

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Financial Report

Year Ended September 30, 2009

with

Independent Auditor's Reports

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

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I. REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART A)

City of Vicksburg, Mississippi Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA)

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

The following discussion and analysis of the City of Vicksburg's financial performance provide an overview of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which immediately follow this discussion and analysis.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Government-wide - The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$128,612,175 (reported as "net assets"). This compares to the previous year when assets exceeded liabilities by \$128,981,566. Of this amount, \$11,441,188 was reported as "unrestricted net assets", which may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Governmental activities' net assets decreased during the fiscal year by \$1,515,819 and business-type activities' net assets increased by \$1,146,428, resulting in an overall net assets decrease of \$369,391.

Fund Level - As of the close of the fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$22,348,735, with \$13,618,024 reported as unreserved fund balance. The portion of the balance which is reserved for specific purposes totaled \$8,730,712. This compares to the prior year ending fund balance of \$26,789,381. The proprietary funds reported total net assets of \$30,383,400. This compares to the prior year net assets of \$29,236,972.

Long-term Debt - During fiscal year 2009, the City retired \$4,662,857 of City debt. The City's total debt decreased to \$30,908,267.

USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The City of Vicksburg's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. These statements consist of the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Both of these statements are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. See Tables 1 & 2 on pages 7 and 9.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report two types of activities:

Governmental Activities – The governmental activities reflect the City's basic services including general government services (executive, judicial), public safety (fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services), public works (street maintenance), sanitation, health and welfare (mosquito control, human services), and culture and recreation (parks and recreation and convention center). These services are financed primarily with taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

Business-type Activities – The cost of providing goods or services to the general public, which is financed or recovered primarily through user charges, is reported here. The City Water, Gas, Sewer, and Sanitation Funds are in this category of activities.

The Statement of Net Assets – The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the City's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the differences between the two reported as "net assets". Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities – The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (i.e. *Revenues* - uncollected fines and *Expenses* - earned but unused vacation leave).

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Government-Wide Financial Statements – Continued

This statement combines the expenses for all departments of the City into a few basic categories, which tells the reader how much a particular service provided by the City costs, and shows how that service is paid for. The change in net assets of the City may indicate whether the City will be able to continue to provide the same level of services in the future.

This Statement of Activities condenses expense and funding information by combining the expenses of all City departments into a few general categories of service for both the primary governmental activities and the business-type activities. The following explanation is given for those not familiar with reading the Statement of Activities. The Statement of Activities (see page 21) is divided into two sections, Top and Bottom as described below:

Top Section

- Column one lists the name of the combined generalized function or program of the City.
- Column two lists the expenses.
- Column three lists revenue from receipt of dollars charged for the service (if any).
- Column four lists (if any) State or Federal grant revenue specific to that program to be used towards its operational expenses.
- Column five lists (if any) State or Federal grant revenue specific to that program to be used towards its capital expenses.
- Column six and seven, respectively for type either governmental or business, list the dollar amount, either net expense or net revenue, that is derived from the difference between program revenues and its related expenses. The amount listed, shown in parenthesis “()”, indicates the dollar amount of the expenses that are not covered by fees, charges, grants or contributions and that must be paid from basic taxes.
- Column eight totals the respective row, which totals out the activities of the primary government.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements – Continued

Bottom Section

This section contains the following:

- General revenues dollars, under the same two categories of governmental or business-type activities, that are received from taxes, non restricted grants and contributions and unrestricted investment earnings or other miscellaneous revenues, such as gain on sale of asset.
- The change in net assets, derived from the difference of the total of activities (top section) less revenues (bottom section).
- Net assets, beginning year balance.
- Net assets, ending.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Information about the City's governmental funds begins on page 30. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The City's funds are divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds. These categories use different accounting approaches and should be interpreted differently.

Governmental Funds – Most of the City's general activities are reported in governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements; however, governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. This approach focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, along with the balance of spendable resources available at year-end.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the City's near-term financing requirements. Governmental funds include the General Fund, City Bond and Interest Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Other Government Special Revenue Fund, which are presented separately as major funds. All other funds of the City are considered nonmajor funds and are combined into a single column on the governmental fund financial statements.

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Fund Financial Statements – Continued

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it may be 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, the reader may gain a better understanding of the long-term impact of the City's near-term financing decisions.

Proprietary Funds – The City maintains two types of proprietary funds: enterprise and internal service.

- *Enterprise funds* charge fees for services to outside customers such as the water, gas, sewer and refuse collection. They are accounted for using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting and are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements.
- *Internal service* funds provide vehicle maintenance services to other City departments on a cost reimbursement basis. Because these services primarily benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included in governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the city's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The fiduciary fund statement can be found on page 29 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are a required part of the basic financial statements and can be found in the basic financial statements section of this report.

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Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information such as a budgetary comparison schedule for the general fund. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 48-54 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Assets Analysis (Table 1):

For the year ended September 30, 2009, the City's combined assets (governmental and business-type activities) totaled \$175.9 million dollars compared to \$172.6 million for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$2.4 million. Total liabilities increased by \$3.7 million from \$43.6 million to \$47.3 million dollars and capital assets increased by \$7.8 million to \$138.4 million dollars. This comparison is very helpful in reflecting the City's ability to provide uninterrupted services to the public in the future.

The total net assets of the City equaled \$128.6 million dollars after deducting total liabilities of \$47.3 million dollars from total assets.

The largest portion of the City's net assets, 82.3% or \$105.8 million dollars, consists of its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, furniture and equipment, improvements-other and infrastructure, less any debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The City's investment in capital assets are reported net of related debt, thus it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt, must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The largest change in net assets is also the portion that is invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

Restricted net assets are resources that are subject to externally imposed restrictions. The total amount of restricted net assets was \$11.4 million dollars to be used for debt retirement and capital projects.

The remaining unrestricted net assets, \$11.4 million dollars, or 8.9 percent, may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors; however, internally imposed designations of certain resources further limit the purposes for which those net assets may be used. As in the previous fiscal year, the City is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets for the City as a whole.

City of Vicksburg, Mississippi
Table 1
Net Assets
September 30, 2009 and 2008
(In Millions of Dollars)

	<u>Governmental</u>		<u>Business-type</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Assets						
Cash and Other Assets	34.0	38.4	3.0	3.0	37.0	41.4
Capital Assets	<u>97.8</u>	<u>89.5</u>	<u>41.2</u>	<u>41.7</u>	<u>139.0</u>	<u>131.2</u>
Total Assets	131.8	127.9	44.2	44.7	176.0	172.6
 Liabilities						
Current and Other Liabilities	15.6	6.7	4.0	4.8	19.6	11.5
Long Term Liabilities	<u>18.0</u>	<u>21.4</u>	<u>9.8</u>	<u>10.7</u>	<u>27.8</u>	<u>32.1</u>
Total Liabilities	33.6	28.1	13.8	15.5	47.4	43.6
 Net Assets						
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	75.4	65.4	30.4	30.0	105.8	95.4
Restricted-Debt Service and Capital Projects	11.3	14.8	.0	.0	11.3	14.8
Unrestricted	<u>11.5</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>.0</u>	<u>(.7)</u>	<u>11.5</u>	<u>18.8</u>
Total Net Assets	98.2	99.7	30.4	29.3	128.6	129.0

*Note: This table consists of information from the Statement of Net Assets expressed in millions to assist in reading the preceding Analysis of the Net Assets.

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Statement of Activities Analysis (Table 2):

Revenues for fiscal year 2009 totaled \$56.87 million and fell short of expenses, which totaled \$57.24 million by \$.37 million dollars. The governmental activities revenues, which totaled \$36.90 million, fell short of expenses of \$38.42 million by \$1.52 million. The business-type activity's revenues, which totaled \$19.97 million, exceeded expenses of \$18.83 million by \$1.14 million. Utility rates have continued to be raised as necessary and a purchase gas adjustment mechanism was in place to adjust the price of natural gas on a monthly basis. The decline in the price of natural gas allowed the City to remove the purchase gas adjustment in March 2009. The sanitation rates were also increased to cover prior year deficiencies.

The *major* governmental programs of service provided by the City, its cost and percentage of general cost activities are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
• General government.....	\$5.48 million, 14%	\$5.78 million, 17%
• Public safety.....	\$14.50 million, 38%	\$16.05 million, 48%
• Public works.....	\$3.97 million, 10%	\$4.40 million, 13%
• Culture and recreation.....	\$4.32 million, 11%	\$3.24 million, 10%

The costs of some of the services provided by the City of Vicksburg are paid directly by the recipient of those services. Revenues from charges for services totaled \$21.9 million and are \$.8 million below charges for services for fiscal year 2008. Charges for services are primarily in the business-type activities. This group includes the water, gas, sewer utilities, and the sanitation services. Police fines and charges for emergency medical services (ambulance) make up a large portion of the program revenues for the governmental activities. The balance of the costs is paid with taxes collected directly from the taxpayers of the City along with taxes and revenues from other governments. The general revenues of the City consist of the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
• Property taxes,.....	\$9.98 million, 32%	\$9.86 million, 30%
• Franchise taxes,.....	\$8.69 million, 28%	\$9.30 million, 37%
• Public service taxes total,	\$7.96 million, 26%	\$7.76 million, 27%

The final 13.8% of revenues came from grants and contributions not restricted for a specific purpose, the sale of assets, interest earnings and other miscellaneous sources, which totaled \$4.25 million for 2009. For 2008, the same items respected 7% of revenues at \$2.0 million.

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Table 2

**Changes in Net Assets
For the Years Ended September 30, 2009 and 2008
(In Millions of Dollars)**

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Totals	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
Revenues						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services						
Governmental Activities	2.44	3.35			2.44	3.35
Water Utility			4.56	4.67	4.56	4.67
Gas Utility			9.68	9.60	9.68	9.60
Sewer Utility			3.43	3.37	3.43	3.37
Refuse, Sanitation Fund			1.76	1.70	1.76	1.70
Transportation Fund						
Operating Grants and Contributions	3.12	1.58			3.12	1.58
Capital Grants and Contributions	.46	1.06			.46	1.06
Total Program Revenues	6.02	5.99	19.43	19.34	25.45	25.33
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes, levied for General Purposes	6.87	6.80			6.87	6.80
Property Taxes, levied for Debt Service	3.11	3.05			3.11	3.05
Franchise Taxes	8.69	9.30			8.69	9.30
Public Service Taxes	7.96	7.76			7.96	7.76
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted	.12	.31			.12	.31
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	.12	.64	.04	.25	.16	.89
Miscellaneous	2.33	.34	.50	.20	2.83	.54
Gain or (Loss) on Sale of Assets	1.68	.69	.00	(.10)	1.68	.59
Total General Revenues	30.88	28.89	.54	.35	31.42	29.24
Total Revenues	36.90	34.88	19.97	19.69	56.87	54.57
Functions/Programs Expenses:						
General Government	5.48	5.78			5.48	5.78
Public Safety	14.50	16.05			14.50	16.05
Health, Welfare and Sanitation	.00	3.00			.00	3.00
Public Works	3.97	4.40			3.97	4.40
Education	.00	.13			.00	.13
Culture and Recreation	4.32	3.24			4.32	3.24
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2.12	1.11			2.12	1.11
Capital Outlay Expenses	8.03	.00			8.03	.00
Total Business Related Expenses			18.83	20.31	18.82	20.31
Total Expenses	38.42	33.71	18.83	20.31	57.24	54.02
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets before Transfers	(1.52)	1.17	1.14	(.62)	(.37)	.55
Transfers	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Change in Net Assets	(1.52)	1.17	1.14	(.62)	(.37)	.55

*Note: This table consists of information from the Statement of Activities expressed in millions to assist in reading Analysis of the Activities.

