CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Mayor and Council
City of Stapleton, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the City of Stapleton, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, 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, based on our audit, the 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 City of Stapleton, Georgia, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity 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 budgetary comparison information on pages 25 through 27 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.

The City of Stapleton, Georgia has not presented management's discussion and analysis that governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financials 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Stapleton, Georgia's basic financial statements. The schedule of projects constructed with special sales tax proceeds and the other schedules included in other supplementary information as described in the accompanying table of contents, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of projects constructed with special sales tax proceeds and the other schedules included in other supplementary information as described in the accompanying table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates 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 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated November 17, 2014 on our consideration of the City of Stapleton, 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Stapleton, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Wright & Wright, P.C.

November 17, 2014

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include integrated sets of financial statements as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). The sets of statements include:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements:
  - Governmental funds
  - Proprietary (enterprise) fund

In addition, the notes to the financial statements are included to provide information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2014

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 298,748	$ 101,812	$ 400,560
Accounts receivable, net	7,458	11,719	19,177
Receivable from other governments	15,363	-	15,363
Internal balances	-	-	-
Total current assets	321,569	113,531	435,100
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable	55,689	-	55,689
Depreciable capital assets, net	422,024	832,865	1,254,889
Total assets	799,282	946,396	1,745,678
LIABILITIES:			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	10,902	2,187	13,089
Current portion of note payable	-	13,491	13,491
Meter deposits held	-	13,005	13,005
Deferred revenue	-	-	-
Other accrued liabilities	2,571	320	2,891
Total current liabilities	13,473	29,003	42,476
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Notes payable, less current portion	-	111,303	111,303
Total liabilities	13,473	140,306	153,779
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	477,713	708,071	1,185,784
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	56,749	-	56,749
Transportation improvements	18,614	-	18,614
Unrestricted	232,733	98,019	330,752
	$ 785,809	$ 806,090	$ 1,591,899

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Business-type Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	$ 71,225	$ 6,555	$ -	$ 33,004	$ (31,666)	$ -	$ (31,666)
Public safety	172,421	131,457	13,000	9,563	(18,401)	-	(18,401)
Street department	57,140	28,152	21,718	-	(7,270)	-	(7,270)
Health and welfare	46,081	-	-	-	(46,081)	-	(46,081)
Culture and recreation	7,325	-	-	-	(7,325)	-	(7,325)
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	354,192	166,164	34,718	42,567	(110,743)	-	(110,743)
Business-type activities:							
Water fund	81,578	70,578	-	-	-	(11,000)	(11,000)
Total business-type activities	81,578	70,578	-	-	-	(11,000)	(11,000)
Total primary government	$ 435,770	$ 236,742	$ 34,718	$ 42,567	(110,743)	(11,000)	(121,743)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					38,034	-	38,034
General sales and use tax					46,385	-	46,385
Alcohol beverage tax					8,091	-	8,091
Franchise tax					13,267	-	13,267
Insurance company premium tax					22,594	-	22,594
Other taxes					16,526	-	16,526
Grants and contributions					-	-	-
Interest and dividend earnings					536	62	598
Miscellaneous					5,492	-	5,492
Transfers					-	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers					150,925	62	150,987
Change in net position					40,182	(10,938)	29,244
Net position, beginning					745,627	817,028	1,562,655
Net position, ending					$ 785,809	$ 806,090	$ 1,591,899

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	TSPLOST Fund	Capital Projects Fund (2006)	Capital Projects Fund (2011)	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 232,487	$ 15,004	$ 11,558	$ 39,699	$ 298,748
Accounts receivable, net	3,848	3,610	-	-	7,458
Receivables from other governments	9,871	-	-	5,492	15,363
Receivables from other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 246,206	$ 18,614	$ 11,558	$ 45,191	$ 321,569
LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	$ 10,902	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10,902
Other liabilities	2,571	-	-	-	2,571
Payable to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	3,151	-	-	-	3,151
Total liabilties	16,624	-	-	-	16,624
FUND BALANCES:					
Non-spendable fund balance	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted fund balance:					
Capital projects	-	-	11,558	45,191	56,749
Transportation improvements	-	18,614	-	-	18,614
Unrestricted fund balance:					
Committed fund balance	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned fund balance	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned fund balance	229,582	-	-	-	229,582
Total fund balances	229,582	18,614	11,558	45,191	304,945
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 246,206	$ 18,614	$ 11,558	$ 45,191	

