



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 06, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U.S. Flag and Texas Flag

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- 1. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2024.
- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the September 2024 financials.
- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Mayor's credit card statement.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Town of Fulton Audit as provided by Crowe, LLP.
- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-05-2024, a resolution authorizing the renaming of the pier fund to the Pier/Visitor Center Fund.

- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-06-2024, a resolution determining the number and terms of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; and establishing an effective date.

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code on any Agenda item where appropriate and particularly Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters), Government Code.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. Mayor's Update.
8. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Town Council may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda when authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. If the Council elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the Mayor. The Council may deliberate and take action in open session on any issue that may be discussed in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 361/729-5533 or by email at citysec@fultontexas.org for further information. Braille Is Not Available. The Town of Fulton reserves the right to convene into Closed Session under Government Code 551.071-551.074 and 551-086.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at Town Hall, 201 N. Seventh Street, Fulton, Texas, on Friday, November 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., and at the U.S. Post Office located at 301 Cactus Street, Fulton, Texas. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: The Rockport Pilot.

/S/ Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin
Place 2 Chris Garis Place
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Hal George, Town Attorney
Ty Gerstenberger, Chief of Police

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U.S. Flag and Texas Flag

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

Mayor Cole led everyone in a moment of silence.

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No one came forward.

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- 1. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 2, 2024.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.
- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Oysterfest 2025.
- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Texas Maritime Museum.
- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.
- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Aransas County Council on Aging.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council of the annual agreements to the entities receiving hotel motel tax funds. There was discussion regarding one motion to approve all of the agreements. Hal George, the Town's attorney confirmed that items 2 - 6 could be voted on in one motion.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the Agreements Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Oysterfest 2025, Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, and Aransas County Council of Aging.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

CLOSED SESSION

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Council did not convene into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that the Fulton Fishing Pier had been closed due to the repairs of the pilings. Mayor Cole also informed the Council of her attendance to the Texas Municipal League conference the previous week.

Ty Gerstenberger, Chief of Police shared with the Council that he attended the annual Chief of Police conference the previous week.

8. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole announced the date and time of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary



Final Details for Order #112-4361521-3975426

PD 900

Order Placed: October 1, 2024
Amazon.com order number: 112-4361521-3975426
Order Total: \$1,036.26

Shipped on October 1, 2024	
Items Ordered	Price
1 Of: HP Elitebook 650 G10 15.6" FHD Business Laptop Computer, 13th Gen Intel 10-Core i7-1355U, 32GB DDR4 RAM, 2TB PCIe SSD, WiFi 6E, BT 5.3, Backlit KB, Fingerprint Reader, Windows 11 Pro, AZ-XUT Cable Sold by: AZXUT STORE (seller profile) Business Price Condition: New	\$1,143.26
Shipping Address: TOWN OF FULTON 201 N 7TH STREET FULTON, TX 78358 United States	Item(s) Subtotal: \$1,143.26 Shipping & Handling: \$0.00 Your Coupon Savings: -\$107.00 ----- Total before tax: \$1,036.26 Sales Tax: \$0.00 -----
Shipping Speed: Local Express Shipping	Total for This Shipment: \$1,036.26 -----

Payment information	
Payment Method: Visa Last digits: 0064	Item(s) Subtotal: \$1,143.26 Shipping & Handling: \$0.00 Promotion applied: -\$107.00 -----
Billing address TOWN OF FULTON 201 N 7TH STREET FULTON, TX 78358 United States	Total before tax: \$1,036.26 Estimated Tax: \$0.00 ----- Grand Total: \$1,036.26
Credit Card transactions	Visa ending in 0064: October 1, 2024: \$1,036.26

To view the status of your order, return to [Order Summary](#) .

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Stephanie Garcia

From: Lowe's Home Improvement <do-not-reply@receipt.lowes.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 10:43 AM
To: Stephanie Garcia
Subject: Your Lowe's Purchase Receipt

HM 655



Your Lowe's Receipt

Thanks for shopping at Lowe's. Use this just like you would a paper receipt for proof of purchase, record keeping, returns and more.

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC
150 SOUTH FM 1069
ARANSAS PASS , TX 78336
(361) 226-2000

Transaction # : 27710912
Order Date : 09/30/24 10:37:22



PO# 244266760

Item	Price
MOVE FURNITURE CARPET PER ROOM Item #: 503239 3 @	
[DIRECT DELIVERY] Detail Fee Credit	-30.00
SOS CARPET PER SQ FT CHARGE Item #: 894089 1 @	
[DIRECT DELIVERY]	

PAD L AND P 6-LBS 171537 LFT

Item #: 503016

60 @

[DIRECT DELIVERY]

Invoice 97906 Subtotal \$ 786.72



PO# 244266761

Item	Price
SOS 12-FT DOCILE DOMAIN	\$ 440.64
Item #: 4351197	
408 @ 1.08	
[DIRECT DELIVERY]	
Invoice 97907 Subtotal	\$ 440.64

Invoice 97906 Subtotal	\$ 786.72
Invoice 97907 Subtotal	\$ 440.64
Subtotal	\$ 1,227.36
Total Tax	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,227.36

Payment: VISA ending in 0064	\$ 1,227.36
AuthTime	09/30/24 10:41:26
AuthCD	07020G
REFID	250627000176
Order Date	09/30/24 10:37:22
Store #	2506
Terminal #	27
Store Manager	RANDY HERNANDEZ

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PROJECT QUOTE

Document Created: 09-26-2024

Salesperson: Breaux, Amanda

704 693 7801
Luke Edwards

Item 3.

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT

StephanieGarcia

(361) 729-5533

citysec@fultontexas.org

INSTALL ADDRESS

StephanieGarcia

201 North 7th St Fulton,
TX 78358

(361) 729-5533

LOCAL STORE

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC
#2506

150 South Fm 1069
Aransaspass, TX

(361) 226-2000



Carpet

Project Quote: Carpet 408 SQ FT CQ



Product Total

\$ 440.64



Labor Price

\$ 816.72



PROvider Measurement (Deduction)

(\$ 30.00)



Delivery Fees



Tax (Est.)

\$ 60.41

Total Price

\$ 1,287.77



Authorized by:

Initial _____

Date _____

Initial JCG

Date 9/27/24

This Quote is valid until 10/20/2024. This is an estimate only. This estimate does not include tax, special fees (e.g., White Goods Tax), or delivery charges. Delivery of all materials contained in this estimate are subject to availability from the manufacturer or supplier. All the above quantities, dimensions, specifications and accessories have been verified and accepted. I understand that this order will be placed according to these specifications and any returns are subject to Lowe's return policy (www.lowes.com/returns).



PROJECT QUOTE

Quote Created: 09-26-2024

Salesperson: Breaux, Amanda

Item 3.

Detailed Breakdown

Item Summary	Item #	Model #	Fulfillment Type	Unit Price	Quantity	Pre-tax Total
docile Domain- Ds Slate B...	4351197	ST668-12...	DD	\$ 1.08	408	\$ 440.64
move Furniture Carpet Per...	503239		DD	\$ 54.00	3	\$ 162.00
sos Carpet Per Sq Ft Char...	894089		DD	\$ 0.89	408	\$ 363.12
pad L And P 6-Lbs 171537 ...	503016		DD	\$ 4.86	60	\$ 291.60
PROvider Measurement (Deduction)						(\$ 30.00)

800-944-6586
 Lowe's
 \$1,287.77

 w/ taxes

Pre-tax Total:	\$ 1227.36
Est. Tax:	\$ 60.41
Total Price:	\$ 1287.77

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Group Code:
Company Name:
Account No.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS
10-08-24	Valet Parking	34.00	
10-08-24	Houston Sales Tax	2.81	
10-08-24	Room Charge	152.10	
10-08-24	Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax	9.13	
10-08-24	Harris County and HSA Tax	6.08	
10-08-24	City of Houston Tax	10.65	
10-09-24	Valet Parking	34.00	
10-09-24	Houston Sales Tax	2.81	
10-09-24	Room Charge	152.10	
10-09-24	Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax	9.13	
10-09-24	Harris County and HSA Tax	6.08	
10-09-24	City of Houston Tax	10.65	
10-10-24	Valet Parking	34.00	
10-10-24	Houston Sales Tax	2.81	
10-10-24	Room Charge	152.10	
10-10-24	Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax	9.13	
10-10-24	Harris County and HSA Tax	6.08	
10-10-24	City of Houston Tax	10.65	
10-11-24	Houston Sales Tax Adjustment	-8.43	
10-11-24	sales tax exempt		
10-11-24	Visa		635.88
10-11-24	XXXXXXXXXXXX0064		
	Total	635.88	635.88
	BALANCE	0.00	USD

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To the Honorable Mayor and
Town Council Members of the
Town of Fulton, Texas:

Professional standards require that we communicate certain matters to keep you adequately informed about matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. We communicate such matters in this report.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Our responsibility is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities and does not relieve management of their responsibilities. Refer to our engagement letter with the Town for further information on the responsibilities of management and of Crowe LLP.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Town's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or disclosures. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE TOWN

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require independence for all audits, and we confirm that we are independent auditors with respect to the Town under the independence requirements established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Additionally, we wish to communicate that we have the following relationships with the Town that do not impair our independence but which, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and that we gave significant consideration to in reaching the conclusion that our independence has not been impaired.

Relationship	Safeguards
<p>Non-Audit Services: We were engaged to perform the following non-audit services during your last fiscal year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with preparation of your financial statements and related disclosures and attached journal entries • Assistance with updates to the capital asset listing • Assistance with pension/OPEB calculations, adjustments, and disclosures • Assistance with updates to the debt amortization schedule • Assistance with GASB 87/96 calculations, adjustments, and disclosures • Assistance with the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 	<p>We believe your management is capable of evaluating and taking responsibility for their management decisions regarding our services, and we did not assume the role of an employee or of management of the Town in performing and reporting on our services.</p>

PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

No changes in risk assessment were noted in the completion of the audit as previously communicated in our planning letter.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT JUDGMENTS AND ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Significant Accounting Policies: Those Charged with Governance should be informed of the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. Also, the governing body should be aware of methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas where there is a lack of authoritative consensus. We believe management has the primary responsibility to inform Those Charged with Governance about such matters. There were no such accounting changes or significant policies requiring communication.

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates: Further, accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management’s current judgments. These judgments are based upon knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management’s current judgments and may be subject to significant change in the near term.

The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in the Town's year-end financial statements, the process used by management in formulating these particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the primary basis for our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Useful Lives of Capital Assets	Management has determined the economic useful lives of fixed assets based on past history of similar types of assets, future plans as to their use, and other factors that impact their economic value to the Town.	We tested the propriety of information underlying management's estimates.
Allowance for doubtful accounts and bad debt expense	The allowance for doubtful accounts was determined by management by a process involving consideration of past experiences, current aging information, information from credit reports, contacts with the customers, and other available data including environmental factors such as industry, geographical, economic and political factors.	We tested this accounting estimate by reviewing, on a test basis, the information listed.
Pension and Postretirement Obligations	Amounts reported for pension and postretirement obligations require management to use estimates that may be subject to significant change in the near term. These estimates are based on projection of the weighted average discount rate, rate of increase in future compensation levels, and weighted average expected long-term rate of return on pension assets.	We reviewed the reasonableness of these estimates and assumptions.
Compensated absences liabilities	Amounts reported for compensated absences liabilities require management to use estimates that may be subject to significant change in the near term. These estimates are based on allowable time earned or used, wage rates, and tenure with the Town.	We reviewed the reasonableness of these estimates and assumptions.
GASB 87, Leases	Amounts reported for GASB 87 lease assets/liabilities require management to use estimates that may be subject to significant change in the near term. These estimates include the incremental borrowing rate and other lease terms.	We reviewed the reasonableness of these estimates and assumptions.