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THE CITY'S FUNDS ANALYSIS

Budgeting Highlights (See page 48)

General Fund revenue for the fiscal year totaled \$29.64 million, and exceeded the budgeted amount of \$29.49 million by \$140,928. The Charges for Services category had the largest budget variance. The estimated budget for Charges for Services revenues fell short by \$1.14 million. The only other negative variance is in the category Sales and miscellaneous taxes for \$781,592. The City believes that both of these categories short fall can be attributed to the down turn to the economy.

The final amended General Fund expense budget totaled \$32.5 million dollars. The total amount expended was \$28.6 million dollars, leaving an unexpended balance of \$3.9 million dollars for uncompleted projects.

The City's Bond and Interest Fund budget variances were minor. Property taxes collected were (\$34) thousand below estimates.

The City's Capital Projects Fund budgets the total amount of ongoing projects each year therefore should be below budgeted amounts.

Capital Assets and General Long-Term Obligations

Capital Assets

General capital assets include land, improvements to land, buildings, vehicles, machinery and equipment, infrastructure, and all other tangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives greater than one year and exceed the capitalization threshold. The City has capitalized all purchased general capital assets.

The most significant changes in reporting standards for capital assets under Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Statement No. 34 (GASB34) is in the recording of infrastructure such as roads, bridges, sidewalks and other non-building improvements such as ball-fields, playgrounds, etc.

The City completed the process of complying with GASB34 in the 2003 fiscal year. Separate fixed asset inventory records are maintained for each item of capital asset.

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Capital Assets – Continued

Fiscal year 2009 is the seventh year that the City has complied with the GASB34 requirements concerning the statement and depreciation of its capital assets. The City continues to improve the accuracy of its data concerning its capital assets. The Mississippi, Office of State Auditor promulgates the rules for accounting for municipal fixed assets.

Easements and donated or dedicated right of way (those placed into the government's maintenance through contributions from private development) are not capitalized in this financial presentation. The City has an ongoing project to research and record all easements.

For the year ended September 30, 2009, governmental activities capital assets totaled **\$174,206,931** with accumulated depreciation of **\$76,428,194** leaving a net capital assets balance of **\$97,778,737**. Business-type activities capital assets for year ended September 30, 2009 totaled **\$71,596,702** with total accumulated depreciation of **\$31,015,839** leaving a net business-type capital assets balance of **\$40,580,863**.

See Note 6 of the "Notes to Financial Statements", for a breakdown of the individual categories with its beginning balance, additions, retirements, and ending balance.

**City of Vicksburg
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation
September 30, 2009 and 2008**

	<u>Governmental</u>		<u>Business-Type</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Activities</u>		<u>Activities</u>			
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Land(Includes Construction in Progress)	\$13,821,834	\$11,781,107	\$1,457,219	\$503,834	\$15,279,053	\$12,284,941
Buildings	16,957,772	16,766,943	34,715,334	39,273,809	51,673,106	56,040,752
Furniture and Equipment	5,126,747	3,789,582	1,287,759	1,943,753	6,414,506	5,733,335
Other Capital Assets	12,169,723	11,396,734	3,120,551	-	15,290,274	11,396,734
Infrastructure	49,702,661	45,724,951	-	-	49,702,661	45,724,951
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$97,778,739</u>	<u>\$89,459,317</u>	<u>\$40,580,863</u>	<u>\$41,721,396</u>	<u>\$138,359,600</u>	<u>\$131,180,713</u>

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General Long Term Obligations

A General Obligation (GO) bond is a bond that is backed by the full faith and credit of the City; and although not required, usually means that a tax levy will be assessed to repay the debt.

Most GO bonds issued by the City are repaid within ten years. This timely repayment helps to hold down interest cost on debt and enhances the City's credit rating. The quick repayment also gives the City great flexibility in financing the future needs of the City. In February 2012, Moody's Investors Service withdrew the City's bond rating due to a lack of audited financial information. The City anticipates Moody's will reinstate the A2 bond rating upon the completion of the fiscal year 2010 audit.

Limits on Debt

The City of Vicksburg is subject to a general statutory debt limitation under which the City may not incur general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount, which shall exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of the City's taxable property. *(Bonds issued for utility system improvements if revenues of the system are exclusively dedicated for repayment, are not subject to the fifteen percent (15%) limit.)*

The City's current fifteen percent (15%) limit is \$46,572,074. At fiscal year ended, September 30, 2009, bonds issued by the City, subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit, was \$22,510,300.

State law imposes an overall debt limit on municipalities of twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of the taxable property within the City. At September 30, 2009, the twenty percent (20%) limit for the City of Vicksburg was \$62,096,099. The City's total outstanding debt, subject to this overall debt limit, totaled \$29,180,267. The City of Vicksburg has the ability to issue an additional amount of \$32,915,832. This figure represents forty five percent (45%) of the City's total bonding capacity.

See Note 7 of the "Notes to Financial Statements", for more detailed information about our long-term liabilities.

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General Long Term Obligations – Continued

**Statutory Debt Limits
September 30, 2009**

	Twenty Percent (20%)		Fifteen Percent (15%)	
	<u>Debt Limit</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Debt Limit</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Statutory Debt Capacity	\$62,096,099		\$46,572,074	
Current Outstanding Debt, subject to limit	<u>29,180,267</u>	<u>46.99%</u>	<u>22,510,300</u>	<u>48.33%</u>
Balance of Bonding Capacity	\$32,915,832	53.01%	\$24,061,774	51.67%

**Statutory Debt Limits
September 30, 2008**

	Twenty Percent (20%)		Fifteen Percent (15%)	
	<u>Debt Limit</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Debt Limit</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Statutory Debt Capacity	\$61,795,331		\$46,346,498	
Current Outstanding Debt, subject to limit	<u>33,966,124</u>	<u>54.97%</u>	<u>26,684,047</u>	<u>57.58%</u>
Balance of Bonding Capacity	\$27,829,207	45.03%	\$19,662,451	42.42%

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General Long Term Obligations – Continued

Bonds

Listed below are the outstanding GO bonds of the City with the original amount, purpose and the amount of outstanding debt.

- The 2001 issue for \$17.5 million has been used for downtown redevelopment, recreation facilities, street improvements, sidewalk and landscaping improvements, outstanding \$4.55 million.
- The 2003 issue for \$5.8 million was used for water, gas and sewer improvements, the outstanding amount is \$3.91 million.
- The 2003 refunding issue for \$1.6 million was used to advance refund the 1994 Water Revenue Bond and the outstanding balance is \$0.00 million.
- The 2007 Public Improvement Bonds dated September 1, 2007 was issued for \$16.9 million for street and recreation improvements and the outstanding balance is \$14.06 million.

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General Long Term Obligations – Continued

TIF

Tax Increment Financing Bonds are used by the City to encourage development by providing the necessary infrastructure for a development project. The increased taxes are pledged by the City to repay the debt. The City does not pledge the full faith and credit of the City to repay the TIF bonds. The City is not obligated to repay the debt if the tax increment is insufficient to make the annual payments.

The City has issued \$3,268,000 in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) bonds for new developments since 1991. The total balance outstanding for TIF bonds is \$1,728,000.

State Loans

The City made four state loans (SRF) in 1995, 1996, 2003 and 2008 for sewer improvements with a total outstanding balance of \$6,520,702. In 1996, the City made a loan from the State Department of Economic and Community Development to be used for lime sludge disposal equipment for the water treatment plant. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2009 is \$149 thousand.

Future Long Term Obligation

The City has no immediate plans to issue any bonds.

**City of Vicksburg
Long Term Obligations
September 30, 2009 and 2008**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
General Obligations Bonds	\$18,605,300	\$22,219,047	\$3,905,000	\$4,465,000	\$22,510,300	\$26,684,047
Revenue Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Loans	-	-	6,669,967	7,282,077	6,669,967	7,282,077
Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Bonds	1,728,000	1,605,000	-	-	1,728,000	1,605,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Long Term Obligations	<u>\$20,333,300</u>	<u>\$23,824,047</u>	<u>\$10,574,967</u>	<u>\$11,747,077</u>	<u>\$30,908,267</u>	<u>\$35,571,124</u>

**City of Vicksburg, Mississippi
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA)**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Revenue Section Highlights

Governmental Funds revenues for the governmental funds totaled \$35.14 million for the fiscal year 2009 as compared to \$34.85 million for 2008. The General Fund revenues totaled \$29.64 million dollars and the Bond and Interest Fund income for the year was \$2.97 million. The other funds of the Governmental Funds revenues totaled a combined \$2.53 million.

The largest components of the General Fund revenue are as follows for 2009:

Three Major Revenue Groups	Millions	Percent
Gaming taxes	\$6.9	23%
Sales taxes: 18.5% of the state, 7% sales taxes on sales in City	\$7.9	27%
Property taxes: real estate, business, public utilities, auto	\$6.9	23%

The largest components of the General Fund revenue are as follows for 2008:

Three Major Revenue Groups	Millions	Percent
Gaming Taxes	\$6.9	24%
Sales taxes: 18.5% of the state, 7% sales taxes on sales in City	\$7.7	26%
Property taxes: real estate, business, public utilities, auto	\$6.8	23%

Utility System Revenues

The City is continuing to evaluate its utility system revenues and making adjustments when necessary. The effects of the adjustments are reflected in this fiscal year. In fiscal year 2008 the total operating income for the proprietary funds was a loss of (\$.56) million, for fiscal year 2009 total operating income was a loss of (\$.44) million. In addition, the City's steps to stabilize the effect of the volatile cost of natural gas, by formulating an automatic purchased gas adjustment rate on a monthly basis gave the gas proprietary fund an operating profit of \$2.54 million compared to a profit of \$217 thousand for 2008.

**City of Vicksburg, Mississippi
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA)**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Current Related Financial Activities – Continued

Annual congressional funding is continuing to flow to the United States Army Corps of Engineering for the design and construction of an interpretive center on property donated by the City. The center will include the dry docked motor vessel "Mississippi", which was acquired by the City from the federal surplus property agency and then returned to the Corps for placement in the center. The "Mississippi" has been refurbished and will be the main feature of the center.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Financial reports of the City of Vicksburg are for use by residents as well as groups and entities, such as investors and creditors, to assess the financial condition of the City.

The citizens of Vicksburg should be able to use the reports to tell them how their taxes and fees for services have been used and to determine if their taxes or fees for services will increase. The citizens should also be able to assess the City's ability to continue the services which the citizens desire and if the City is making proper financial decisions to insure that the infrastructure of the City is being maintained.

Investors and creditors have a need for proper financial reports to evaluate the financial condition of the City. Investors need assurances of a sound financial condition when making decisions to provide the financing needs of the City or to invest directly in the City. Citizens benefit by the City having the most favorable credit rating.

For more information regarding this report and the City of Vicksburg's financial condition, contact the City Clerk's office located at 1401 Walnut Street, Vicksburg, MS. Phone: 601-634-4553 or E-mail: Waltero@vicksburg.org. You may also visit the City's website at www.vicksburg.org.

II. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit also includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinions.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flow thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated April 27, 2012 on my consideration of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 22 and 61 through 64, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I do not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg

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My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The information listed as other supplemental and other additional information, including the Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials, in the table of contents, combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information listed above and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, the information listed as other supplemental information in the table of contents and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.



