,744,276	177,364	5,421,490
Payment in lieu of taxes	51,213	51,213	-	43,173
Utility franchise tax	1,002,453	1,002,453	-	870,218
Beer and wine tax	46,919	46,919	-	55,761
ABC profit distribution	90,000	98,210	8,210	125,635
Other	395,364	395,364	-	364,416
Total	<u>7,152,861</u>	<u>7,338,435</u>	<u>185,574</u>	<u>6,880,693</u>
Restricted intergovernmental revenues:				
Powell Bill street aid allocation	427,259	427,259	-	384,855
Powell Bill investment earnings	19,784	21,321	1,537	19,347
Other Powell Bill receipts	1,026	1,026	-	-
Controlled substance tax	10,808	10,808	-	2,698
Federal Equitable deposits	-	-	-	9,536
ABC revenue for law enforcement	20,000	5,000	(15,000)	20,000
On-behalf of payments-Fire and Rescue	2,000	2,625	625	3,347
Federal, state and local grants	139,569	354,773	215,204	106,103
Total	<u>620,446</u>	<u>822,812</u>	<u>202,366</u>	<u>545,886</u>

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	<u>2025</u>		<u>Variance</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>	
Revenues (continued):				
Permits and fees:				
Zoning fees	\$ 35,407	\$ 36,382	\$ 975	\$ 63,747
Other fees	<u>85,752</u>	<u>89,574</u>	<u>3,822</u>	<u>64,139</u>
Total	<u>121,159</u>	<u>125,956</u>	<u>4,797</u>	<u>127,886</u>
Sales and services:				
Cemetery lot sales	59,775	62,575	2,800	38,350
Recreation fees and concessions	200,105	209,118	9,013	200,439
Other	<u>30,173</u>	<u>30,713</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>30,123</u>
Total	<u>290,053</u>	<u>302,406</u>	<u>12,353</u>	<u>268,912</u>
Investment earnings	<u>611,771</u>	<u>626,335</u>	<u>14,564</u>	<u>668,183</u>
Miscellaneous:				
Sale of property	27,574	27,478	(96)	4,342
Small business emergency loan receipts	33,750	6,500	(27,250)	26,265
Other	<u>281,303</u>	<u>80,564</u>	<u>(200,739)</u>	<u>1,566,245</u>
Total	<u>342,627</u>	<u>114,542</u>	<u>(228,085)</u>	<u>1,596,852</u>
Total revenues	<u>18,794,218</u>	<u>19,266,542</u>	<u>472,324</u>	<u>19,757,640</u>

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	<u>2025</u>		Variance Positive (Negative)	<u>2024 Actual</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Governing body				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 64,833	\$ 64,833	\$ -	\$ 54,594
Other operating expenditures	2,309,887	1,739,286	570,601	1,580,937
Tax collection fees	252,275	247,485	4,790	248,218
Capital outlay	1,886,180	1,843,604	42,576	3,012,989
Interdepartmental charges	<u>(275,349)</u>	<u>(275,349)</u>	-	<u>(246,069)</u>
	<u>4,237,826</u>	<u>3,619,859</u>	<u>617,967</u>	<u>4,650,669</u>
Administrative				
Salaries and employee benefits	776,140	743,593	32,547	686,706
Other operating expenditures	85,297	54,301	30,996	61,946
Interdepartmental charges	<u>(247,477)</u>	<u>(247,477)</u>	-	<u>(218,102)</u>
	<u>613,960</u>	<u>550,417</u>	<u>63,543</u>	<u>530,550</u>
Finance				
Salaries and employee benefits	545,134	543,064	2,070	498,747
Other operating expenditures	60,816	49,534	11,282	37,346
Interdepartmental charges	<u>(561,555)</u>	<u>(561,555)</u>	-	<u>(516,458)</u>
	<u>44,395</u>	<u>31,043</u>	<u>13,352</u>	<u>19,635</u>
IT				
Salaries and employee benefits	51,506	51,475	31	48,123
Other operating expenditures	354,990	336,523	18,467	152,804
Capital outlay	-	-	-	356,219
	<u>406,496</u>	<u>387,998</u>	<u>18,498</u>	<u>557,146</u>
Total general government	<u>5,302,677</u>	<u>4,589,317</u>	<u>713,360</u>	<u>5,758,000</u>
Public safety:				
Police				
Salaries and employee benefits	4,373,800	4,373,800	-	3,513,387
Other operating expenditures	526,788	426,690	100,098	372,091
Capital outlay	<u>39,354</u>	<u>39,354</u>	-	<u>149,763</u>
	<u>4,939,942</u>	<u>4,839,844</u>	<u>100,098</u>	<u>4,035,241</u>

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	<u>2025</u>		<u>Variance</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Negative)</u>	
Expenditures (continued):				
Fire				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 4,454,310	\$ 4,451,503	\$ 2,807	\$ 2,564,620
Other operating expenditures	620,078	587,134	32,944	307,325
Capital outlay	43,747	43,747	-	62,897
	<u>5,118,135</u>	<u>5,082,384</u>	<u>35,751</u>	<u>2,934,842</u>
Boger City Fire				
Salaries and employee benefits	-	-	-	1,079,863
Other operating expenditures	-	-	-	210,374
Capital outlay	-	-	-	17,635
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,307,872</u>
Total public safety	<u>10,058,077</u>	<u>9,922,228</u>	<u>135,849</u>	<u>8,277,955</u>
Public works:				
General and administrative				
Salaries and employee benefits	248,541	248,428	113	120,378
Operating expenditures	38,060	31,898	6,162	40,462
Capital outlay	21,984	21,984	-	-
Interdepartmental charges	(202,725)	(202,725)	-	(169,731)
	<u>105,860</u>	<u>99,585</u>	<u>6,275</u>	<u>(8,891)</u>
Street maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	677,421	753,376	(75,955)	762,099
Operating expenditures	650,530	542,409	108,121	484,137
Capital outlay	100,000	51,260	48,740	37,125
Interdepartmental charges	(217,994)	(217,994)	-	(200,429)
	<u>1,209,957</u>	<u>1,129,051</u>	<u>80,906</u>	<u>1,082,932</u>
Powell Bill assistance				
Operating expenditures	408,474	403,830	4,644	288,986
	<u>408,474</u>	<u>403,830</u>	<u>4,644</u>	<u>288,986</u>
Fleet maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	179,924	178,235	1,689	180,600
Operating expenditures	174,228	129,430	44,798	252,071
Capital outlay	-	-	-	5,450
Interdepartmental charges	(63,500)	(63,500)	-	(59,048)
	<u>290,652</u>	<u>244,165</u>	<u>46,487</u>	<u>379,073</u>

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	2025		Variance Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Expenditures (continued):				
Airport operation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,600
Total public works	<u>2,014,943</u>	<u>1,876,631</u>	<u>138,312</u>	<u>1,757,700</u>
Economic and physical development:				
Business and community development				
Salaries and employee benefits	67,994	67,994	-	104,208
Operating expenditures	70,300	63,366	6,934	55,536
	<u>138,294</u>	<u>131,360</u>	<u>6,934</u>	<u>159,744</u>
Planning and zoning				
Salaries and employee benefits	245,878	243,036	2,842	229,389
Operating expenditures	120,831	70,183	50,648	74,431
Capital outlay	100,000	-	100,000	-
Interdepartmental charges	(18,027)	(18,027)	-	(15,759)
	<u>448,682</u>	<u>295,192</u>	<u>153,490</u>	<u>288,061</u>
Total economic and physical development	<u>586,976</u>	<u>426,552</u>	<u>160,424</u>	<u>447,805</u>
Environmental protection:				
Solid waste				
Salaries and employee benefits	472,121	460,821	11,300	431,234
Operating expenditures	221,044	197,302	23,742	129,570
Capital outlay	158,256	89,991	68,265	31,252
	<u>851,421</u>	<u>748,114</u>	<u>103,307</u>	<u>592,056</u>
Total environmental protection	<u>851,421</u>	<u>748,114</u>	<u>103,307</u>	<u>592,056</u>
Cultural and recreational:				
Salaries and employee benefits	748,317	748,310	7	791,024
Operating expenditures	409,177	374,525	34,652	322,434
Capital outlay	390,740	337,325	53,415	306,402
Total cultural and recreational	<u>1,548,234</u>	<u>1,460,160</u>	<u>88,074</u>	<u>1,419,860</u>

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	<u>2025</u>		Variance Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Expenditures (continued):				
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	\$ 617,781	\$ 458,609	\$ 159,172	\$ 251,605
Interest and other charges	<u>86,541</u>	<u>87,692</u>	<u>(1,151)</u>	<u>84,063</u>
Total debt service	<u>704,322</u>	<u>546,301</u>	<u>158,021</u>	<u>335,668</u>
Total expenditures	<u>21,066,650</u>	<u>19,569,303</u>	<u>1,497,347</u>	<u>18,589,044</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(2,272,432)</u>	<u>(302,761)</u>	<u>1,969,671</u>	<u>1,168,596</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Issuance of debt/leases	1,014,175	940,626	(73,549)	1,011,921
Appropriated fund balance	850,000	-	(850,000)	-
Transfers (to) from other funds				
Water and Sewer Fund	373,782	373,782	-	369,099
Electric Fund	<u>34,476</u>	<u>34,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,351</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,272,433</u>	<u>1,348,884</u>	<u>(923,549)</u>	<u>1,415,371</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses and extraordinary item	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,126</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,126</u>	<u>\$ 2,583,970</u>
Fund balances, July 1		\$14,081,447		\$ 11,490,338
Revenues over (under) expenditures		1,046,126		2,583,970
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory		<u>1,124</u>		<u>7,140</u>
Fund balances, June 30		<u>\$15,128,697</u>		<u>\$ 14,081,447</u>