AUDITOR'S JUDGMENTS ABOUT QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

We are to discuss with you our comments about the following matters related to the Town's accounting policies and financial statement disclosures. Accordingly, these matters will be discussed during our meeting with you.

- The appropriateness of the accounting policies to the particular circumstances of the Town, considering the need to balance the cost of providing information with the likely benefit to users of the Town's financial statements.
- The overall neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements.
- The effect of the timing of transactions in relation to the period in which they are recorded.
- The potential effect on the financial statements of significant risks and exposures, and uncertainties that are disclosed in the financial statements.
- The extent to which the financial statements are affected by unusual transactions including nonrecurring amounts recognized during the period, and the extent to which such transactions are separately disclosed in the financial statements.
- The issues involved, and related judgments made, in formulating particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.
- The factors affecting asset and liability carrying values, including the Town's basis for determining useful lives assigned to tangible and intangible assets.
- The selective correction of misstatements, for example, correcting misstatements with the effect of increasing reported earnings, but not those that have the effect of decreasing reported earnings.

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Corrected Misstatements: We are to inform you of material corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.

Uncorrected Misstatements: We are to inform you of uncorrected misstatements that were aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest and prior period(s) presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying the uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even if it was concluded that the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit. For your consideration, we have distinguished misstatements between known misstatements and likely misstatements.

The attached schedule summarizes both material and immaterial misstatements detected as a result of our audit procedures. Management has corrected all misstatements.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Item	Results
<p>Other Information Included in an Annual Report</p> <p>Information may be prepared by management that accompanies or includes the financial statements. To assist your consideration of this information, you should know that we are required by audit standards to read such information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements. We are also to remain alert for indications that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material inconsistency exists between the other information and the auditor's knowledge obtained in the audit; or • A material misstatement of fact exists, or the other information is otherwise misleading. <p>If we identify a material inconsistency between the other information and the financial statements, we are to seek a resolution of the matter.</p>	<p>We read the other information and noted no material inconsistencies or misstatement of facts based on our reading thereof.</p>
<p>Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit</p> <p>We are to inform you of any significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.</p>	<p>There were no significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.</p>
<p>Disagreements with Management</p> <p>We are to discuss with you any disagreements with management, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, about matters that individually or in the aggregate could be significant to the Town's financial statements or the auditor's report.</p>	<p>During our audit, there were no such disagreements with management.</p>
<p>Difficulties or Contentious Matters</p> <p>We are required to discuss with the governing body any difficulties or contentious matters for which we consulted outside of the engagement team.</p>	<p>During the audit, there were no such issues for which we consulted outside the engagement team.</p>
<p>Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report</p> <p>We are to discuss with you any circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report, if any.</p>	<p>There are no such circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report.</p>
<p>Consultations with Other Accountants</p> <p>If management consulted with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, we are to inform you of such consultation, if we are aware of it, and provide our views on the significant matters that were the subject of such consultation.</p>	<p>We are not aware of any instances where management consulted with other accountants about auditing or accounting matters since no other accountants contacted us, which they are required to do by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 50, before they provide written or oral advice.</p>

Communication Item	Results
<p>Representations the Auditor Is Requesting from Management</p> <p>We are to provide you with a copy of management's requested written representations to us.</p>	<p>We direct your attention to a copy of the letter of management's representation to us provided separately.</p>
<p>Significant Issues Discussed, or Subject to Correspondence, With Management</p> <p>We are to communicate to you any significant issues that were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.</p>	<p>There were no such significant issues discussed, or subject to correspondence, with management.</p>
<p>Significant Related Party Findings or Issues</p> <p>We are to communicate to you significant findings or issues arising during the audit in connection with the Town's related parties.</p>	<p>There were no such findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.</p>
<p>Other Findings or Changes in Risk Assessment</p> <p>We are to communicate to you other findings or issues, if any, arising during the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.</p>	<p>We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention. There were no such other findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.</p>

We are pleased to serve your Town as its independent auditors and look forward to our continued relationship. We provide the above information to assist you in performing your oversight responsibilities and would be pleased to discuss this letter or any matters further, should you desire. This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the governing body and, if appropriate, management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Crowe LLP

Houston, Texas
 October 9, 2024

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

**For the Year Ended
September 30, 2023**

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and
Town Council Members of the
Town of Fulton, Texas:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Fulton, Texas (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 Town, 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.

Responsibilities of Management for 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 Town'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.

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Auditor's 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 Town'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 Town'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, budgetary comparison information, schedules of changes in net pension and total other postemployment benefits liability and related ratios, and schedule of contributions, identified as Required Supplementary Information on the table of contents, 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.

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Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 9, 2024 on our consideration of the Town'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 Town's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


Crowe LLP

Houston, Texas
October 9, 2024

***MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION
AND ANALYSIS***

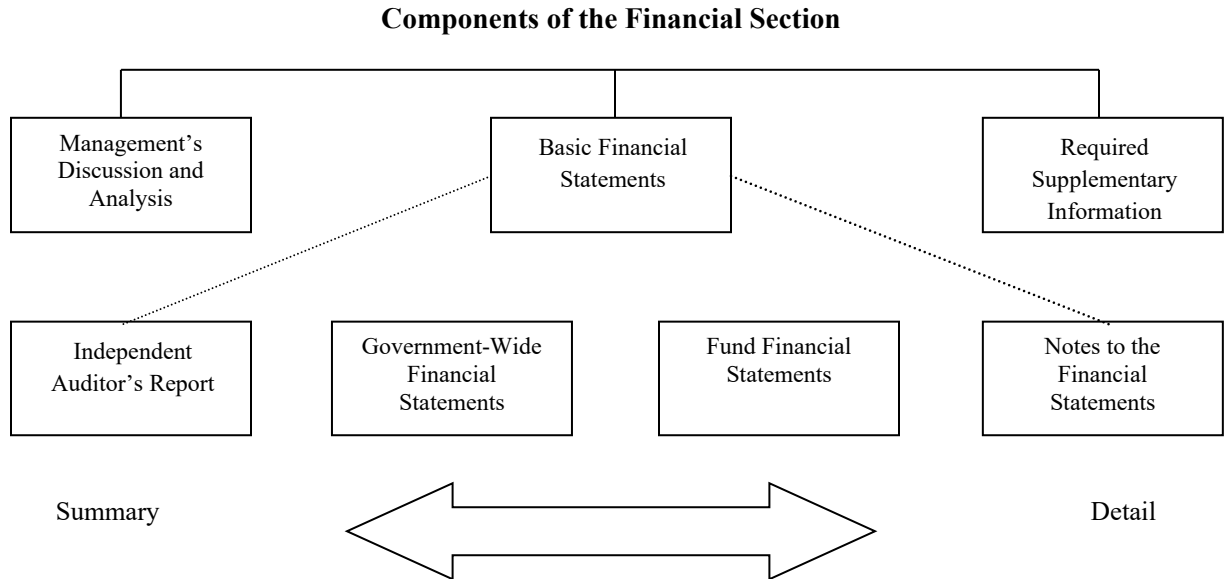
TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

The purpose of the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is to give the readers an objective and easily readable analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Fulton, Texas (the "Town") for the year ending September 30, 2023. The analysis is based on currently known facts, decisions, or economic conditions. It presents short and long-term analysis of the Town's activities, compares current year results with those of the prior year, and discusses the positive and negative aspects of that comparison. Please read the MD&A in conjunction with Town's financial statements, which follow this section.

THE STRUCTURE OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT



The Town's basic financial statements include (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) individual fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information intended to furnish additional detail to support the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information for the Town as a whole. These statements include transactions and balances relating to all assets, including infrastructure capital assets. These statements are designed to provide information about cost of services, operating results, and financial position of the Town as an economic entity. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which appear first in the Town's financial statements, report information on the Town's activities that enable the reader to understand the financial condition of the Town. These statements are prepared using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account even if cash has not yet changed hands.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Town's assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. Other nonfinancial factors, such as the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's infrastructure, need to be considered in order to assess the overall health of the Town.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows using the accrual method rather than modified accrual that is used in the fund level statements.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities divide the Town's financials into two classes of activities:

1. *Governmental Activities* – Most of the Town's basic services are reported here including general administration, public facilities, public safety, public transportation, and culture and recreation. Interest payments on the Town's debt are also reported here. Property tax, sales tax, franchise fees, municipal court fines, and permit fees finance most of these activities.
2. *Business-Type Activities* – Services involving a fee for those services are reported here. These services include the Town's sewer, convention center, and pier services.

The government-wide financial statements can be found after the MD&A.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Funds may be considered as operating companies of the parent corporation, which is the Town. They are usually segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal reporting requirements. The two categories of Town funds are governmental and proprietary.

Governmental Funds

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

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

The Town maintains 5 individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund, special projects fund, hotel/motel tax fund, and donation fund. These funds are considered to be major funds for reporting purposes.

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund, debt service fund, and the hotel/motel tax fund. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided for these funds to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)
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Proprietary Funds

The Town maintains one type of proprietary fund, enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for its sewer, convention center, and pier services. The proprietary fund financial statements can be found in the basic financial statements of this report.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes are the last section of the basic financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to basic financial statements, MD&A, and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain Required Supplementary Information (RSI). The RSI includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the general and hotel/motel tax funds and schedules of changes in net pension and total other postemployment benefits liability and related ratios and the schedule of contributions for the Texas Municipal Retirement System. RSI can be found after the notes to the basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Town's financial position. For the Town, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$12,734,968 as of September 30, 2023. A portion of the Town's net position (83%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, improvements, and infrastructure), less any debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Statement of Net Position

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position:

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities		Primary	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Current and other assets	\$ 3,107,833	\$ 2,126,334	\$ 599,707	\$ 644,119	\$ 3,707,540	\$ 2,770,453
Capital assets, net	5,892,462	3,478,258	6,150,570	6,083,500	12,043,032	9,561,758
Total Assets	9,000,295	5,604,592	6,750,277	6,727,619	15,750,572	12,332,211
Deferred outflows - pensions	41,231	26,729	27,233	39,286	68,464	66,015
Deferred outflows - OPEB	3,075	2,055	2,031	3,016	5,106	5,071
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	44,306	28,784	29,264	42,302	73,570	71,086
Long-term liabilities	1,408,785	1,674,284	64,767	109,854	1,473,552	1,784,138
Other liabilities	1,488,664	408,355	67,612	81,627	1,556,276	489,982
Total Liabilities	2,897,449	2,082,639	132,379	191,481	3,029,828	2,274,120
Deferred inflows - pensions	21,483	32,395	14,192	50,940	35,675	83,335
Deferred inflows - OPEB	7,066	2,067	4,668	3,146	11,734	5,213
Deferred inflows - leases	11,937	17,906	-	-	11,937	17,906
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	40,486	52,368	18,860	54,086	59,346	106,454
Net Position:						
Net investment in capital assets	4,500,359	1,829,158	6,099,514	5,994,977	10,599,873	7,824,135
Restricted	463,755	536,512	11,086	31,883	474,841	568,395
Unrestricted	1,142,552	1,132,699	517,702	497,494	1,660,254	1,630,193
Total Net Position	\$ 6,106,666	\$ 3,498,369	\$ 6,628,302	\$ 6,524,354	\$ 12,734,968	\$ 10,022,723

A portion of the primary government's net position, \$474,841 or 4%, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position, \$1,660,254 or 13%, may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligation to citizens and creditors.