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of $1,566,776	477,713
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of $0	3,151
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are deferred in the funds:	
Notes payable	-
Net position of governmental activities	$ 785,809

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	TSPLOST Fund	Capital Projects Fund (2006)	Capital Projects Fund (2011)	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Taxes	$ 144,808	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 144,808
Licenses and permits	3,566	-	-	-	3,566
Intergovernmental	22,563	21,718	-	33,004	77,285
Fines and forfeitures	131,457	-	-	-	131,457
Charges for services	28,643	-	-	-	28,643
Other	8,526	-	-	-	8,526
Total revenues	339,563	21,718	-	33,004	394,285
EXPENDITURES:					
Current operating:					
General government	65,509	-	-	-	65,509
Public safety	124,560	-	-	-	124,560
Street department	46,840	7,849	-	-	54,689
Health and welfare	46,081	-	-	-	46,081
Culture and recreation	3,588	-	-	-	3,588
Debt service:					-
Principal	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and other charges	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlays	-	1,179	-	33,368	34,547
Total expenditures	286,578	9,028	-	33,368	328,974
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	52,985	12,690	-	(364)	65,311
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources and uses	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	52,985	12,690	-	(364)	65,311
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	176,597	5,924	11,558	45,555	239,634
FUND BALANCE, end of year	$ 229,582	$ 18,614	$ 11,558	$ 45,191	$ 304,945

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CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$ 65,311
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital outlays	35,046
Depreciation	(60,264)
	(25,218)
The effect of various capital asset contributions and sales, net of accumulated depreciation	-
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Receivables, net of deferred revenue	89
Repayment of note principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position	-
	$ 40,182

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2014

	Water Fund
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash in bank	$ 101,812
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of $0	11,719
Total current assets	113,531
NONCURRENT ASSETS:	
Capital assets:	
Equipment	42,195
Distribution system	1,468,312
	1,510,507
Less accumulated depreciation	(677,642)
Total capital assets	832,865
Total assets	946,396
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	2,187
Current portion of note payable	13,491
Payroll taxes payable	320
Meter deposits held	13,005
Total current liabilities	29,003
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Notes payable, net of current portion	111,303
Total noncurrent liabilities	111,303
Total liabilities	140,306
NET POSITION	
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	708,071
UNRESTRICTED	98,019
Total net position	$ 806,090

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PRORIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Water Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for services	$ 70,578
Miscellaneous income	-
Total operating revenue	70,578
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Personal services and employee benefits:	
Salaries	16,974
Payroll taxes	1,316
Purchased/contracted services:	
Repairs and replacement	6,477
Advertising	-
Professional fees	-
Dues and fees	1,508
Insurance	2,339
Supplies:	
Chemicals and supplies	7,177
Office supplies	2,749
Utilities and communication	11,184
Depreciation	31,381
Miscellaneous	473
Total operating expenses	81,578
OPERATING LOSS	(11,000)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
State grant	-
Interest income	62
Interest expense	-
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	62
NET LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	(10,938)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	-
NET LOSS BEFORE TRANSFERS	(10,938)
TRANSFERS FROM (TO) GENERAL FUND	-
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(10,938)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	817,028
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 806,090

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Water Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from customers	$ 68,383
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(29,991)
Cash paid to employees	(18,221)
Other receipts (payments)	-
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	20,171
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Transfer from (to) other funds	-
Net cash provided by (used for) noncapital financing activities	-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of capital assets	-
Proceeds from state grant	-
Principal paid on capital debt	(13,492)
Interest paid on capital debt	-
Net cash provided by (used for) capital and related financing activities	(13,492)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest received	62
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	62
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	6,741
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	95,071
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	$ 101,812
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net operating income (loss)	$ (11,000)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Cash flows reported in other categories:	
Depreciation expense	31,381
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(2,195)
Other assets	-
Accounts payable	1,486
Payroll taxes payable	69
Meter deposits held	430
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	$ 20,171

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements of City of Stapleton (the "City") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to government units. As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities are, in substance, part of the City's operations and so data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize they are legally separate from the City.