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**Special Revenue Fund/State
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
 Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
 From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Prior</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total to</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Positive</u>
			<u>Year</u>		<u>(Negative)</u>
Revenues:					
AIA grant funds	\$ 247,020	\$ 221,434	\$ 25,586	\$ 247,020	\$ -
Investment earnings	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>247,020</u>	<u>221,434</u>	<u>25,586</u>	<u>247,020</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:					
Capital expense - Water AIA	14,302	11,902	2,400	14,302	-
Capital expense - Wastewater AIA	<u>232,718</u>	<u>209,532</u>	<u>23,186</u>	<u>232,718</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>247,020</u>	<u>221,434</u>	<u>25,586</u>	<u>247,020</u>	<u>-</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfer in (out) - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-
Revenues and other financing sources (uses) over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balance, July 1				-	
Fund balance, June 30				<u>\$ -</u>	

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.**

CITY OF LINCOLN, 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, 2025

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	<u>2025</u>		Variance	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Positive	2024
			(Negative)	Actual
Revenues:				
Unrestricted intergovernmental:				
Local occupancy tax	\$ 150,000	\$ 177,159	\$ 27,159	\$ 138,424
Investment earnings	7,000	17,064	10,064	12,298
Total revenues	<u>157,000</u>	<u>194,223</u>	<u>37,223</u>	<u>150,722</u>
Expenditures:				
Advertising & promotions	107,000	45,765	61,235	52,628
Insurance	450	450	-	450
Other operating expenditures	153,550	99,220	54,330	113,156
Capital outlay	<u>196,000</u>	-	<u>196,000</u>	-
Total expenditures	<u>457,000</u>	<u>145,435</u>	<u>311,565</u>	<u>166,234</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(300,000)	48,788	348,788	(15,512)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	<u>300,000</u>	-	<u>(300,000)</u>	-
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	48,788	<u>\$ 48,788</u>	(15,512)
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual)				
To Full Accrual:				
Depreciation expense		(2,862)		(2,862)
Write off preciously capitalized item		-		(50,000)
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		-		-
Revenues over (under) expenditures		45,926		(68,374)
Fund balance, July 1		<u>568,584</u>		<u>636,957</u>
Fund balance, June 30		<u>\$ 614,510</u>		<u>\$ 568,584</u>

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.**

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statements of Net Position
Water and Sewer Fund
June 30, 2025 and 2024**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,717,270	\$ 9,344,292
Accounts receivable	590,851	694,866
Inventories	282,029	247,718
Prepaid expenses	-	-
Total current assets	<u>11,590,150</u>	<u>10,286,876</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	175,619	162,267
Capital assets, right to use leased assets, net of amortization	153,828	135,836
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	23,052,051	24,070,814
Total assets	<u>34,971,648</u>	<u>34,655,793</u>
 <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	635,176	832,501
OPEB deferrals	247,766	344,937
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>882,942</u>	<u>1,177,438</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	118,681	117,516
Customer deposits - restricted	175,619	162,267
Loans payable - current	403,765	392,011
Lease payable - current	91,946	64,215
OPEB - current	133,384	120,756
Accrued compensated absences	86,808	73,920
Total current liabilities	<u>1,010,203</u>	<u>930,685</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Loans payable	141,159	519,567
Lease payable	114,418	110,679
OPEB liability	2,080,403	2,172,437
Accrued compensated absences	46,374	47,380
Net pension liability	1,172,442	1,360,730
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,554,796</u>	<u>4,210,793</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,564,999</u>	<u>5,141,478</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	37,684	13,857
OPEB deferrals	420,462	534,791
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>458,146</u>	<u>548,648</u>
 <u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	22,454,591	23,120,178
Unrestricted	8,376,854	7,022,928
Total net position	<u>\$ 30,831,445</u>	<u>\$ 30,143,106</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

Operating Revenues:	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Water charges	\$ 3,666,609	\$ 3,614,977
Sewer charges	4,133,000	4,258,224
Water and sewer taps	819,425	659,836
Other operating revenues	<u>386,937</u>	<u>232,717</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>9,005,971</u>	<u>8,765,754</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Water treatment plant	1,558,108	1,657,026
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	1,894,862	1,786,706
Waste treatment plant	1,955,784	1,855,660
Administrattion	856,779	769,822
Depreciation/amortization	<u>2,043,045</u>	<u>2,143,312</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>8,308,578</u>	<u>8,212,526</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>697,393</u>	<u>553,228</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Investment earnings	415,965	399,667
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	5,040	(61,522)
Capital contribution - property	-	510,000
Interest on long-term debt	<u>(32,816)</u>	<u>(43,535)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>388,189</u>	<u>804,610</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	1,085,582	1,357,838
Transfer to General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	<u>(373,782)</u>	<u>(369,099)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 711,799</u>	<u>\$ 988,740</u>
Total net position -originally stated	\$30,143,106	\$29,154,365
Restatement	<u>(23,459)</u>	<u></u>
Total net position -beginning, restated	30,119,647	29,154,365
Change in net position	<u>711,799</u>	<u>988,740</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$30,831,445</u>	<u>\$30,143,106</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Water and Sewer Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	2025		Variance Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Operating revenues:				
Water charges	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,666,609	\$ 66,609	\$ 3,614,977
Sewer charges	4,350,000	4,133,000	(217,000)	4,258,224
Water and sewer taps	839,332	819,425	(19,907)	659,836
Other	329,366	386,937	57,571	232,717
Total operating revenues	<u>9,118,698</u>	<u>9,005,971</u>	<u>(112,727)</u>	<u>8,765,754</u>
Nonoperating revenues:				
Investment earnings	401,159	415,965	14,806	399,667
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>401,159</u>	<u>415,965</u>	<u>14,806</u>	<u>399,667</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,519,857</u>	<u>9,421,936</u>	<u>(97,921)</u>	<u>9,165,421</u>
Expenditures:				
Operating expenditures:				
Water treatment plant				
Salaries and employee benefits	883,263	818,866	64,397	807,600
Chemicals	227,892	197,293	30,599	205,404
Electricity	302,789	288,377	14,412	277,749
Water service contract	185,000	150,091	34,909	154,530
Repairs and maintenance	44,482	26,993	17,489	21,229
Other operating expenditures	258,032	93,636	164,396	147,812
	<u>1,901,458</u>	<u>1,575,256</u>	<u>326,202</u>	<u>1,614,324</u>
Water and sewer distribution maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	1,261,480	1,200,964	60,516	1,142,831
Supplies	371,768	358,680	13,088	256,473
Repairs and maintenance	196,933	195,601	1,332	181,231
Other operating expenditures	281,842	172,674	109,168	148,729
	<u>2,112,023</u>	<u>1,927,919</u>	<u>184,104</u>	<u>1,729,264</u>
Waste treatment plant				
Salaries and employee benefits	802,026	789,802	12,224	751,643
Sludge removal	199,800	197,957	1,843	229,539
Electricity	278,000	278,000	-	278,000
Repairs and maintenance	153,559	128,542	25,017	205,671
Other operating expenditures	668,087	620,866	47,221	477,543
	<u>2,101,472</u>	<u>2,015,167</u>	<u>86,305</u>	<u>1,942,396</u>
Administration	<u>856,779</u>	<u>856,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>769,822</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, 2025

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	2025		Variance Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Total operating expenditures	\$ 6,971,732	\$ 6,375,121	\$ 596,611	\$ 6,055,806
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	489,540	455,869	33,671	448,099
Interest and fees	35,414	35,414	-	36,471
Total debt service	524,954	491,283	33,671	484,570
Capital outlay:				
Water treatment plant	536,529	98,129	438,400	42,662
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	931,718	588,644	343,074	995,656
Waste water treatment plant	658,182	355,502	302,680	88,464
Total capital outlay	2,126,429	1,042,275	1,084,154	1,126,782
Total expenditures	9,623,115	7,908,679	1,714,436	7,667,158
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(103,258)	1,513,257	1,616,515	1,498,263
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	350,000	-	(350,000)	-
Transfer-General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	(373,782)	(373,782)	-	(369,099)
Capital contributions	-	-	-	510,000
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	5,040	5,040	-	(61,522)
Lease liabilities issued	-	95,687	95,687	59,715
Proceeds from borrowing	122,000	25,000	(97,000)	153,328
Total other financing sources	103,258	(248,055)	(351,313)	292,422
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$ -	1,265,202	\$ 1,265,200	1,790,685
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:				
Increase (decrease) in inventory		34,311		119,806
(Increase) decrease in accrued compensation payable		11,576		2,627
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions		(197,325)		(54)
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability		188,288		(141,078)
(Increase) decrease in deferred inflows of resources - pensions		(23,827)		(8,704)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB		(97,171)		(45,098)
(Increase) decrease in OPEB liability		79,406		(4,052)
(Increase) decrease in deferred infows of resources - OPEB		114,329		63,146
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		1,042,275		1,126,782
Payment of debt principal		455,869		448,099
Proceeds from borrowing		(25,000)		(153,328)
Lease liabilities issued		(95,687)		(59,715)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest		2,598		(7,064)
Depreciation/amortization		(2,043,045)		(2,143,312)
Change in net position		\$ 711,799		\$ 988,740