Total assets are \$15,750,572, an increase of \$3,418,361 compared to prior year. Total assets increased compared to the prior year due to increases in both current and other assets and capital assets. The increase to current and other assets is primarily due to an increase in receivables that are due from other governments for grant awards for reimbursable costs that occurred during the current fiscal year. The increase to capital assets is due primarily to an increase in sewer system construction in progress from grant-related projects. Total liabilities are \$3,029,828, an increase of \$755,708 compared to prior year. Total liabilities includes a decrease in long-term liabilities and an increase in other liabilities. The decrease in long-term liabilities is mainly due to bond payments made during the fiscal year. The increase in other liabilities is primarily due to an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities related to construction costs that were owed at the end of the fiscal year. Total deferred outflows of resources are \$73,570 which is a slight increase of \$2,484 compared to the prior year. Total deferred inflows of resources decreased by \$47,108 from the prior year which was primarily due to a change in the differences between expected and actual economic experience and the net differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan assets.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Statement of Activities

The following table provides a summary of the Town's changes in net position:

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 80,349	\$ 56,453	\$ 949,657	\$ 916,243	\$ 1,030,006	\$ 972,696
Operating grants and contributions	565	555	-	-	565	555
Capital grants and contributions	2,495,330	118,088	-	-	2,495,330	118,088
General revenues:						
Property taxes	769,493	613,378	-	-	769,493	613,378
Sales taxes	352,755	356,013	-	-	352,755	356,013
Franchise fees and local taxes	104,184	106,944	-	-	104,184	106,944
Hotel occupancy taxes	408,121	392,339	-	-	408,121	392,339
Investment income	57,597	5,183	20,180	1,298	77,777	6,481
Other revenues	15,450	23,212	-	-	15,450	23,212
Total Revenues	<u>4,283,844</u>	<u>1,672,165</u>	<u>969,837</u>	<u>917,541</u>	<u>5,253,681</u>	<u>2,589,706</u>
Expenses						
General administration	739,043	624,893	-	-	739,043	624,893
Public facilities	24,447	50,363	-	-	24,447	50,363
Public safety	430,892	318,700	-	-	430,892	318,700
Public transportation	137,868	200,355	-	-	137,868	200,355
Culture and recreation	19,455	23,722	-	-	19,455	23,722
Interest and fiscal charges	68,937	80,913	-	-	68,937	80,913
Sewer	-	-	558,867	482,497	558,867	482,497
Convention center	-	-	347,378	308,176	347,378	308,176
Pier	-	-	214,549	188,002	214,549	188,002
Total Expenses	<u>1,420,642</u>	<u>1,298,946</u>	<u>1,120,794</u>	<u>978,675</u>	<u>2,541,436</u>	<u>2,277,621</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position Before Transfers	2,863,202	373,219	(150,957)	(61,134)	2,712,245	312,085
Transfers in (out)	(254,905)	(151,968)	254,905	151,968	-	-
Change in Net Position	2,608,297	221,251	103,948	90,834	2,712,245	312,085
Beginning net position	3,498,369	3,277,118	6,524,354	6,433,520	10,022,723	9,710,638
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ 6,106,666</u>	<u>\$ 3,498,369</u>	<u>\$ 6,628,302</u>	<u>\$ 6,524,354</u>	<u>\$ 12,734,968</u>	<u>\$ 10,022,723</u>

For the year, revenues from governmental activities increased by \$2,611,679. This increase is mainly due to revenue from capital grants and contributions from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) in the current year, along with an increase in property tax revenues as a result of higher appraised property values and tax rates. Expenses from governmental activities increased by \$121,696, which was primarily due to an increase in expenses for personnel costs for general administration and public safety.

Revenues from business-type activities increased by \$52,296, which was mainly due to an increase in facility rentals at the Convention Center. Total expenses increased by \$142,119 due primarily to personnel costs. Business-type activities also includes contributions from governmental activities of \$179,905 for capital projects related to convention center improvements.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNS'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to demonstrate and ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds – The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Town's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

The Town's governmental funds reflect a combined fund balance of \$1,538,458, a net decrease of \$112,181 from the prior year. Of this combined fund balance, \$20,585 is nonspendable for prepaids, \$6,553 is restricted for administration, \$1,822 is restricted for debt service, \$423,477 is restricted for tourism, and \$119,543 assigned to special projects. Unassigned fund balance totaled \$966,478 as of September 30, 2023.

Total revenues increased by \$2,596,248 mostly due to CDBG grant monies and an increase in property tax revenues. Compared to the prior year, expenditures increased by \$2,815,361 due mainly to an increase in expenditures for personnel costs within the general fund and construction costs within the special projects and hotel/motel tax funds.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current year, the total fund balance was \$984,589, a net decrease of \$40,524 from the prior year. Expenditures increased by \$203,248. This increase is primarily due to an increase in general administration and public safety expenditures for personnel costs. Compared to the prior year, revenues increased \$163,526 due mainly to increases in property tax revenue from an increase in the assessed values of properties within the Town and an increase in property tax rates. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance and total fund balance represent 85% and 86%, respectively, of total general fund expenditures.

The debt service fund had a total fund balance of \$1,822, all of which is restricted for the payment of principal and interest on the Town's outstanding long-term debt. The net decrease in fund balance was \$1,580. There was a slight increase in revenues of \$2,792 due to an increase in the assessed values of properties within the Town. Expenditures also slightly increased by \$2,897 due to an increase in the amounts paid on the principal of debt outstanding.

The special projects fund has a total fund balance of \$119,543. The revenues increased by \$2,405,137 and expenditures increased by \$2,399,618 from prior year. The increase in revenues and expenditures is primarily due to revenue from CDBG, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) grants and expenditures related to these grants.

The hotel/motel tax fund has a total fund balance of \$425,951, which is a decrease of \$81,648. There was an increase in revenues of \$25,793 due primarily to an increase in occupancy tax revenue. Expenditures also increased by \$209,598 due mainly to an increase in construction related to the convention center in an effort to increase tourism within the Town.

The donation fund has a total fund balance of \$6,553, which did not change from the prior year.

Proprietary Funds – The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Town's amended budget planned for a decrease in budgeted general fund balance of \$85,000. The Town's actual revenues were greater than budgeted revenues by a net \$34,073 primarily due to more permits, licenses, and fees and sales taxes revenues than expected. Actual expenditures were less than budgeted expenditures by a net \$10,403 mainly due to less public transportation expenditures than expected.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At year end, the Town's governmental and business-type activities had invested \$12,043,032 in a variety of capital assets and infrastructure (net of accumulated depreciation). This represents a net increase of \$2,481,274 from the prior year. This net increase includes depreciation and amortization of capital assets of \$520,773.

Major capital asset events during the year included the following:

- Construction in progress related to drainage and roadway improvements of \$2,507,679
- Improvements to the convention center parking lot of \$179,905
- Purchase of vehicles for \$189,577

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in note III.D. to the financial statements.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At the end of the current year, the Town's governmental activities had total certificates of obligation outstanding of \$1,385,000.

More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in note III.E. to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The Town adopted a \$1,185,285 general fund expenditure budget for fiscal year 2023-2024, which is an increase of \$71,232 compared to the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. The Town budgeted for fiscal year 2023-2024 general fund revenues of \$978,035, which is an increase of \$13,982 compared to the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. The Town approved a 2023-2024 Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.155671 and an Interest and Sinking tax rate of \$0.111204 for total of \$0.266875 per \$100 property valuation.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances. Questions concerning this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to Town of Fulton, 201 N. Seventh Street, Fulton, Texas, 78358.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

September 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,461,476	\$ 744,741	\$ 2,206,217
Receivables, net	299,771	66,209	365,980
Lease receivables	11,937	-	11,937
Prepays	20,585	21,012	41,597
Due from other governments	1,053,939	-	1,053,939
Internal balances	243,341	(243,341)	-
Total Current Assets	3,091,049	588,621	3,679,670
Noncurrent assets:			
Net pension asset	16,784	11,086	27,870
Right-to-use assets, net of amortization	6,878	46,343	53,221
Nondepreciable capital assets	2,802,679	-	2,802,679
Net depreciable capital assets	3,082,905	6,104,227	9,187,132
Total Noncurrent Assets	5,909,246	6,161,656	12,070,902
Total Assets	9,000,295	6,750,277	15,750,572
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Deferred outflows - pensions	41,231	27,233	68,464
Deferred outflows - OPEB	3,075	2,031	5,106
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	44,306	29,264	73,570
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,171,695	47,862	1,219,557
Unearned revenue	306,555	-	306,555
Accrued interest payable	10,414	-	10,414
Customer deposits	-	19,750	19,750
Total Current Liabilities	1,488,664	67,612	1,556,276
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Long-term liabilities due within one year	264,885	45,036	309,921
Long-term liabilities due in more than one year	1,143,900	19,731	1,163,631
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,408,785	64,767	1,473,552
Total Liabilities	2,897,449	132,379	3,029,828
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Deferred inflows - pensions	21,483	14,192	35,675
Deferred inflows - OPEB	7,066	4,668	11,734
Deferred inflows - leases	11,937	-	11,937
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	40,486	18,860	59,346
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	4,500,359	6,099,514	10,599,873
Restricted for:			
Pension	16,784	11,086	27,870
Administration	6,553	-	6,553
Debt service	14,467	-	14,467
Tourism	425,951	-	425,951
Unrestricted	1,142,552	517,702	1,660,254
Total Net Position	\$ 6,106,666	\$ 6,628,302	\$ 12,734,968

See Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities:				
General administration	\$ 739,043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,495,330
Public facilities	24,447	68,268	-	-
Public safety	430,892	12,081	565	-
Public transportation	137,868	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	19,455	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	68,937	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>1,420,642</u>	<u>80,349</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>2,495,330</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Sewer	558,867	681,871	-	-
Convention center	347,378	114,900	-	-
Pier	214,549	152,886	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>1,120,794</u>	<u>949,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 2,541,436</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,006</u>	<u>\$ 565</u>	<u>\$ 2,495,330</u>

General Revenues:

Property taxes
Sales taxes
Franchise fees and local taxes
Hotel occupancy tax
Investment income
Other revenues

Transfers

Total General Revenues and Transfers

Change in Net Position

Beginning net position

Ending Net Position

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Position		
Primary Government		
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ 1,756,287	\$ -	\$ 1,756,287
43,821	-	43,821
(418,246)	-	(418,246)
(137,868)	-	(137,868)
(19,455)	-	(19,455)
(68,937)	-	(68,937)
<u>1,155,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,155,602</u>
-	123,004	123,004
-	(232,478)	(232,478)
-	(61,663)	(61,663)
<u>-</u>	<u>(171,137)</u>	<u>(171,137)</u>
<u>1,155,602</u>	<u>(171,137)</u>	<u>984,465</u>
769,493	-	769,493
352,755	-	352,755
104,184	-	104,184
408,121	-	408,121
57,597	20,180	77,777
15,450	-	15,450
(254,905)	254,905	-
<u>1,452,695</u>	<u>275,085</u>	<u>1,727,780</u>
2,608,297	103,948	2,712,245
3,498,369	6,524,354	10,022,723
<u>\$ 6,106,666</u>	<u>\$ 6,628,302</u>	<u>\$ 12,734,968</u>

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

September 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>Hotel/Motel Tax</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 329,856	\$ 6,822	\$ 691,651	\$ 426,594
Receivables, net	130,656	23,059	-	146,056
Lease receivables	11,937	-	-	-
Prepays	18,111	-	-	2,474
Due from other governments	-	-	1,053,939	-
Due from other funds	656,984	-	-	43,526
Total Assets	\$ 1,147,544	\$ 29,881	\$ 1,745,590	\$ 618,650
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 111,673	\$ -	\$ 867,323	\$ 192,699
Unearned revenue	-	-	306,555	-
Due to other funds	-	5,000	452,169	-
Total Liabilities	111,673	5,000	1,626,047	192,699
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	23,371	23,059	-	-
Unavailable revenue - court fines	15,974	-	-	-
Deferred inflows - leases	11,937	-	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	51,282	23,059	-	-
<u>Fund Balances</u>				
Nonspendable:				
Prepays	18,111	-	-	2,474
Restricted for:				
Administration	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	1,822	-	-
Tourism	-	-	-	423,477
Assigned for:				
Special projects	-	-	119,543	-
Unassigned	966,478	-	-	-
Total Fund Balances	984,589	1,822	119,543	425,951
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 1,147,544	\$ 29,881	\$ 1,745,590	\$ 618,650

See Notes to Financial Statements.