Booker T. Camper, Jr

April 27, 2012

Memphis, Tennessee

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF VCKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
September 30, 2009

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business -Type Activities	Totals
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,723,921	\$ 4,443,922	\$ 21,167,843
Investments	1,885,776	-	1,885,776
Receivables	12,097,102	1,401,727	13,498,829
Internal balances(Due From)	2,888,291	(2,888,720)	(429)
Due from other governmental agencies	320,805		320,805
Inventories	93,840		93,840
Total current assets	<u>\$ 34,009,736</u>	<u>\$ 2,956,929</u>	<u>\$ 36,966,665</u>
Noncurrent assets			
Restricted cash	-	600,877	600,877
Other noncurrent assets	(5,108)	-	(5,108)
Capital Assets:			
Land, improvements and construction in progress not depreciated	13,821,834	1,457,219	15,279,053
Infrastructure and infrastructure in progress not depreciated	49,702,661	-	49,702,661
Buildings, net of depreciation	16,957,772	34,715,334	51,673,106
Equipment and furniture, net of depreciation	5,126,749	1,287,759	6,414,508
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	12,169,723	3,120,551	15,290,274
Capital assets, net	<u>97,778,737</u>	<u>40,580,863</u>	<u>138,359,600</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>97,773,628</u>	<u>41,181,740</u>	<u>138,955,368</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 131,783,364</u>	<u>\$ 44,138,669</u>	<u>\$ 175,922,033</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,295,528	2,925,545	5,221,073
Due to other governmental agencies	298,308	69,458	367,766
Deferred revenues	8,989,274		8,989,274
Other current due within one year:			
Bonds, capital leases and contracts	4,006,000	999,052	5,005,052
Accrued Interest	-	12,950	12,950
Compensated absences	-		-
Claims and judgements	-		-
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 15,589,110</u>	<u>\$ 4,007,005</u>	<u>\$ 19,596,116</u>
Noncurrent liabilities			
Bonds, capital leases and contracts	16,820,257	9,575,915	26,396,172
Accrued Interest	-		-
Compensated absences	926,517	172,348	1,098,865
Claims and judgements	218,706	-	218,706
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>17,965,480</u>	<u>9,748,263</u>	<u>27,713,743</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 33,554,590</u>	<u>\$ 13,755,268</u>	<u>\$ 47,309,858</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 75,372,757	30,427,106	105,799,863
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	9,901,746		9,901,746
Debt Service	1,469,379		1,469,379
Other Projects			
Unrestricted	11,484,894	(43,706)	11,441,188
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 98,228,775</u>	<u>\$ 30,383,400</u>	<u>\$ 128,612,175</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net(Expenses)/Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Primary Government Business-Type Activities
Primary Government						
Governmental activities						
General government	\$ 5,476,442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,476,442)	\$ (5,476,442)
Public safety	14,504,358	2,395,966	214,502	-	(11,893,890)	(11,893,890)
Public works	3,970,228	-	2,854,639	462,676	(652,914)	(652,914)
Culture and recreation	4,321,709	41,597	51,352	-	(4,228,759)	(4,228,759)
Interest and redemption long term debt	2,121,068	-	-	-	(2,121,068)	(2,121,068)
Capital Outlay Expenses	8,025,743	-	-	-	(8,025,743)	(8,025,743)
Total governmental activities	38,419,548	2,437,563	3,120,493	462,676	(32,398,816)	(32,398,816)
Business-type activities						
Water	5,495,146	4,556,094	-	-	(939,052)	(939,052)
Gas	7,247,064	9,685,057	-	-	2,437,993	2,437,993
Sewer	4,286,270	3,431,901	-	-	(854,370)	(854,370)
Refuse	1,796,914	1,755,773	-	-	(41,141)	(41,141)
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	18,825,396	19,428,825	-	-	603,430	603,430
Total primary governmental	\$ 57,244,943	\$ 21,866,388	\$ 3,120,493	\$ 462,676	\$ (32,398,816)	\$ (31,795,386)
General revenues						
Taxes:						
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				\$ 6,874,405	\$ -	\$ 6,874,405
Property taxes, levied for specific purpose				3,108,505	-	3,108,505
Franchise and miscellaneous taxes				8,687,856	-	8,687,856
Public service taxes				7,964,815	-	7,964,815
Grants and contributions unrestricted				123,810	1,700	125,510
Unrestricted investment earnings				115,191	45,093	160,284
Miscellaneous				1,461,175	43,513	1,504,688
Gain(loss) on sale of assets				1,679,659	-	1,679,659
Transfers and Other				867,582	452,693	1,320,275
Total general revenue and transfers				30,882,997	542,999	31,425,997
Change in net assets				(1,515,819)	1,146,429	(369,390)
Net assets, October 1, 2008				99,744,594	29,236,972	128,981,566
Net assets, September 30, 2009				\$ 98,228,775	\$ 30,383,400	\$ 128,612,175

See accompanying notes to financial statements

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2009

	General Fund	City Bond and Interest	Capital Projects Fund	Other Non-major Government Funds	Total Government Funds
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,529,430	\$ (30,518)	\$ 10,685,965	\$ 1,370,530	\$ 16,555,407
Investments	-	-	-	1,885,776	1,885,776
Taxes receivable, net	6,152,396	2,154,973	-	-	8,307,370
Due from other funds	5,027,678	101,004	-	133,295	5,261,978
Receivables from other governments	184,500	-	-	-	184,500
Other Receivables	3,375,061	-	-	405,375	3,780,436
Inventories	27,504	-	-	35,263	62,767
Prepaid expenses	(4,823)	-	-	(287)	(5,111)
Total Assets	<u>19,291,746</u>	<u>2,225,459</u>	<u>10,685,965</u>	<u>3,829,952</u>	<u>36,033,123</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Accounts Payable	1,109,855	88,935	784,220	227,998	2,211,009
Due to other funds	164,881	1,298,000	-	717,530	2,180,411
Payable to other governments	298,308	-	-	-	298,308
Deferred Revenue	6,851,669	2,006,604	-	7,254	8,865,527
Other accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other payables	-	1,036	-	4,350	5,386
Total liabilities	<u>8,424,714</u>	<u>3,394,575</u>	<u>784,220</u>	<u>957,132</u>	<u>13,560,641</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Reserved:					
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	121,829	-	-	-	121,829
Debt Service	-	(1,292,863)	-	-	(1,292,863)
Capital Projects	-	-	9,901,746	-	9,901,746
Unrestricted	10,745,204	-	-	2,872,820	13,618,024
Total Fund Balances	<u>10,867,032</u>	<u>(1,292,863)</u>	<u>9,901,746</u>	<u>2,872,820</u>	<u>22,348,735</u>

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
September 30, 2009**

Fund Balances - total governmental funds	\$	22,348,735
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in Statement of Net Assets are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund financial statement.</p>		
Governmental capital assets		
Less accumulated depreciation		97,778,737
<p>Certain other long-term assets are not available to pay current period expenditures and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statement.</p>		
		5,512
<p>The assets and liabilities of certain internal service funds are not included in the fund financial statement.</p>		
		-
<p>Some liabilities (such as Notes Payable, Capital Lease Payable, Long term Compensated Absences, and Bonds Payable) are not due and payable in the current period and are not included in the fund financial statement.</p>		
		<u>(21,904,210)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>98,228,775</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	General Fund	City Bond and Interest	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$ 6,874,405	\$ 2,895,977	-	212,528	\$ 9,982,910
Sales and miscellaneous taxes	15,584,158	-	-	19,704	15,603,862
Fees and fines	1,005,317	-	-	-	1,005,317
Licenses and permits	1,204,521	-	-	-	1,204,521
Intergovernmental	2,057,593	-	462,676	-	2,520,268
Charges for services	1,484,184	-	-	-	1,484,184
Investment earnings(loss)	17,826	78,963	7,942	25,768	130,500
Miscellaneous	1,407,542	-	-	1,798,496	3,206,038
Program Income	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>29,635,546</u>	<u>2,974,940</u>	<u>470,618</u>	<u>2,056,496</u>	<u>35,137,600</u>
Expenditures					
Current(Operating)					
General government	4,610,004	-	-	444,742	5,054,746
Public safety	14,363,809	-	-	811,301	15,175,110
Public works	1,849,956	-	-	84,738	1,934,694
Health, welfare, and sanitation	4,201,820	-	-	-	4,201,820
Culture and recreation	1,365,931	-	-	-	1,365,931
Debt service:					
Principal	229,279	807,758	-	220,000	1,257,037
Interest and other charges	41,127	859,825	-	86,827	987,778
Capital Outlay	1,952,967	-	4,996,227	1,070,029	8,019,223
Total Expenditures	<u>28,614,892</u>	<u>1,667,583</u>	<u>4,996,227</u>	<u>2,717,637</u>	<u>37,996,339</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,020,654</u>	<u>1,307,357</u>	<u>(4,525,609)</u>	<u>(661,141)</u>	<u>(2,858,739)</u>
Other financing sources ad uses, including transfers					
Other Sources(Uses)	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In(Out)	920,376	-	(277,414)	537,374	1,180,336
Total other financing sources(uses)	<u>920,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(277,414)</u>	<u>537,374</u>	<u>1,180,336</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,941,030	1,307,357	(4,803,023)	(123,767)	(1,678,404)
Fund Balances, October 1, 2008	8,926,003	162,022	14,704,769	2,996,587	26,789,381
Fund Balances, October 1, 2009	<u>\$ 10,867,033</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,379</u>	<u>\$ 9,901,746</u>	<u>\$ 2,872,820</u>	<u>\$ 25,110,977</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Net Change in Fund Balances - total governmental funds	\$ (1,678,404)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in Statement of of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	162,585
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the expenditure reduces long term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	-
Capital lease proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.	-
Change in Net Assets of the Governmental Funds	\$ <u>(1,515,819)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
Proprietary Funds
September 30, 2009

	Business - Type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Total	Governmental
	Water Fund	Gas Fund	Sewer Fund	Other		Activities
						Internal
						Service
						Funds
ASSETS						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 379,197	\$ 3,716,351	\$ 834,179	\$ 115,072	\$ 5,044,799	\$ 114,181
Accounts receivable, net	607,590	174,502	440,916	178,718	1,401,727	9,297
Due from other funds	(429)	1,969,660	-	(2,564)	1,966,667	-
Receivables from other governments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current assets	<u>986,359</u>	<u>5,860,514</u>	<u>1,275,095</u>	<u>291,226</u>	<u>8,413,194</u>	<u>123,477</u>
Noncurrent assets:						
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Assets:						
Land and improvements	445,421	408,948	342,322	-	1,196,690	30,536
Utility system	25,614,213	6,332,753	28,927,536	399,864	61,274,367	-
Construction in progress	235,808	24,720	-	-	260,528	51,433
Buildings	27,359	493,552	566,510	-	1,087,421	122,118
Equipment and furniture	3,593,532	2,568,167	1,154,888	461,107	7,777,694	197,758
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,801,487)</u>	<u>(5,514,805)</u>	<u>(11,379,462)</u>	<u>(320,084)</u>	<u>(31,015,838)</u>	<u>(270,282)</u>
Capital assets, net	16,114,845	4,313,336	19,611,795	540,888	40,580,863	131,563
Total noncurrent assets	16,114,845	4,313,336	19,611,795	540,888	40,580,863	131,563
Total Assets	<u>\$ 17,101,203</u>	<u>\$ 10,173,850</u>	<u>\$ 20,886,889</u>	<u>\$ 832,115</u>	<u>\$ 48,994,057</u>	<u>\$ 255,041</u>
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 1,098,047	\$ 1,146,307	\$ 541,024	\$ 140,167	\$ 2,925,545	\$ 24,800
Salaries payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued interest payable	7,286	3,349	2,314	-	12,950	-
Due to other funds	1,331,413	297,766	2,276,732	1,018,934	4,924,845	56,970
Payable to other governments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other accrued expenses	36,480	71,714	58,175	5,979	172,348	-
Capital lease obligation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims and judgements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds, notes and loans payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>2,473,227</u>	<u>1,519,136</u>	<u>2,878,245</u>	<u>1,165,080</u>	<u>8,035,688</u>	<u>81,771</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:						
Compensated absences	-	-	-	-	-	17,948
Capital lease obligation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds, notes and loans payable	2,346,710	1,009,915	7,218,342	-	10,574,967	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,346,710</u>	<u>1,009,915</u>	<u>7,218,342</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,574,967</u>	<u>17,948</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,819,937</u>	<u>\$ 2,529,051</u>	<u>\$ 10,096,587</u>	<u>\$ 1,165,080</u>	<u>\$ 18,610,655</u>	<u>\$ 99,719</u>
NET ASSETS						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,350,759	3,212,903	12,328,536	540,888	30,433,087	100,488
Unrestricted	<u>(2,069,492)</u>	<u>4,431,895</u>	<u>(1,538,234)</u>	<u>(873,854)</u>	<u>(49,685)</u>	<u>54,834</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 12,281,267</u>	<u>\$ 7,644,798</u>	<u>\$ 10,790,303</u>	<u>\$ (332,966)</u>	<u>\$ 30,383,400</u>	<u>\$ 155,322</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2009

