CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

The introductory section includes a transmittal letter from the City Clerk / Manager, and a list of principal officials for the City of Nelson, Georgia.

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Honorable Jonathan Bishop

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September 13, 2013

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and
Citizens of Nelson, Georgia:

The Annual Financial Report of the City of Nelson, Georgia (the "City"), for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, is hereby submitted as mandated by both local and state government. These ordinances and statutes require that the City issue annually a report on its financial position and activity, and that this report be audited by an independent firm of certified public accountants. This report was prepared by the City's Finance Department. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of presentation, including all disclosures, rest with the City. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner that presents fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds of the City. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the City of Nelson, Georgia's financial affairs are included.

The City of Nelson, Georgia's financial statements have been audited by Welch, Walker & Associates, PC, CPAs, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City of Nelson, Georgia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements: assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded based upon the audit, that there

was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the City of Nelson, Georgia's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, are fairly presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of the report.

The financial reporting entity for the City of Nelson, Georgia includes all funds of the primary government, the City of Nelson, Georgia. The City provides a full range of services including police, building inspections, zoning, code enforcement, municipal court, the construction and maintenance of streets and infrastructure, recreational activities and cultural events and sanitation.

Management's discussion and analysis immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative and overview of the basic financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the transmittal letter.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, LOCAL ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

The City of Nelson, Georgia is governed by a Mayor and five council members. The City Council consists of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms. The Mayor only votes to break a tie, who along with the remaining council members is elected on a non-partisan basis. Council provides responsive, progressive leadership and a vision for the community by setting policies, passing ordinances and adopting the budget.

The City provides a wide range of municipal services to citizens including public safety (police), public works, parks and recreation, planning and zoning, building inspection, code enforcement, municipal court services, sanitation and general administrative services.

The City of Nelson has maintained its population and tax base during the fiscal year even though the current economy, both statewide and nationwide, has hindered growth. We continue in the planning of an industrial park that would bring substantial growth back to the City as economic conditions improve.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Accounting System Internal Controls. The management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the City are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Internal accounting controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding: (1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and (2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and (2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgment by management.

Budgeting Controls. In addition to internal controls, the City maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the City Council. Activities of the General Fund are included in the annual appropriated budget. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level, within each fund.

As demonstrated by the statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the City continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management.

Long-Term Financial Planning. The City of Nelson does not anticipate major changes in either revenue sources or expenditures in the future. The City has taken a conservative approach to budgeting and finance, with an emphasis on estimating expenses on the high-end and estimating revenues on the low-end.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The preparation of the annual financial report, on a timely basis, could not have been accomplished without the dedication and cooperation of the entire City staff. I would like to express our appreciation to each member who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. I also extend my appreciation to the independent auditors, Welch & Walker & Associates, PC, for the professional guidance and assistance in producing a technically sound document. **Most importantly, I express my appreciation to the Mayor Pro-Tem and City Council for their dedication, leadership, vision, and support in planning and conducting the affairs of the City of Nelson in a responsible and progressive manner, which ensures that Nelson is a well-rounded, vibrant community to call home.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Edwards
City Manager/Clerk

FINANCIAL SECTION

The financial section includes the independent auditor's report on the financial statement audit, the Management's Discussion and Analysis which provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the financial statements, the basic financial statements including footnotes, and supplementary information.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the City Council
City of Nelson, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of City of Nelson, Georgia as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Nelson, Georgia, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-9 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary

information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Nelson, Georgia's basic financial statements. The introductory section and other supplementary information, consisting of General Fund Detailed Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources – Budget and Actual and General Fund Detailed Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses – Budget and Actual, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Projects Constructed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia Section 48-4-121, and is also not a required part of the financial statements. The General Fund Detailed Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources – Budget and Actual, the General Fund Detailed Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses – Budget and Actual, and the Schedule of Projects Constructed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the General Fund Detailed Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources, General Fund Detailed Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses – Budget and Actual, and Schedule of Projects Constructed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 13, 2013, on our consideration of the City of Nelson, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Nelson, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Welch Walker & Associates, P.C., CPAs

East Ellijay, Georgia
September 13, 2013

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the basic financial statements prepared by the City Clerk / Manager.

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

As management of the City of Nelson, we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. We encourage readers to consider this information presented herein, in conjunction with the additional information finished in the financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The City's assets exceeded its liabilities by $2,153,467 (net position) for the fiscal year reported. Of this amount, $153,660 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligation to citizens and creditors.
- The City's total net position decreased $29,328 primarily due to the City donating the public safety HumVee to the City of Jasper, Georgia. Excluding that special item, the net position increased $70,948.
- At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General fund was $130,090, which was an increase of $90,609 primarily due to City's management and staff's conscious effort to reduce spending in every area to compensate for any cost over runs and decline in revenues.
- General Fund revenues exceeded budgeted expectations by $80,728 for the fiscal year, while expenditures were less than budgeted appropriations by $9,881.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the City's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The City also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The City's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the City's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Position.* This is the City-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the City's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as *net position. O*ver time, increases and decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City as a whole is improving or deteriorating.