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ 6,553	\$ 1,461,476
-	299,771
-	11,937
-	20,585
-	1,053,939
-	700,510
<u>\$ 6,553</u>	<u>\$ 3,548,218</u>
\$ -	\$ 1,171,695
-	306,555
-	457,169
<u>-</u>	<u>1,935,419</u>
-	46,430
-	15,974
-	11,937
<u>-</u>	<u>74,341</u>
-	20,585
6,553	6,553
-	1,822
-	423,477
-	119,543
-	966,478
<u>6,553</u>	<u>1,538,458</u>
<u>\$ 6,553</u>	<u>\$ 3,548,218</u>

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

Total fund balances – total governmental funds	\$	1,538,458
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, not reported in the governmental funds.		
Right-to-use assets, net of amortization		6,878
Capital assets – nondepreciable		2,802,679
Capital assets – net depreciable		3,082,905
Changes in pension/other postemployment benefits (OPEB) activity do not affect the fund balance on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the governmental funds. These changes in pension/OPEB activity that affect the Town's net position are as follows:		
Net pension asset		16,784
Total OPEB liability		(14,503)
Deferred outflows - pensions		41,231
Deferred outflows - OPEB		3,075
Deferred inflows - pensions		(21,483)
Deferred inflows - OPEB		(7,066)
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the governmental funds.		
Property taxes receivable		46,430
Court fines receivable		15,974
Some liabilities, including debt payable, compensated absences, and accrued interest payable, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.		
Certificate of obligation		(1,385,000)
Leases payable		(7,103)
Compensated absences		(2,179)
Accrued interest payable		(10,414)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>6,106,666</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>Hotel/Motel Tax</u>
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 427,507	\$ 324,107	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	352,755	-	-	-
Franchise fees and local taxes	104,184	-	-	-
Hotel occupancy taxes	-	-	-	408,121
Permits, licenses, and fees	68,268	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	12,081	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	565	-	2,495,330	-
Investment income	17,316	-	29,452	10,829
Miscellaneous revenue	15,450	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>998,126</u>	<u>324,107</u>	<u>2,524,782</u>	<u>418,950</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General administration	589,099	-	2,512,568	325,598
Public facilities	23,804	-	643	-
Public safety	426,368	-	-	-
Public transportation	30,881	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	7,495	-	-	-
Capital outlay	58,661	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	1,997	255,000	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	345	70,687	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>1,138,650</u>	<u>325,687</u>	<u>2,513,211</u>	<u>325,598</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(140,524)</u>	<u>(1,580)</u>	<u>11,571</u>	<u>93,352</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	100,000	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	(175,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(175,000)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(40,524)	(1,580)	11,571	(81,648)
Beginning fund balances	1,025,113	3,402	107,972	507,599
Ending Fund Balances	<u>\$ 984,589</u>	<u>\$ 1,822</u>	<u>\$ 119,543</u>	<u>\$ 425,951</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ 751,614
-	352,755
-	104,184
-	408,121
-	68,268
-	12,081
-	2,495,895
-	57,597
-	15,450
-	<u>4,265,965</u>
-	3,427,265
-	24,447
-	426,368
-	30,881
-	7,495
-	58,661
-	256,997
-	71,032
-	<u>4,303,146</u>
-	<u>(37,181)</u>
-	100,000
-	<u>(175,000)</u>
-	<u>(75,000)</u>
-	(112,181)
6,553	1,650,639
<u>\$ 6,553</u>	<u>\$ 1,538,458</u>

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (112,181)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation/amortization expense.

Capital outlay	2,608,815
Depreciation and amortization expense	(194,611)

Revenue in the Statement of Activities that does not provide current financial resources is not reported as revenue in the funds.	17,879
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The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases, certificates of obligation, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued; whereas, these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

Principal payments	256,997
Accrued interest	2,095

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	10,695
Net pension asset	(634)
Total OPEB liability	(2,193)
Deferred outflows - pensions	14,502
Deferred outflows - OPEB	1,020
Deferred inflows - pensions	10,912
Deferred inflows - OPEB	(4,999)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 2,608,297
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

September 30, 2023

	Sewer	Convention Center	Pier	Total Proprietary Funds
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 471,496	\$ 167,445	\$ 105,800	\$ 744,741
Receivables, net	65,679	-	530	66,209
Prepays	-	21,012	-	21,012
Total Current Assets	537,175	188,457	106,330	831,962
Noncurrent assets:				
Net pension asset	7,172	2,488	1,426	11,086
Right-to-use assets, net of amortization	-	46,343	-	46,343
Net depreciable capital assets	1,388,494	2,893,111	1,822,622	6,104,227
Total Noncurrent Assets	1,395,666	2,941,942	1,824,048	6,161,656
Total Assets	1,932,841	3,130,399	1,930,378	6,993,618
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred outflows - pensions	17,618	6,112	3,503	27,233
Deferred outflows - OPEB	1,314	456	261	2,031
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	18,932	6,568	3,764	29,264
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	36,595	6,955	4,312	47,862
Due to other funds	12,884	200,051	30,406	243,341
Customer deposits	-	19,750	-	19,750
Compensated absences - current	3,925	-	-	3,925
Lease payable - current	-	40,629	-	40,629
Total OPEB liability - current	312	108	62	482
Total Current Liabilities	53,716	267,493	34,780	355,989
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Lease payable	-	10,427	-	10,427
Compensated absences	207	-	-	207
Total OPEB liability	5,885	2,042	1,170	9,097
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	6,092	12,469	1,170	19,731
Total Liabilities	59,808	279,962	35,950	375,720
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred inflows - pensions	9,181	3,185	1,826	14,192
Deferred inflows - OPEB	3,020	1,048	600	4,668
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	12,201	4,233	2,426	18,860
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	1,388,494	2,888,398	1,822,622	6,099,514
Restricted for pension	7,172	2,488	1,426	11,086
Unrestricted	484,098	(38,114)	71,718	517,702
Total Net Position	\$ 1,879,764	\$ 2,852,772	\$ 1,895,766	\$ 6,628,302

See Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Sewer	Convention Center	Pier	Total Proprietary Funds
<u>Operating Revenues</u>				
Charges for services	\$ 670,778	\$ 114,900	\$ 152,831	\$ 938,509
Miscellaneous	11,093	-	55	11,148
Total Operating Revenues	681,871	114,900	152,886	949,657
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Personnel services	166,281	59,275	102,940	328,496
Supplies	5,372	6,294	9,631	21,297
Other services and charges	260,808	128,650	52,348	441,806
Depreciation/amortization	126,406	150,126	49,630	326,162
Total Operating Expenses	558,867	344,345	214,549	1,117,761
Operating Income (Loss)	123,004	(229,445)	(61,663)	(168,104)
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>				
Investment income	14,269	4,652	1,259	20,180
Interest expense	-	(3,033)	-	(3,033)
Total Nonoperating Revenues	14,269	1,619	1,259	17,147
Income (Loss) Before Transfers and Capital Contributions	137,273	(227,826)	(60,404)	(150,957)
<u>Transfers and Capital Contributions</u>				
Capital contributions	-	179,905	-	179,905
Transfers in	-	175,000	-	175,000
Transfers (out)	(100,000)	-	-	(100,000)
Total Transfers and Capital Contributions	(100,000)	354,905	-	254,905
Change in Net Position	37,273	127,079	(60,404)	103,948
Beginning net position	1,842,491	2,725,693	1,956,170	6,524,354
Ending Net Position	\$ 1,879,764	\$ 2,852,772	\$ 1,895,766	\$ 6,628,302

See Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUNDS (Page 1 of 2)

For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Sewer	Convention Center	Pier	Total Proprietary Funds
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 675,721	\$ 122,350	\$ 152,655	\$ 950,726
Payments to suppliers	(259,401)	(102,148)	(55,417)	(416,966)
Payments to employees	(173,039)	(59,996)	(104,472)	(337,507)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	243,281	(39,794)	(7,234)	196,253
<u>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities</u>				
Transfers from other funds	-	175,000	-	175,000
Transfers to other funds	(100,000)	-	-	(100,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	(100,000)	175,000	-	75,000
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</u>				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(142,475)	(70,852)	-	(213,327)
Principal paid on capital debt	-	(37,467)	-	(37,467)
Interest and fiscal charges	-	(3,033)	-	(3,033)
Net Cash (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(142,475)	(111,352)	-	(253,827)
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>				
Interest received	14,269	4,652	1,259	20,180
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	14,269	4,652	1,259	20,180
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	15,075	28,506	(5,975)	37,606
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	456,421	138,939	111,775	707,135
Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 471,496	\$ 167,445	\$ 105,800	\$ 744,741

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS (Page 2 of 2) For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Sewer	Convention Center	Pier	Total Proprietary Funds
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities				
Operating income (loss)	\$ 123,004	\$ (229,445)	\$ (61,663)	\$ (168,104)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation/amortization	126,406	150,126	49,630	326,162
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:				
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:				
Accounts receivable	(6,150)	5,200	(231)	(1,181)
Prepays	-	2,324	13,239	15,563
Due from other funds	15,185	-	4,657	19,842
Inventory	-	-	669	669
Deferred outflows - pensions	15,597	(41)	(3,503)	12,053
Deferred outflows - OPEB	1,239	7	(261)	985
Net pension asset	16,235	5,988	(1,426)	20,797
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(21,290)	2,869	2,155	(16,266)
Due to other funds	12,884	27,603	(14,158)	26,329
Customer deposits	-	2,250	-	2,250
Compensated absences	844	-	-	844
Deferred inflows - pensions	(32,008)	(6,566)	1,826	(36,748)
Deferred inflows - OPEB	420	502	600	1,522
Total OPEB liability	(9,085)	(611)	1,232	(8,464)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 243,281	\$ (39,794)	\$ (7,234)	\$ 196,253
Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities:				
Contributions of capital assets	\$ -	\$ 179,905	\$ -	\$ 179,905

See Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Fulton (the “Town”) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas (the “State”) on May 3, 1979. The Town operates under a Mayor-Council form of government.