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statements of Cash Flows
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 9,109,986	\$ 8,769,937
Customer deposits received	13,352	29,070
Cash paid for goods and services	(3,561,724)	(3,300,852)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	(2,809,634)	(2,702,076)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>2,751,980</u>	<u>2,796,079</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Transfers - in (out)	<u>(373,782)</u>	<u>(369,099)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(946,240)	(556,927)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	5,040	-
Proceeds from borrowing	25,000	153,328
Principal paid on long-term debt	(456,219)	(448,239)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(35,414)	(36,471)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,407,833)</u>	<u>(888,309)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment earnings	<u>415,965</u>	<u>399,667</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>415,965</u>	<u>399,667</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,386,330	1,938,338
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	9,506,559	7,568,221
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 10,892,889</u>	<u>\$ 9,506,559</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided		
(Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 697,393	\$ 553,228
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation/amortization	2,043,045	2,143,312
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	104,015	4,183
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(34,311)	(119,806)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	3,763	52,879
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences	(11,577)	(2,627)
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability	(79,406)	4,052
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-OPEB	97,171	45,098
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-OPEB	(114,329)	(63,146)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-pensions	197,325	54
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(188,288)	141,078
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-pensions	23,827	8,704
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	13,352	29,070
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 2,751,980</u>	<u>\$ 2,796,079</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non Cash Financing Activities:		
Acquisition of capital assets through capital contribution	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 510,000</u>
Acquisition of right to use asset through lease liability	<u>\$ 96,035</u>	<u>\$ 59,855</u>

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**Statements of Net Position
Electric Fund
June 30, 2025 and 2024**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,663,109	\$ 6,813,964
Accounts receivable	550,031	582,394
Advance to other funds	162,118	159,722
Inventories	196,696	157,912
Prepaid expenses	25,000	25,000
Total current assets	<u>10,596,954</u>	<u>7,738,992</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	333,915	315,800
Advance to other funds	1,532,904	1,695,021
Capital asset, right to use leased assets, net of amrtization	57,771	75,809
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,391,981	2,503,474
Total assets	<u>14,913,525</u>	<u>12,329,096</u>
 <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	238,471	281,526
OPEB deferrals	67,088	87,026
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>305,559</u>	<u>368,552</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	645,753	595,053
Customer deposits - restricted	333,915	315,800
Accrued compensated absences	24,287	19,724
Leases payable - current	14,618	14,324
OPEB- current	15,581	16,670
Total current liabilities	<u>1,034,154</u>	<u>961,571</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Leases payable	49,283	63,902
OPEB liability	583,852	561,894
Accrued compensated absences	39,275	28,686
Net pension liability	440,185	460,158
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,112,595</u>	<u>1,114,640</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,146,749</u>	<u>2,076,211</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	14,148	4,686
OPEB deferrals	113,849	134,926
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>127,997</u>	<u>139,612</u>
 <u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	2,385,851	2,501,057
Unrestricted	10,558,486	7,980,768
Total net position	<u>\$ 12,944,337</u>	<u>\$ 10,481,825</u>

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Electric Fund

For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Electric sales	\$ 6,949,778	\$ 6,837,614
Electricity - municipal operations	667,825	667,825
Other operating revenues	<u>1,846,532</u>	<u>427,781</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>9,464,135</u>	<u>7,933,220</u>
 Operating Expenses:		
Electrical operations	2,406,812	1,814,860
Electrical power purchases	3,911,916	4,415,293
Administrative	729,848	655,774
Depreciation/amortization	<u>265,829</u>	<u>257,431</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>7,314,405</u>	<u>7,143,358</u>
 Operating income (loss)	 <u>2,149,730</u>	 <u>789,862</u>
 Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses);		
Interest expense	(1,599)	(672)
Investment earnings	<u>358,071</u>	<u>297,494</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>356,472</u>	<u>296,822</u>
 Income (loss) before transfers	 2,506,202	 1,086,684
 Transfer to the General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	 <u>(34,476)</u>	 <u>(34,351)</u>
 Change in net position	 <u>\$ 2,471,725</u>	 <u>\$ 1,052,333</u>
 Total net position - originally stated	 \$10,481,825	 \$ 9,429,493
 Restatement	 <u>(9,213)</u>	 <u>-</u>
Total net position - beginning, restated	<u>10,472,612</u>	<u>9,429,493</u>
 Change in net position	 <u>2,471,725</u>	 <u>1,052,333</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$12,944,337</u>	<u>\$10,481,825</u>

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

Electric Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	<u>2025</u>		<u>Variance</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>2024</u>
			<u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Operating revenues:				
Electricity sales	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 6,949,778	\$ 349,778	\$ 6,837,614
Electricity - municipal operations	667,875	667,825	(50)	667,825
Other operating revenues	<u>1,776,127</u>	<u>1,846,532</u>	<u>70,405</u>	<u>427,781</u>
Total operating revenues	9,044,002	9,464,135	420,133	7,933,220
Nonoperating revenues:				
Investment earnings	<u>502,935</u>	<u>358,071</u>	<u>(144,864)</u>	<u>297,494</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,546,937</u>	<u>9,822,206</u>	<u>275,269</u>	<u>8,230,714</u>
Expenditures:				
Salaries and employee benefits	1,072,061	1,026,815	45,246	863,323
Electrical power purchases	4,000,000	3,911,916	88,084	4,415,293
Administrative	729,848	729,848	-	655,774
Repairs and maintenance	618,237	391,082	227,155	200,744
Other operating expenditures	1,675,531	969,485	706,046	673,009
Capital outlay	1,395,185	136,297	1,258,888	259,040
Debt service				
Principal retirement	20,000	14,324	5,676	5,897
Interest	<u>1,599</u>	<u>1,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>672</u>
Total operating expenditures	<u>9,512,461</u>	<u>7,181,366</u>	<u>2,331,095</u>	<u>7,073,752</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>34,476</u>	<u>2,640,840</u>	<u>2,606,364</u>	<u>1,156,962</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Lease liabilities issued	-	-	-	63,220
Transfers from (to):				
General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	(34,476)	(34,476)	-	(34,351)
Rate Stabilization Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(34,476)</u>	<u>(34,476)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,869</u>

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

Electric Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2024)

	2025		Variance	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	2024
			<u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ 2,606,364	\$ 2,606,364	\$ 1,185,831
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis				
(Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:				
Transfer to Rate Stabilization Fund		-		-
Lease liabilities issued		-		(63,220)
Principal retirement		14,324		5,897
Increase (decrease) in inventory		38,784		47,471
(Increase) decrease in accrued compensated absences		(5,939)		(5,008)
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions		(43,055)		1,966
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability		19,973		(50,615)
(Increase) decrease in deferred inflows of resources - pensions		(9,462)		(2,956)
(Increase) decrease in OPEB liability		(20,869)		(67,158)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB		(19,938)		(110)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB		21,077		(1,374)
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		136,297		259,040
Depreciation/amortization		<u>(265,829)</u>		<u>(257,431)</u>
Changes in net position		<u>\$ 2,471,725</u>		<u>\$ 1,052,333</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

Electric Fund

For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 9,496,496	\$ 7,875,668
Customer deposits received	18,115	6,590
Cash paid for goods and services	(5,951,632)	(5,873,168)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	<u>(1,026,814)</u>	<u>(863,323)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>2,536,165</u>	<u>1,145,767</u>
 Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Repayment from other fund	159,721	157,362
Transfers - in (out)	<u>(34,476)</u>	<u>(34,351)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	<u>125,245</u>	<u>123,011</u>
 Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(136,298)	(195,820)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-
Principal paid	(14,325)	(5,897)
Interest paid	<u>(1,599)</u>	<u>(672)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(152,222)</u>	<u>(202,389)</u>
 Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment earnings	<u>358,071</u>	<u>297,494</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>358,071</u>	<u>297,494</u>
 Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,867,259	1,363,883
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>7,129,765</u>	<u>5,765,882</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 9,997,024</u>	<u>\$ 7,129,765</u>
 Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,149,730	\$ 789,862
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation/amortization	265,829	257,431
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	32,363	(57,552)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(38,784)	(47,471)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	-	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	50,700	71,652
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences	5,938	5,008
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability	20,869	67,158
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-OPEB	19,938	110
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-pensions	43,055	(1,966)
Increase (decrease) net pension liability	(19,973)	50,615
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-pensions	9,462	2,956
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-OPEB	(21,077)	1,374
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	18,115	6,590
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 2,536,165</u>	<u>\$ 1,145,767</u>

Statements of Cash Flows
Electric Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non Cash Financing Activities:		
Acquisition of right to use asset through lease liability	\$ -	\$ 63,220
Additional advance with the transfer of assets	\$ -	\$ -

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

Electric Rate Stabilization Fund

From Inception and for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Project</u> <u>Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Prior</u> <u>Years</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Total to</u> <u>Date</u>
Revenues:				
Investment earnings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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>

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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Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

June 30, 2025

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Collections and Credits</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2025</u>
2024 - 2025	\$ -	\$ 8,244,911	\$ 8,167,739	\$ 77,172
2023 - 2024	103,845	-	81,469	22,376
2022 - 2023	15,237	-	4,744	10,493
2021 - 2022	8,172	-	1,563	6,608
2020 - 2021	5,853	-	479	5,375
2019 - 2020	4,412	-	408	4,005
2018 - 2019	3,573	-	289	3,284
2017 - 2018	2,694	-	301	2,393
2016 - 2017	3,174	-	653	2,521
2015 - 2016	5,431	-	561	4,870
2014 - 2015	5,876	-	5,876	-
Total	<u>\$ 158,267</u>	<u>\$ 8,244,911</u>	<u>\$ 8,264,082</u>	139,095
Less allowance for uncollectibles				<u>(136,000)</u>
Balance				<u>\$ 3,095</u>
Reconciliation With Revenue:				
Taxes - Ad valorem - General Fund				\$ 8,130,794
Adjustments, releases and discounts				154,558
Taxes written off				5,876
Interest collected				<u>(27,146)</u>
Total collections and credits				<u>\$ 8,264,082</u>