During fiscal year 2013, the City implemented a new accounting standard, Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and these balances will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Likewise, a deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and these balances will not be recognized as an

inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. This standard affects the Statement of Net Position in the government-wide statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

Evaluation of the overall economic health of the City would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of the City infrastructure in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the *Statement of Activities* which reports how the City's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the City's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the City taxpayers.

Both government-wide financial statements distinguish governmental activities of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. Governmental activities include general government, planning and zoning, public safety, and public works.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 11 and 12 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the City's most significant funds rather than the City as a whole.

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 report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's financing requirements and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term. 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 fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities.*

The City of Nelson maintains two individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and the Special Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Fund. Both are presented as major funds.

The City of Nelson adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 13 through 17 of this report.

The City of Nelson does not have any Business-Type Activities.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Nelson, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $2,153,467 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The vast majority of the City of Nelson's net position, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure and vehicles), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Table 1 below presents the City's condensed Statement of Net Position for Governmental Activities as of June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012.

	Governmental Activities June 30, 2013	Governmental Activities June 30, 2012
Assets:		
Current and other assets	$ 576,314	$ 659,494
Capital assets, net	1,589,053	1,613,708
Total Assets	**2,165,367**	**2,273,202**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	8,903	90,407
Long term liabilities	2,294	-
Total Liabilities	**11,197**	**90,407**
Deferred Inflow of Resources:		
Unearned revenue	703	-
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	**703**	**-**
Net Position:		
Invested in capital assets	1,589,053	1,613,708
Restricted	410,754	502,331
Unrestricted	153,660	66,756
Total Net Position	**$ 2,153,467**	**$ 2,182,795**

A portion of the City's net position, $410,754, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The balance of *unrestricted net position*, $153,660, may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Nelson is able to report positive balances in net position for the government as a whole. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year. Total net position of the City's governmental activities decreased by $29,328 in fiscal year 2013 ($2,153,467 in FY13 versus $2,182,795 in FY12). The decrease is primarily due to the City donating the public safety HumVee to the City of Jasper, Georgia. Excluding this special item, net position increased $70,948.

Table 2 below presents the City's Condensed Statement of Activities for the years ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012. Over time, increases and decreases in net position measure whether the City's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

	Governmental Activities Year Ended June 30, 2013	Governmental Activities Year Ended June 30, 2012
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	$ 54,296	$ 49,943
Capital Grants and Contribution	117,763	123,048
General Revenues:		
Taxes	353,498	335,796
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	4,581	4,370
Miscellaneous	1,875	1286
Gain from Capital Assets	4,728	
Total Revenue	**536,741**	**514,443**
General Expenditures:		
General Government	119,555	190,538
Judicial	7,908	9,293
Public Safety	168,219	169,773
Public Works	162,872	198,760
Culture and Recreation	7,239	1,014
Total Expenses	**465,793**	**579,378**
Special Item:		
Contribution to other government	(100,276)	
Change in Net Position	(29,328)	(64,935)
Beginning Net Position*	2,182,795	2,247,730
Ending Net Position	**$ 2,153,467**	**$ 2,182,795**

**Beginning net assets shown as restated for fiscal year ending 2012.*

Governmental Activities. The City of Nelson's net position in the governmental activities decreased by $29,328, which resulted in 1.36% percent of the total shrinkage in net position.

Total revenues for the City amounted to $536,491, of which property, franchise, business and sales and use tax provided 65.86%. Therefore, the general economy and local businesses have a major impact on

the City's revenue stream and evidences that the City is heavily reliant on tax revenues to support governmental operations.

Program expenses for governmental activities totaled $465,793, which is a decrease of $113,585 from the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to City's management and staff's conscious effort to reduce spending in every area to compensate for any cost over runs and decline in revenues.

Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of $557,179 with $410,754 of this balance being reported as restricted for specific purposes, as outlined in the SPLOST referendums from which these balances were derived. The total change in fund balance for governmental funds was an decrease of $968.

The General Fund is the operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was $130,090. The governmental activities are made up of two funds, the General Fund and SPLOST Funds.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The City's budget utilized a conservative approach based on available information. Emphasis was placed on long-term stability by meeting financial priorities through disciplined spending. The City employs a budget process whereby appropriations are revisited and compared to actual in order to determine if significant, unexpected variances are present. At this point, any necessary budget amendments are approved by City Council.

Amendments:

The City Council made necessary budget amendments for the FY2013 budget. Listed below is a brief summary of amendments.

- Public Safety budget of $80,200 was decreased to $68,850 due to the reduction of personnel.
- Highways and streets budget of $57,100 was increased to $62,450 due to the increased need of equipment maintenance and fuel.
- Solid waste collection budget of $23,500 was increased to $27,700 due to the addition of personnel.

Revenues:

Actual revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by $49,375. Listed below is a brief summary of factors that attributed to the budget during FY2013.

- Property taxes collected were $23,733 over budget due to a higher collection rate of delinquent tax amounts.
- Business taxes collected were $10,567 over budget due to the unexpected increase in revenue from the state insurance commissioner during the fiscal year.
- Licenses and permits were less than budgeted by $5,600 due to a decrease of building permits.
- Charges for services were $3,351 over budget due to an increase of sanitation customers.
- Fines and forfeitures exceeded budgeted by $8,745 due to an increase in issued citations and collection activity.