The Town provides the following services: general administration, public facilities, public safety, public transportation, and culture and recreation.

The Town is an independent political subdivision of the State governed by an elected council and a mayor and is considered a primary government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these basic financial statements have been prepared based on considerations regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations, or functions as part of the Town’s financial reporting entity. No other entities have been included in the Town’s reporting entity. Additionally, as the Town is considered a primary government for financial reporting purposes, its activities are not considered a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity.

Considerations regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations, or functions in the Town’s financial reporting entity are based on criteria prescribed by generally accepted accounting principles. These same criteria are evaluated in considering whether the Town is a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity. The overriding elements associated with prescribed criteria considered in determining that the Town’s financial reporting entity status is that of a primary government are that it has a separately elected governing body, it is legally separate, and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. Additionally, prescribed criteria under generally accepted accounting principles include considerations pertaining to organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and considerations pertaining to organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

B. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support.

C. Basis of Presentation – Government-Wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds while business-type activities incorporate data from the Town’s enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

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 in value to the interfund services provided and other charges between the Town’s sewer functions and various other functions of the Town. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Town’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.

The Town reports the following governmental funds:

The *general fund* is used to account for all financial transactions not properly includable in other funds. The principal sources of revenues include local property taxes, sales taxes, franchise fees, licenses and permits, fines and forfeitures, and charges for services. Expenditures include general administration, public facilities, public safety, public transportation, and culture and recreation. The general fund is always considered a major fund for reporting purposes.

The *debt service fund* is used to account for the payment of interest and principal on all general obligation bonds and other long-term debt of the Town. The primary source of revenue for debt service is local property taxes. Although the debt service fund is considered a nonmajor fund, the City has elected to report the debt service fund as a major fund for reporting purposes.

The *special projects fund* is a capital projects fund used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue and funding sources that are from grant reimbursements and expenditures for specified construction projects. The special projects fund is considered a major fund for reporting purposes.

The *hotel/motel tax fund* is a special revenue fund used to account for occupancy tax monies used to further the Town’s area culture and recreation. Although the hotel/motel tax fund is considered a nonmajor fund, the City has elected to report the hotel/motel tax fund as a major fund for reporting purposes.

The *donation fund* is a special revenue fund used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Although the donation fund is considered a nonmajor fund, the City has elected to report the donation fund as a major fund for reporting purposes.

The Town reports the following proprietary funds:

The *enterprise funds* are used to account for the operations that provide sewer, convention center, and pier services. The services are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis will be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The sewer, convention center, and pier funds are considered major funds for reporting purposes.

During the course of operations, the Town has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
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Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the business-type activities column.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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

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

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise fees, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Town.

F. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town’s cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, balances in statewide investment pools, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary fund types consider temporary investments with maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

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2. Investments

Investments, except for certain investment pools, commercial paper, money market funds, and investment contracts, are reported at fair value. The investment pools operate in accordance with appropriate state laws and regulations and are reported at amortized cost. Money market funds, which are short-term highly liquid debt instruments that may include U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and commercial paper that have a remaining maturity of one year or less upon acquisition, are reported at amortized cost. Investments in nonparticipating interest earning contracts, such as certificates of deposit, are reported at cost.

The Town has adopted a written investment policy regarding the investment of its funds as defined in the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code. In summary, the Town is authorized to invest in the following:

- Direct obligations of the U.S. Government or U.S. Government agencies
- Fully collateralized certificates of deposit
- Money market mutual funds that meet certain criteria
- Bankers' acceptances
- Statewide investment pools

3. Inventories and Prepaid Items

The costs of governmental fund type inventories are recorded as expenditures when the related liability is incurred (i.e., the purchase method). Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods (prepaid expenditures) and are recognized as expenditures when utilized.

4. Restricted Assets

Certain bond proceeds, as well as other resources set aside for specific purposes, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants or contractual agreements. Restricted assets of the governmental and enterprise funds are restricted by bond covenants for repayment of debt and to finance construction projects.

5. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, infrastructure has been capitalized retroactively. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of five years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest costs incurred in connection with the construction of the enterprise fund capital assets are capitalized when the effects of capitalization materially impact the financial statements.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful years:

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<u>Asset Description</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	10 to 50 years
Improvements other than buildings	10 to 40 years
Infrastructure	20 to 40 years
Sewer system	20 to 40 years
Vehicles	5 years
Machinery, equipment, and office furniture	5 to 10 years

6. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources are amortized as follows:

- Deferred outflows/inflows from pension/other postemployment benefits (OPEB) activities are amortized over the average of the expected service lives of pension/OPEB plan members, except for the net differences between the projected and actual investment earnings on the pension/OPEB plan assets, which are amortized over a period of five years.
- For employer pension/OPEB plan contributions that were made subsequent to the measurement date through the end of the Town's fiscal year, the amount is deferred and recognized as a reduction to the net pension/OPEB liability during the measurement period in which the contributions were made.
- Deferred inflows related to leases are amortized over the term of the lease.

At the fund level, the Town has only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes and court fines. These amounts are deferred and recognized as inflows of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

The City also recognizes a deferred inflow of resources that is related to leases receivable at the fund level under the modified accrual basis of accounting and on the Statement of Net Position under the full accrual basis of accounting. This amount is amortized at the fund level and on the Statement of Activities over the term of the lease agreement.

7. Compensated Employee Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation time and compensatory time. Vacation amounts accumulated, up to certain amounts, may be paid to employees upon termination of employment. The estimated amount of compensation for services provided that is expected to be liquidated with expendable, available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it when it matures or becomes due. Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable, available financial resources are maintained separately and represent a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

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8. 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. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable bond premiums or discounts.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as 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.

The property tax rate is allocated each year between the general and debt service funds. The full amount estimated to be required for debt service on general obligation debt is provided by the tax along with the interest earned in the debt service fund. Although a portion of the general obligation debt was directly related to the purchase of sewer infrastructure, the debt service expenditures are included in the governmental fund financial statements as they are expected to be paid from debt service tax revenues instead of sewer service revenues.

Assets acquired under the terms of a lease are recorded as liabilities and capitalized in the government-wide financial statements at the present value of net minimum lease payments at inception of the lease. In the year of acquisition, the lease transactions are recorded as other financing sources and as capital outlay expenditures in the applicable fund. Lease payments representing both principal and interest are recorded as expenditures in the general fund upon payment with an appropriate reduction of principal recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

9. Leases

Lessee

The Town is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment and land. The Town recognizes a lease liability and intangible right-to-use lease assets (the “lease asset”) in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the Town initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the Town determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The Town uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Town generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease.
- Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and the purchase option price that the Town is reasonably certain to exercise.

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The Town monitors changes in circumstances that would require a measurement of its leases and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the Statement of Net Position.

Lessor

The Town is a lessor for noncancellable leases. The Town recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the Town initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the Town determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The Town uses its estimated borrowing rate as the discount rate for these leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease.
- Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable are composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The Town monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

10. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The Town has noncancellable subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) to finance the use of information technology software. The Town would recognize a liability (the “subscription liability”) and an intangible, right-to-use subscription asset (the “subscription asset”) in the financial statements. The Town’s SBITAs to report are immaterial to the financial statements as a whole and are not recognized as a subscription liability or a subscription asset.

11. Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Town’s policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

12. Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the

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amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Town's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

13. Fund Balance Policies

Fund balances of governmental funds are reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Town itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact are classified as nonspendable fund balance. Amounts that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions are classified as restricted.

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town's highest level of decision-making authority. The Town Council is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Town that 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.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Town for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Town 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. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

14. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, 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.

15. Pensions

For the 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 Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) and additions to/deductions from TMRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TMRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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16. Other Postemployment Benefits

The Town participates in a defined benefit group-term life insurance plan administered by TMRS known as the Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (SDBF). The Town elected, by ordinance, to provide group-term life insurance coverage to both current and retired employees. The funding policy for the SDBF program is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year. Benefit payments are treated as being equal to the employer's yearly contributions for retirees. Benefit payments and refunds are due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Information about the Town's total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense is provided by TMRS from reports prepared by their consulting actuary.

G. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

1. Program Revenues

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

2. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied during October of each year, are due upon receipt of the Town's tax bill, and become delinquent if unpaid on February 1, with late fees assessed monthly. After June 30, any taxes still uncollected are subject to lawsuit for collection and additional charges to offset legal costs.

3. Proprietary Funds Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The enterprise funds also recognize as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted for governmental funds on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The original budget is adopted by the Town Council prior to the beginning of the year. The legal level of control as defined by the charter is the object and purpose stated in the approved budget. Appropriations lapse at the end of the year. Supplemental budget appropriations were made for the year ended September 30, 2023.

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1. Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations

As of September 30, 2023, expenditures exceeded appropriations at the legal level of control as follows:

General fund		
General administration	\$	30,649
Public facilities	\$	11,304
Public safety	\$	25,357

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and Investments

The Town’s bank balances include bank deposits and investment pools. The bank balances were \$1,586,077 at year end. The Town’s bank balances were collateralized by pledged securities of the depository bank for amounts in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance limits. As of September 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the Town’s bank deposits was \$1,295,500, and the carrying amount of the Town’s investment pools was \$910,265. The Town’s bank deposits and investment pools were reported with cash and cash equivalents.

As of September 30, 2023, the Town had the following investments:

Investment Type	Value	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)
TexPool	\$ 910,265	0.08
Total Value	\$ 910,265	
Portfolio weighted average maturity		0.08

Custodial credit risk – deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town’s deposits may not be returned to it. The Town’s investment policy requires funds on deposit at the depository bank to be collateralized by securities. As of year end, fair market values of pledged securities and FDIC coverage exceeded bank balances.

Interest rate risk. In accordance with its investment policy, the Town manages its exposure to declines in fair values by structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and invest operating funds primarily in short-term securities.

Credit risk. The Town’s investment policy limits investments in public fund investment pools rated as to investment quality not less than ‘AAA’ or ‘AAA-m’, or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service. As of September 30, 2023, the Town’s investments in the investment pool was rated ‘AAAm’ by Standard & Poor’s.

TexPool

TexPool was established as a trust company with the Treasurer of the State as trustee, segregated from all other trustees, investments, and activities of the trust company. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises oversight responsibility over TexPool. Oversight includes the ability to significantly influence operations, designation of management, and accountability for fiscal matters. Additionally, the State Comptroller has established an advisory board composed of both participants in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool. The advisory

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board members review the investment policy and management fee structure. Finally, Standard & Poor's rates TexPool 'AAAm'. As a requirement to maintain the rating, weekly portfolio information must be submitted to Standard & Poor's, as well as to the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts for review.

TexPool is an external investment pool measured at amortized cost. In order to meet the criteria to be recorded at amortized cost, TexPool must transact at a stable net asset value per share and maintain certain maturity, quality, liquidity, and diversification requirements within TexPool. TexPool transacts at a net asset value of \$1.00 per share, has weighted average maturities of 60 days or less, and weighted average lives of 120 days or less. Investments held are highly rated by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, have no more than five percent of portfolio with one issuer (excluding U.S. government securities), and can meet reasonably foreseeable redemptions. TexPool has a redemption notice period of one day and may redeem daily. TexPool may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities markets, general banking moratorium, or national state of emergency that affects TexPool's liquidity.