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Analysis of Current Tax Levy

June 30, 2025

	<u>City Wide</u>		<u>Total Levy</u>		
			<u>Property</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Registered</u>
	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Excluding</u> <u>Motor</u> <u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Motor</u> <u>Vehicles</u>
Original levy:					
Property taxes at current year's rate	\$1,517,724,922	0.50	\$ 7,588,625	\$ 7,588,625	\$ -
Motor vehicles taxed at current year rate	<u>128,433,842</u>	0.50	<u>642,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>642,169</u>
Total	<u>1,646,158,764</u>		<u>8,230,794</u>	<u>7,588,625</u>	<u>642,169</u>
Discoveries:					
Current year taxes	6,449,371		32,247	32,247	-
Adjustments	<u>(3,625,924)</u>		<u>(18,130)</u>	<u>(18,130)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>2,823,447</u>		<u>14,117</u>	<u>14,117</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property valuation	<u>\$1,648,982,211</u>				
Net levy			8,244,911	7,602,742	642,169
Less uncollected taxes at June 30, 2025			<u>(77,172)</u>	<u>(77,172)</u>	<u>-</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$ 8,167,739</u>	<u>\$ 7,525,570</u>	<u>\$ 642,169</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>99.06</u>	<u>98.98</u>	<u>100.00</u>

STATISTICAL SECTION

(Unaudited)

This part of the City of Lincoln's Annual Comprehensive 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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for the relevant year.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Governmental Activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 17,845,361	\$ 17,836,400	\$ 18,078,633	\$ 18,180,889	\$ 18,104,701	\$ 20,703,171	\$ 21,487,462	\$ 21,205,099	\$ 23,487,366	\$ 23,957,338
Restricted	1,592,074	1,522,318	1,721,261	1,446,522	2,127,871	1,435,400	1,487,501	1,706,358	1,921,583	2,065,638
Unrestricted	<u>857,731</u>	<u>133,971</u>	<u>(7,372,812)</u>	<u>(6,908,253)</u>	<u>(6,051,578)</u>	<u>(7,092,864)</u>	<u>(5,864,033)</u>	<u>(2,056,739)</u>	<u>(187,166)</u>	<u>(335,597)</u>
Total governmental activities										
net position	<u>\$ 20,295,166</u>	<u>\$ 19,492,689</u>	<u>\$ 12,427,082</u>	<u>\$ 12,719,158</u>	<u>\$ 14,180,994</u>	<u>\$ 15,045,707</u>	<u>\$ 17,110,930</u>	<u>\$ 20,854,718</u>	<u>\$ 25,221,783</u>	<u>\$ 25,687,379</u>
Business-type Activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 18,312,253	\$ 19,838,664	\$ 20,899,184	\$ 20,641,887	\$ 25,485,337	\$ 25,721,285	\$ 25,564,361	\$ 26,519,946	\$ 25,621,235	\$ 24,840,442
Unrestricted	<u>11,227,830</u>	<u>11,183,342</u>	<u>9,870,326</u>	<u>12,257,836</u>	<u>9,189,737</u>	<u>10,817,482</u>	<u>11,891,039</u>	<u>12,063,913</u>	<u>15,003,696</u>	<u>18,935,340</u>
Total business-type activities										
net position	<u>\$ 29,540,083</u>	<u>\$ 31,022,006</u>	<u>\$ 30,769,510</u>	<u>\$ 32,899,723</u>	<u>\$ 34,675,074</u>	<u>\$ 36,538,767</u>	<u>\$ 37,455,400</u>	<u>\$ 38,583,859</u>	<u>\$ 40,624,931</u>	<u>\$ 43,775,782</u>
Primary Government:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 36,157,614	\$ 37,675,064	\$ 38,977,817	\$ 38,822,776	\$ 43,590,038	\$ 46,424,456	\$ 47,051,823	\$ 47,725,045	\$ 49,108,601	\$ 48,797,780
Restricted	1,592,074	1,522,318	1,721,261	1,446,522	2,127,871	1,435,400	1,487,501	1,706,358	1,921,583	2,065,638
Unrestricted	<u>12,085,562</u>	<u>11,317,314</u>	<u>2,497,515</u>	<u>5,349,583</u>	<u>3,138,159</u>	<u>3,724,618</u>	<u>6,027,006</u>	<u>10,007,174</u>	<u>14,816,530</u>	<u>18,599,743</u>
Total primary government										
net position	<u>\$ 49,835,250</u>	<u>\$ 50,514,696</u>	<u>\$ 43,196,592</u>	<u>\$ 45,618,881</u>	<u>\$ 48,856,068</u>	<u>\$ 51,584,474</u>	<u>\$ 54,566,330</u>	<u>\$ 59,438,577</u>	<u>\$ 65,846,714</u>	<u>\$ 69,463,161</u>

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

Expenses:	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 1,896,606	\$ 1,864,038	\$ 2,121,703	\$ 2,061,727	\$ 1,802,847	\$ 2,336,593	\$ 3,174,700	\$ 2,541,629	\$ 2,037,534	\$ 2,898,347
Public safety	4,487,641	4,808,973	5,397,252	5,711,498	5,895,541	6,893,445	7,637,598	8,456,741	9,199,393	11,189,721
Public works	1,342,101	1,352,039	1,420,115	1,245,261	1,094,464	1,592,569	1,386,645	1,294,415	2,120,826	1,947,722
Economic and physical development	404,448	333,749	378,549	489,183	456,021	472,536	374,984	686,249	513,719	570,008
Environmental protection	1,120,857	1,010,361	759,807	750,577	761,337	586,561	546,385	444,674	727,830	714,682
Cultural and recreational	683,973	688,966	991,094	956,697	980,229	938,555	1,098,701	1,062,649	1,575,359	1,286,166
Interest on long-term debt	<u>16,458</u>	<u>37,365</u>	<u>37,729</u>	<u>36,502</u>	<u>40,228</u>	<u>45,071</u>	<u>76,743</u>	<u>68,332</u>	<u>82,721</u>	<u>85,289</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>9,952,085</u>	<u>10,095,491</u>	<u>11,106,249</u>	<u>11,251,446</u>	<u>11,030,667</u>	<u>12,865,330</u>	<u>14,295,756</u>	<u>14,554,689</u>	<u>16,257,382</u>	<u>18,691,935</u>
Business-type activities:										
Interest on long-term debt	312,468	296,382	200,965	158,795	175,910	132,043	85,919	58,536	44,207	34,415
Water and sewer	6,220,283	6,370,070	6,158,426	5,995,286	6,522,861	6,861,420	6,959,880	7,721,494	8,212,525	8,308,578
Electric	<u>7,525,821</u>	<u>7,445,989</u>	<u>7,561,454</u>	<u>7,403,339</u>	<u>6,773,377</u>	<u>7,336,762</u>	<u>7,514,097</u>	<u>6,926,575</u>	<u>7,143,358</u>	<u>7,314,405</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>14,058,572</u>	<u>14,112,442</u>	<u>13,920,845</u>	<u>13,557,420</u>	<u>13,472,148</u>	<u>14,330,225</u>	<u>14,559,896</u>	<u>14,706,605</u>	<u>15,400,090</u>	<u>15,657,398</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 24,010,658</u>	<u>\$ 24,207,933</u>	<u>\$ 25,027,094</u>	<u>\$ 24,808,865</u>	<u>\$ 24,502,815</u>	<u>\$ 27,195,555</u>	<u>\$ 28,855,652</u>	<u>\$ 29,261,294</u>	<u>\$ 31,657,472</u>	<u>\$ 34,349,333</u>
Program Revenues:										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Environmental protection	\$ 29,259	\$ 27,201	\$ 12,221	\$ 49,377	\$ 39,700	\$ 31,751	\$ 42,450	\$ 16,045	\$ 38,350	\$ 62,575
Cultural and recreational	116,764	169,179	177,133	127,134	90,281	40,957	142,285	208,197	200,439	209,118
Other	17,187	17,427	43,303	21,908	25,758	31,988	56,570	84,093	129,888	127,396
Operating grants and contributions	428,431	490,071	545,794	592,248	1,458,602	1,673,229	1,446,519	3,369,957	910,301	1,217,150
Capital grants and contributions	<u>364,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,106</u>	<u>646,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>401,152</u>	<u>1,385,764</u>	<u>47,870</u>	<u>536,959</u>	<u>25,586</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>956,378</u>	<u>703,878</u>	<u>934,557</u>	<u>1,437,129</u>	<u>1,614,341</u>	<u>2,179,077</u>	<u>3,073,588</u>	<u>3,726,162</u>	<u>1,815,937</u>	<u>1,641,825</u>
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services-Water and Sewer	8,393,729	8,011,313	8,056,185	7,660,499	7,598,165	7,624,106	8,284,548	8,136,843	8,765,754	9,005,971
Charges for services-Electric	7,793,578	7,918,630	7,913,749	8,162,947	7,838,694	8,897,302	7,497,646	7,701,699	7,933,220	9,464,134
Operating grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions	<u>-</u>									
Total business-type activities	<u>16,187,307</u>	<u>15,929,943</u>	<u>15,969,934</u>	<u>15,823,446</u>	<u>15,436,859</u>	<u>16,521,408</u>	<u>15,782,194</u>	<u>15,838,542</u>	<u>16,698,974</u>	<u>18,470,105</u>
Total program revenues	<u>\$ 17,143,685</u>	<u>\$ 16,633,821</u>	<u>\$ 16,904,491</u>	<u>\$ 17,260,575</u>	<u>\$ 17,051,200</u>	<u>\$ 18,700,485</u>	<u>\$ 18,855,782</u>	<u>\$ 19,564,704</u>	<u>\$ 18,514,911</u>	<u>\$ 20,111,930</u>