Currently, the City has no blended component units or discretely presented component units.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City (the primary government) and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The City has elected not to allocate indirect costs among the programs, functions and segments. 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 that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. 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.

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 government 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, including accrued interest on general long-term debt, is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, interest, and charges for services. Other receipts and taxes become measurable and available when cash is received by the City and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

> The General Fund 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.
>
> The Capital Projects Fund (2006) accounts for capital outlay and other transactions related to the additional one-percent local option sales tax in effect for the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2014.
>
> The Capital Projects Fund (2011) accounts for capital outlay and other transactions related to the additional one-percent local option sales tax in effect for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015.
>
> The TSPLOST Special Revenue Fund accounts for capital outlay and other transportation improvements related to the additional one-percent local option sales tax in effect for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2022.

The City reports the following major proprietary fund:

The Water Fund is used to account for the provision of water services to businesses and residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in the fund, including but not limited to, administration, operation, financing and related debt services, and billing and collections.

The City complies with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting. This Statement requires the City to apply all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins (ARB's). As permitted by GASB No. 20, the City has elected not to comply with the FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from 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 City's proprietary funds are charges to customers for sales and services; operating expenses 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.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the City.

Investments, if any, are stated at fair market value with unrealized holding gains and losses reported as the "Change in fair market value of investments" in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

E. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., streets, sidewalks, distribution systems and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of two years and an original cost of $5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Prior to July 1, 2004, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. Infrastructure assets totaling $0 were completed during the year ended June 30, 2014. At June 30, 2014, there was $0 of construction-in-progress related to infrastructure assets.

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

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows

Buildings	30-40 years
Machinery and equipment	7 - 30 years
Infrastructure	20 – 40 years

F. Compensated Absences

Accumulated leave of governmental funds that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure in the fund financial statements. All accumulated leave, including that which is not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, is reported in the government-wide financial statements. Accumulated leave of Enterprise Funds is recorded as an expense and liability of the respective fund as the benefits accrue to employees. Liabilities for compensated absences are recorded as other liabilities and accrued expenses in the Water Fund. In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.

The City does not allow accumulated vacation pay beyond one year; therefore there is no significant unrecorded balances at June 30, 2014.

G. 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, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charged and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt 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.

H. Fund Equity

The City has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This new standard changed the overall definitions and classifications of governmental fund balances.

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 assets and liabilities under the current financial resources measurement focus of accounting. 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.

Committed – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City Council through the adoption of a resolution. Only the City Council may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - Fund balances are reported as unassigned 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 balances may be reported in all funds.

The City uses restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit the use of restricted fund balances, such as grant agreements that require a dollar match. Additionally, the City would then use committed, assigned and lastly unassigned amounts from the unrestricted fund balance when expending funds.

The City does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy; however, the City Council addresses various target reserve positions which are reviewed periodically.

Net Position

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted Net Position - Consists of Net Position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position - All other Net Position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

I. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly chargeable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/ expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Basis

GAAP is the budgetary basis used in the preparation of these statements.

Budget Requirements, Accounting and Reporting

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. Prior to year end, the City Clerk submits to the Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

2. The Council holds a public hearing on the budget, giving notice thereof at least ten days in advance by publication in the official organ of City of Stapleton.

3. The budget is then revised and adopted or amended by the Council at a regular meeting early in the year to which it applies.

4. The budget so adopted may be revised during the year only by formal action of the Council in a regular meeting and no increase shall be made therein without provision also being made for financing same.

5. The legal level of budgetary control is the department level within the General Fund. Increases in the total appropriations of a department, whether accomplished through an increase in estimated revenues or through a transfer of appropriations among departments, require the approval of the Mayor and Council.

6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Capital Projects Fund. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP.

7. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Council. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were amended.