	Business -Type Activities			Total	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
	Water Fund	Gas Fund	Sewer Fund		
OPERATING REVENUES:					
Charge for services	\$ 4,556,094	\$ 9,685,057	\$ 3,431,901	\$ 1,755,773	\$ 19,428,825
Other Revenue	-	-	140	-	140
Total Operating Revenue	<u>4,556,094</u>	<u>9,685,057</u>	<u>3,432,041</u>	<u>1,755,773</u>	<u>19,428,965</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Personnel services	969,439	1,428,402	1,102,210	-	3,500,051
Contractual services	2,297,058	4,930,631	2,375,693	1,699,121	11,302,504
Utilities	605,405	42,581	231,590	-	879,576
Repairs and maintenance	299,480	50,034	203,650	220	553,383
Other supplies and expenses	958,540	293,572	511,469	-	1,763,580
Insurance claims and expenses	58,662	69,875	39,457	11,000	178,993
Depreciation	708,827	333,996	564,152	88,342	1,695,317
Total Operating Expenses	<u>5,897,411</u>	<u>7,149,090</u>	<u>5,028,221</u>	<u>1,798,683</u>	<u>19,873,405</u>
Operating Income(Loss)	<u>(1,341,317)</u>	<u>2,535,967</u>	<u>(1,596,181)</u>	<u>(42,910)</u>	<u>(444,440)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUE(EXPENSES)					
Interest and investment income	56,669	25,292	6,468	38	88,466
Operating grants and contributions	-	1,700	-	-	1,700
Interest expense	(101,635)	(40,189)	(224,798)	-	(366,622)
Total Non-operating revenue(expenses)	<u>(44,967)</u>	<u>(13,196)</u>	<u>(218,330)</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>(276,456)</u>
Income(loss) before transfers	<u>(1,386,283)</u>	<u>2,522,771</u>	<u>(1,814,511)</u>	<u>(42,872)</u>	<u>(720,895)</u>
TRANSFERS & Other Sources(Uses)					
Other	1,870,766	-	-	(3,440)	1,867,326
Transfers in(out)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers & Other sources(uses)	<u>1,870,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,440)</u>	<u>1,867,326</u>
Change in net assets	<u>484,483</u>	<u>2,522,771</u>	<u>(1,814,511)</u>	<u>(46,312)</u>	<u>1,146,431</u>
NET ASSETS -BEGINNING OF YEAR					
Prior Period Adjustment	11,796,783	5,122,026	12,604,815	(286,652)	29,236,972
NET ASSETS -BEGINNING OF YEAR(Restated)	<u>11,796,783</u>	<u>5,122,026</u>	<u>12,604,815</u>	<u>(286,652)</u>	<u>29,236,972</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>12,281,267</u>	<u>7,644,798</u>	<u>10,790,303</u>	<u>(332,966)</u>	<u>30,383,400</u>

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2009

	Water Fund	Gas Fund	Business -Type Activities		Total	Governmental
			Sewer Fund	Other Fund		Internal Service Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 4,117,207	\$ 10,010,299	\$ 3,358,422	\$ 1,646,107	\$ 19,132,035	\$ 897,584
Receipts from interfund services provided	-	-	-	-	-	(76,809)
Payments to suppliers	(2,938,990)	(8,244,763)	(2,449,150)	(1,692,625)	(15,325,528)	(525,861)
Payments to employees	(969,439)	(1,428,402)	(1,102,210)	-	(3,500,051)	(326,054)
Payments from interfund services used	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>208,778</u>	<u>337,134</u>	<u>(192,938)</u>	<u>(46,518)</u>	<u>306,456</u>	<u>(31,140)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Proceeds from capital debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(743,240)	1,911,559	269,239	92,500	1,530,058	(594)
Principal paid on capital debt and leases	-	-	(908,208)	-	(908,208)	-
Interest paid on capital debt	(101,635)	(40,189)	(224,798)	-	(366,622)	-
Net Cash Provided(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(844,875)</u>	<u>1,871,370</u>	<u>(863,767)</u>	<u>92,500</u>	<u>255,228</u>	<u>(594)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Operating contributions	-	1,700	-	-	1,700	-
Interest and dividends received	56,669	25,292	6,468	38	88,467	963
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	<u>56,669</u>	<u>26,992</u>	<u>6,468</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>90,167</u>	<u>963</u>
Net increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(579,428)	2,235,496	(1,050,237)	46,020	651,851	(30,771)
CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>958,625</u>	<u>1,480,855</u>	<u>1,884,416</u>	<u>69,052</u>	<u>4,392,948</u>	<u>144,952</u>
CASH END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 379,197</u>	<u>\$ 3,716,351</u>	<u>\$ 834,179</u>	<u>\$ 115,072</u>	<u>\$ 5,044,799</u>	<u>\$ 114,181</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided(Used) by Operating Activities						
Operating income	\$ (1,341,317)	\$ 2,535,967	\$ (1,596,181)	\$ (42,910)	\$ (444,440)	\$ 35,588
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation	708,827	333,996	564,152	88,342	1,695,317	7,816
Increase(Decrease) in:						
Receivables	138,887	(325,242)	73,479	16,712	(96,164)	9,297
Due from other funds	(429)	(3,015)	(2,564)	-	(6,008)	-
Prepaid expenses and Inventories	-	-	-	-	-	(25,937)
Increase(Decrease) in:						
Accounts payable	415,937	251,132	(17,411)	104,289	753,947	(48,729)
Other accrued expenses	329,169	(1,014,816)	922,049	(88,341)	148,061	(9,175)
Due to other funds	(42,297)	(1,440,888)	(136,462)	(124,610)	(1,744,257)	-
Customer deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital lease payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 208,778</u>	<u>\$ 337,134</u>	<u>\$ (192,938)</u>	<u>\$ (46,518)</u>	<u>\$ 306,456</u>	<u>\$ (31,140)</u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

**CITY OF VCKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
September 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and cash Equivalents	\$ 68,219
Other receivables	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>68,219</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Other payables	<u>69,363</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u><u>69,363</u></u>

NET ASSETS

Held in trust for benefit and other purposes	\$ <u><u>(1,144)</u></u>
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**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES

The City of Vicksburg was incorporated in 1825 and operates under a Mayor-Aldermen form of government. As authorized by its charter, the City provides various services, including public safety (police and fire), highway and streets, sanitation, health and social services, culture, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services. In addition, the City owns and operates a water and sewer system.

The City's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). In the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements for the proprietary funds, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied unless those pronouncements conflicts with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. For proprietary funds, GASB Statement 20 and 34 provide the City the option of electing to apply FASB pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989. The City has elected not to apply those pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies of the city are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The City's combined financial statements include the accounts of all City operations. In determining the financial reporting entity the City complies with the provisions of GSAB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity," and GASB Statement No. 39 *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the City's reporting entity included whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the City holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the City is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the City

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the City of Vicksburg has no component units

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the City as a whole excluding fiduciary activities. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes; intergovernmental revenues; and other nonexchange revenues from business-type activities, generally financed in the whole or in part with fees charged to external customers.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES – CONTINUED

Government-wide Financial Statements – Continued

The statements of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services that report fees, fines, and forfeitures, and other charges to users of the City's services; (2) operating grants and contributions, which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions, which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets and include fees to developers. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these programs users. Taxes and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, funds equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. An Emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported in separate columns with composite columns for non-major funds.

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

The government-wide statements report both the governmental and business like activities using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassifications or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Reimbursements are reported as reductions in expenses. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax revenues are recognized in the year for which they are levied while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds and agency funds report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough after to pay current liabilities. The City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest and compensated absences which are reported as expenditures in the year due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation – Continued

All proprietary funds utilize the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

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 needed.

The City's proprietary funds distinguish between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses of the City's utility type funds consist of charges for services and the costs of providing those services, including depreciation and excluding interest cost. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses

The City allocates indirect expenses primarily comprised of central government services to operating functions and programs benefiting from those services. Central services include overall City management, accounting, financial reporting, payroll, procurement contracting and oversight, personnel services, and other central administrative services. Allocations are charged to programs based on use of central services determined by various allocation methodologies. As a matter of policy, certain functions that use significant central services are not charged for the use of these services. These functions or programs include police, fire, and certain divisions within public services and parks.

D. Fund Types and Major Funds

Governmental Funds

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – reports as the primary fund of the City and is always classified as a major fund. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not reported in other funds.

City Bond and Interest Fund - accounts for the accumulation of financial resources for the payment of principal and interest on the City's general obligation debt. The City annually levies ad valorem taxes restricted for the retirement of general obligation bonds and interest.

Capital Projects Fund – accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Special Revenue Fund – accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Proprietary Funds

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water Fund – accounts for the operations of the water distribution system of the City.

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

D. Fund Types and Major Funds – Continued

Gas Fund – accounts for the operating activities of the City’s gas utilities services.

Sewer Fund – accounts for the operating activities of the City’s sewer utilities services.

Other Fund Types

The City also report the following fund types:

Internal Service Funds – accounts for the financing of goods or services provided by one department to other departments within the City on a cost-reimbursement basis. These include garage services. The City’s internal service fund is presented in the proprietary funds financial statements. Because the principal users of the internal services are the City’s governmental activities, the financial statements of the internal service fund are consolidated into the governmental activities column when presented in the government-wide financial statements. To the extent possible, the cost of these services is reported in the appropriate functional activity (police, fire, public works, etc.).

Agency Fund – accounts for fiduciary assets held by the City in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. Since agency funds are custodial in nature (i.e. assets equal liabilities), they do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The City’s cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes permit the City to invest funds in excess of sums required for immediate expenditure or current obligation in certificates of deposit and other time deposits with financial institutions approved for the deposit of State funds, debt instruments of the U. S. government and its agencies of the State of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality when such county or municipal bonds have been property approved.

The City pools its cash resources of its various funds in order to maximize investment opportunities. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the pooled cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements and is considered to be cash equivalents. Investment income is allocated based on each fund’s average daily balance in the pooled cash account.

F. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

Generally, outstanding balances between funds reported as “due to/from other funds” include outstanding charges by one fund to another for services or goods, subsidy commitments outstanding at year-end, and other miscellaneous receivables/payables between funds. Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are described as “due to/from other funds” (i.e. the current portion of interfund loans) or “advances to/from other funds” (i.e. the non-current portion of interfund loans).

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**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

F. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers – Continued

Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances”.

Transfers and payments within the reporting entity are substantially for the purpose of subsidizing operating functions, funding capital projects and asset acquisitions, or maintaining debt service on a routine basis. The government-wide statement of activities eliminates transfers as reported within the segregated governmental and business-type activities columns. Only transfers *between* the two columns appear in this statement.

G. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

H. Inventories

Inventories in governmental funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption stated on a first-in, first-out basis. They are reported at cost, which is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are used. Proprietary fund inventories are recorded at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis.

I. Capital Assets

The accounting treatment over fixed assets depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide Statements

Fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. Capital assets with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donations. Estimated historical cost was used to value the majority of the assets acquired prior to September 30, 2003. The City maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets, unless State guidelines require a lower threshold. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective account, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, traffic signals, etc. The infrastructure assets are likely to be the largest asset class of the City. Prior to September 30, 2003, neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has been reported in the financial statements.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

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**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

I. Capital Assets – Continued

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Building	40 years
Improvements other than buildings	20 years
Roads	20 years
Bridges – concrete	50 years
Bridges – timber	30 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	10 years

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

The cost of normal maintenance and repair that does not add to the value of capital assets or materially extend their respective lives is not capitalized. Interest expenditures are not capitalized on capital assets.

J. Compensated Absences

Full-time, permanent employees are granted vacation benefits in varying accounts to specified maximums depending on tenure with the City. The City does not provide for the payment of accumulated sick leave. Compensated absences are reported as accrued in the government-wide and proprietary financial statements. Governmental funds report only matured compensated absences payable to currently terminating employees and are included in wages and benefits payable.

K. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and the 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 assets. 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 charges 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 the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. Principal and interest payments are treated as period costs when paid.

L. Post Employment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

The City does not incur costs associated with post employment benefits for retired employees. The City allows all vested employees to continue in the group plan after retirement; however, the retired employees pay 100% of the premiums.

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CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

M. Fund Equity

Government-wide Statements

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consist of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets 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 assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

Fund Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Propriety fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statement.

N. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the City, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

O. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

P. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City’s Accountant submits to the Mayor and Aldermen a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1. The operating budget includes expenditures and the means of financing them. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally enacted by adoption of a resolution that is recorded in the minutes of the city Board. Revisions that alter the expenditures of any fund must be approved by the City Board. The budgets presented in this report are amended. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds. Budgets for all funds are adopted as a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

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**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 2. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are now held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5- Miss. Code Ann.(1972). Under this program, the City's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against these deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation. At September 30, 2009, all of the City's bank deposits were covered under the collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer, with the exception of the amounts held in the Perpetual Care trust accounts at an in-state bank.

At September 30, 2009, the carrying amount (recorded on the City's books) of the City's demand deposits was \$22,535,322 and the bank balance was \$22,553,871.

The City also has \$1,885,776 (carrying value) of investments held in trust at two local trust departments for the perpetual care non-expendable trust. Fair market value is based on quoted market prices. This amount consists of the following:

<u>Government Obligations</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>FMV</u>
Treasury and federal agencies	\$ 715,022	\$ 754,329
Equity mutual funds	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,216
Fixed income mutual funds	\$ 732,148	\$ 673,326
Preferred Stock	\$ 90	\$ 377,685
Cash and equivalents	<u>\$ 78,220</u>	<u>\$ 78,220</u>
	\$ 1,945,072	\$ 1,885,776

Interest Risk: The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. As of September 30, 2009, the maturities of investments subject to interest risk are as follows:

Investment maturities at fair value (in years):

Investment Type	Less than 1	1-5	6-10	More than 10
Mutual Funds	\$ 673,326	-	-	-
U. S. Government agencies	\$ 165,076	547,656	-	-

Custodial Credit Risk: All investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk as they are entirely uninsured and unregistered but in custodial accounts at two local banks in the name of the City.

Credit Risk: The City has no investment policy that would further restrict its investment choices other than those set by State of Mississippi statute. Following is a list of investments which are stated in state statute and are limited to the investment of funds in excess of sums required by immediate expenditure or current obligations:

- Certificates of deposit with municipal depositories approved annually by the State Treasurer
- Bonds of direct obligations of the:
 - United States of America
 - State of Mississippi
 - County or Municipality of Mississippi
 - School Districts

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NOTE 2. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

State statute allows the investment of funds received from the sale of bond, notes or certificates of indebtedness which are not immediately required for disbursement for the purpose issued, in direct obligations issued by or guaranteed in full by the United States of America, or in certificates of deposit with approved municipal depositories.

As of September 30, 2009, investments subject to credit risk were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's or Moody's, in the absence of a Standard and Poor's rating.

NOTE 3. RECEIVABLES, UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS AND DEFERRED REVENUE

Property Taxes Receivable, Deferred Revenue and Property Tax Calendar

Property taxes are levied in September on the assessed (appraised) value of all real and business personal property located in the city and are payable by the following February 1. An enforceable lien on property is attached as of January 1. However, taxpayers are permitted pay ad valorem taxes in installments by paying one-half by February 1, one-quarter by May 1, and one-quarter by July 1. Installments bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum. City property tax revenues are recognized when levied. Major tax payments are received in February through May. An allowance is established for delinquent taxes to the extent that their collectibility is doubtful. The City has an interlocal agreement with the county to collect all City and school taxes.

For the current year, the City levied taxes in the amount of 35.88 mills for the following purposes:

General	22.79
City debt service	7.95
Police and fire disability relief fund	<u>5.14</u>
Total mills	<u>35.88</u>

An additional millage rate of 5.05 was levied for the business promotion area.

General Accounts Receivables and Uncollectible Accounts

Significant receivables include amounts for fines and forfeitures from the court system and charges for ambulance transportation. The court system receivables are due when the City has an enforceable legal claim against the organization or individual. Revenues and receivables for court fines and forfeitures are reported net of any amounts the City, based on historical trends, estimated will be uncollectible based on noncompliance with partial payment agreements. The other significant receivable is for charges incurred due to utilization of ambulance services. These receivables are due at the time of service. Revenues and receivables are reported net of contractual allowances due to agreements between the City and various insurance companies and an allowance for uncollectible amounts based on historical trends for non-payments related primarily to self-pay accounts.

Enterprise Receivables and Uncollectible Accounts

Significant receivables include amounts due from customers primarily for utility services. These receivables are due prior to the next billing cycle, which is every month. Certain enterprise funds report accounts receivable net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts and revenues net of uncollectibles. The allowance amount is estimated using accounts receivable past due more than 60 to 90 days, depending upon the fund.

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**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
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NOTE 3. RECEIVABLES, UNCOLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS AND DEFERRED REVENUE-CONTINUED

Receivables from Other Governments and Deferred Revenue

Other government receivables are primarily comprised of amounts due from federal and state governments for miscellaneous taxes and grants. Revenue is recorded as earned when eligibility requirements are met for grants. Grant revenues deferred in the governmental fund financial statements include unearned revenue and revenue received more than 60 days following year-end (unavailable to pay liabilities of the current period). Deferred revenue received after 60 days is fully recognized as revenue in the government-wide statements if grantor eligibility requirements are met.

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Receivables at September 30, 2009 were as follows:

	Accounts	Taxes	Allowance	Total
Governmental activities				
Total governmental activities	<u>\$4,770,740</u>	<u>\$ 9,513,785</u>	<u>\$ (2,187,423)</u>	<u>\$12,097,102</u>
Business-type activities				
Total business –type activities	<u>\$1,582,352</u>	<u>\$ -----</u>	<u>\$ (180,625)</u>	<u>\$ 1,401,727</u>

Payables at September 30, 2009 were as follows:

	Salaries &			
	Vendor	Benefits	Other	Total
Governmental activities				
Total governmental activities	<u>\$1,731,543</u>	<u>\$ 348,975</u>	<u>\$ 179,010</u>	<u>\$ 2,259,528</u>
Business-type activities				
Total business –type activities	<u>\$1,817,348</u>	<u>\$ 96,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,011,327</u>	<u>\$ 2,925,545</u>

NOTE 5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances at September 30, 2009 for Governmental funds and Business-Type Activities, resulting from interfund goods and services, transactions recorded in the accounting system and payments between funds, are recorded and total amount of the interfund balances are in agreement with each interfund balance.

In accordance with matching requirements, general fund transfers funds to the special revenue.

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YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, for the primary government is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirement/ Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Land	\$ 11,287,865	\$ 186,288	\$ (5,310)	\$ 11,468,843
Buildings	24,939,615	141,574	(5,556)	25,075,633
Furniture and equipment	17,083,799	1,302,543	(1,330,899)	17,055,444
Other capital assets	17,950,574	678,827		18,629,402
Infrastructure	95,449,200	4,175,419		99,624,619
Construction in progress	493,242	1,868,153	(8,404)	2,352,991
Total capital assets	<u>167,204,295</u>	<u>8,352,805</u>	<u>(1,350,169)</u>	<u>174,206,931</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	8,121,614	219,906	(223,658)	8,117,861
Furniture and equipment	13,102,097	496,841	(1,670,243)	11,928,695
Other capital assets	6,664,203	217,668	(422,192)	6,459,679
Infrastructure	49,717,333	1,126,309	(921,683)	49,921,959
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>77,605,247</u>	<u>2,060,723</u>	<u>(3,237,775)</u>	<u>76,428,194</u>
Net governmental activities capital assets	<u>89,599,048</u>	<u>6,292,082</u>	<u>1,887,606</u>	<u>97,778,737</u>
Business-type activities:				
Land	1,196,690			1,196,690
Buildings, plant and system	57,599,246	184,006		57,783,253
Furniture and equipment	7,765,072	41,498	(71,962)	7,734,608
Other capital assets	4,621,621			4,621,621
Construction in progress	49,440	211,089		260,529
Total capital assets	<u>71,232,070</u>	<u>436,594</u>	<u>(71,962)</u>	<u>71,596,702</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings, plant and system	22,106,920	960,999		23,067,919
Furniture and equipment	5,968,599	556,150	(77,901)	6,446,849
Other capital assets	1,323,028	178,044		1,501,072
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>29,398,547</u>	<u>1,695,193</u>	<u>(77,901)</u>	<u>31,015,839</u>
Net business-type activities capital assets	<u>\$ 41,833,522</u>	<u>\$ (1,258,599)</u>	<u>\$ 5,939</u>	<u>\$ 40,580,863</u>

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NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS – CONTINUED

Depreciation expense of \$3,755,916 for the year ended September 30, 2009, was charged to the following governmental functions:

Governmental activities:	\$ 2,060,723
Business-type activities:	\$ 1,695,193

Active construction in progress as of September 30, 2009 is \$ 2,613,518, which is composed of the following: Fisher Ferry Ball Park of \$ 1,192,730, Washington Street Project of \$ 624,794, New Playground RF Park of \$ 282,253, Terminal Building of \$ 184,617 and other projects of \$

Construction projects included in governmental activities are substantially funded with general obligation bond proceeds and grants. Business-type activities include construction funded with the proceeds of bond and user charges.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Bonds and Note Payable

General Obligation Bonds

General Obligation Bonds are direct obligations issued on a pledge of the general taxing power for the payment of the debt obligations of the City. General Obligation Bonds require the City to compute, at the time other taxes are levied, the rate of tax required to provide (in each year bonds are outstanding) a fund to pay interest and principal at maturity. The City is in compliance with this requirement.