B. Receivables

The following comprise receivable balances as of September 30, 2023:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Hotel/Motel</u>	<u>Total Governmental</u>
Property taxes	\$ 23,982	\$ 23,702	\$ -	\$ 47,684
Other taxes	58,937	-	36,365	95,302
Accounts	48,349	-	109,691	158,040
Less allowance	(612)	(643)	-	(1,255)
Totals	<u>\$ 130,656</u>	<u>\$ 23,059</u>	<u>\$ 146,056</u>	<u>\$ 299,771</u>

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Pier</u>	<u>Total Business-Type</u>
Accounts	\$ 65,679	\$ 530	\$ 66,209

C. Lease Receivables

The Town is a lessor for facilities used for housing and operating certain communications equipment. As of September 30, 2023, the value of the lease receivable was \$11,937. The Town received principal and interest payments on the lease in fiscal year 2023 for \$6,000. The Town will continue to receive principal and interest payments on the lease through the fiscal year 2025. The estimated incremental borrowing rate is 4.21%. The lease is amortized based on the term of the lease agreement which is 3 years from the beginning of fiscal year 2023. The value of the deferred inflows for fiscal year 2023 was \$11,937. The remaining principal and interest payments along with the amortization of the deferred inflows of resources from the lease are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30	<u>Lease Receipts</u>			<u>Amortization of Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	
2024	\$ 5,958	\$ 42	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,969
2025	5,979	21	6,000	5,968
	<u>\$ 11,937</u>	<u>\$ 63</u>	<u>\$ 12,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,937</u>

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D. Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 295,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295,000
Construction in progress	-	2,507,679	-	2,507,679
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>295,000</u>	<u>2,507,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,802,679</u>
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	267,072	-	-	267,072
Equipment	300,756	101,136	(78,001)	323,891
Infrastructure	4,111,389	-	-	4,111,389
Right-to-use assets	10,581	-	-	10,581
Total other capital assets	<u>4,689,798</u>	<u>101,136</u>	<u>(78,001)</u>	<u>4,712,933</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings and improvements	(100,873)	(8,663)	-	(109,536)
Equipment	(228,280)	(81,047)	78,001	(231,326)
Infrastructure	(1,175,800)	(102,785)	-	(1,278,585)
Right-to-use assets	(1,587)	(2,116)	-	(3,703)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(1,506,540)</u>	<u>(194,611)</u>	<u>78,001</u>	<u>(1,623,150)</u>
Other capital assets, net	<u>3,183,258</u>	<u>(93,475)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,089,783</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 3,478,258</u>	<u>\$ 2,414,204</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>5,892,462</u>
			Less associated debt	<u>(1,392,103)</u>
			Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u>\$ 4,500,359</u>

Depreciation/amortization was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General administration	\$ 65,507
Public safety	10,157
Public transportation	106,987
Culture and recreation	11,960
Total Governmental Activities Depreciation/ Amortization Expense	<u>\$ 194,611</u>

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The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for business-type activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and other improvements	4,950,627	247,168	-	5,197,795
Equipment	545,336	146,064	(37,372)	654,028
Infrastructure	3,000,626	-	-	3,000,626
Right-to-use assets	120,493	-	-	120,493
Total other capital assets	<u>8,617,082</u>	<u>393,232</u>	<u>(37,372)</u>	<u>8,972,942</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings and other improvements	(350,594)	(140,013)	-	(490,607)
Equipment	(384,171)	(72,919)	37,372	(419,718)
Infrastructure	(1,761,742)	(76,155)	-	(1,837,897)
Right-to-use assets	(37,075)	(37,075)	-	(74,150)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(2,533,582)</u>	<u>(326,162)</u>	<u>37,372</u>	<u>(2,822,372)</u>
Other capital assets, net	<u>6,083,500</u>	<u>67,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,150,570</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 6,083,500</u>	<u>\$ 67,070</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>6,150,570</u>
			Less associated debt	<u>(51,056)</u>
			Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u>\$ 6,099,514</u>

Depreciation/amortization was charged to business-type functions as follows:

Sewer	\$ 126,406
Convention center	150,126
Pier	<u>49,630</u>
Total Business-Type Activities Depreciation/ Amortization Expense	<u>\$ 326,162</u>

Significant commitments related to construction in progress at year end are as follows:

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Total in Progress</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Governmental Activities:		
Drainage and roadway improvement grants	\$ -	\$ 1,795,610
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,795,610</u>

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E. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in the Town's total long-term liabilities for the year. In general, the Town uses the general and debt service funds to liquidate governmental long-term liabilities.

Long-term liabilities applicable to the Town's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities in the governmental funds. The governmental activities compensated absences and total OPEB liability are generally liquidated by the general fund. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities					
Certificates of obligation	\$ 1,640,000	\$ -	\$ (255,000)	\$ 1,385,000 *	\$ 260,000
Leases payable	9,100	-	(1,997)	7,103 *	2,083
	<u>1,649,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(256,997)</u>	<u>1,392,103</u>	<u>262,083</u>
Other liabilities:					
Total OPEB liability	12,310	2,193	-	14,503	732
Compensated absences	12,874	13,379	(24,074)	2,179	2,070
	<u>25,184</u>	<u>15,572</u>	<u>(24,074)</u>	<u>16,682</u>	<u>2,802</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,674,284</u>	<u>\$ 15,572</u>	<u>\$ (281,071)</u>	<u>\$ 1,408,785</u>	<u>\$ 264,885</u>
				<u>\$ 1,143,900</u>	
				<u>\$ 1,392,103</u>	
					<u>\$ 45,036</u>
Business-Type Activities					
Leases payable	\$ 88,523	\$ -	\$ (37,467)	\$ 51,056 *	\$ 40,629
Other liabilities:					
Total OPEB liability	18,043	-	(8,464)	9,579	482
Compensated absences	3,288	8,754	(7,910)	4,132	3,925
	<u>21,331</u>	<u>8,754</u>	<u>(16,374)</u>	<u>13,711</u>	<u>4,407</u>
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 109,854</u>	<u>\$ 8,754</u>	<u>\$ (53,841)</u>	<u>\$ 64,767</u>	<u>\$ 45,036</u>
				<u>\$ 19,731</u>	
				<u>\$ 51,056</u>	

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Long-term debt at year end was comprised of the following debt issues:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Governmental Activities		
Certificates of Obligation		
Series 2006	5.77%	\$ 870,000
Series 2016	2.65%	515,000
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt		\$ 1,385,000

The annual requirements to amortize debt issues outstanding at year end were as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt</u>		
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Certificates of Obligation</u>	
<u>Ending Sep 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 260,000	\$ 57,305
2025	270,000	43,880
2026	285,000	29,734
2027	300,000	14,800
2028	65,000	6,294
2029-2031	205,000	8,280
Total	\$ 1,385,000	\$ 160,293

Leases Payable

The Town is a lessee for the acquisition and use of equipment and land. As of September 30, 2023, the value of the equipment lease liability for governmental-type activities was \$7,103, and the value of the land lease liability for business-type activities was \$51,056. The Town made principal and interest payments on the leases in fiscal year 2023 for \$42,842. The Town will continue to make principal and interest payments on leases through the fiscal year 2027. The estimated incremental borrowing rate is 4.21%. The leases are amortized based on the term of the lease agreements which range from 27 to 51 months from the beginning of fiscal year 2023. The value of the right-to-use assets for fiscal year 2023 was \$131,074 and had accumulated amortization of \$77,853.

The future principal and interest lease payments as of September 30, 2023 were as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>			
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Leases</u>		
<u>Ending Sep 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 2,083	\$ 259	\$ 2,342
2025	2,172	170	2,342
2026	2,266	76	2,342
2027	582	4	586
Total	\$ 7,103	\$ 509	\$ 7,612

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Business-Type Activities			
Fiscal Year			
Ending Sep 30	Leases		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2024	\$ 40,629	\$ 1,371	\$ 42,000
2025	10,427	73	10,500
Total	\$ 51,056	\$ 1,444	\$ 52,500

Federal Arbitrage

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 instituted certain arbitrage restrictions consisting of complex regulations with respect to issuance of tax-exempt bonds after August 31, 1986. Arbitrage regulations deal with the investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds at an interest yield greater than the interest yield paid to bondholders. Generally, all interest paid to bondholders can be retroactively rendered taxable if applicable rebates are not reported and paid to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at least every five years for applicable bond issues. Accordingly, there is the risk that if such calculations are not performed, or are not performed correctly, it could result in a substantial liability to the Town. The Town engages an arbitrage consultant to perform the calculations in accordance with the rules and regulations of the IRS.

F. Interfund Transactions

Transfers between the primary government funds during the year were as follows:

Transfer In	Transfer Out	Amounts
General	Sewer	\$ 100,000
Convention Center	Hotel/Motel Tax	175,000
		\$ 275,000

Transfers to the general fund were subsidies for administrative expenditures. The other amounts transferred between funds are for reimbursements to the convention fund for costs related to hotel/motel tax restrictions.

The composition of interfund balances as of year end is as follows:

Due To	Due From	Amount
General	Debt Service	\$ 5,000
General	Special Projects	452,169
General	Sewer	12,884
General	Convention Center	156,525
General	Pier	30,406
Hotel/Motel Tax	Convention Center	43,526
		\$ 700,510

The amounts recorded as due to/from are considered to be a temporary loan and will be repaid during the following year.

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IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town participates along with more than 2,824 other entities in the Texas Municipal League’s Intergovernmental Risk Pools (the “Pool”). The Pool purchases commercial insurance at group rates for participants in the Pool. The Town has no additional risk or responsibility to the Pool, outside of the payment of insurance premiums. The Town has not significantly reduced insurance coverage or had settlements which exceeded coverage amounts for the past three years.

B. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from granting agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amounts of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported. Claim liabilities are calculated considering the effects of inflation, recent claim settlement trends including frequency and amount of payouts, and other economic and social factors. No claim liabilities are reported at year end.

C. Pension Plan

Texas Municipal Retirement System

Plan Description

The Town participates as one of 909 plans in the defined benefit cash-balance plan administered by TMRS. TMRS is a statewide public retirement plan created by the State and administered in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle G (the “TMRS Act”) as an agent multiple-employer retirement system for municipal employees of Texas participating cities. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of TMRS with a six-member, Governor-appointed Board of Trustees (the “Board”); however, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State. TMRS issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report that can be obtained at www.tmr.com.

All eligible employees of the Town are required to participate in TMRS.

Benefits Provided

TMRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the Town, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS.

At retirement, the member’s benefit is calculated based on the sum of the member’s contributions, with interest, and the Town-financed monetary credits, with interest, and their age at retirement and other actuarial factors. The retiring member may select one of seven monthly payment options. Members may also choose to receive a portion of their benefit as a lump sum distribution in an amount

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equal to 12, 24, or 36 monthly payments, which cannot exceed 75% of the member contributions and interest.

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the Town, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS. Plan provisions for the Town were as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Employee deposit rate	6.00%	6.00%
Matching ratio (Town to employee)	2 to 1	2 to 1
Years required for vesting	5	5
Service requirement eligibility (expressed as age/yrs of service)	60/5, 0/20	60/5, 0/20
Updated service credit	0%	0%
Annuity increase (to retirees)	0% of CPI	0% of CPI

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At the December 31, 2022 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	5
Inactive employees entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	5
Active employees	<u>10</u>
Total	<u><u>20</u></u>

Contributions

Member contribution rates in TMRS are either 5%, 6%, or 7% of the member's total compensation, and the Town-matching percentages are either 100%, 150%, or 200%, both as adopted by the governing body of the Town. Under the state law governing TMRS, the contribution rate for each entity is determined annually by the actuary, using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. The Town's contribution rate is based on the liabilities created from the benefit plan options selected by the Town and any changes in benefits or actual experience over time.