Excesses of Expenditures over Appropriations in Individual Funds

There were no general fund departments which had excesses of actual expenditures over appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2014.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. The City does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2014, none of the City's $400,560 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Investments - There were no investments at June 30, 2014.

4. PROPERTY TAXES

The value of all real and business personal property located in the City is assessed (appraised) as of each January 1. Taxable assessed value represents the appraisal value less applicable exemptions authorized by the City Council. Appraised values are established by the Jefferson County Tax Assessors at 40% of estimated fair market value. Taxes were levied when the milleage rate was set on or about October 6, 2013. Taxes were billed on or about November 10, 2013 and were due December 31, 2013 after which date penalties and interest were assessed. Property on which taxes are not paid within 60 days of mailing may then be levied on by the City.

Property taxes are recorded as receivables and deferred at the time the tax levy is billed. Revenues are recognized as the related ad valorem taxes are collected. Additional amounts estimated to be collectible within sixty days following the close of the fiscal year, and therefore susceptible to accrual in accordance with GAAP have been recognized as revenue.

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 2014, accounts receivable consisted of the following:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
General Fund:			
Property tax	$ 3,848	$ -	$ 3,848
Local option sales tax	7,758	-	7,758
Other taxes	2,113	-	2,113
Capital Projects Fund (2011):			
Special local option sales tax	5,492	-	5,492
TSPLOST Fund:			
Special local option sales tax	3,610		3,610
Water Fund:			
Water fees receivable	-	11,719	11,719
	22,821	11,719	34,540
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	-	-
	$ 22,821	$ 11,719	$34,540

6. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 55,689	$ -	$ -	$ 55,689
Construction-in-progress	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	55,689	-	-	55,689
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	236,046	-	-	236,046
Equipment	594,412	35,046	(20,000)	609,458
Infrastructure	1,143,296	-	-	1,143,296
Subtotal	2,029,443	35,046	(20,000)	2,044,489
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	76,989	5,625	-	82,614
Equipment	306,226	54,639	(20,000)	340,865
Infrastructure	1,143,297	-	-	1,143,297
Subtotal	1,526,512	60,264	(20,000)	1,566,776
Net capital assets	$ 502,931	$ (25,218)	$ -	$ 477,713
Business-type activities:				
Not being depreciated:				
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Construction-in-progress	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-
Other capital assets:				
Water system	1,430,312	-	-	1,430,312
Equipment	80,195	-	-	80,195
Subtotal	1,510,507	-	-	1,510,507
Accumulated depreciation:				
Water system	583,469	30,577	-	614,046
Equipment	62,792	804	-	63,596
Subtotal	646,261	31,381	-	677,642
Net capital assets	$ 864,246	$ (31,381)	$ -	$ 832,865

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 6,215
Public safety	47,861
Street department	2,451
Culture and recreation	3,737
	$ 60,264
Business-type activities:	
Water Fund	$ 31,381

7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Outstanding Debt:

At June 30, 2014, long-term debt consisted of the following:

	Governmental Activities	Water Enterprise Fund Debt
$262,498 note payable to GEFA for the purpose of water system improvements; interest at 0.0%; due in quarterly principal and interest payments of $3,373 to August 2023	$ -	$ 124,794
Total long-term debt	$	$ 124,794

Following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2014:

	Balance July 1, 2013	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2014	Amount Due in One Year
Governmental type activities:					
Notes payable	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Business-type activities:					
Notes payable	$ 138,286	$ -	$ 13,492	$ 124,794	$ 13,491

Annual Requirements to Retire Debt Obligations:
The annual maturities for the years subsequent to June 30, 2014 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2015	$ -	$ -	$ 13,491	$ -
2016	-	-	13,491	-
2017	-	-	13,491	-
2018	-	-	13,491	-
2019	-	-	13,491	-
2020 - 2024	-	-	57,339	-
	$ -	$ -	$ 124,794	$ -

8. FUND DEFICITS

At June 30, 2014, no fund had a deficit fund balance or net position balance.

9. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

	Due From	Due To
General Fund:		
Capital Projects Fund	$ -	$ -
Capital Projects Fund:		
General Fund	-	-

At June 30, 2014, there were no interfund transactions or balances.