Other

State Revolving fund Loan (SRFL)

SRFLs are also special obligations of the City solely secured by a special pledge of the City's sales tax revenues.

Tax Increment Financial (TIF) Bonds

TIF Bonds are commonly issued to encourage economic development in a defined area. Resources for payment of interest and principal on the bonds result from the tax increases in the defined area. These bonds usually carry a higher interest rate due to the risk of economic downturn or limited tax revenue growth in the defined TIF area.

Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of the city's Proprietary Fund bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their payment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because they are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited by applicable covenants.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
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NOTE 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED

Other – Continued

The following is a summary of the city's long-term debt transactions for the year ended September 30, 2009:

	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>			
General Obligation Bonds:			
Unredeemed Bond (Old Compromise)	N/A	\$	0%
2001 General Obligation Bond	April 2011	\$ 17,500,000	3.625-4.0%
2007 General Obligation Bond	September 2017	\$ 16,900,000	4.0-4.5%
Other:			
1991 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	April 2011	\$ 275,000	7.5-11.0%
1995 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	March 2015	\$ 600,000	6.2-8%
1999 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	December 2014	\$ 1,150,000	4.5-6.25%
2003 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	December 2013	\$ 900,000	3.25-3.6%
2009 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	April 2018	\$ 343,000	4.6%
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>			
General Obligation Bonds:			
2003 Public Improvement	September 2018	\$ 5,800,000	3.0-4.25%
2003 Refunding Bond	October 2009	\$ 1,620,000	1.25-2.80%
Other:			
1995 State Revolving Fund Loan	August 2015	\$ 1,994,959	4.5%
1996 State Revolving Fund Loan	September 2016	\$ 3,667,095	4.5%
1996 Department of Economic and Community Development Capital Improvements Revolving Loan	July 2011	\$ 1,000,000	3.75%
2008 State Revolving Fund Loan	November 2027	\$ 4,163,589	1.75%
2003 State Water Pollution Control	May 2013	\$ 350,000	4.0%

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NOTE 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED

<u>Description of Debt</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
<u>Government Activities:</u>					
General Obligation Bonds:					
Unredeemed Bond (Old Compromise)	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -
2001 General Obligation Bond	6,708,747	-	2,163,747	4,545,000	2,220,000
2007 General Obligation Bond	15,510,000	-	1,450,000	14,060,000	1,515,000
Other:					
1991 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	70,000	-	20,000	50,000	25,000
1995 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	285,000	-	35,000	250,000	40,000
1999 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	665,000	-	80,000	585,000	85,000
2003 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	585,000	-	85,000	500,000	90,000
2009 Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bond	-	343,000	-	343,000	31,000
 <u>Business-Type Activities:</u>					
General Obligation Bonds:					
2003 Public Improvement	4,255,000	-	350,000	3,905,000	365,000
2003 Refunding Bond	210,000	-	210,000	-	-
Other:					
1995 State Revolving Fund Loan	910,582	-	114,817	795,765	120,092
1996 State Revolving Fund Loan	1,882,058	-	199,973	1,682,085	209,161
1996 Department of Economic and Community Development – Capital Improvements Revolving Loan	229,112	-	79,847	149,265	82,635
2008 State Revolving Fund Loan	4,074,507	-	180,517	3,893,990	183,702
2003 State Water Pollution Control	<u>\$ 185,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,956</u>	<u>148,862</u>	<u>38,462</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$35,571,124</u>	 <u>\$ 343,000</u>	 <u>\$ 5,005,857</u>	 <u>\$ 30,908,267</u>	 <u>\$ 5,005,052</u>

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CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
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YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED

The debt service requirement on long-term obligations at September 30, 2009, is as follows:

	Governmental Activities			
	General Obligation Bonds		Other	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
Year ending September 30,				
2010	3,735,000	714,525	271,000	82,616
2011	3,900,000	559,678	282,000	69,482
2012	1,645,000	443,756	269,000	55,770
2013	1,715,000	377,956	281,000	43,476
2014	1,785,000	309,356	293,000	30,445
2015-2019	5,825,000	485,044	332,000	29,115
2020-2024	300	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$18,605,300</u>	<u>\$ 2,890,315</u>	<u>\$ 1,728,000</u>	<u>\$ 310,904</u>

	Business-Type Activities			
	General Obligation Bonds		Other	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
Year ending September 30,				
2010	365,000	144,896	634,052	181,072
2011	380,000	133,034	637,979	157,999
2012	395,000	120,209	592,099	136,015
2013	415,000	106,384	599,054	114,487
2014	430,000	91,340	591,065	93,332
2015-2019	1,920,000	183,960	1,711,654	242,040
2020-2024	-	-	1,133,317	118,572
2025-2029	-	-	770,749	22,114
Total	<u>3,905,000</u>	<u>\$ 779,823</u>	<u>\$ 6,669,969</u>	<u>\$ 1,065,631</u>

The payments on the General Obligation Bonds are made by the City's Bond and Interest Fund with ad valorem taxes. The Tax increment Limited Obligation Bonds payments are made with incremental taxes received from outside sources in the other governmental funds.

Compensated Absences

The annual changes to compensated absences included in general long-term debt as of September 30, 2009, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business type Activities
Beginning Balance	\$ 926,517	\$ 166,639
Additions	1,017,697	167,537
Reduction	(1,026,564)	(161,828)
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 917,650</u>	<u>\$ 172,348</u>

The compensated absences liability attributable to the governmental activities will be liquidated primarily by the General Fund. In the past, 100% has been paid by the General Fund.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED
Capital Leases

Lease arrangements for heavy equipment are considered capital leases for financial accounting purposes.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of September 30, 2009, were as follows:

Year ending September 30,	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business Type <u>Activities</u>
2010	\$ 298,519	\$ -
2011	311,276	-
2012	294,016	-
2013	191,664	-
2014	<u>66,693</u>	<u>-</u>
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 1,162,168	-
Less: amount representing interest	<u>115,055</u>	<u>-</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 1,047,113</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
 Current principal portion due in one year	 <u>\$ 298,519</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>

The General Fund makes payments on these capital leases by utilizing general revenue sources.

Range of interest rates is from 2.91% to 3.595%.

Claims and Judgments

The City established a limited risk management program for health insurance in prior years. Premiums are paid into the general fund by all other funds and are available to pay claims, claim reserves, and administrative costs of the program. These interfund premiums are used to reduce the amount of claim expenditures reported in the general fund. As of September 30, 2009, such interfund premiums did not exceed reimbursable expenditures.

Liabilities are reported when it is probably that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The City has excess stop loss agreements that cover losses in excess of specific and aggregate retention levels. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs) which were determined based on subsequent year settlement of claims incurred during year under audit by the insurance carrier. Changes in the balances of claims liabilities during the past year are as follows:

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business Type <u>Activities</u>
<u>2009</u>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 85,993	\$ 166,639
Claims incurred	1,814,665	511,829
Claims payments	<u>1,887,224</u>	<u>532,294</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 13,434</u>	<u>\$ (516)</u>

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YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities
<u>2008</u>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 133,558	\$ 33,000
Claims incurred	1,967,572	443,852
Claims payments	2,015,137	457,336
Balance, end of year	\$ 85,993	\$ 19,516

The claims and judgment liability related to IBNR will generally be liquidated by charging the individual funds based on management’s assessment of the relative risk that should be consumed by individual funds. Currently, the General Fund bears approximately 100% of the claims costs and the percentage approximates the percentage in prior years.

NOTE 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Plan Description: The City of Vicksburg contributes to the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employee Retirement System, PERS building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201-1005 or by calling (601)359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy: PERS members are required to contribute 7.25% of their annual covered salary and the City of Vicksburg is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 12.0% of annual covered payroll and was increased from the previous 11.85% rate as of July 1, 2008. The contribution requirements of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The City of Vicksburg’s contributions to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2009, 2008, and 2007, were \$ 2,050,910, \$2,042,583 and \$1,971,103 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 9. FUND EQUITY

Reservations of fund balances of governmental funds are created to either (1) satisfy legal covenants that require that a portion of the fund balance be segregated or (2) identify the portion of the fund balance that is not available for future expenditures. Specific reservations of the fund balance accounts are summarized below.

Reserves for inventories and prepaid items – These reserves were created to represent the portion fund balance that is not available for expenditures because the City expects to use these r resources within the next budgetary period.

Reserve for debt service – This reserve was created to segregate a portion of the fund balance account for debt service, including both principal payments and interest payments. The reservation was established to satisfy legal restrictions imposed by various bond agreements.

Reserve for capital projects – This reserve segregates the remaining proceeds from the 2007 general obligation bonds that were issued to finance various capital projects.

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**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
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YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE 9. FUND EQUITY – CONTINUED

A net deficit of \$1,292,863 exists in an other governmental – debt service fund resulting from debt payment not transferred until after year end; accordingly funds were transferred in the subsequent period. In addition, a net deficit of \$ 332,966 exists in the sanitation fund resulting from the cost of outside providers of garbage pickup charging more than the assessments charged by the City to its customers. The City is evaluating rate increases to its customers to cover shortage.

NOTE 10. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

Litigation

The City is a defendant in a number of lawsuits, most of which involve small claims and for which the City feels they are adequately covered by insurance. The City, after consultation with legal counsel, does not believe that the ultimate disposition of the above legal proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the City.

Grants

In the normal course of operations, the City received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and additional audits by federal and state agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by federal or state agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the grants. In the opinion of City management, such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

Commitments

The City has entered into a long term contract with a management company for the convention center. The contract is through September, 2012, for a monthly management fee of \$10,940 per month.

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, injuries to employees (workers' compensation), employees health; and natural disasters for which the City carries commercial insurance. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

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III. REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART B)

BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULES

CITY OF VICKSBURG
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (WITH VARIANCES)
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 6,803,000	\$ 6,771,000	\$ 6,874,405	\$ 103,405
Sales and miscellaneous taxes	16,236,300	16,365,750	15,584,158	(781,592)
Fees and fines	900,000	900,000	1,005,317	105,317
Licenses and permits	1,199,350	1,141,350	1,204,521	63,171
Intergovernmental	380,700	392,788	2,057,593	1,664,805
Charges for services	2,848,235	2,627,060	1,484,184	(1,142,876)
Investment earnings (loss)	122,090	17,090	17,826	736
Miscellaneous	1,455,000	1,279,580	1,407,542	127,962
Total revenues	<u>29,944,675</u>	<u>29,494,618</u>	<u>29,635,546</u>	<u>140,928</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	7,391,921	7,588,154	4,610,004	(2,978,150)
Public safety	15,179,097	14,882,083	14,363,809	(518,274)
Public works	2,419,051	2,404,818	1,849,956	(554,862)
Health, welfare and sanitation	2,659,544	2,617,397	4,201,820	1,584,423
Culture and recreation	2,698,705	2,697,006	1,365,931	(1,331,075)
Debt service:				
Principal	228,700	240,250	229,279	(10,971)
Interest and other charges	42,560	45,460	41,127	(4,333)
Capital outlay	2,183,048	2,035,039	1,952,967	(82,072)
Total expenditures	<u>32,802,626</u>	<u>32,510,207</u>	<u>28,614,893</u>	<u>(3,895,314)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(2,857,951)</u>	<u>(3,015,589)</u>	<u>1,020,653</u>	<u>4,036,242</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in(out)	2,505,000	2,407,833	920,376	(1,487,457)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>2,505,000</u>	<u>2,407,833</u>	<u>920,376</u>	<u>(1,487,457)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(352,951)	(607,756)	1,941,029	2,548,785
Fund balances - beginning	<u>8,926,003</u>	<u>8,926,003</u>	<u>8,926,003</u>	<u>8,926,003</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 8,573,052</u>	<u>\$ 8,318,247</u>	<u>\$ 10,867,032</u>	<u>\$ 11,474,788</u>