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Net revenue (expense)										
Governmental activities	\$ (8,995,707)	\$ (9,391,613)	\$ (10,171,692)	\$ (9,814,317)	\$ (9,416,326)	\$ (10,686,253)	\$ (11,222,168)	\$ (10,828,527)	\$ (14,441,445)	\$ (17,050,110)
Business-type activities	<u>2,128,735</u>	<u>1,817,501</u>	<u>2,049,090</u>	<u>2,266,026</u>	<u>1,964,711</u>	<u>2,191,183</u>	<u>1,222,298</u>	<u>1,131,937</u>	<u>1,298,884</u>	<u>2,812,707</u>
Total net expense	<u>\$ (6,866,972)</u>	<u>\$ (7,574,112)</u>	<u>\$ (8,122,603)</u>	<u>\$ (7,548,291)</u>	<u>\$ (7,451,614)</u>	<u>\$ (8,495,070)</u>	<u>\$ (9,999,870)</u>	<u>\$ (9,696,590)</u>	<u>\$ (13,142,561)</u>	<u>\$ (14,237,403)</u>
General Revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,641,125	\$ 4,718,281	\$ 4,737,848	\$ 4,855,114	\$ 5,421,455	\$ 5,556,374	\$ 5,618,118	\$ 5,815,807	\$ 7,932,870	\$ 8,103,621
Other taxes and licenses	3,682,640	4,148,713	4,466,391	4,662,968	4,756,705	5,411,921	7,058,557	7,468,878	8,236,988	8,748,333
Unrestricted investment earnings	10,321	18,979	49,932	95,717	90,267	59,940	41,877	341,958	668,805	626,335
Other	86,953	(3,245)	8,048	87,525	204,664	103,044	149,152	525,985	1,566,397	130,213
Transfers	405,071	405,071	405,071	405,071	405,071	419,687	419,687	419,687	403,450	408,258
Extraordinary item	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>8,826,110</u>	<u>9,287,798</u>	<u>9,667,289</u>	<u>10,106,394</u>	<u>10,878,162</u>	<u>11,550,966</u>	<u>13,287,391</u>	<u>14,572,315</u>	<u>18,808,510</u>	<u>18,016,760</u>
Business-type activities:										
Unrestricted investment earnings	26,421	51,748	136,764	255,617	215,711	69,429	73,137	405,605	697,160	774,036
Other	2,914	17,744	(12,133)	13,641	-	22,767	40,884	10,606	448,478	5,040
Transfers	<u>(405,071)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>	<u>(419,687)</u>	<u>(419,687)</u>	<u>(419,687)</u>	<u>(403,450)</u>	<u>(408,258)</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>(375,736)</u>	<u>(335,579)</u>	<u>(280,440)</u>	<u>(135,813)</u>	<u>(189,360)</u>	<u>(327,491)</u>	<u>(305,666)</u>	<u>(3,476)</u>	<u>742,188</u>	<u>370,818</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 8,450,374</u>	<u>\$ 8,952,219</u>	<u>\$ 9,386,849</u>	<u>\$ 9,970,581</u>	<u>\$ 10,688,802</u>	<u>\$ 11,223,475</u>	<u>\$ 12,981,725</u>	<u>\$ 14,568,839</u>	<u>\$ 19,550,698</u>	<u>\$ 18,387,578</u>
Change in Net Position:										
Governmental activities	\$ (169,597)	\$ (103,815)	\$ (504,403)	\$ 292,076	\$ 1,461,836	\$ 864,713	\$ 2,065,223	\$ 3,743,788	\$ 4,367,065	\$ 966,650
Business-type activities	<u>1,752,998</u>	<u>1,481,922</u>	<u>1,768,649</u>	<u>2,130,213</u>	<u>1,775,351</u>	<u>1,863,692</u>	<u>916,632</u>	<u>1,128,461</u>	<u>2,041,072</u>	<u>3,183,525</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 1,583,401</u>	<u>\$ 1,378,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,264,247</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,291</u>	<u>\$ 3,237,187</u>	<u>\$ 2,728,405</u>	<u>\$ 2,981,855</u>	<u>\$ 4,872,249</u>	<u>\$ 6,408,137</u>	<u>\$ 4,150,175</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
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
2020	5,421,455	26,833	3,520,805	863,965	35,233	405,071	45,441	8,044	10,326,847
2021	5,556,374	31,861	4,184,806	821,540	42,175	419,687	45,742	8,074	11,110,259
2022	5,618,118	32,596	4,845,657	809,362	42,316	419,687	44,189	8,485	11,820,410
2023	5,815,807	35,513	5,185,778	848,501	37,839	419,687	50,794	8,730	12,402,649
2024	7,948,518	29,567	5,421,490	870,218	43,173	403,450	55,761	9,029	14,781,206
2025	8,130,794	37,086	5,744,276	1,002,453	51,213	408,258	46,919	9,047	15,430,046

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

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

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
General Fund:										
Nonspendable:										
Inventories	\$ 14,316	\$ 5,828	\$ 14,396	\$ 10,598	\$ 7,955	\$ 11,195	\$ 8,210	\$ 6,300	\$ 13,440	\$ 14,564
Prepaid expenditures	57,490	44,437	33,207	50,587	11,500	11,500	7,000	8,500	8,500	8,500
Restricted:										
Stabilization by State Statute	695,340	827,256	1,045,057	1,006,402	1,758,308	1,156,191	1,242,039	1,337,389	1,483,554	1,597,415
Streets - Powell Bill	896,728	695,057	676,199	440,115	369,558	278,229	314,798	361,415	437,048	443,240
Public safety - Police	5	5	5	5	5	980	3,801	7,554	981	24,983
Assigned:										
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,050,000	785,301	765,470	237,000	405,000	-	-	-	200,000	1,000,000
Unassigned	<u>2,508,579</u>	<u>2,794,186</u>	<u>2,261,650</u>	<u>3,455,634</u>	<u>4,296,297</u>	<u>4,250,111</u>	<u>5,410,047</u>	<u>9,769,179</u>	<u>11,937,924</u>	<u>12,039,995</u>
Total general fund	<u>\$ 5,222,459</u>	<u>\$ 5,152,070</u>	<u>\$ 4,795,984</u>	<u>\$ 5,200,341</u>	<u>\$ 6,848,623</u>	<u>\$ 5,708,206</u>	<u>\$ 6,985,895</u>	<u>\$ 11,490,337</u>	<u>\$ 14,081,447</u>	<u>\$ 15,128,697</u>
All Other Governmental Funds:										
Restricted:										
Economic development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned:										
Subsequent year's expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all other governmental funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>							

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Revenues:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,712,610	\$ 4,704,877	\$ 4,800,673	\$ 4,879,429	\$ 5,433,254	\$ 5,605,996	\$ 5,638,718	\$ 5,801,889	\$ 7,948,518	\$ 8,130,794
Other taxes and licenses	32,034	167,263	203,572	207,745	208,777	1,216,803	1,227,033	1,255,966	1,720,712	1,805,262
Unrestricted intergovernmental	3,709,323	4,109,375	4,387,039	4,584,284	4,677,896	5,323,877	5,978,781	6,371,007	6,880,692	7,338,435
Restricted intergovernmental	505,951	362,145	577,679	1,109,648	1,328,634	544,468	1,377,198	3,259,686	545,885	822,812
Permits and fees	32,559	35,394	44,632	45,786	45,636	30,501	46,937	48,437	127,886	125,956
Sales and services	149,132	199,336	210,912	179,758	133,334	75,982	215,802	284,691	268,913	302,406
Investment earnings	10,321	18,979	49,932	95,717	90,267	57,750	35,267	338,966	668,183	626,335
Miscellaneous	296,487	120,621	59,802	60,400	192,057	116,393	179,450	700,898	1,596,852	114,542
Total revenues	<u>9,448,416</u>	<u>9,717,989</u>	<u>10,334,241</u>	<u>11,162,766</u>	<u>12,109,855</u>	<u>12,971,770</u>	<u>14,699,186</u>	<u>18,061,540</u>	<u>19,757,641</u>	<u>19,266,542</u>
Expenditures:										
General government	1,327,589	1,293,767	1,572,754	1,607,558	1,641,391	2,047,976	2,959,225	3,653,043	5,757,998	4,589,317
Public safety	5,060,727	5,022,088	6,029,667	5,534,104	5,460,482	7,708,278	7,221,585	7,572,671	8,277,955	9,922,228
Public works	1,241,230	1,651,114	1,266,038	1,301,877	1,185,753	1,402,534	1,279,448	1,174,511	1,757,701	1,876,631
Economic and physical development	374,412	315,893	422,053	484,657	618,334	977,246	441,575	384,345	447,805	426,552
Environmental protection	1,519,010	873,584	580,802	593,203	886,254	641,937	476,928	883,718	592,056	748,114
Cultural and recreational	708,628	977,385	1,036,387	1,258,794	1,167,270	974,988	1,031,702	1,074,316	1,419,860	1,460,160
Debt service:										
Principal	271,078	404,726	435,016	357,078	426,797	402,337	349,056	237,112	251,605	458,609
Interest	12,229	37,591	38,714	37,410	36,719	42,702	78,679	69,636	84,063	87,692
Total expenditures	<u>10,514,903</u>	<u>10,576,148</u>	<u>11,381,430</u>	<u>11,174,683</u>	<u>11,423,000</u>	<u>14,197,998</u>	<u>13,838,198</u>	<u>15,049,353</u>	<u>18,589,044</u>	<u>19,569,303</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,066,487)</u>	<u>(858,158)</u>	<u>(1,047,189)</u>	<u>(11,916)</u>	<u>686,855</u>	<u>(1,226,228)</u>	<u>860,988</u>	<u>3,012,187</u>	<u>1,168,597</u>	<u>(302,761)</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Transfers in	\$ 405,071	\$ 405,071	\$ 405,071	\$ 405,071	\$ 405,071	\$ 419,687	\$ 1,157,027	\$ 3,204,393	\$ 403,450	\$ 408,258
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	(737,340)	(2,784,706)	-	-
Capital contributions	-	-	-	-	-	401,152	-	-	-	-
Issuance of debt/leases	1,200,000	391,186	275,589	-	559,000	819,539	-	1,074,478	1,011,921	940,626
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,875	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary item	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,605,071</u>	<u>796,257</u>	<u>682,535</u>	<u>420,071</u>	<u>964,071</u>	<u>1,640,377</u>	<u>419,687</u>	<u>1,494,165</u>	<u>1,415,371</u>	<u>1,348,884</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 538,585</u>	<u>\$ (61,901)</u>	<u>\$ (364,654)</u>	<u>\$ 408,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,650,926</u>	<u>\$ 414,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,280,675</u>	<u>\$ 4,506,350</u>	<u>\$ 2,583,968</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,126</u>
Debt service as a percentage of non-capital project expenditures	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	3.1%	4.7%	4.7%	3.8%	4.5%	2.4%	3.2%