Expenditures:

Actual expenditures were less than budgeted by $9,881. A brief summary of these decreases are explained below:

- General administration expenditures were under budget by $8,520 due to cost saving measures made by management.

Over all, expenditures were less than budgeted due primarily to the City's management and staff's conscious effort to reduce spending in every area to compensate for any cost over runs and decline in revenues.

SPLOST Fund Highlights

Revenue totaled $117,687 for the fiscal year. The sales tax is used for various projects in the City including roads, streets and sidewalks, public safety projects and park improvements. The expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013 were $209,340 of which $110,187 was used for roads, streets, and sidewalks. In addition $38,507 was used for public safety expenditures and $30,646 was used to improve city parks.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets

City of Nelson's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2013 amounts to $1,589,053 (net of accumulated depreciation). Capital asset investments include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, infrastructure and vehicles.

Major additions of capital assets this fiscal year were the following:

- Purchase of a new public safety Tahoe, total cost $41,560
- Purchase of a tool cat with attachments for public works, total cost $67,637
- Improvements to city streets, total cost $37,500
- Park Improvements, total cost $31,320

Disposals of capital assets this fiscal year were the following:

- Donated the public safety HumVee to the City of Jasper $126,665
- Exchanged the 2006 Dodge Charger for the public safety Tahoe $30,986
- Sale of the Ford Bucket tractor $24,500

Table 3 below presents the City's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation for the years ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012.

	Governmental Activities	
	2013	2012
Land	$ 159,003	$ 159,003
Construction in progress	33,300	-
Buildings and improvements	370,339	379,518
Infrastructure	867,834	894,243
Machinery and equipments	108,130	65,633
Land improvements	15,673	5,782
Vehicles	34,774	109,529
Total	$1,589,053	$1,613,708

Refer to Note 4 in the notes to the financial statements for more detailed information relating to the City's capital assets.

Long-term debt

The City of Nelson has no capital leases this fiscal year.

Table 4 below presents the City's long-term debt outstanding for the years ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012.

	Governmental Activities	
	2013	2012
Compensated absences	$ 2,294	$ 1,715
Total	$ 2,294	$ 1,715

Refer to Note 7 in the notes to the financial statements for more detailed information relating to the City's long-term debt.

Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the City's commitment to public accountability. If you have any questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact Brandy Edwards, City Clerk/Manager, City of Nelson, Georgia, Post Office Box 100, Nelson, GA 30151.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include the government-wide statement of net position and government-wide statement of activities which include all of the primary government's governmental activities. In addition, the basic financial statements include the fund financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2013

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash	$ 93,270
Certificates of deposit	30,000
Restricted cash	191,921
Restricted certificates of deposit	200,000
Accounts receivable, net	2,012
Taxes receivable, net	10,567
Receivable from other governments	32,209
Prepaid expenses	16,335
Total Current Assets	576,314
Non-current assests:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated	192,303
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,396,750
Total Non-current Assets	1,589,053
Total Assets	2,165,367
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	3,757
Accrued salaries	5,146
Total Current Liabilities	8,903
Non-current liabilities:	
Compensated absences	2,294
Total Non-current Liabilities	2,294
Total Liabilities	11,197
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unearned revenue	703
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	703
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	1,589,053
Restricted for capital projects	410,754
Unrestricted	153,660
Total Net Position	$ 2,153,467

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue: Charges for Services	Program Revenue: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenue: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Total Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 119,555	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (119,555)
Judicial	7,908	-	-	-	(7,908)
Public safety	168,219	18,745	-	-	(149,474)
Public works	162,872	35,351	-	117,763	(9,758)
Culture and recreation	7,239	-	-	-	($7,239)
Housing and development	-	200	-	-	200
Total Governmental Activities	$ 465,793	$ 54,296	$ -	$ 117,763	(293,734)
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					134,808
General sales and use taxes					112,460
Franchise taxes					35,663
Business taxes					70,567
Unrestricted investment earnings					4,581
Miscellaneous					1,875
Gain from the sale of capital assets					4,728
Total general revenues					364,682
Special item:					
Contribution to other government					(100,276)
Change in net position					(29,328)
Net position, beginning of year					2,182,795
Net position, end of year					$ 2,153,467

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2013

	General Fund	SPLOST Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	$ 93,270	$ -	$ 93,270
Certificates of deposit	30,000	-	30,000
Restricted cash	-	191,921	191,921
Restricted certificates of deposit	-	200,000	200,000
Taxes receivable	10,567	-	10,567
Fines receivable, net	165	-	165
Accounts receivable	1,847	-	1,847
Receivable from other governments	13,376	18,833	32,209
Prepaid items	16,335	-	16,335
Total Assets	165,560	410,754	576,314
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 3,757	$ -	$ 3,757
Accrued liabilities	5,146	-	5,146
Unearned revenue	10,232	-	10,232
Total Liabilities	19,135	-	19,135
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	16,335	-	16,335
Restricted	-	410,754	410,754
Unassigned	130,090	-	130,090
Total Fund Balances	146,425	410,754	557,179
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$ 165,560	$ 410,754	$ 576,314