CITY OF VICKSBURG
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL (WITH VARIANCES)
 CITY BOND AND INTEREST FUND
 YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 2,929,900	\$ 2,929,900	\$ 2,895,977	\$ (33,923)
Sales and miscellaneous taxes	-	-	-	-
Fees and fines	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings (loss)	13,000	13,000	78,963	65,963
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>2,942,900</u>	<u>2,942,900</u>	<u>2,974,940</u>	<u>32,040</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-
Health, welfare and sanitation	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	3,570,000	3,570,000	807,758	(2,762,242)
Interest and other charges	863,440	863,440	859,825	(3,615)
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>4,433,440</u>	<u>4,433,440</u>	<u>1,667,583</u>	<u>(2,765,857)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(1,490,540)</u>	<u>(1,490,540)</u>	<u>1,307,357</u>	<u>2,797,897</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in(out)	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	-	(1,500,000)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	-	(1,500,000)
Net change in fund balances	9,460	9,460	1,307,357	1,297,897
Fund balances - beginning	<u>162,022</u>	<u>162,022</u>	<u>162,022</u>	<u>162,022</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 171,482</u>	<u>\$ 171,482</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,379</u>	<u>\$ 1,459,919</u>

CITY OF VICKSBURG
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL (WITH VARIANCES)
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales and miscellaneous taxes	-	-	-	-
Fees and fines	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	462,676	462,676	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings (loss)	-	7,942	7,942	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>470,618</u>	<u>470,618</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-
Health, welfare and sanitation	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest and other charges	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	15,700,000	15,434,815	4,996,227	(10,438,588)
Total expenditures	<u>15,700,000</u>	<u>15,434,815</u>	<u>4,996,227</u>	<u>(10,438,588)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(15,700,000)</u>	<u>(14,964,197)</u>	<u>(4,525,609)</u>	<u>10,438,588</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in(out)	-	(265,186)	(277,414)	(12,228)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>-</u>	<u>(265,186)</u>	<u>(277,414)</u>	<u>(12,228)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(15,700,000)	(15,229,383)	(4,803,023)	10,426,360
Fund balances - beginning	14,704,769	14,704,769	14,704,769	14,704,769
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ (995,231)</u>	<u>\$ (524,614)</u>	<u>\$ 9,901,746</u>	<u>\$ 25,131,129</u>

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO REQUIRES SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED SEPTMEBER 30, 2009**

BUDGETS

General Budget Policies. Preliminary budgets for the ending year are prepared by the City Accountant prior to October 1 of each year. The availability of the proposed budgets for public inspection and the date of the public hearing on the proposed budgets are then advertised in the official journal. In August, the City holds a public hearing on the proposed budgets in order to receive comments from the residents of the City. Changes are made to the proposed budgets based on the public hearing and the desire of the City as a whole. The budgets are then adopted during the City's regular September meeting, and the adopted budget is then published in the official journal.

The City Accountant presents necessary budget amendments to the Mayor and Alderman during the year when, in his judgment, actual operations are differing materially from those anticipated in the original budget. During a regular meeting, the Mayor and Aldermen review the proposed amendments, make changes, as it deems necessary, and formally adopt the amendments. The adoption of the amendments is included in Mayor and Aldermen minutes published in the official journal.

The City exercised budgetary control at the functional level. Within functions, the City Accountant has the discretion to make changes, as he deems necessary for proper control. Unexpended appropriations lapse at the year-end and must be reappropriated in the next year's budget to be expended. The City does use encumbrance accounting in its accounting system. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control devise.

For the year ended September 30, 2009, GAAP basis budgets were adopted for all the funds.

Encumbrances. Encumbrances accounting is recognized within the accounting record for budgetary control purposes. Authorization for the eventual expenditure will be included in the following year's budget appropriation.

Budget Basis of Accounting. All governmental funds' budgets are prepared on the GAAP basis of accounting, which is different from state law. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board. Legally, the Board must adopt a balanced budget; that is, total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance must equal or exceed total budgeted expenditures and other financing uses. States statutes require the Board to amend its budgets when expenditures within a department are expected to exceed budgeted expenditures or estimates of revenues are less than anticipate. The City publishes these changes in its official journal.

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IV. OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

OFFICIAL'S ADMINISTRATION OCTOBER 1, 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Name	Position	Company	Bond
Paul E. Winfield	Mayor and Treasurer	Travelers Casualty & Security Company of America	\$ 150,000
Michael A. Mayfield, Sr.	Alderman	Western Surety Company	\$ 150,000
Sidney H. Beauman	Alderman	Western Surety Company	\$ 150,000
Thomas Moffett	Police Chief	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Public Employees Bond (Blanket Bond)		St. Paul Insurance Company	\$ 250,000
Walter W. Osborne, Jr.	City Clerk	Western Surety Company	\$ 50,000
Janice Carter	Municipal Court Clerk	Western Surety Company (expired 2/25/06 to 2/25/07)	\$ 50,000
Tasha Wynn	Deputy City Clerk	Western Surety Company (expired 10/7/05)	\$ 50,000
		Western Surety Company (10/2/05 to 10/8/06)	\$ 150,000
Richard O'Bannon	Deputy Police Chief	Western Surety Company (Bond Cancelled 9/8/09)	\$ 50,000

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor or Cluster	Federal CFDA #	Pass-through Entity Identifying #	Federal Expenditures
Delta Regional Authority			
Direct Programs:			
Delta Regional Authority	90,200	MS-5096	10,000
Total Delta Regional Authority			<u>10,000</u>
U.S. Department of Justice:			
Direct Programs:			
Justice Department Grant (JAG)	16,738	2007-DJ-BX-1298	29,970
Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program	16,607	FY2008	3,650
			<u>33,620</u>
Pass through programs from the MS Division of Public Safety			
Planning			
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws	16,727	08 EUDL/08-UA-234-1	5,748
Seat Belt Grant	20,600	09OPG/09-OP-234-1	9,846
Hurricane Relief Funds	16,738	2007-DJ-BX-0224	50,000
			<u>65,594</u>
Total U. S. Department of Justice			<u>99,214</u>
U. S. Department of Homeland Security			
Pass through program from Mississippi Emergency Management Agency:			
Hurricane Gustav-Disaster Relief Funds	97,036	FEMA-3291-EM-MS #149-76720-00	5,755
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Flood Buy-out Program)	97,039	HMGP 1436-0003	39,948
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Mud Slide Buy-out Program)	97,029	HMGP 1550-0006	6,314
			<u>52,017</u>
<i>Pass through program from Department of Public Safety</i>			
State Domestic Preparedness Equipment	97,067	07LE374	1,750
			<u>53,767</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Pass through program from MS Department of Human Services			
Administration for Children and Families:			
CCDF Matching Children & Development Fund Grant, Office of Children And Youth for Good Shepherd Community Center	93,575	229Q69IA	163,127
CCDF Matching Children & Development Fund Grant, Office of Children And Youth for Good Shepherd Community Center	93,575	229Q681A	74,386
			<u>237,513</u>
Total U.S. Department of Human Services			
Department of the Interior			
Direct Programs:			
National Park Service	15,929	28-07-PA-3022	977
			<u>977</u>
Pass through programs from MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks:			
Land and Water Conservation	16,916	28-00600	5,765
			<u>5,765</u>
Total Department of Interior			<u>6,742</u>
Department of Transportation			
Direct Program:			
Federal Railroad Administration	20,314	DTFR53-08-G-00021	339,921
			<u>339,921</u>
Total Department of Transportation			<u>339,921</u>

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CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA #	Pass-through Entity Identifying #	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Soil and Water Conservation Direct Program:			
Natural Resources Conservation Service	10.923	68-4423-9-1872	300,000
Natural Resources Conservation Service	10.923	68-4423-8-1797	<u>215,297</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>515,297</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,262,454</u>

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**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO SCHEDULE EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

NOTE A – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the City of Vicksburg and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental activities and accrual basis for enterprise type activities. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organization*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDING
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

The City has taken corrective actions on findings from the prior reports from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, except as follows.

2007-3 Fixed Asset Recordkeeping and Reconciliation

Condition: The Enterprise Fund and GASB 34 fixed asset subsidiary ledger is not updated and reconciled monthly. Additionally, some dates captured in the GASB 34 fixed asset subsidiary ledger are inconsistent with the financial records with respect to acquisition date, amount and description.

Recommendation: The fixed assets subsidiary ledger should be reconciled to the financial records monthly. Only items requiring capitalization in accordance with GASB 34 should be posted to the capital outlay accounts. The annual activity since the adoption of GASB 34 should be reviewed to ensure proper recording of additions and dispositions. Any errors identified should be corrected so that the fixed asset subsidiary agrees with the general ledger and/or GASB 34 financial statements.

Current Status: Not corrected

2007-4 Reconciliation of Cash and Investment Accounts

Condition: Bank statements were not timely reconciled to the appropriate general ledger accounts and approved in the minutes and material errors were detected once the reconciliations were prepared. Additionally, investment accounts held by the trustee are only reconciled annually. Cash activity at the Convention Center is posted annually in conjunction with the audit to the City's general ledger.

Recommendation: I recommend that all cash activity be timely posted to the general ledger and that bank accounts be reconciled each month prior to preparation of the monthly financial statements. The benefit of monthly reconciliation is that errors do not accumulate and can be identified and attributed to a particular period, which makes it easier to perform future reconciliation. These steps can be performed at the same date, if possible. In addition, the reconciliation should be performed by someone other than the preparer of the deposits and the person preparing the checks. This will reduce the risk that misappropriation of cash assets could be concealed.

Current Status: Not corrected

2007-5 Perpetual Care

Condition: The perpetual care certificates used by the City are not prenumbered.

Recommendation: I recommend that the City issue prenumbered certificates and that the sequence be regularly monitored and controlled. Additionally, the City should consider retaining a portion of the proceeds received in the general fund to cover the cost of the land.

Current Status: Not corrected

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

2007-10 Ambulance Billing

Condition: The City does not receive a subsidiary ledger of ambulance billing and collection efforts turned over to a third party collection agent. Without a subsidiary ledger the City is unable to properly reconcile the ambulance receivable to the general ledger.

Recommendation: The City, in their contracts, should require that all third party collection agents provide sufficient documentation each month so that a proper reconciliation can be completed and that the City can monitor collection efforts.

Current Status: Not corrected

2007-16 Financial Record Maintenance Procedure

Condition: The City's procedures do not include account review and reconciliations in a number of significant account balances and transaction classes. In addition, the City personnel were unable to locate supporting documentation for several transactions.

Recommendation: Adequate personnel resources need to be devoted to performing the necessary procedures. The city should assign the responsibility for performing periodic account review and reconciliation of significant asset and liability accounts to appropriately trained employees. The procedures should include standards for documentation of work performed as well as documentation that the work has been reviewed by supervisory personnel. Supporting documents should be properly labeled and filed in a system that is easily retrievable for later reference.

Current Status: Not corrected

2007-17 Utility Rates

Condition: Current year rates assessed upon customers did not cover the cost of operating the various utility services. In turn, the general fund had to loan the utility funds cash to operate.