10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

Various claims and lawsuits are pending against the City. In the opinion of City management, after consultation with legal counsel, the potential loss on all claims and lawsuits will not materially effect the City's financial position.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors of omissions, job related illnesses or injuries to employees; natural disaster; and unemployment compensation.

There were no significant reductions of insurance coverage in the prior year. Management believes that the coverage is adequate to preclude any significant uninsured risk exposure to the City. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial excess coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Risk Pool

The City has elected to be a member of the Georgia Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (GMAWCSIF) and Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA), risk management agencies created under Georgia law. As a participant in the GMAWCSIF and GIRMA, the City has no legal obligation to pay its own workers' compensation claims or general liability claims. The City is required to make an annual contribution to the funds 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 and general liability claims. However, the enabling statute creating the GMAWCSIF and GIRMA permits the funds to levy an assessment upon its members to make up any deficiency the fund may have in surplus or reserves. Since excess insurance is purchased by the GMASCSIF and GIRMA to protect the funds from catastrophic losses, no amount has been recorded in the financial statements for this contingency as management believes the likelihood for assessment is remote.

Self Insurance

The City is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. The City accounts for claims with expenditures and liabilities being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. The City has not experienced any claims related to unemployment compensation in the past three years.

12. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the City in conjunction with other cities and counties in the fourteen City east central Georgia area, is a member of the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended June 30, 2014, the City paid $308 in such dues. Membership in a Regional Commission is required by the OCGA Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the Regional Commission in Georgia. The Regional Commission Board membership includes the chief elected official of each City and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a Regional Commission. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission
2123 Wrightsboro Road
PO Box 2800
Augusta, Georgia 30914-2800

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 17, 2014, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures that are required by the GASB but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

- Budgetary Comparison Schedules - General Fund and the TSPLOST Special Revenue Fund

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	$ 39,500	$ 36,834	$ 37,945	$ 1,111
Vehicle	5,500	13,300	13,501	201
Utility franchise tax	14,700	13,039	13,267	228
Alcoholic beverage excise	10,000	9,000	8,091	(909)
Local option sales tax	58,000	46,000	46,385	385
Insurance company premium	21,600	22,594	22,594	-
Intangible	150	300	284	(16)
Other	1,100	2,824	2,741	(83)
	150,550	143,891	144,808	917
Licenses and Permits:				
Business and beer licenses	3,000	3,568	3,566	(2)
	3,000	3,568	3,566	(2)
Intergovernmental:				
State of Georgia grants	7,000	9,563	9,563	-
County contribution to fire department	10,500	13,000	13,000	-
	17,500	22,563	22,563	-
Charges for services:				
Garbage fees	30,000	30,000	28,152	(1,848)
Court fines	57,000	131,000	131,457	457
Other fees	406	498	491	(7)
	87,406	161,498	160,100	(1,398)
Miscellaneous:				
Interest income	140	445	536	91
Rent	-	2,498	2,498	-
Sale of equipment and supplies	-	1,783	1,783	-
Other	100	3,709	3,709	-
	240	8,435	8,526	91
Total revenues	258,696	339,955	339,563	(392)

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
EXPENDITURES:				
Current Operating:				
General government	$ 60,250	$ 71,719	$ 65,010	$ 6,709
Public safety	104,059	134,823	124,560	10,263
Street department	49,677	58,907	46,840	12,067
Health and welfare	39,294	48,299	46,081	2,218
Culture and recreation	5,416	5,316	3,588	1,728
Total operating expenditures	258,696	319,064	286,079	32,985
Capital Outlays:				
General government	-	600	499	101
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Street department	-	-	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Total capital expenditures	-	600	499	101
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total debt service	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	258,696	319,664	286,578	33,086
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	20,291	52,985	32,694
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources	-	20,291	52,985	32,694
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	176,597	176,597	176,597	-
FUND BALANCE, end of year	$ 176,597	$ 196,888	$ 229,582	$ 32,694