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2013

Total fund balance, governmental funds		$ 557,179
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 are not reported in this fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.		
Cost of capital assets	$ 2,492 ,143	
Less accumulated depreciation	(903,090)	
		1,589,053
Some of the City's tax revenues will be collected after the fiscal year end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred on the fund financial statements.		9,529
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not included in the fund financial statement, but are included in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position. These liabilities include the following:		
Compensated absences	(2,294)	(2,294)
Net Position of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position		$ 2,153,467

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF NELSON GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

	General Fund	SPLOST Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	$ 356,623	$ -	$ 356,623
Intergovernmental	-	117,687	117,687
Licenses and permits	200	-	200
Fines and forfeitures	18,745	-	18,745
Charges for services	35,351	-	35,351
Investment earnings	40	76	116
Miscellaneous	1,875	-	1,875
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	4,541	-	4,541
Total Revenues	417,375	117,763	535,138
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	113,171	-	113,171
Judicial	8,698	-	8,698
Public safety	68,465	-	68,465
Public works	89,757	-	89,757
Housing and development	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	78,028		78,028
Capital Outlay:			
Park & Recreation		30,646	30,646
Public safety	-	38,507	38,507
Public works	-	110,187	110,187
Total Expenditures	358,119	179,340	537,459
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in (out)	30,000	(30,000)	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,353	-	1,353
Total other financing sources	31,353	(30,000)	1,353
Net changes in fund balances	90,609	(91,577)	(968)
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	55,816	502,331	558,147
Fund balances, end of year	$ 146,425	$ 410,754	$ 557,179

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds:		$ (968)
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period. Capital expenditures of $178,017 are offset by $100,771 of depreciation.		77,246
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e. donations and disposals) is to decrease net assets.		(101,901)
Revenues reported in the statement of activites that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues at the fund financial reporting level.		
Property Taxes		
Deferred @ 6/30/2012	(12,654)	
Deferred @ 6/30/2013	9,528	(3,126)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Compensated absences		
Liability @ 6/30/2012	1,715	
Liability @ 6/30/2013	(2,294)	(579)
Change in net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Activities		$ (29,328)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE--BUDGET TO ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Final Budget
	Original	Final	(See Note 1L)	Over (Under)
Revenues:				
Property taxes	$ 114,200	$ 114,200	$ 137,933	$ 23,733
Franchise taxes	36,000	36,000	35,663	(337)
Business taxes	60,000	60,000	70,567	10,567
Local option sales tax	110,000	110,000	112,460	2,460
Licenses and permits	5,800	5,800	200	(5,600)
Charges for services	32,000	32,000	35,351	3,351
Fines and forfeitures	10,000	10,000	18,745	8,745
Investment earnings	-	-	40	40
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,875	1,875
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	-	-	4,541	4,541
Total Revenues	368,000	368,000	417,375	49,375
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Legislative/Executive	53,400	52,500	52,208	(292)
General administration	50,000	55,100	46,580	(8,520)
Elections	1,500	500	485	(15)
General government buildings	14,300	14,050	13,898	(152)
Judicial:				-
Municipal court	8,150	8,800	8,698	(102)
Public Safety:				-
Patrol	80,200	68,850	68,465	(385)
Fire	-	-	-	-
Public works:				-
Highways and streets	57,100	62,450	62,242	(208)
Solid waste collection	23,500	27,700	27,515	(185)
Housing and development:				
Protective inspection	1,100	-	-	-
Planning and zoning	500	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation:				-
Museum	-	-	-	-
Parks	250	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	78,000	78,050	78,028	(22)
Total Expenditures	368,000	368,000	358,119	(9,881)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	59,256	59,256
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from disposal of assets	-	-	1,353	1,353
Transfers in	-	-	30,000	30,000
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	-	-	31,353	31,353
Net Change in fund balance	-	-	90,609	27,903
Fund balance, begininning of year	55,816	55,816	55,816	-
Fund balance, end of year	$ 55,816	$ 55,816	$ 146,425	$ 27,903

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes to the financial statements are a required component of the basic financial statements of the City. The notes present required and essential information for the fair presentation of the statements that have not been disclosed on the face of the financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

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

A. THE REPORTING ENTITY

In evaluating how to define the City, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The City's financial statements include the City's accounts of all operations. The criteria for including organizations within the City's reporting entity, as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 61 (GASB 61), "The Financial Reporting Entity", is financial accountability. Financial accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board and either the ability to impose will by the primary government or the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government. As of June 30, 2013, there are no component units included in the financial statements of the City.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

The City's funds are grouped into two broad fund categories and four generic fund types for financial statement presentation purposes. Governmental funds include the general and capital projects funds.

C. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. Statement No. 63 identified net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position.

A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and these balances will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Likewise, a deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and these balances will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. This standard affects the Statement of Net Position in the government-wide statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements report on all non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. There are no component units to be considered at this time. These statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Transfers between funds reported in the governmental activities column are eliminated. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between expenses and program revenues for each governmental program of the City. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of the goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program.

Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of program revenues and expenses identifies the extent to which each program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. It is the City's policy to utilize restricted resources, when available for use, before utilizing unrestricted resources.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the City. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available.

Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available (i.e., collectible within the current year or within 30 days of year-end and available to pay obligations of the current period). This includes investment earnings, income taxes withheld by employers, fines and forfeitures and state-levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle fees). Reimbursements due for federally funded projects are accrued as revenue at the time the expenditures are made, or when received in advance, deferred until expenditures are made.

Property taxes, though measurable, are not available soon enough in the subsequent year to finance current period obligations. Therefore, property tax receivables are recorded and deferred until they become available.

Other revenues, including licenses and permits, certain charges for services, income taxes other than those withheld by employers, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Fines receivable for the fiscal year ended 2013 totaled, $1,109. An allowance for uncollectible fines was established at $944, resulting in net fines receivable of $165. This is attributable to a large outstanding balance of probation fines that are essentially uncollectible at the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditure Recognition

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Most expenditures are measurable and are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, which has not matured, are recognized when paid. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

SPLOST Fund: The SPLOST Fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the special purpose local option sales tax as approved in voter referendums that are restricted to expenditures for specified capital projects.

D. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditures of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the City because it is at present considered not necessary to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. Statutes authorize the City to invest in U.S. Government obligations, U.S. Government agency obligations, State of Georgia obligations, obligations of other counties, municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia which are rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., negotiable certificates of deposit issued by any bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America or any national banking association, repurchase agreements when collateralized by U.S. Government or agency obligations, and pooled investment programs sponsored by the State of Georgia for the investment of local government funds.

F. PROPERTY TAX CALENDAR

The City is responsible for the collection and apportionment of property taxes for all jurisdictions including the schools and special districts with in the City. The City geographically lies on the boundary lines for Pickens County, Georgia and Cherokee County, Georgia and property taxes are collected based on each county's digest, for which the respective counties are responsible for assessment. For both Pickens County and Cherokee County, the City levies property taxes as of December 1, 2012 for values that were assessed in 2012. Secured property tax payments are due on February 1, 2013; penalties and interest are applied on March 8, 2013. The City has not established a lien date for either county at June 30, 2013.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

All assets over the capitalization threshold of $5,000 with a useful life extending beyond three years are capitalized and depreciated over time using the straight line method. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Infrastructure	30 years
Buildings	50 years
Building improvements	20 years
Land improvements	10 to 15 years
Machinery and equipment	3 to 15 years
Vehicles	2 to 15 years

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. PREPAID ITEMS

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2013 are recorded as prepaid items. Prepaid insurance and prepaid dues were $13,815 and $2,520, respectively, for total prepaid assets of $16,335 as of June 30, 2013.

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The liability for compensated absences in the government-wide statements consists of unpaid, accumulated vacation leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included.

J. FUND EQUITY

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance." Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position."

Fund Balance – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

- ***Nonspendable*** - Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- ***Restricted*** – Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- ***Unassigned*** – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The City reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

Flow Assumptions – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the City's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the City's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- ***Restricted***
- ***Unassigned***

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONCLUDED)

Net position – Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflow of resources. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used (i.e., the amount that the City has spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted as described in the fund balance section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

Minimum Fund Balance Policy – The Mayor and Council of the City of Nelson established a financial policy that requires a minimum fund balance of 16% of budgeted appropriations for the General Fund.

K. USE OF 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 and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Accordingly, results could differ from those estimates.

L. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY CONTROL

The Finance Committee prepares a rough draft of the annual budgets from which the Mayor and City Council prepare proposed budgets. The City advertises in the local newspaper to give notice regarding a public hearing in which local citizens may give their input relating to the proposed budgets. The City also places a copy of the proposed budget on file for public inspection prior to the actual approval. Once these steps have been completed, the City Council then formally adopts the annual balanced budgets in a legally permissible manner.

Budgets have been legally adopted for all funds. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, and on the same basis of accounting used by each fund to which the budget applies. The legal level of control of the City's budget is at the department level. All appropriations lapse at year end.

Revenues are budgeted by source. Expenditures are budgeted by department and may not exceed appropriations at this level. Budget revisions are subject to review and approval by the City Council.

For the year ended June 30, 2013, no expenditures exceeded budget in the General Fund.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF DEPOSIT BALANCES

Custodial risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover

collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal and state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. Government, or bonds of public authorities, counties or municipalities. As of June 30, 2013, the City's bank balances were fully collateralized in compliance with State requirements.