CITY OF LINCOLN, 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				
2016 (2)	685,583,561	125,026,097	21,026,134	831,635,792	0.56	(3.3)%	831,552,637	100.01 %
2017	702,208,297	125,357,003	23,533,271	851,098,571	0.56	2.3 %	846,166,992	100.58 %
2018	701,648,672	132,992,216	24,285,332	858,926,220	0.56	0.9 %	870,315,305	98.69 %
2019	715,613,213	137,747,098	25,290,939	878,651,250	0.56	2.3 %	857,870,168	102.42 %
2020	807,305,151	145,584,898	26,327,143	979,217,192	0.56	11.4 %	966,200,603	101.35 %
2021	823,334,077	155,334,000	25,400,076	1,004,068,153	0.56	2.5 %	1,005,800,000	99.83 %
2022	884,662,089	105,924,557	25,889,808	1,016,476,454	0.56	1.2 %	1,046,000,000	97.18 %
2023	913,537,334	109,988,968	28,020,980	1,051,547,282	0.56	3.5 %	1,062,168,972	99.00 %
2024 (2)	1,458,302,958	120,210,298	29,757,914	1,608,271,170	0.50	52.9 %	1,624,516,333	99.00 %
2025	1,485,391,231	132,414,278	31,176,702	1,648,982,211	0.50	2.5 %	1,665,638,597	99.00 %

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>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
City of Lincolnton	<u>0.56</u>	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.50</u>							
Lincoln County	<u>0.611</u>	<u>0.611</u>	<u>0.611</u>	<u>0.611</u>	<u>0.599</u>	<u>0.599</u>	<u>0.619</u>	<u>0.619</u>	<u>0.499</u>	<u>0.499</u>
Special District:										
East Lincoln Water and Sewer District	<u>0.0345</u>	<u>0.0000</u>								
Fire Districts:										
Alexis	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165	0.1165	0.1065	0.1200
Boger City	0.0999	0.0999	0.0999	0.0999	0.1050	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250
Crouse	0.0640	0.0640	0.0640	0.0640	0.0860	0.0860	0.0860	0.0860	0.0860	0.1150
Denver	0.1125	0.1125	0.1150	0.1150	0.1150	0.1150	0.1150	0.1220	0.1040	0.1040
East Lincoln	0.0850	0.1125	0.0890	0.0890	0.0980	0.0980	0.1250	0.1200	0.1024	0.1024
Howards Creek	0.1203	0.1223	0.1223	0.1223	0.1355	0.1355	0.1355	0.1355	0.1355	0.1355
North Brook	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000	0.0950	0.0950
North 321	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400	0.0700	0.0700	0.0700	0.0900	0.0900	0.1050
Pumpkin Center	0.1295	0.9700	0.9700	0.9700	0.9700	0.1200	0.1200	0.1200	0.1050	0.1070
South Fork	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250
Union	0.0900	0.0900	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250	0.1250
	<u>1.08</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>1.97</u>	<u>1.97</u>	<u>2.05</u>	<u>1.22</u>	<u>1.24</u>	<u>1.27</u>	<u>1.20</u>	<u>1.26</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>	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>			
		<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>
Triangle Real Estate	Apts/ Real Estate	\$ 44,510,120	1	2.77	\$ -	-	-
Colonial Village of Linc, LLC	Apts/ Real Estate	33,763,663	2	2.10	6,918,023	7	0.83
Wal-Mart Real Estate Business	Real Estate	16,083,240	3	1.00	13,599,830	1	1.64
Ingles Markets	Retail	15,281,063	4	0.95	8,693,034	5	1.05
Lincolnton Oak Apartments, LLC	Real Estate	14,703,178	5	0.91	6,009,178	8	0.72
Griffin-American Healthcare REIT	Healthcare	14,376,045	6	0.89	13,277,880	2	1.60
Duke Energy	Utility	12,582,195	7	0.78	-	-	-
T & T Investments	Real Estate	11,596,078	8	0.72	9,825,982	4	1.18
Lowes Home Centers, Inc.	Retail	10,883,736	9	0.68	10,701,319	3	1.29
Provest Lincoln Cwnter, LLC	Real Estate	9,204,404	10	0.57	-	-	-
Bell South Telephone Company	Utility	-	-	-	8,357,923	6	1.01
Lincoln General, LLC	Real Estate	-	-	-	5,891,548	9	0.71
SMV Lincolnton, LLC	Real Estate	-	-	-	5,467,597	10	0.66
		-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		<u>\$ 182,983,722</u>		<u>11.37</u>	<u>\$ 88,742,314</u>		<u>10.69</u>

CITY OF LINCOLN, 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	Total Receivable Balance June 30 (1)
2016	4,657,160	4,577,654	98.3	74,636	4,652,290	99.9	4,870
2017	4,766,152	4,653,457	97.6	110,174	4,763,631	99.9	2,521
2018	4,813,332	4,723,012	98.1	87,927	4,810,939	100.0	2,393
2019	4,920,447	4,840,432	98.4	76,731	4,917,163	99.9	3,284
2020	5,483,656	5,395,076	98.4	84,575	5,479,651	99.9	4,005
2021	5,622,783	5,572,445	99.1	44,963	5,617,408	99.9	5,375
2022	5,692,268	5,643,215	99.1	42,445	5,685,660	99.9	6,608
2023	5,888,665	5,795,216	98.4	82,956	5,878,172	99.8	10,493
2024	8,041,356	7,937,511	98.7	81,469	8,018,980	99.7	22,376
2025	8,244,911	8,167,739	99.1	-	8,167,739	99.1	77,172

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 Activities				Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
	Installment Financing	Lease Liability	Revenue Bonds	State Revolving Loan	Installment Financing	Lease Liability			
2016	1,309,722	-	7,968,000	4,866,749	-	-	14,144,471	3.34	1,333
2017	1,296,182	-	6,428,000	4,240,000	-	-	11,964,182	2.74	1,112
2018	1,136,755	-	4,861,000	3,543,000	-	-	9,540,755	2.01	902
2019	779,678	-	3,265,000	2,829,000	2,470,015	-	9,343,693	1.82	854
2020	911,880	-	1,647,000	2,101,000	2,144,113	-	6,803,993	1.29	607
2021	1,329,019	-	-	1,358,000	1,962,245	-	4,649,264	*	398
2022	979,964	1,140,461	-	686,000	1,473,755	294,310	4,574,490	*	269
2023	1,093,434	1,364,655	-	-	1,121,318	221,113	3,800,520	*	325
2024	841,828	1,838,242	-	-	911,578	253,119	3,844,767	*	317
2025	383,217	2,156,837	-	-	544,924	270,265	3,355,243	*	262

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.

* - information not available

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Fiscal Year	Population	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
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	-	-	-
2020	11,200	979,217,192	1,647,000	1,647,000	-	-	-
2021	11,675	1,004,068,153	-	-	-	-	-
2022	11,678	1,016,476,454	-	-	-	-	-
2023	11,678	1,051,547,282	-	-	-	-	-
2024	12,128	1,608,271,170	-	-	-	-	-
2025	(2) 12,790	1,648,982,211	-	-	-	-	-

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

(2) World Population Review Statistics. Lincoln is growing at a rate of ~2.66% annually and has increased by ~4.86% since the 2020 census.

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

Direct and Overlapping Government Activities Debt

June 30, 2025

(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	\$ 99,968,555	8.41 %	\$ <u>8,407,355</u>
Subtotal, overlapping debt			8,407,355
City of Lincoln direct debt			<u>2,540,071</u>
Total direct and overlapping debt			<u>\$ 10,947,426</u>

Note: The percentage of overlapping debt is based on the June 30, 2025 assessed valuation of the County of Lincoln of \$19,846,100,00 as compared to the June 30, 2025 assessed valuation for the City of Lincoln of \$1,648,982,211.