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
TSPLOST SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES:				
Intergovernmental:				
Special local option sales tax	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 21,718	$ (3,282)
Other revenue	-	-	-	-
	25,000	25,000	21,718	(3,282)
EXPENDITURES:				
Current operating:				
Transportation improvements	12,500	12,500	7,849	4,651
Capital outlays	12,500	12,500	1,179	11,321
Total expenditures	25,000	25,000	9,028	15,972
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	12,690	12,690
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Excess revenues and other financing sources (uses) over (under) expenditures	-	-	12,690	12,690
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	5,924	5,924	5,924	-
FUND BALANCE, end of year	$ 5,924	$ 5,924	$ 18,614	$ 12,690

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Other supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the GASB, nor are a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis. Such information includes:

- General Fund Schedule of Expenditures (Final Budget to Actual) Detailed by Department
- Schedule of Projects Constructed with Special Sales Tax Proceeds
- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
OPERATING EXPENDITURES:				
General Government:				
Personal services and employee benefits:				
Salaries	$ 23,200	$ 29,200	$ 28,685	$ 515
Payroll taxes	1,974	2,700	2,577	123
Purchased/contracted services:				
Accounting and legal	10,200	10,200	8,377	1,823
Insurance	4,650	4,722	2,091	2,631
Utilities and communication	7,815	8,440	7,964	476
Repairs and maintenance	780	1,480	1,346	134
Dues	1,000	1,600	1,150	450
Advertising	500	600	442	158
Supplies:				
Office supplies	3,975	5,230	5,159	71
Other costs:				
Travel and training	3,100	3,350	3,088	262
Election	1,906	2,195	2,186	9
Miscellaneous	1,150	2,002	1,945	57
Total General Government	$ 60,250	$ 71,719	$ 65,010	$ 6,709
Public safety:				
Police:				
Personal services and employee benefits:				
Salaries	$ 47,391	$ 58,000	$ 54,093	$ 3,907
Payroll taxes	4,243	4,657	4,050	607
Purchased/contracted services:				
Insurance	3,800	4,900	3,961	939
Municipal judge	2,750	2,750	2,500	250
Boarding prisoners	300	300	280	20
Travel and training	1,500	2,205	2,092	113
Vehicle costs	5,500	8,000	7,398	602
Repairs and maintenance	300	200	175	25
Utilities and communication	900	900	828	72
Supplies	2,200	4,650	3,241	1,409
Other costs:				
Dues and fees	17,350	30,300	29,683	617
Miscellaneous	350	725	55	670
Total Police	86,584	117,587	108,356	9,231

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Fire:				
Purchased/contracted services:				
Insurance	$ 5,000	$ 4,900	$ 4,092	$ 808
Repairs and maintenance	300	551	251	300
Utilities and communication	3,550	3,300	3,021	279
Training	5,500	4,560	4,560	-
Supplies	2,900	3,700	4,155	(455)
Miscellaneous	225	225	125	100
Total Fire	17,475	17,236	16,204	1,032
Total Public Safety	$ 104,059	$ 134,823	$ 124,560	$ 10,263
Street Department:				
Personal services and employee benefits:				
Salaries	$ 18,000	$ 21,000	$ 21,202	$ (202)
Payroll taxes	1,677	1,807	1,551	256
Purchased/contracted services:				
Utilities and communication	16,000	16,300	16,319	(19)
Repairs and maintenance	9,000	12,800	2,350	10,450
Materials and supplies	5,000	7,000	5,114	1,886
Other costs	-	-	304	(304)
Total Street Department	$ 49,677	$ 58,907	$ 46,840	$ 12,067
Health and Welfare:				
Personal services and employee benefits:				
Salaries	$ 1,500	$ 4,600	$ 4,437	$ 163
Payroll taxes	144	384	347	37
Purchased/contracted services:				
Insurance	3,000	6,165	6,165	-
Garbage contract	30,000	30,000	29,709	291
Repairs and maintenance	100	100	41	59
Materials and supplies	4,550	6,550	5,382	1,168
Other costs	-	500	-	500
Total Health and Welfare	$ 39,294	$ 48,299	$ 46,081	$ 2,218
Culture and Recreation:				
Personal services and employee benefits:				
Salaries	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 1,588	$ 1,412
Payroll taxes	266	266	126	140
Purchased/contracted services:				
Utilities and communication	1,400	1,400	1,357	43
Repairs and maintenance	300	450	233	217
Materials and supplies	450	200	284	(84)
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Total Culture and Recreation	$ 5,416	$ 5,316	$ 3,588	$ 1,728