Employees for the Town were required to contribute 6% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the Town were 21.40% and 6.11% in calendar years 2022 and 2023, respectively. The Town's contributions to TMRS for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 were \$48,816 and were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability/(Asset)

The Town's Net Pension Liability/(Asset) (NPL/(A)) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the NPL/(A) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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Actuarial Assumptions

The TPL in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50% per year
Overall payroll growth	2.75% per year, adjusted down for population declines, if any
Investment rate of return	6.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Salary increases are based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members are based on the PUB(10) mortality tables with the Public Safety table used for males and the General Employee table used for females. Mortality rates for healthy retirees and beneficiaries are based on the Gender-Distinct 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables. The rates for active members, healthy retirees, and beneficiaries are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements. For disabled annuitants, the same mortality tables for healthy retirees are used with a 4-year set-forward for males and a 3-year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3.0% minimum mortality rate is applied for males and females, respectively, to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

The actuarial assumptions were developed primarily from the actuarial investigation of the experience of TMRS over the four-year period from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2018. The assumptions were adopted in 2019 and first used in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation. The post-retirement mortality assumption for the annuity purchase rates is based on the mortality experience investigation study covering 2009 through 2011 and dated December 31, 2013. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation, as well as the production of income, in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TMRS.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. In determining their best estimate of a recommended investment return assumption under the various alternative asset allocation portfolios, TMRS' actuary focused on the area between (1) arithmetic mean (aggressive) without an adjustment for time (conservative) and (2) the geometric mean (conservative) with an adjustment for time (aggressive).

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The target allocation and best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Assets Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)</u>
Global public equity	35.00%	7.70%
Core fixed income	6.00%	4.90%
Non-core fixed income	20.00%	8.70%
Other public and private markets	12.00%	8.10%
Real estate	12.00%	5.80%
Hedge funds	5.00%	6.90%
Private equity	10.00%	11.80%
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in statute. Based on that assumption, TMRS's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive 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 TPL.

Changes in the NPL/(A)

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>		
	<u>Total Pension Liability (A)</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (B)</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability/(Asset) (A) - (B)</u>
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	\$ 48,675	\$ -	\$ 48,675
Interest	40,079	-	40,079
Difference between expected and actual experience	(4,053)	-	(4,053)
Contributions - employer	-	85,804	(85,804)
Contributions - employee	-	24,057	(24,057)
Net investment income	-	(46,668)	46,668
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(33,906)	(33,906)	-
Administrative expense	-	(402)	402
Other changes	-	479	(479)
Net Changes	50,795	29,364	21,431
Balance at December 31, 2021	586,381	635,682	(49,301)
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 637,176	\$ 665,046	\$ (27,870)

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Sensitivity of the NPL/(A) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the NPL/(A) of the Town, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the Town's NPL/(A) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.75%) or one percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (5.75%)	Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (7.75%)
Town's Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$ 42,792	\$ (27,870)	\$ (87,759)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about TMRS's fiduciary net position is available in the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, by Participating City. That report may be obtained at tmrs.com.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense of \$20,138.

At September 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 604	\$ 35,675
Changes in actuarial assumptions	18	-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	44,606	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	23,236	-
Total	\$ 68,464	\$ 35,675

\$23,236 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the NPL/(A) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended September 30	Pension Expense
2024	\$ (13,074)
2025	(5,918)
2026	10,633
2027	17,912
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Total	\$ 9,553

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D. Other Postemployment Benefits

TMRS - Supplemental Death Benefits

Plan Description

The Town participates in an OPEB plan administered by TMRS. TMRS administers the defined benefit group-term life insurance plan known as the SDBF. This is a voluntary program in which participating member cities may elect, by ordinance, to provide group-term life insurance coverage for their active members, including or not including retirees. Employers may terminate coverage under, and discontinue participation in, the SDBF by adopting an ordinance before November 1 of any year to be effective the following January 1.

The member entity contributes to the SDBF at a contractually required rate (based on the covered payroll of employee members) as determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The rate is equal to the cost of providing one-year term life insurance. The funding policy for the SDBF program is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year. The intent is not to pre-fund retiree term life insurance during employees' entire careers. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB 75). As such, the SDBF is considered to be a single-employer unfunded OPEB defined benefit plan with benefit payments treated as being equal to the employer's yearly contributions for retirees.

The contributions to the SDBF are pooled for investment purposes with those of the Pension Trust Fund (PTF). The SDBF's funding policy assures that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year. The SDBF is a pay-as-you-go fund, and any excess contributions are available for future SDBF benefits.

Benefits

The death benefit for active employees provides a lump-sum payment approximately equal to the employee's annual salary (calculated based on the employee's actual earnings, for the 12-month period preceding the month of death). The death benefit for retirees is considered an OPEB and is a fixed amount of \$7,500. As the SDBF covers both active and retiree participants with no segregation of assets, the SDBF is considered to be an unfunded OPEB plan (i.e., no assets are accumulated).

Participation in the SDBF as of December 31, 2022 is summarized below:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	5
Inactive employees entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	1
Active employees	10
Total	16

Total OPEB Liability

The Town's total OPEB liability of \$24,082 was measured as of December 31, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.50% to 11.50% including inflation
Discount rate*	4.05%
Administrative expenses	All administrative expenses are paid through the PTF and accounted for under reporting requirements of GASB 68.
Mortality rates - service retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.
Mortality rates - disabled retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with a 4-year set-forward for males and a 3-year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3.0% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and females, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

*The discount rate was based on the Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" rate as of December 31, 2022.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2018. Due to the higher mortality rates associated with the global pandemic, the TMRS Board adopted changes to the assumptions and methodology used for calculating 2023 and 2024 rates as determined in the December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022 actuarial valuations, respectively.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	\$ 1,925
Interest	568
Difference between expected and actual experience	3,271
Changes of assumptions	(11,113)
Benefit payments*	(922)
Net Changes	(6,271)
Balance at December 31, 2021	30,353
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 24,082

* Benefit payments are treated as being equal to the Town's yearly contribution for retirees due to the SDBF being considered an unfunded OPEB plan under GASB 75.

The discount rate increased from 1.84% as of December 31, 2021 to 4.05% as of December 31, 2022. There were no other changes of assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability during the measurement period.

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There were no changes of benefit terms that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability during the measurement period.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (3.05%)	Discount Rate (4.05%)	1% Increase (5.05%)
Town's total OPEB liability	\$ 28,390	\$ 24,082	\$ 20,709

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

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$1,214. The Town reported deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 2,747	\$ 2,817
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,636	8,917
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	723	-
Total	\$ 5,106	\$ 11,734

\$723 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended September 30	OPEB Expense
2024	\$ (1,525)
2025	(2,217)
2026	(1,972)
2027	(1,550)
2028	(87)
Thereafter	-
Total	\$ (7,351)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Original Budget Amounts	Final Budget Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues</u>				
Property taxes	\$ 428,203	\$ 428,203	\$ 427,507	\$ (696)
Sales taxes	339,500	339,500	352,755	13,255
Franchise fees and local taxes	112,000	112,000	104,184	(7,816)
Permits, licenses, and fees	51,000	51,000	68,268	17,268
Fines and forfeitures	12,500	12,500	12,081	(419)
Intergovernmental	700	700	565	(135)
Investment revenue	7,500	7,500	17,316	9,816
Miscellaneous revenue	12,650	12,650	15,450	2,800
Total Revenues	964,053	964,053	998,126	34,073
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Current:				
General administration	523,450	558,450	589,099	(30,649) *
Public facilities	12,500	12,500	23,804	(11,304) *
Public safety	401,011	401,011	426,368	(25,357) *
Public transportation	102,500	102,500	30,881	71,619
Culture and recreation	8,250	8,250	7,495	755
Capital outlay	64,000	64,000	58,661	5,339
Debt service:				
Principal	1,997	1,997	1,997	-
Interest expense	345	345	345	-
Total Expenditures	1,114,053	1,149,053	1,138,650	10,403
(Deficiency) of Revenues (Under) Expenditures	(150,000)	(185,000)	(140,524)	44,476
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>				
Transfers in	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Total Other Financing Sources	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (50,000)	\$ (85,000)	(40,524)	\$ 44,476
Beginning fund balance			1,025,113	
Ending Fund Balance			\$ 984,589	

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

1. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
2. * Expenditures exceeded appropriations at the legal level of control.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Hotel occupancy taxes	\$ 315,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 408,121	\$ 93,121
Investment revenue	3,000	3,000	10,829	7,829
Total Revenues	<u>318,000</u>	<u>318,000</u>	<u>418,950</u>	<u>100,950</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Current:				
General administration	140,000	340,000	325,598	14,402
Total Expenditures	<u>140,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>325,598</u>	<u>14,402</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>178,000</u>	<u>(22,000)</u>	<u>93,352</u>	<u>115,352</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>				
Transfers (out)	(175,000)	(175,000)	(175,000)	-
Total Other Financing (Uses)	<u>(175,000)</u>	<u>(175,000)</u>	<u>(175,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ (197,000)</u>	<u>(81,648)</u>	<u>\$ 115,352</u>
Beginning fund balance			<u>507,599</u>	
Ending Fund Balance			<u>\$ 425,951</u>	

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

- Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Measurement Year*			
	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Pension Liability				
Service cost	\$ 48,675	\$ 40,716	\$ 29,719	\$ 29,874
Interest (on the total pension liability)	40,079	41,062	38,647	36,092
Difference between expected and actual experience	(4,053)	(66,688)	5,445	12,539
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	1,014
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(33,906)	(33,368)	(53,677)	(29,502)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	50,795	(18,278)	20,134	50,017
Beginning total pension liability	586,381	604,659	584,525	534,508
Ending Total Pension Liability	\$ 637,176	\$ 586,381	\$ 604,659	\$ 584,525
Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
Contributions - employer	\$ 85,804	\$ 82,609	\$ 55,209	\$ 44,625
Contributions - employee	24,057	20,074	14,664	13,982
Net investment income	(46,668)	65,602	34,363	56,723
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(33,906)	(33,368)	(53,677)	(29,502)
Administrative expense	(402)	(302)	(221)	(319)
Other	479	1	(8)	(10)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	29,364	134,616	50,330	85,499
Beginning plan fiduciary net position	635,682	501,066	450,736	365,237
Ending Plan Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 665,046	\$ 635,682	\$ 501,066	\$ 450,736
Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$ (27,870)	\$ (49,301)	\$ 103,593	\$ 133,789
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	104.37%	108.41%	82.87%	77.11%
Covered Payroll	\$ 400,951	\$ 334,564	\$ 244,396	\$ 233,030
Net Pension Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	-6.95%	-14.74%	42.39%	57.41%

*Only six years of information is currently available. The Town will build this schedule over the next four-year period.