Tax reports received from Lincoln County Tax Department for tax year 2025.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Assessed value of taxable property	\$ 831,635,792	\$ 851,098,571	\$ 858,926,220	\$ 878,651,250	\$ 979,217,192	\$ 1,004,068,153	\$ 1,016,476,454	\$ 1,051,547,282	\$ 1,608,271,170	\$ 1,648,982,211
Debt limit, 8% of assessed value (statutory limitation)	\$ 66,530,863	\$ 68,087,886	\$ 68,714,098	\$ 70,292,100	\$ 78,337,375	\$ 80,325,452	\$ 81,318,116	\$ 84,123,783	\$ 128,661,694	\$ 131,918,577
Debt applicable to limit:										
General obligation bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Amount set aside for repayment of general obligation debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net debt applicable to limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal debt margin	\$ 66,530,863	\$ 68,087,886	\$ 68,714,098	\$ 70,292,100	\$ 78,337,375	\$ 80,325,452	\$ 81,318,116	\$ 84,123,783	\$ 128,661,694	\$ 131,918,577
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Revenues Available for Debt Service	Less Expenses	Income Available for Debt Service	Total Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Coverage
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
2020	7,746,192	4,827,695	2,918,497	2,847,812	2,671,902	175,910	1.02
2021	7,686,680	4,959,830	2,726,850	2,850,374	2,718,331	132,043	0.96
2022	8,348,586	4,943,100	3,405,486	1,314,724	1,228,977	85,747	2.59
2023	8,415,746	5,662,349	2,753,397	1,167,247	1,109,075	58,172	2.36
2024	9,613,899	6,069,214	3,544,685	491,634	448,099	43,535	7.21
2025	9,426,976	6,265,533	3,161,443	488,685	455,869	32,816	6.47

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)
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	512,859	46,858	43.0	11,443	4.1
2020	11,091	528,394	47,642	43.0	11,443	12.0
2021	11,675	562,771	48,203	43.0	11,406	4.2
2022	11,678	614,926	52,657	43.0	11,288	3.0
2023	11,678	635,833	54,447	37.7	11,310	3.1
2024	12,128	991,149	81,724	37.7	11,744	3.5
2025	12,790	*	-	*	11,428	3.5

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) Department of Public Instruction

(4) North Carolina Employment Security Commission

(5) Lincoln County Economic Development Association

* Information not available for 2025 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>	<u>2025</u>			<u>2016</u>		
	<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	1,415	1	2.89 %	1,522	1	3.70 %
Lincoln County Government	831	2	1.70 %	751	2	1.83 %
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	725	3	1.48 %	730	3	1.78 %
The Timken Company	636	4	1.30 %	531	6	1.29 %
Robert Bosch Tool Corporation	604	5	1.24 %	-		- %
RSI Home Prod. (American Woodmark)	570	6	1.17 %	625	5	1.52 %
Atrium Health (Lincoln Medical Center)	551	7	1.13 %	652	4	1.59 %
Leeboy	499	8	1.02 %	-		- %
Amerihealth Caritas Services, LLC	485	9	0.99 %	-		- %
Julius Blum, Inc.	473	10	0.97 %	372	7	0.91 %
Lowes				270	9	0.66 %
Actavis Corp				330	8	0.80 %
Cataler North America				264	10	0.64 %
Total	<u>6,789</u>		<u>13.89 %</u>	<u>6,047</u>		<u>14.72 %</u>
Total Civilian Labor Force	<u>48,905</u>			<u>41,104</u>		

Sources: Lincoln Economic Development Association

North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Employment Security

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

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Function	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
General Government										
City Manager	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	4
Human resources	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	3
Finance	9	8	8	8	7	7	6	6	7	7
Information technology	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Public Safety										
Police										
Officers	31	33	33	33	33	33	33	34	35	40
Civilians	5	5	5	5	4	2	3	3	3	3
Fire										
Firefighters and officers	21	22	23	26	27	38	39	38	39	41
Civilians	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Works										
Public works	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3
Street	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	12
Equipment services	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Environmental Protection										
Solid waste	13	13	11	7	7	6	6	7	6	6
General services-cemetery	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Economic and Physical Development										
Planning and zoning	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Business and community development	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Cultural and Recreational										
Parks and recreation	5	5	7	7	7	5	5	4	7	7
Water and Sewer										
Water treatment plant	10	10	10	10	10	9	10	8	8	8
Distribution and collection	11	11	11	11	12	13	11	12	13	13
Waste water treatment plant	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8
Electric	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>							
Total	<u>153</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>170</u>

Source: Finance Department's payroll records.

FY 2021 Firefighters and officers include Boger City Fire Department.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Function	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Public Safety										
Police										
Physical arrests	1,330	1,243	1,308	652	1,017	904	688	810	854	717
Parking violations	61	150	843	477	816	563	942	314	127	173
Traffic violations	2,359	1,830	1,667	1,357	1,068	896	1,613	2,083	1,244	1,597
Fire										
Number of calls answered	2,185	2,212	2,294	2,259	2,074	2,629	3,462	3,439	3,391	3,397
Inspections (3)	344	301	297	243	317	363	775	765	836	407
Public Works - Highways and streets										
Street resurfacing (miles) (2)	1.03	2.24	1.57	1.80	-	1.94	1.36	0.62	1.62	1.81
Potholes repaired	39	83	83	196	193	102	267	182	249	110
Environmental Protection										
Refuse collected (tons/day)	27.88	26.56	22.82	18.91	14.74	9.00	21.40	26.36	33.57	34.31
Recyclables collected (tons/day)	1.04	1.10	1.03	0.69	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.30	0.31
Cultural and Recreational (1)										
Youth sports participants	1,209	1,157	1,281	1,396	829	432	1,766	2,151	2,343	2,558
Youth camps/clinics participants	179	199	2,121	1,634	1,298	39	1,101	1,517	1,762	2,794
Open gym participants	7,827	9,846	15,219	15,229	14,122	4,500	14,506	16,046	23,019	24,972
Swimming pool participants	11,045	7,767	9,686	8,101	5,697	1,595	6,896	6,605	10,978	13,246
Other programs participants	3,992	3,435	3,885	5,531	2,879	2,279	3,196	2,248	1,260	1,587
Special events	23	23	27	25	14	12	21	23	39	91
Special events participants	6,971	3,435	6,750	6,101	4,003	12	10,440	6,668	12,765	13,925
Recreation program participants	34,223	28,791	38,942	37,992	28,828	23,110	37,905	35,235	52,127	59,082
Facility and ball field rentals	2,911	2,952	2,843	1,862	1,041	349	474	423	491	503

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Function	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Water										
New connections	12	14	12	34	24	58	120	85	161	44
Water main breaks	31	18	23	22	25	30	33	31	32	40
Average daily consumption (thousands of gallons)	3,000	2,689	2,424	2,295	2,606	2,605	2,763	2,721	2,178	2,767
Wastewater										
New connections	5	14	9	25	9	38	63	72	163	225
Average daily sewage treatment (thousands of gallons)	2,390	1,760	1,700	1,760	2,415	2,442	1,641	1,755	1,664	1,426
Electric										
New connections	4	23	9	6	8	16	21	20	19	25

Sources: Various City departments.

Note: Indicators are not available for general government function.

- (1) Covid pandemic resulted in a lower number of participants in 2020 and 2021
- (2) Resurfacing streets is contracted out.
- (3) Fire inspections include reinspections required for compliance measures.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Function	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Public Safety										
Police										
Stations	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Patrol units	37	38	38	38	38	38	38	35	48	50
Fire stations	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Public Works - Highways and streets										
Streets (miles)	59.90	60.15	60.15	60.15	60.15	60.15	60.15	60.64	60.64	60.64
Streetlights	981	981	981	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	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
Park acreage	79.37	79.37	89.37	89.37	89.37	89.37	89.37	89.37	89.37	89.37
Parks with trail systems	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	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	1.70	1.70	1.70	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>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Water										
Water mains (miles) (2)	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	140	140	140
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) (2)	225.75	225.75	225.75	225.75	225.75	225.75	225.75	112.00	112.00	112.00
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 (2)	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	60.7	60.7	60.7

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.

(2) Currently reviewing and updating miles related to water, sewer and electric.

Documenting in iamGISs software. Prior years mileage was estimated.

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

Type of Customer	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Residential	214.7	215.9	213.5	228.8	237.5	237.7	400.5	397.3	236.6	234.3
Industrial	18.2	20.2	18.3	20.1	13.4	16.1	13.9	15.9	13.6	13.4
Industrial/Textile	227.1	167.7	132.0	130.0	69.1	39.7	45.6	71.8	35.2	38.4
Commerical	107.7	106.4	107.6	124.9	117.7	113.9	119.5	121.1	119.9	111.8
Institutional (1)	38.7	38.0	39.1	37.4	40.3	32.4	52.7	46.9	56.3	55.7
Other Local Governments	116.3	187.7	194.3	193.3	239.3	393.5	227.1	296.8	323.4	343.3
Military	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Government	<u>7.6</u>	<u>8.7</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.9</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>12.7</u>
Total	<u>730.4</u>	<u>744.7</u>	<u>713.4</u>	<u>742.1</u>	<u>724.9</u>	<u>840.4</u>	<u>867.3</u>	<u>955.4</u>	<u>795.0</u>	<u>809.7</u>
Total direct rate per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$ 4.81</u>	<u>\$ 4.90</u>							

Source: City of Lincolnton, Utility Billing Office

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Type of Customer										
Residential	157.6	158.9	158.7	175.2	178.3	237.9	411.3	402.0	238.4	239.5
Industrial	63.8	58.8	52.9	125.1	54.8	55.0	51.9	57.4	46.0	45.9
Industrial/Textile	195.2	137.7	116.4	67.5	69.1	39.7	45.6	71.8	35.2	38.4
Commerical	91.8	93.1	97.2	116.2	104.7	114.7	120.3	121.9	120.9	112.5
Institutional (1)	28.9	30.5	32.8	31.7	34.1	34.6	55.9	49.9	59.5	58.2
Military	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Government	<u>7.3</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>7.6</u>	<u>7.2</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.9</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>12.7</u>
Total	<u>544.7</u>	<u>487.4</u>	<u>466.6</u>	<u>523.4</u>	<u>448.3</u>	<u>489.0</u>	<u>693.0</u>	<u>708.6</u>	<u>510.0</u>	<u>507.3</u>
Total direct rate per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$ 8.60</u>	<u>\$ 9.00</u>								

Source: City of Lincolnton, Utility Billing Office

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Fiscal Year	Water		Sewer	
	Monthly Base Rate	Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Monthly Base Rate	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
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
2020	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40
2021	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40
2022	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40
2023	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40
2024	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40
2025	16.55	4.48	24.77	7.40

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

Source: City of Lincolnton Schedule of Fees (inside City limits)

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

**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
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, 2025, 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 November 21, 2025. 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* and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority and the City of Lincolnton ABC Board.

