CITY OF DERIDDER

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH AUDITOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

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Release Date____

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Ronald Roberts, Mayor and Members of the City Council DeRidder, Louisiana

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 the City of Deridder, Louisiana, 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 the City of DeRidder, Louisiana'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 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 statement 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 DeRidder, Louisiana, as of September 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, 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 February 10, 2010 on my consideration of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana'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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) funding schedule on pages 35 through 38 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any

The Honorable Ronald Roberts, Mayor and Members of the City Council

assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The City of DeRidder, Louisiana, has not presented management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of per diem paid to board members is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of per diem paid to board members is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

DeRidder, Louisiana February 10, 2010

John U. Windlam, CPB

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2009

			Prima	ary Government	
	G	overnmental	В	usiness-type	
		Activities		Activities	Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,072,374	\$	329,685	\$ 5,402,059
Receivables:					
Franchise taxes		118,550		-	118,550
Alcohol taxes		6,377		-	6,377
Sales taxes		471,927		-	471,927
Accounts		705		269,143	269,848
Federal grants		21,096		94,332	115,428
Local grants		52		-	52
Prepaid insurance		90,122		29,475	119,597
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		-		2,136,119	2,136,119
Capital assets, not being depreciated		1,170,417		137,982	1,308,399
Capital assets, being depreciated - net		4,880,715		16,085,674	20,966,389
Total assets	\$	11,832,335	\$	19,082,410	\$ 30,914,745
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	244,617	\$	43,147	\$ 287,764
Salaries payable		104,446		31,992	136,438
Payroll taxes payable		122,171		28,884	151,055
Contracts payable		-		29,300	29,300
Accrued interest payable		2,145		755	2,900
Customer deposits		-		144,702	144,702
Long term liabilities:					
Due within one year		96,000		18,236	114,236
Due in more than one year		1,433,635		300,551	1,734,186
Total liabilities	\$	2,003,014	\$	597,567	\$ 2,600,581
NET ASSETS					
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	\$	5,701,132	\$	16,223,656	\$ 21,924,788
Restricted for:					
Contracts payable		-		4,790	4,790
Perpetual care		1,135,399		-	1,135,399
Debt service		365,238		18,236	383,474
Depreciation and contingencies		-		1,893,842	1,893,842
Customer deposits		-		63,485	63,485
Unrestricted		2,627,552		280,834	2,908,386
Total net assets	\$	9,829,321	\$	18,484,843	\$ 28,314,164
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	11,832,335	\$	19,082,410	\$ 30,914,745

City of DeRidder, Louisiana

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009 Statement of Activities

					Program	Program Revenues					Net (E)	Net (Expenses) Revenues	s	
										2	and Cha	and Changes in Net Assets	2	
Program Activities		Expenses	Fee Charg	Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Conti	Operating Grants and Contributions	S S S	Capital Grants and Contributions	Ū	Governmental Activities	ш	Business-type Activities		Total
Governmental activities: General government														
and administration	> 4	1,793,809	\$	223,930	٠,	17,838	64	42,378	~	(1,509,663)	6^	1	69	(1,509,663)
Public safety		3,753,509		18,418		62,232		105,617		(3,567,242)		•		(3,567,242)
Public works		2,016,444		17,380		45,255		•		(1,953,809)		•		(1,953,809)
Culture & recreation		194,468		•		ı		•		(194,468)		•		(194,468)
Interest on long term debt		16,242		•				•		(16,242)				(16,242)
Unallocated depreciation*		37,788						•		(37,788)	i	•		(37,788)
Total governmental activities	s,	7,812,260	<u>~</u>	259,728	∞	125,325	مر	147,995	80	(7,279,212)	₩,		∽	(7,279,212)
Business-type activities: Water and sewer	so	2,880,727	~	2,282,441	∞	,	₩	94,332	69	•	↔	(503,954)	54 3	(503,954)
Total government	-	10 697 987	.	2 547 160	6	362.361	۔	742 444	۔ ا	(110 076 7)	پ	(A502 05A)	ر	(991 1847 77)
	Greek	General revenues:												
	Ta	Taxes												
		Ad valorem taxes							S	620,961	6-7	•	∽	620,961
		Sewer assessments	ı,							•		2,992		2,992
		Sales taxes								6,352,670		•		6,352,670
		Insurance premium tax	n tax							36,538		•		36,538
		Chain store tax								3,840		•		3,840
		Franchise tax								191,668		•		299,767
		Alcohol tax								24,319				24,319
	õ	Occupational licenses and per	s and per	rmits						488,545		•		488,545
	Ins	Insurance dividend								7,330		•		7,330
	ij	Investment earnings								25,629		23,757		49,386
	Ğ	Gain (Loss) on sale of assets	of assets							(72,436)		4,048		(68,388)
	Re	Rental income								26,400		•		26,400
	M	Miscellaneous								299		•		299
	Tr	Transfers in								3,498,571		1,071		3,499,642
	Ę	Transfers out								(3,427,488)	i	(72,154)		(3,499,642)
 Unallocated depreciation excludes 			Total g	Total general revenues and transfers	and transfer	22			₩	8,184,945	ક્ક	(40,286)	₩	8,144,659
direct depreciation expenses of the			Change	in net assets					s,	905,733	6	(544,240)	S	361,493
City's various programs	Neta	Net assets at beginning of year	of year							8,923,588		19,029,083		27,952,671
	Neta	Net assets at end of year	h						÷	9,829,321	67	18,484,843	S-3	28,314,164