Measurement Year*			
2018	2017		
\$ 27,569	\$ 35,323		
33,739	31,517		
2,495	5,524		
-	-		
(30,702)	(40,428)		
<u>33,101</u>	<u>31,936</u>		
501,407	469,471		
<u>\$ 534,508</u>	<u>\$ 501,407</u>		
\$ 37,831	\$ 50,529		
12,695	16,129		
(10,718)	40,336		
(30,702)	(40,428)		
(206)	(208)		
(12)	(11)		
<u>8,888</u>	<u>66,347</u>		
356,349	290,002		
<u>\$ 365,237</u>	<u>\$ 356,349</u>		
<u>\$ 169,271</u>	<u>\$ 145,058</u>		
68.33%	71.07%		
\$ 211,582	\$ 268,823		
80.00%	53.96%		

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Fiscal Year*		
	2023	2022	2021
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 48,816	\$ 87,502	\$ 65,900
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	48,816	87,502	65,900
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 499,827	\$ 400,590	\$ 289,253
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.77%	21.84%	22.78%

*Only three years of information is currently available. The Town will build this schedule over the next seven-year period.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

1. Valuation Date:

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 and become effective in January, 13 months later.

2. Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period	N/A
Asset valuation method	10 year smoothed market; 12% soft corridor
Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.50% to 11.50% including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.75%
Retirement age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the Town's plan of benefits. Last updated for the 2019 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period December 31, 2014 - December 31, 2018.
Mortality	Post-retirement 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP. Pre-retirement: PUB(10) mortality tables, with the Public Safety table used for males and the General Employee table used for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.

3. Other Information:

There were no benefit changes during this year.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Measurement Year*			
	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total OPEB Liability				
Service cost	\$ 1,925	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,295	\$ 909
Interest (on the total OPEB liability)	568	647	834	834
Difference between expected and actual experience	3,271	(3,971)	(3,748)	1,134
Change of assumptions	(11,113)	881	3,957	4,946
Benefit payments**	(922)	(1,004)	(196)	(140)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(6,271)	(1,573)	2,142	7,683
Beginning total OPEB liability	30,353	31,926	29,784	22,101
Ending Total OPEB Liability	\$ 24,082	\$ 30,353	\$ 31,926	\$ 29,784
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 400,951	\$ 334,564	\$ 244,396	\$ 233,030
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	6.01%	9.07%	13.06%	12.78%

* Only six years of information is currently available. The Town will build this schedule over the next four-year period.

** Due to the SDBF being considered an unfunded OPEB plan under GASB 75, benefit payments are treated as being equal to the employer's yearly contributions for retirees.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

1. Valuation Date:

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 and become effective in January, 13 months later.

2. Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.50% to 11.50% including inflation
Discount rate	4.05%
Administrative expenses	All administrative expenses are paid through the PTF and accounted for under reporting requirements of GASB 68.
Mortality rates - service retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.
Mortality rates - disabled retirees	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with a 4-year set-forward for males and a 3-year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3.0% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and females, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

3. Other Information:

No assets were accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

The discount rate was based on the Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" rate as of December 31, 2022.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial study for the period December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2018.

There were no benefit changes during the year.

Measurement Year*	
2018	2017
\$ 994	\$ 1,129
802	775
(1,805)	-
(1,591)	1,941
(42)	(54)
<u>(1,642)</u>	<u>3,791</u>
<u>23,743</u>	<u>19,952</u>
<u>\$ 22,101</u>	<u>\$ 23,743</u>
\$ 211,582	\$ 268,823
10.45%	8.83%

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
DEBT SERVICE FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Property taxes	\$ 325,687	\$ 325,687	\$ 324,107	\$ (1,580)
Total Revenues	<u>325,687</u>	<u>325,687</u>	<u>324,107</u>	<u>(1,580)</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Debt service:				
Principal	255,000	255,000	255,000	-
Interest and fiscal agent fees	<u>70,687</u>	<u>70,687</u>	<u>70,687</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>325,687</u>	<u>325,687</u>	<u>325,687</u>	<u>-</u>
(Deficiency) of Revenues (Under) Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,580)</u>	<u>(1,580)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(1,580)</u>	<u>\$ (1,580)</u>
Beginning fund balance			<u>3,402</u>	
Ending Fund Balance			<u>\$ 1,822</u>	

Notes to Supplementary Information:

- Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS

**TOWN OF FULTON,
TEXAS**

**For the Year Ended
September 30, 2023**

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS
September 30, 2023

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

To the Honorable Mayor and
Town Council Members of the
Town of Fulton, Texas:

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, and each major fund of the Town of Fulton, Texas (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 9, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town'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 Town'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 did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town'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*.

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Town's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The Town'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 Town'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 Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Crowe LLP

Houston, Texas
October 9, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM;
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Honorable Mayor and
Town Council Members of the
Town of Fulton, Texas:

Report on Compliance for Major Federal Program

Opinion on Major Federal Program

We have audited the Town of Fulton, Texas' (the "Town") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Town's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2023. The Town's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); 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). 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 Town 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 provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town'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 Town's federal programs.

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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 the Town'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 the Town's compliance with the requirements of the major federal 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 the Town'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 the Town'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 the Town'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 federal 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 federal 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies 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, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that have not been 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.

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Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated October 9, 2024 which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is 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 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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.



Crowe LLP

Houston, Texas
October 9, 2024

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

No prior year findings.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

What were the results of the auditor's determination of whether the financial statements of the auditee were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles?	Unmodified
Is a 'going concern' emphasis-of-matter paragraph included in the audit report?	No
Is a significant deficiency in internal control disclosed?	No
Is a material weakness in internal control disclosed?	Yes
Is material noncompliance disclosed?	No

Federal Awards

Type of audit report issued on compliance for each major program	Unmodified
Is a significant deficiency in internal control over major programs disclosed?	No
Is a material weakness in internal control over major programs disclosed?	No
Does the auditor's report include a statement that the financial statements include departments, agencies, or other organizational units expending federal awards which are not included in this audit?	No
What is the dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs?	\$750,000
Did the auditee qualify as low-risk auditee?	No
Did the audit disclose any audit findings that the auditor is required to report under Uniform Guidance 2 CFR §200.516 Audit Findings paragraph (a)?	No

Major Program Information and Audit Findings

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>Number of Audit Findings</u>
14.228	Community Development Block Grant	0

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Material Weaknesses:

2023-001 YEAR END CLOSING AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

Criteria: Internal controls over financial reporting are a key component of an organization's control environment. Applicable standards state that management is responsible for having internal controls in place to provide timely and reliable financial reports.

Condition: During the audit, it was noted that management did not have adequate controls in place to allow for timely and accurate financial reporting, resulting in several audit adjustments for year-end closing.

Context: As a result of audit procedures performed, several accounts had to be adjusted to recognize the appropriate balances at year-end to correct beginning fund balances, record grant revenues, and to record retainage payables.

Effect: The existence of inaccurate transaction postings, as well as the lack of timely account reconciliations, could affect the financial statement information that is available for making informed business decisions and supervision of operations. This weakness in the financial reporting controls infrastructure increases the risk of errors in the financial records and is less likely to detect irregularities, including fraud, on a timely basis.

Recommendation: The Town should establish year-end closing procedures and controls in which management reviews and reconciles all detailed subsidiary ledgers to the general ledger accounts to ensure that beginning fund balance, grant revenues, and retainage payable are appropriately recorded.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: See Corrective Action Plan.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None identified.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

2023-001 YEAR END CLOSING AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: In regards to the finding, the Town notes the following:

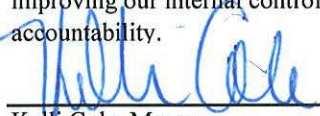
Software Change and Data Compilation Issues: The audit commenced in November 2023, during which we informed the audit team about the challenges in compiling financial data from the Fulton Pier POS system due to a software change in September 2023. This change resulted in difficulties in extracting accurate and complete data for the year-end closing process. Adjustments were expected after the audit team received the trial balance to begin the audit.

Miscommunication: There was a miscommunication between the Town and the Audit team regarding the issues with the trial balance and general ledger provided. The Town was unaware of the specific challenges faced by the audit team in accessing and utilizing the provided information, which caused delays in issuing the audit. We acknowledge that better communication channels should have been established to address these issues promptly.

Remedial Actions: The Town is committed to addressing the weaknesses identified and taking appropriate remedial actions. We have initiated a thorough review of the year-end trial balance provided to ensure its accuracy and completeness. Additionally, we are working closely with the Fulton Pier POS system provider to resolve any software-related issues and streamline the data compilation process for future year-end closings.

Enhanced Communication: To prevent similar issues in the future, we will establish a more robust communication framework with the Audit team. This will include regular meetings and updates to ensure a clear understanding of any challenges or changes that may impact the audit process. We recognize the importance of timely and effective communication to facilitate a smooth and efficient audit.

By implementing these measures, the Town is confident that we will strengthen our year-end closing procedures and controls, ensuring the timely and accurate recording of financial transactions. We are committed to continuously improving our internal controls and financial reporting processes to meet the highest standards of transparency and accountability.



Kelli Cole, Mayor
October 10, 2024

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
<i>Pass-through Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management</i>			
<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program</i>			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	FEMA-4332-DR-TX	\$ 169,380
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			<u>169,380</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			
<i>Direct Award</i>			
COVID-19 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	21.027	N/A	4,889
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			<u>4,889</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			
<i>Pass-through Texas General Land Office</i>			
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	20-065-054-C164	2,319,479
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			<u>2,319,479</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDED			<u><u>\$ 2,493,748</u></u>

See accompanying notes to schedules of expenditures of Federal awards.

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

1. REPORTING ENTITY

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the “Schedule”) presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the Town of Fulton, Texas (the “Town”).

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule 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* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. These 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. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule, if any, represent, adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

4. INDIRECT COST RATE

The Town has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

RESOLUTION NO. R-05-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF THE PIER FUND TO THE PIER/VISITOR CENTER FUND

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton operates a fishing pier that generates revenue from fishing pole fees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton is establishing a visitor center at the pier, funded by hotel occupancy tax; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Fulton to clearly identify the purpose and sources of revenue for this fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fulton, Texas:

1. The Pier Fund shall be renamed to the Pier/Visitor Center Fund.
2. This resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2024

TOWN OF FULTON

Kelli Cole
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia
City Secretary

**A RESOLUTION
DETERMINING THE NUMBER AND TERMS OF
MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION;
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 248, passed and approved by the Fulton Town Council on August 21, 2012, established the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance No. 248 provided that the Town Council shall determine the number and term of the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Fulton desires to establish the number and terms of the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and establish an effective date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON:

Section 1. That the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Fulton shall consist of a maximum of five (5) members who shall serve for two (2) years, appointed by the Town Council, at which time the terms shall end. Such members shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Town Council.

Section 2. This Resolution determining the number and terms of the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission is effective upon its passage. Therefore, the terms of the existing members shall end upon passage of this Resolution. Thereafter, the Town shall take applications for citizens to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Members appointed shall serve until the next election for Mayor. Thereafter, the terms of the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be co-terminus with the term of the Mayor.

Section 3. Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission are appointed subject to the will of the Town Council. If the Town Council determines it appropriate, a member may be removed from the Planning and Zoning Commission by the Town Council for any reason or for no reason, in the Council's sole discretion. Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall familiarize themselves with the appropriate State law and Town Ordinances, including, but not limited to zoning, platting, open meetings and public information act. Members shall also be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. This Resolution is to determine the number and term of the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ordinance No. 248 remains in full force and effect as passed.

PASSED and APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

TOWN OF FULTON

Kelli Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia
City Secretary