Recommendation: Management should evaluate the rates charged to users and propose rate increases when the cost of operating this service is not being subsidized by the user charges.

Current Status: Not corrected

07-18 Convention Center Transactions

Condition: Checks for payment of invoices are being signed by a convention center employee on a bank account titled in the name of the City.

Recommendation: Since these funds are the City's money, the City's management should review compliance with state laws in the area of cash management, budgeting and purchasing and implement any changes needed to ensure compliance. All convention center transaction should be timely recorded in the City's general ledger.

Current Status: Not corrected

CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDING – CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED September 30, 2009

07-19 Annual Audits

Condition: The City did not complete its annual audit in compliance with state law deadline or the reporting deadline mentioned in OMB Circular A-133 due to significant turnover of accounting and administrative staff.

Recommendation: The City should strive to meet all reporting deadlines of financial transactions.

Current Status: Not corrected

V. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



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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**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated April 27, 2012. I conducted my 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing my audit, I considered City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses have identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies

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 misstatements on timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. I consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be material weaknesses as 2009-1 and 2009-8.

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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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. I consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be significant deficiencies as 2009-2, 2009-3, 2009-4, 2009-6, 2009-7 and 2009-9.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City , Mississippi's Financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed test 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 my audits, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance and other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2009-1 and 2009-9.

I noted certain other matters that I reported to management of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi in a separate letter dated April 27, 2012.

The City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. I did not audit the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's response and accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Mississippi State Department of Audit, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entitles and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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April 27, 2012

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

Compliance

I have audited the compliance of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2009. City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's compliance based on my audit.

I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133, require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My audit does not provide a legal determination of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, City of Vicksburg, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2009.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of law, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing my audits, I considered City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's internal control over compliance.

A *deficiency* in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

My consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

The City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. I did not audit the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's response and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Mississippi State Department of Audit, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Booker T. Camper, Jr.

April 27, 2012

Memphis, Tennessee

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDING AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The audit's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi.
2. Nine (9) reportable conditions disclosed during the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters required by *Government Auditing Standards*. Two (2) conditions are reported as a material weakness and seven (7) conditions are reported as significant weakness.
3. Two (2) instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
4. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi expresses an unqualified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. There were no audit findings required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB A-133.
7. The programs tested as major program was: U.S. Department of Transportation CFDA #20.314 and U. S. Department of Agriculture CFDA# 10.923.
8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
9. The City of Vicksburg, Mississippi did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT:

2009-1 Fixed Asset Recordkeeping and Reconciliation

Condition: The Enterprise Fund and GASB 34 fixed asset subsidiary ledger is not updated and reconciled monthly. Additionally, some data captured in the GASB 34 fixed asset subsidiary ledger is inconsistent with the financial records with respect to acquisition date, amount and description.

Criteria: The Enterprise Fund and GASB 34 detailed fixed asset records should be timely reconciled and mirror the data recorded in the financial records.

Effect: The GASB 34 fixed asset subsidiary ledger differs from the financial records and such differences may distort recording of depreciation expense and dispositions.

Recommendation: The fixed assets subsidiary ledger should be reconciled to the financial reports monthly. Only items requiring capitalization in accordance with GASB 34 should be posted to the capital outlay accounts. The annual activity since the adoption of GASB 34 should be reviewed to ensure proper recording of additions and dispositions. Any errors identified should be corrected so that the fixed asset subsidiary agrees with the general ledger and/or GASB 34 financial statements.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of the issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve the finding.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDING AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT: - CONTINUED

2009-2 Reconciliations of Cash and Investment Accounts

Condition: Bank statements were not timely reconciled to the appropriate general ledger accounts and approved in the minutes and material errors were detected once the reconciliations were prepared. Additionally, investment accounts held by the trustee are only reconciled annually. Cash activity at the Convention Center is posted annually in conjunction with the audit to the City's general ledger.

Criteria: Monthly bank account reconciliations are the primary internal control procedure relating to the City's cash accounts.

Effect: Not timely recording cash activity and reconciling the accounts on a monthly basis means that errors or other problems might not be recognized and resolved on a timely basis and management may base decisions on erroneous data.

Recommendation: I recommend that all cash activity be timely posted to the general ledger and that bank accounts be reconciled each month prior to preparation of the monthly financial statements. The benefit of monthly reconciliations is that errors do not accumulate and can be identified and attributed to a particular period, which makes it easier to perform future reconciliations. These steps can be performed at the same date, if possible. In addition, the reconciliation should be performed by someone other than the preparer of the deposits and the person preparing the checks. This will reduce the risk that misappropriation of cash assets could be concealed.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve the finding.

2009-3 Perpetual Care

Condition: The perpetual care certificates used by the City are not prenumbered.

Criteria: Proper internal controls incorporate the usage of prenumbered documents to ensure completeness of recorded activity.

Effect: A system to track the completeness of the certificates issued in the current period does not exist and results in the possibility that certificates were issued and not properly captured in the City's records.

Recommendation: I recommend that the City issue prenumbered certificates and that the sequence be regularly monitored and controlled. Additionally, the City should consider retaining a portion of the proceeds received in the general fund to cover the cost of the land.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve the finding.

2009-4 Ambulance Billing

Condition: The City does not receive a subsidiary ledger of ambulance billing and collection efforts turned over to a third party collection agent. Without a subsidiary ledger the City is unable to properly reconcile the ambulance receivables to the general ledger.

Criteria: The City should obtain supporting documentation for all amounts recorded in their financial records.

Effect: The City is unable to determine the actual amount of past due accounts and their status once turned over to the collection agent.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve finding.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDING AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT: - CONTINUED

2009-5 Financial Record Maintenance Procedures

Condition: The City's procedures do not include account review and reconciliations in a number of significant account balances and transaction classes.

Criteria: Appropriate accounting procedures should exist to check the accuracy and internal integrity of information in the accounting system in order to provide the City with the ability to prepare accurate and timely financial reports.

Effect: Significant errors can occur in the accounting process and not be detected in a timely manner. My audit revealed that material adjustments were required in cash, accounts receivable, enterprise accounts and fixed assets that were not detected by the City employees in the course of performing their accounting duties. Such errors, if uncorrected, can result in the financial statement being materially misstated. In addition, the City should review with appropriate City personnel the record retention policy in order to maintain accessibility of supporting documents for financial transactions.

Recommendation: Adequate personnel resources need to be devoted to performing the necessary procedures. The City should assign the responsibility for performing periodic account review and reconciliations of significant asset and liability accounts to appropriately trained employees. The procedures should include standards for documentation of work performed as well as documentation that the work has been reviewed by supervisory personnel. Supporting documents should be properly labeled and filed in a system that is easily retrievable for later reference.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve finding.

2009-6 Utility rates

Condition: Current year rates assessed upon customers did not cover the cost of operating the various utility services. In turn the general fund had loan the utility funds cash to operate.

Criteria: Where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or service to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through users charges, adequate rates should be set to fulfill this purpose.

Effect: Negative earnings were reported in for one of the five business type funds.

Recommendation: Management should evaluate the rates charged to users and propose rate increases when the cost of operating this service is not being subsidized by the user charges.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve finding.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDING AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED
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FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT: - CONTINUED

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

2009-7 Convention Center Transaction

Condition: Checks for payment of invoices are being signed by a convention center employee on a bank account titled in the name of the City.

Criteria: All aspects of this area should be under the internal control structure of the City in order to increase the reliability and accuracy of the information and to ensure that all users are working from the same information in order to make wise, informed decisions in their respective responsibilities.

Effect: It became evident during the year-end audit that insufficient control had been exercised over certain accounting policies of this department during the year.

Recommendation: Since these funds are the City's money, the City's management should review compliance with state laws in the area of cash management, budgeting and purchasing and implement any changes needed to ensure compliance. All convention center transactions should be timely recorded in the City's general ledger.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve the finding.

2009-8 Annual Audits

Condition: The City did not complete its annual audit in compliance with state law deadlines or the reporting deadlines mentioned in OMB Circular A-133 due to significant turnover of accounting and administrative staff.

Criteria: OMB Circular A-133 states that the reporting package, which includes the audit reports, must be submitted no later than nine months after the end of the audit period.

Effect: Since many government funding agencies review financial statements in determination of grant funding, revenues could be lost or delayed.

Recommendation: The City should strive to meet all reporting deadlines of financial information.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve finding.

**CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
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YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT: - CONTINUED

2009-9 Cash Receipts System– Fines and Fees – Police Station

Condition: Initial cash receipts tickets are accounted for individually in a separate reporting system and not in the City's management and accounting system.

Criteria: Internal control requires that initial cash receipt records for fines and fees be annotated into the initial and intermediate journal of the City's accounting and management information system (MUNIS) to safeguard assets and account for all cash receipts, rather than in entry into an incompatible system which does not interface with the current system.

Effect: Unable to trace total receipts to individual receipts tickets and account for all cash receipts for a given period.

Recommendation: The City should establish a new system that is compatible with the current accounting system to safeguard assets and account for all transactions.

Response: Because this finding occurred in a previous administration, the current administration will review the applicability of this issue and investigate appropriate actions to legally resolve finding.

C. MAJOR FEDERAL AWARDS PROGRAMS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

None



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S
ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS
AND REGULATIONS**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

I have audited the financial statements of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, and have issued my report thereon dated April 27, 2012. I conducted my 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*.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, I have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of my engagement and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and my audit of the financial statements disclosed the following material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. My findings and recommendations are as follows:

Budgetary Basis: - The City is in violation of Section 21-35-23 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, which prescribes the accounting basis for adopting municipal budgets. The City adopts its budgets on the GAAP basis, which is not an approved method. The GAAP basis is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, while state law prescribed a modified cash basis for budgets. This is a prior year finding.

Response: - As in previous years, the City has adopted the GAAP basis budget to correlate with the method of accounting used in its financial reporting process.

Annual Audit: - The City is in violation of Section 21-35-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, which prescribes the annual audit requirements. The City did not meet the deadline of having their books audited prior to the close of the next succeeding fiscal year.

Response: - Due to the resignation of the Accounting Director, the City has realigned the department to provide continuity of procedures in the future should change of personnel take place.

Investments: - The perpetual care trust fund, which is managed by the trust department of two local banks, had investments other than ones approved by state statute. State of Mississippi statute dictates the types of investments allowed for excess operating funds.

Response: - The City's legal department will review state statute and recommend to the City's board its compliance or noncompliance.

Budget Variances and Deficit Fund Balance: - The governing authorities for the City should revise the budget for expenses over budgeted amount. In addition, the budget needs to be amended when anticipated revenues are less than the amount anticipated and a deficit is anticipated in a fund.

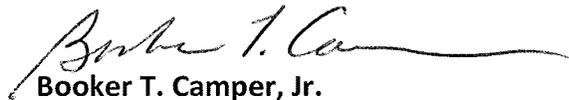
Response: - The City has raised rates to cover expected costs of operating various Enterprise funds.

Municipal Compliance Questionnaire: - The City is in violation of Section 21-15-33 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated which requires the minutes to be signed by the Mayor or majority of the board within 30 (thirty) days of the meeting.

Response: - The City will take immediate steps to eliminate this violation.

The instances of noncompliance of the prior year have been corrected by management unless it is specifically stated otherwise in the findings and recommendations noted above.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on a subsequent year's audit engagement, the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken. This report is intended for the information of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.


Booker T. Camper, Jr.

April 27, 2012
Memphis, Tennessee