Report on 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) as a basis for designing 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 were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items, 2025-001, 2025-002, and 2025-003 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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
November 21, 2025

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; With OMB Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

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

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and 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, 2025. 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.

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, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City of Lincolnton and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Lincolnton's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City of Lincoln State programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on City of Lincoln's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about City of Lincoln's compliance with the requirements of each major State program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding City of Lincoln's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of City of Lincoln's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 City of Lincoln's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section and above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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.

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

Morganton, North Carolina
November 21, 2025

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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? X yes none reported

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes X none reported

Federal Awards

Identification of major Federal programs:

None.

State Awards

Internal control over major State programs:

* Material weakness(es) identified? yes X none reported

* Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act? yes X none reported

Identification of major State programs:

Name of major State programs:

Powell Bill

cont.

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule of Findings and Responses (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

2025-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria: The assignment of responsibilities should be segregated so that one person is not responsible for the authorization and recording of a transaction and the custody of the related asset. There needs to be a reconciliation or control activity to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are handled appropriately.

Condition: Key duties and functions are not segregated among City personnel. This is especially a concern in the cash management and account receivable functions in the utility department. The following issues were noted:

- The Utility Billing Customer Service employees use a generic computer login when entering customer receipts. They do not utilize a secure individual login. Employees in other departments have access to this generic computer login and can access and enter information.
- The Utility Billing Customer Service employees are not assigned a specific cash drawer that they are responsible for. They can utilize each of the three drawers during the day. The drawers are not secure when an employee has stepped away from them. The drawers are only secured after hours. Overages and shortages could not be associated with a specific employee, only a specific drawer.
- The Utility Billing Supervisor processes the billing, makes and approves adjustments and sometimes accepts payments. Documentation for some adjustments is lacking in the adjustments report. The Utility Billing department does not have a backup employee to process billing or billing adjustments.
- Some of the billing has not been prepared in a timely manner and some customers have debit balances in their accounts.
- The Utilities Department has the capability to run reports that flag large variances, however, they are not utilizing the report nor making adjustments before incorrect billing goes out to the customers. The incorrect billing is posted into the City's financial system and then corrections have to be made. One month, a bill was overstated by \$437,000 and not caught by the billing department before it was posted. The reasons for adjustments are not always included when the adjustments are made.
- When utility customers leave service with the City, some are not being marked as inactive, and the customers continue to receive invoices of \$-0- from the City.

Effect: Transactions could be mishandled, due to errors or fraud that could lead to loss of assets or the reporting of misleading financial information.

Cause:

- A generic computer login is being utilized when entering customer receipts.
- The Utility Billing Customer Service employees are not assigned a specific cash drawer that they are responsible for. The drawers are not secure when an employee has stepped away from them.
- The Utility Billing Supervisor processes the billing, makes and approves adjustments and sometimes accepts payments. Documentation for some adjustments is lacking in the adjustments report. The Utility Billing department does not have a backup employee to process billing or billing adjustments.

- Some of the billing has not been prepared in a timely manner and some customers have debit balances in their accounts.
- The Utilities Department is not utilizing a variance report nor making adjustments before incorrect billing goes out to the customers. The incorrect billing is then posted into the City's financial system and subsequent corrections must be made. The reasons for adjustments are not always included when the adjustments are made.
- When utility customers leave service with the City, their accounts are not marked as inactive.

Recommendation: The duties should be separated as much as possible, by possibly training and utilizing non-financial personnel and utilizing alternative controls. Following are additional recommendations:

- Each Utility Billing Customer Service employee should utilize a secured individual computer login when entering customer receipts.
- Each Utility Billing Customer Service employee should be assigned a specific cash drawer that they are responsible for and not have access to each other's cash drawers. The drawers should be secured when an employee has stepped away from them.
- The processes of billing, making and approving adjustments and accepting payments should not be performed by one individual. Making and approving adjustments needs to be made outside of the billing department. Documentation for all adjustments should be recorded on the adjustments report and supporting documentation attached. The Utility Billing department should have a backup employee to process billing and billing adjustments.
- Billing should be prepared in a timely manner.
- Variance reports should be utilized prior to billings being posted and invoices being mailed to customers. Adjustments to the billing should be noted and documentation for the adjustment retained.
- Customers that no longer have service with the City should be marked as inactive and not receive invoices.

View of responsible officials and corrective action: The City agrees with this finding and will adhere to the corrective action plan on pages 138-139 of this report.

2025-002 Security of Data

Criteria: The City has an obligation to secure customer personal information to prevent a security/data breach.

Condition: Utility customer personal information such as social security numbers, driver's license numbers and banking account information is not securely maintained. Unauthorized users could obtain access to this information.

Effect: A security/data breach could occur.

Cause: Utility customer personal information such as social security numbers, driver's license numbers and banking account information is not being maintained in a secured/locked cabinet.

Recommendation: All customer personal information should be secured in a locked cabinet to prevent access from unauthorized users.

View of responsible officials and corrective action: The City agrees with this finding and will adhere to the corrective action plan on pages 138-139 of this report.

2025-003 Finance Officer Oversight

Criteria: The Finance Officer has a legal responsibility for protecting the public's money and making sure every dollar is managed according to NC state law. The Finance Officer has a duty to receive and deposit all moneys accruing to the local government or public authority, or supervise the receipt and deposit of money by other duly authorized officers and employees. The Finance Officer also has a duty to design and enforce strong internal controls that safeguard public money at every stage.

Condition: The utility business department does not report to the Finance Officer.

Effect: The Finance Officer is hindered in the performance of their duty and oversight.

Cause: The utility business department does not report to the Finance Officer.

Recommendation: The Finance Officer should supervise the receipt and deposit of all moneys and design and enforce effective internal controls for all the City's money.

View of responsible officials and corrective action: The City agrees with this finding and will adhere to the corrective action plan on pages 138-139 of this report.

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Responses

None reported.

Section IV. State Award Findings and Responses

None reported.

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**Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

2025-001 Segregation of Duties

Name of contact person: Pamela McBryde, Finance Officer

Corrective action:

- Utility Billing Customer Service employees will log in to the system under their individual login when working in the Cashiering module, be assigned to their own station and individual cash drawer.
- Procedures will be put into place that adjustments be approved by the Finance Officer and then processed by someone in the Finance department.
- All documentation is to be uploaded into the financial systems document cabinet and a note entered on the account.
- A designated person within the Utility Billing department will be cross trained to be the billing backup for unexpected absences.
- Other cross training opportunities will be scheduled for others within the Utility Billing and Finance departments.
- Utility Billing monthly processes will be adjusted to accommodate enough time for review of variance reports and billing corrections will be made before invoices are billed to the customers.
- Dates associated with billing will be reviewed and changed to comply with statute as it pertains to cut-off.
- Inactive accounts will be marked accordingly to avoid invoices with a \$-0- balance being mailed.

Proposed completion date: The Board will implement the above procedures immediately. The above procedures have been implemented.

2025-002 Security of Data

Name of contact person: Pamela McBryde, Finance Officer

Corrective action:

- Utility customer personal information will be maintained in the vault room in a secured/locked cabinet. Only authorized associates will have access to this information.
- New accounts and related documents will also be maintained in the vault.

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Proposed completion date: The Board will implement the above procedures immediately. The above procedures have been implemented.

2025-003 Finance Officer Oversight

Name of contact person: Pamela McBryde, Finance Officer

Corrective action: The Utility Billing department reports to the Finance Officer.

Proposed completion date: The Board will implement the above procedures immediately. The above procedures have been implemented.

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Responses

None reported.

Section IV. State Award Findings and Responses

None reported.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Finding: None

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

<u>Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>State/Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Fed. (Direct & Pass-through Expenditures</u>	<u>State Expenditures</u>	<u>Passed-through to Subrecipients</u>
Federal Awards:					
Cash Programs:					
<u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u>					
Passed thru N.C. Department of Environmental Quality					
2022 Water AIA Project AIA-D-ARP-0243	21.027	XXXX	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -
2022 Wastewater AIA Project AIA-W-ARP-0242	21.027	XXXX	23,186	-	-
<u>Department of Emergency Management</u>					
Passed thru N.C. Department of Public Safety					
Federal Emergency Management	97.036	XXXX	424,166	-	-
Total assistance - federal programs			449,752	-	-
State Grants:					
Cash Programs:					
<u>N.C. Department of Transportation</u>					
Powell Bill		38570	-	443,413	-
<u>N.C. Department of Public Safety</u>					
Cyber Grant			-	110,000	-
<u>N.C. General Assembly</u>					
NC Amateur Sports			-	20,000	-
<u>N.C. Interlocal Risk Management</u>					
Soft Body Armor Grant			-	2,500	-
Safety Grant			-	4,569	-
Total assistance - State programs			-	580,482	-
Total assistance			\$ 449,752	\$ 580,482	\$ -

cont.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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, North Carolina under the programs of the Federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U. S. 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, North Carolina, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of City of Lincolnton, North Carolina.

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

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