NOTE 3 - DUE TO/FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

The following amounts are due from other governments at June 30, 2013:

General Fund:	
Georgia Department of Revenue	$ 8,546
Pickens County	1,436
Cherokee County	3,394
	$ 13,376
SPLOST Fund:	
Cherokee County	$ 18,833

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2013 was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balances
Governmental Activities:				
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	$ 159,003	$ -	$ -	$ 159,003
Construction in progress	-	33,300	-	33,300
Total non-depreciable capital assets	159,003	-	-	192,303
Depreciable capital assets:				
Infrastructure	1,334,868	24,200	-	1,359,068
Buildings and improvements	454,697	-	-	454,697
Land improvements	12,862	11,320	-	24,182
Machinery and equipment	237,619	67,637	(36,882)	268,374
Vehicles	309,611	41,560	(157,651)	193,520
Total depreciable capital assets	2,349,657	144,717	(194,533)	2,299,841
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Infrastructure	(440,625)	(50,609)	-	(491,234)
Buildings and improvements	(75,179)	(9,179)	-	(84,358)
Land improvements	(7,080)	(1,429)	-	(8,509)
Machinery and equipment	(171,986)	(23,515)	35,257	(160,244)
Vehicles	(200,082)	(16,039)	57,375	(158,746)
Total accumulated depreciation	(894,952)	(100,771)	92,632	(903,091)
Total depreciable capital assets, net	454,705	43,946	(101,901)	1,396,750
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$1,613,708	$ 7,246	$(101,901)	$1,589,053

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	$ 6,423
Public safety	18,990
Public works	67,445
Culture and recreation	7,913
Total	$100,771

During fiscal year 2013, the City donated the police department's HumVee to the City of Jasper police department. The total value of the donation was $100,276, and the donation is shown as a special item on the Statement of Activities on page 12 of the basic financial statements. The disposal of the capital asset is included in the total deletions for vehicles in the table above.

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Transfers between funds during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 consist of the following:

$ 30,000	Transfer to General Fund from the SPLOST Fund for reimbursement of purchase of assets.

NOTE 6 - RESTRICTED ASSETS / NET POSITION

Cash of $191,921 and certificates of deposit of $200,000 totaling $391,921 in the SPLOST Fund are restricted for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and improving roads and bridges in the City, in addition to other specific projects outlined in the referendum. The source of these funds consists of proceeds from a special one percent local option sales tax levied by Cherokee County. Net position totaling $410,754 in the government-wide financial statements and a corresponding amount of fund balance in the fund statements are restricted by enabling legislation related to SPLOST funds. This amount includes receivables from other governments of $18,833.

NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2013 is as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balances	Amounts Due in One year
Compensated absences	$ 1,715	$ 579	$ -	$ 2,294	$ -
Total long-term liabilities	$ 1,715	$ 579	$ -	$ 2,294	$ -

Compensated absences are generally liquidated by the general fund.

NOTE 8 – FUND EQUITY

Fund balances are classified as follows:

- ***Nonspendable*** – The following fund balances are nonspendable because they are allocated to:

General Fund:	
Prepaid items	$ 16,335

- ***Restricted*** -

Capital Projects Fund:	
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Fund (SPLOST) – Used to account for capital projects financed with SPLOST	$ 410,754

NOTE 9 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; and workers compensation for which the City carries the following insurance coverage.

There were no significant reductions of insurance coverage compared to the prior year. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial excess coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Risk Pools

The City is a member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA). Insurance coverage and deductible options for property, casualty and crime under the policy are selected by City's management based on the anticipated needs. The City is required to pay all premiums, applicable deductibles and assessments billed by GIRMA, as well as following loss reduction and prevention procedures established by GIRMA. GIRMA's responsibility includes paying claims, and representing the City in defense and settlement of claims. GIRMA's basis for estimating the liabilities for unpaid claims is "IBNR" established by an actuary. The City has not compiled a record of the claims paid up to the applicable deductible for the prior year or the current fiscal year. The City is unaware of any claims that the City is liable (up to the applicable deductible) which were outstanding and unpaid at June 30, 2013. No provisions have been made in the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013 for any estimate of potential unpaid claims.

The City has elected to be a member of the Georgia Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (GMAWCSIF), a risk management agency created under Georgia law. As a participant in the GMAWCSIF, the City has no legal obligation to pay its own workers' compensation claims. The City is required to make an annual contribution to the fund in an amount that is determined on the basis of actuarial projections of losses. With payment of the City's annual contribution, the City has effectively transferred the risk and responsibility for payment of its workers' compensation claims. However, the enabling statute creating the GMAWCSIF permits the fund to levy an assessment upon its members to make up any deficiency the fund may have in surplus or reserves. No amount has been recorded in the financial statements for this contingency, as management believes the likelihood for assessment is remote.

NOTE 10 - JOINT VENTURE

The City, in conjunction with cities and counties in a fifteen (15) county area, is a member of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC). Membership in an RC is automatic for each municipality and county in the state. The official Code of Georgia Section 50-8-34 (Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and House Bill 1216) provides for the organizational structure of the RCs. Each county and municipality in the state is required by law to pay minimum annual dues to the RC. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each County and the chief elected official of each municipality. The County board members and municipal board members from the same County elect one member of the Board who is a resident (but not an elected or appointed official or employee of the County or municipality) to serve as the non-public Board member from a County.