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statement.

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds September 30, 2009

1,444,226	⇔			runus		Funds
N		1,431,833	5-9	15,238	S	4,884.501
s s		•		•		118,550
w w w		•				6,377
e e		•		1		471.927
w w						705
e e		,		,		21.096
S S		•		1		52
		•		•		90,122
ب ب	<u>بر</u>	1,431,833	s,	15,238	6 43	5,593,330
	65	9,310	₩		49	244,617
54						104,446
_						177,171
	∞	9,310	∽	-	50	471,234
. \$ - 1,135,399	is.		ca	15,238	∨ 3	15,238 1,135,399
- 200,000	_	•		,		200,000
. 229,626		•		•		229,626
- 2,119,310		, !		•		2,119,310
.365,025 \$ 2,319,310	s	1,422,523	s	15,238	∽	5,122,096
1,668,845 \$ 2,477,414	S	1,431,833	∽	15,238	s	5,593,330

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Salaries payable Payroll taxes payable Total liabilities

Accounts payable

Liabilities:

Cash and cash equivalents

Franchise taxes Alcohol taxes Sales taxes

Receivables:

Accounts receivable Intergovernmental:

Federal grants
Local grants
Prepaid insurance

Total assets

ASSETS

Designated for subsequent years' expenditures reported in:

Perpetual care Unreserved:

Fund Balances: Reserved for: Debt service Undesignated, reported in: General fund

Sales tax fund

Special revenue fund Capital project funds

Total fund balances

Total liabilities and fund balances

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2009

Total fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 5,122,096
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheets.	5,523,709
Internal service funds are used to charge the costs of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the	107.070
statement of net assets.	187,873
Interest payable on long-term debt does not require current financial resources. Therefore interest payable is not reported as a liability in	
governmental funds balance sheet.	(2,145)
Capital assets reported in the proprietary fund but financed with general obligation debt have been transferred to governmental activities in the government wide statement of net assets in order to show those assets net of related debt in the net assets section of the government	
wide statement of net assets.	527,423
Long-term liabilities including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. Due within one year \$ (96,000)	
Due in more than one year (805,878)	(901,878)
Other postemployment benefits (OPEB) obligations are reported as long-term liabilities in the government wide financial statements but are not reported in the	
governmental fund financial statements.	(627,757)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ 9,829,321