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH
SPECIAL SALES TAX PROCEEDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Project	Original Estimated Cost	Revised Estimated Cost	Expenditures			Estimated Percentage of Completion
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
2006 Tax:						
Playground and park improvements	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ 33,238	$ -	$ 33,238	95.0%
Upgrade tennis courts	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	0.0%
Upgrade softball fields and install bleachers	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	0.0%
Purchase bank for use as a senior center/city hall	150,000	150,000	126,033	-	126,033	84.0%
Fire engine	160,725	160,725	160,725	-	160,725	100.0%
Fire engine equipment	42,860	41,275	41,275	-	41,275	100.0%
3000 gallon tanker	162,868	162,868	-	-	-	0.0%
Fire equipment	21,430	40,000	-	-	-	0.0%
Police equipment	-	12,000	-	-	-	0.0%
Street department equipment	-	7,300	7,300	-	7,300	100.0%
2011 Tax:						
Playground and park improvements	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	0.0%
Fire equipment	150,000	150,000	34,803	-	34,803	23.2%
Police equipment	150,000	150,000	10,079	33,368	43,447	29.0%
Street department equipment	100,000	100,000	7,424	-	7,424	7.4%

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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 Mayor and Council
City of Stapleton, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities and each major fund of the City of Stapleton, Georgia as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Stapleton's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Stapleton, 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 the City of Stapleton, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Stapleton'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 were considered to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting noted as items 14-1 through 14-2.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Stapleton 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.*

City of Stapleton, Georgia's Response to Findings

City of Stapleton, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City of Stapleton, 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.

Wright & Wright, P.C.

November 17, 2014

CITY OF STAPLETON, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

14-1 Segregation of Duties

Condition

Due to the small size of the City's staff, controls are not practical to provide adequate segregation of duties in the cash receipts and disbursements functions.

Effect

Because of the failure to separate control over cash, errors or fraud that might avoid detection are possible.

Recommendation

The City Council should implement other internal controls in areas where segregation of duties is not practical.

Views of Responsible Officials

We concur and will continue to require dual signatures on checks and council approval for non recurring expenditures.

14-2 Controls Over Financial Statement Presentation

Condition

City personnel do not currently possess the professional skills necessary to prepare or review the year end financial statements in sufficient detail to detect material misstatements in the financial statements and related footnotes.

Effect

The deficiency identified above could result in a material misstatement to the City's financial statements that would not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

Recommendation

The City should consider additional training that would provide accounting personnel with the skills to detect and correct misstatements in the financial statements.

Views of Responsible Officials

We concur. We will evaluate the cost effectiveness of implementing the control and act accordingly.

CITY OF STAPLETON

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Gentlemen:

The following constitutes our corrective action plan regarding the findings and recommendations in our audit report for the year ended June 30, 2014.

With respect to the findings regarding segregation of duties and control over financial statement presentation in the "Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards," we submit the following comments:

1. We annually review our system of internal control after our audited financial statements are received, along with any suggestions from the accounting firm as to improvements that can be made to strengthen controls.

2. We are a small municipal government with one part-time clerk as the only office employee. We have separated accounting duties as much as possible, but because of two sets of books, one for general fund and one for water fund, this is difficult to do. The mayor and a council member co-sign checks after council approves the bills for payment.

3. We do not feel that it would be cost effective to hire additional personnel only for the purpose of internal control duty separations.

4. City personnel do not currently possess the professional skills necessary to prepare or review the year end financial statements and related footnotes. The City will consider additional training that would provide accounting personnel with the skills to detect and correct misstatements in the financial statements.

We feel that our internal control system is as strong as possible in the above described situation with the limited number of personnel involved. As indicated in the auditor's report, no significant errors or irregularities were found because of our lack of segregation of duties.

Should you need any further explanation of this matter please contact us.

Sincerely,

Frank Parrish

Frank Parrish
Mayor, City of Stapleton