The Georgia Planning Act of 1989 (O.C.G.A. 50-8-34) defines RCs as public agencies and instrumentalities of their members. Georgia law also provides that the member government is liable for any debts or obligations of an RC beyond its resource (OCGA 50-8-39.1). Separate financial statements may be obtained from the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission at the following address: *Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, 1 Jackson Hill Drive, Rome, Georgia 30162-1798.*

NOTE 11 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In 2011, Cherokee County Board of Commissioners included the City of Nelson, along with two neighboring cities, in an allocation of excess funds from an earlier approved bond referendum. The total approved allocation for the City was $250,000 to be utilized for park improvements, and upon approval of design, the City was required to contribute $20,000 for the project. The contract for construction was awarded by Cherokee County Board of Commissioners in June 2013, and City Council accepted the design and construction contract terms in the special called meeting dated June 12, 2013. Payment of required City funds was made before the close of fiscal year 2013, and is included in capital assets in the accompanying financial statements. The notice to proceed for the project was issued subsequent to fiscal year end on July 2, 2013, and the project is currently underway. There is no liability for payment outstanding at this time for the City of Nelson, and construction is expected to be completed during fiscal year 2014.

The City routinely enters into various contracts and agreements in the ordinary course of business. Such commitments are not considered material to the accompanying financial statements.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The other supplementary information section includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund as well as pertinent information as to the preparation of and policies pertaining to the City's annual budget

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	2013		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under)
TAXES			
General property taxes:			
Property	$ 112,000	$ 116,557	$ 4,557
Motor vehicle	2,000	20,392	18,392
Mobile home	-	11	11
Intangible	100	883	783
Railroad Tax	100	90	(10)
	114,200	137,933	23,733
Franchise taxes:			
Television cable	3,000	3,160	160
Electric	29,000	27,743	(1,257)
Natural gas	4,000	4,360	360
Telephone	-	400	400
	36,000	35,663	(337)
Business taxes:			
Business occupation	5,800	5,103	(697)
Insurance premium	60,000	65,464	5,464
	65,800	70,567	4,767
Public service taxes:			
Local sales and use taxes	110,000	112,460	2,460
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Building permits and fees	-	100	100
Sign permit fee	-	100	100
	-	200	200
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Sanitation	32,000	35,351	3,351
FINES AND FORFEITURES			
Municipal court fines	10,000	18,745	8,745
INVESTMENT EARNINGS			
Interest income	-	40	40
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Miscellaneous revenue	-	1,875	1,875
PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES	-	4,541	4,541
PROCEEDS FROM DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	-	1,353	1,353
TRANSFERS IN			
From Reserve	-	30,000	30,000
	-	30,000	30,000
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources	**$ 368,000**	**$ 448,728**	**$ 80,728**

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	2013		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Legislative/Executive:			
Personal Services and Employee Benefits:			
Salaries and wages	$ 46,800	$ 46,718	$ (82)
FICA	3,600	3,568	(32)
Workers compensation	300	265	(35)
Purchased/Contracted Services:			
Dues and fees	250	217	(33)
Education and training	1,550	1,440	(110)
	52,500	52,208	(292)
General Administration:			
Personal Services and Employee Benefits:			
Workers compensation and unemployment	450	385	(65)
Purchased/Contracted Services:			
Professional fees	8,600	8,580	(20)
ADP fees	2,000	1,948	(52)
Audit fees	14,100	14,100	-
Rental of equipment and vehicles	3,500	3,450	(50)
Insurance and bonding	3,200	3,142	(58)
Advertising	1,850	1,816	(34)
Printing and Binding	350	317	(33)
Dues and fees	2,850	2,801	(49)
Other cost:			
Contingencies	8,000	-	(8,000)
Supplies:			
Supplies and materials	1,400	1,399	(1)
Small equipment	4,550	4,520	(30)
Miscellaneous	4,250	4,122	(128)
	55,100	46,580	(8,520)
Elections:			
Purchased/Contracted Services:			
Contract Services	500	485	(15)
	500	485	(15)
General Government Buildings:			
Purchased/Contracted Services;			
Repairs and maintenance	850	841	(9)
Insurance	2,200	2,135	(65)
Communications	3,700	3,689	(11)
Supplies:			
Water and sewer	350	346	(4)
Natural gas	3,200	3,167	(33)
Electricity	3,750	3,720	(30)
	14,050	13,898	(152)
Total General Government	122,150	113,171	(8,979)

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	2013		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under)
JUDICIAL			
Municipal Court			
Purchased/Contracted Services:			
Education and training	350	325	(25)
Travel	500	486	(14)
Dues and fees	5,250	5,230	(20)
Professional fees	2,600	2,600	-
Supplies:			
General supplies	100	57	(43)
Total Judical	8,800	8,698	(102)
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police:			
Personal Services and Employee Benefits:			
Salaries and wages	44,550	44,540	(10)
FICA	3,400	3,393	(7)
Workers compensation	3,900	3,860	(40)
Purchased/Contracted Services:			
Liability insurance	3,900	3,873	(27)
Communications	1,700	1,689	(11)
Dues and fees	300	220	(80)
Education and training	400	375	(25)
Repairs and maintenance	1,700	1,635	(65)
Travel	1,200	1,139	(61)
Supplies:			
Gasoline	6,350	6,329	(21)
Small equipment, training aids	1,450	1,412	(38)
Total Public Safety	68,850	68,465	(385)
PUBLIC WORKS			
Highway and Streets:			
Personal Services and Employee Benefits:			
Salaries and wages	26,150	26,130	(20)
FICA	2,050	2,008	(42)
Workers compensation	4,400	4,381	(19)
Purchased/Contracted Services:			
Liability insurance	950	911	(39)
Vehicle repairs	5,050	5,042	(8)
Supplies:			
Street signs	350	328	(22)
Gasoline	4,100	4,071	(29)
Supplies and materials	450	435	(15)
Small equipment	100	98	(2)
Electricity	18,850	18,838	(12)
	62,450	62,242	(208)