City of DeRidder, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

			j.	Major Funds	Funds	0,000	0 8	Other Gevented	ري	Total
	Gen	General Fund	2	Fund	Capital Fig	o Jo		Funds	5	Funds
Revenues										
Taxes:										
Ad valorem	6/3	620,961	₩		649		60		∽	620,961
Sales tax		•	•	6,352,670						6,352,670
Insurance premium tax		36,538		•						36,538
Chain store tax		3,840		1		1		•		3,840
Franchise tax		599,767						•		599,767
Alcohol tax		24,319		•				,		24,319
Intergovernmental:										
Federal grants		145,871		45,255						191,126
State grants		44,878								44,878
Local grants		37,316								37,316
Occupational licenses and permits		488,545		1						488,545
Fees and charges for services		113,866		14,580						128,446
Cemetery sales		63,060						,		63,060
Investment income		7,156		12,010		5,571		178		24,915
Rental income		26,400		•				•		26,400
Worker's compensation dividend		3,665		3,665						7,330
Other revenues				299		•				299
Total revenues	64	2,216,182	69	6,428,479	⇔	5,571	6/3	178	₩	8,650,410

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

(Continued)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	g	General Fund	Spec	Major Special Revenue Fund	Major Funds enue Capi	inds Capital Projects Fund	3	Other Governmental Funds	ŏ	Total Governmental Funds
Expenditures Current operating:										
General government	\$	650,569	69	469,785	₩	•	6/ 3	•	64	1,090,354
Public safety		3,550,875		,		ı		•		3,550,875
Public works				1,947,406		•		•		1,947,406
Culture & recreation		142,745		1		ı		,		142,745
Debt service:										
Principal		45,000		•		•		49,000		94,000
Interest and charges		11,237		ı		1		5,564		16,801
Capital outlay		419,755		75,240		103,930		3,102		602,027
Total expenditures	\$9 ∶	4,790,181	÷	2,492,431	6	103,930	5/3	57,666	69	7,444,208
Excess (deficiency) of revenues										
over expenditures	€9	(2,573,999)	6-5	3,936,048	€43	(98,359)	6 9	(57,488)	60	1,206,202
Other financing sources (uses)										
Fransfer in	5/ 9	2,905,516	€9	15,292	€9	500,000	64	50,400	(4)	3,471,208
Fransfer out		(61,500)		(3,301,989)		(1,426)				(3,364,915)
Gain on sale of assets		7,853		1,596			j	•		9,449
Total other financing sources (uses)	↔	2,851,869	م	(3,285,101)	€	498,574	⇔	50,400	مه	115,742
Net change in fund balance	\$4	277,870	€9	650,947	. ∽	400,215	69	(7,088)	5/)	1,321,944
Fund balances at beginning of year		1,087,155		1,668,363		1,022,308		22,326		3,800,152
Fund balances at end of year	s	1,365,025	∞	2,319,310	وي	1,422,523	₩	15,238	₩	5,122,096
									≅	(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 1,321,944
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Compensated absences reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources		
and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		23,217
Governmental funds only report the disposal of fixed assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the		
statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal.		(36,602)
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets		(01.005)
(contributions, trades, etc.) is to increase net assets.		(81,886)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in		
net assets, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated		
useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital		
assets recorded in the current period.		
General fund	\$ 419,755	
Special revenue fund	75,240	
Capital projects fund	103,930	
Other governmental funds	3,102	602,027
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the government-		
wide statement of activities and changes in net assets, but they		
do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore,		(441.000)
depreciation expense is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.		(411,070)
Accrued interest on long term debt is not shown in the governmental funds.		559
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds,		
but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net		04.000
assets. This is the amount of bond repayments.		94,000
Governmental funds do not report net change in other postemployment		
benefits (OPEB) obligations. However this obligation does appear in the		
Statement of Activities since the payable is reported on the Statement of		((35 =)
Net Assets		(627,757)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities to individual funds.		
The net income of the internal service funds is reported with		
governmental activities		21,301
Change in net assets of governmental activities		\$ 905,733

Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Fund September 30, 2009

	A Ente	iness-Type ctivities rprise Fund ater and Sewer	Inter	rernmental ctivities nal Service Funds
Assets				
Current Assets	\$	220 685	¢.	107.072
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables:	3	329,685	\$	187,873
Accounts		269,143		
Grants		94,332		-
Prepaid insurance		29,475		_
Total current assets		722,635	\$	187,873
Noncurrent Assets	<u> </u>	122,033	<u> </u>	107,873
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,136,119	\$	
Capital assets not being depreciated		137,982	Ф	-
Capital assets being depreciated - net		16,613,097		-
Total noncurrent assets	-\$	18,887,198	\$.	
Total noticultent assets	<u> </u>	10,007,190	<u>.</u>	<u> </u>
Total assets	\$	19,609,833	\$	187,873
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	43,147	\$	-
Payroll taxes payable		28,884		-
Salaries payable		31,992		-
Accrued interest payable		755		-
Current portion of certificates payable		18,236		-
Total current liabilities	\$	123,014	\$	
Liabilities payable from restricted assets				
Contracts payable	\$	29,300	\$	-
Customer deposits		144,702		
Total liabilities payable	_			
from restricted assets	_\$	174,002		-
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Compensated absences	\$	201,765		
Other postemployment benefits		98,786		-
Total noncurrent liabilities	\$	300,551	\$	
Total liabilities	\$	597,567	\$	_

Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Fund September 30, 2009

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer	Acti	nmental vities l Service inds
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets	\$ 16,751,079	\$	-
Restricted for:			
Contracts payable	4,790)	-
Depreciation and contingencies	1,893,842		-
Customer deposits	63,485		-
Debt service	18,236	i	-
Unrestricted	280,834	ļ	187,873
Total net assets	\$ 19,012,266	\$	187,873
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 19,609,833	<u> </u>	187,873
		(Cone	cluded)

Reconciliation of the Proprietary Funds Statement of Net Assets to the Statement of Net Assets For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Amounts reported for business-type activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Total net assets for proprietary fund statement of net assets

\$ 19,012,266

Capital assets reported in the proprietary fund but financed with general obligation debt have been transferred to governmental activities in the government wide statement of net assets in order to show those assets net of related debt in the net asset section of the government wide statement of net assets

(527,423)

Net assets of business type activities

\$ 18,484,843

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

		ısiness-Type		
		Activities		vernmental
		terprise Fund Water and		nal Service
		Sewer	me	Funds
Operating revenues		Bewei		- T dilus
Charges for services	\$	2,282,441	\$	-
Rebates and reimbursements	•		•	68,222
Total operating revenues	\$	2,282,441	\$	68,222
Operating expenses				
Personal services	\$	1,258,556	\$	-
Supplies		262,381		-
Contractual services		523,752		-
Depreciation		849,842		-
Claims		_		12,426
Total operating expenses	\$	2,894,531	\$	12,426
Income (loss) from operations	_\$_	(612,090)	_\$	55,796
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)				
Sewer assessments	\$	2,992	\$	-
Interest income		23,757		715
Interest expense		(1,158)		-
Sale of assets		4,048		-
Federal grant revenue		94,332		
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	\$	123,971	\$	715
Income (loss) before transfers	\$	(488,119)	\$	56,511
Transfers in		1,071		27,363
Transfers out		(72,154)		(62,573)
Change in net assets	\$	(559,202)	\$	21,301
Net assets at beginning of year		19,571,468		166,572
Net assets at end of year	\$	19,012,266	\$	187,873

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets of Proprietary Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Net change in net assets - total proprietary funds	\$ (559,202)
Depreciation on capital assets reported in the proprietary fund but financed with general obligation debt has been transferred to	
governmental activities in the government wide statement of activities.	 14,962
Change in net assets of proprietary activities	\$ (544,240)