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GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	2013		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under)
Solid Waste Collection:			
Personal Services and Employee Benefits:			
Salaries and wages	8,800	8,775	(25)
FICA	700	690	(10)
Workers compensation	1,350	1,345	(5)
Purchased/Contracted Services:			-
Liability insurance	3,500	3,472	(28)
Dues and fees	650	612	(38)
Vehicle repairs	2,600	2,567	(33)
Other Services	6,800	6,778	(22)
Supplies:			
Supplies and materials	500	495	(5)
Gasoline	2,800	2,781	(19)
	27,700	27,515	(185)
Total Public Works	90,150	89,757	(393)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
Remittance of fire tax	78,050	78,028	(22)
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	**$ 368,000**	**$ 358,119**	**$ (9,881)**

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures			Estimated % of Completion
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
SPLOST #1						
Street construction	$ 79,740	$ 312,847	$ 400,233	$ -	$ 400,233	100.00%
Projects utilizing excess funds:						
Street construction	103,606	366,507	401,923	13,501	415,424	109.66%
	183,346	679,354	802,156	13,501	815,657	
SPLOST #2						
General street repairs and maintenance, parks and recreation, public safety, and building	1,035,000	982,482				
Roads/Transportation and Maintenance			737,336	-	737,336	
Parks and Recreation			256,930	1,575	258,505	
Public Safety:						
Vehicles			130,986	-	130,986	
Equipment			41,729		41,729	
New City Hall/Storage Facility			312,493		312,493	
	1,035,000	982,482	1,477,974	1,575	1,479,549	150.59%
SPLOST #3						
Transportation facilities and equipment, parks and recreation facilities and public safety vehicles and equipment	940,000	940,000				
Roads/Transportation						
Facilities			14,601	27,699	42,300	
Equipment			1,355	68,987	70,342	
Parks and Recreation facilities			21,718	29,071	50,789	
Public Safety:						
Vehicles			33,194	66,560	99,754	
Equipment			11,890	1,947	13,837	
	940,000	940,000	204,752	194,264	399,016	42.45%

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures			Estimated % of Completion
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
SPLOST #4						
Transportation facilities and equipment, parks and recreation facilities and public safety vehicles and equipment	720,000	720,000				
Roads/Transportation						
Facilities			-		-	
Equipment			-	-	-	
Parks and Recreation facilities			-	-	-	
Public Safety:						
Vehicles			-	-	-	
Equipment			-	-		
	720,000	720,000		-	-	0.00%
GRAND TOTALS	**$ 2,878,346**	**$ 3,321,836**	**$ 2,484,882**	**$ 209,340**	**$ 2,694,222**	

Note A: The SPLOST Schedule has been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting

Note B: $30,000 under public safety vehicles in SPLOST #3 was transferred to General Fund from the SPLOST Fund for reimbursement of the purchase of capital assets.

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

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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 City Council
City of Nelson, Georgia

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 and each major fund of City of Nelson, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Nelson, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 13, 2013.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies. See Finding 2012-1.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain other matters that we reported to Management of City of Nelson, Georgia in a separate letter dated September 13, 2013.

City of Nelson, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Welch, Walker & Associates, PC, CPAs

East Ellijay, Georgia
September 13, 2013

CITY OF NELSON, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

2012-01 – Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Segregation of employees' duties is a common practice in an effective internal control structure. Policies should be in place requiring the segregation of certain duties.

Condition/Context: During the course of our testing procedures, we noted several areas in which the segregation of duties could be improved. Ideally, the duties of cash handling and bookkeeping should be segregated in order to prevent those handling cash from having access to the accounting records. Also, the duties of posting detailed transactions to the general ledger system should be segregated from other functions, such as cash reconciliation, accounts receivable, accounts payable and/or purchasing.

Effect: Without segregation of duties within these functions, there is increased exposure that City assets could be intentionally or unintentionally misappropriated.

Cause: The limited number of employees involved in these functions and the resulting overlapping of duties causes segregation of duties to be difficult.

Recommendation: We recommend the City continue their efforts in the design of their internal controls in order to operate with effective segregation of duties. Having adequate segregation of duties will ensure the proper recording and recognition of accounting transactions and will lessen the potential for misappropriation of City assets.

Response: This is a reoccurring item. Due to the size of the City's administration, total segregation of duties is not practical at this time. The City Council will continue to be closely involved in financial reporting and will continue to provide oversight as practical in order to mitigate risk of misappropriation of assets.