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Business-Ty Activities Enterprise Fu	G und	Governmental Activities Internal Service		
	Water and Se		Fund		
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,223	,219 \$	68,222		
Cash payments to suppliers for	·				
goods and services	(873	,072)	(13,162)		
Cash payments for employee	•				
services and employee related					
fringe benefits	(1,141	,883)	-		
Net cash provided by		_			
operating activities	\$ 208	\$,264 \$	55,060		
Cash flows from noncapital					
financing activities:					
Transfers from other funds	\$ 1	,071 \$	27,363		
Transfers out to other funds	(72	<u></u>	(62,573)		
Net cash used for					
noncapital financing activities	<u>\$ (71</u>	,083) \$	(35,210)		
Cash flows from capital and					
related financing activities:					
Acquisition and construction					
of capital assets	\$ (352	2,781) \$	_		
Sewer assessments	2	2,992	-		
Interest paid on debt	(1	,915)	-		
Principal paid on certificates	(18	3,236)	-		
Gain on sale of assets	4	,048			
Net cash used for capital					
and related financing activities	\$ (365	(,892) \$			
			Continued)		

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	<u>Ent</u>	siness-Type Activities erprise Fund er and Sewer	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund			
Cash flows from investing activities:		ei anu sewei		runu		
Interest on cash management activities:	\$	23,757_	_\$	715		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(204,954)	\$	20,565		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		2,670,758		167,308		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	_\$	2,465,804	_\$	187,873		
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Operating income (loss)		(612,090)	\$	55,796		
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:						
Depreciation Increase in accounts receivable Decrease in accounts payable Increase in salaries payable Increase in employee benefits payable Increase in contracts payable Increase in customer deposits Increase in compensated absences Increase in prepaid insurance Increase in other postemployment benefits Total adjustments	\$ 	849,842 (64,090) (84,368) 3,164 3,445 1,200 4,868 11,278 (3,771) 98,786 820,354	\$	(736) - - - - - - - - - - (736)		
Net cash provided (used) by			_			
operating activities:	_\$	208,264	<u>\$</u>	55,060 oncluded)		
			(C	onciuded)		

Notes to the Financial Statements As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2009

INTRODUCTION

The City of DeRidder was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The City operates under a Mayor-City Council form of government under a home rule charter.

The accounting and reporting policies of the City of DeRidder conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the <u>Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide</u>, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

The City is located within Beauregard Parish in the southwestern part of the State of Louisiana and is comprised of approximately 9,700 residents. The governing board is composed of seven elected council members that are compensated for regular and special board meetings. There are approximately ninety-six employees who provide various services to the residents. The City maintains approximately 74 miles of roadways within the city limits.

The City maintains various funds that provide services and benefits to the residents. The general fund provides police and fire protection, and culture and recreational activities. The sales tax fund provides public works of highway and street maintenance and solid waste collection and disposal. The utility fund provides water and sewer services to approximately 4,100 residents. Other funds are established as needed for specific projects undertaken by the City.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the municipality is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement No. 14, fiscally independent means that the municipality may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt.

Blended Components Units

Component units that are legally separate from the municipality, but are so intertwined with the municipality that they are, in substance, the same as the municipalities are blended component units. For a component unit to be blended, the organization's board and the municipality must be substantially the same, or the organization must provide services entirely to the municipality and blended with the appropriate municipality funds:

The City of DeRidder had no blended component units as of September 30, 2009.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Component units that are legally separate from the municipality, but are financially accountable to the municipality, or whose relationship with the municipality are such that exclusion would cause the municipality's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete are discretely presented.

The City of DeRidder had no discretely presented component units as of September 30, 2009.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessment receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The municipality reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Special Revenue Fund

The Sales Tax Fund accounts for sales tax revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds.)

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The municipality reports the following major proprietary fund:

The Proprietary Fund accounts for operations (a) where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

Internal service funds account for services provided to other departments and agencies of the municipality, or to other governments, on a cost reimbursement basis.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the governments enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Charges for services of providing water and sewer services to residents comprise the operating revenue of the City's enterprise fund. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal service funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expense, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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

C. Deposits and Investments

The municipality's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, time deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the municipality's investment policy allow the municipality to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

Investments for the municipality, as well as for its component units, are reported at fair value. The state investment pool (LAMP) operates in accordance with state laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

D. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "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). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

The City levies taxes on real and business personal property located within the boundaries of the City. Property taxes are levied by the City on property values assessed by the Beauregard Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission.

The Beauregard Parish Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector bills and collects property taxes for the City. Collections are remitted to the City monthly. The City recognizes property tax revenues when levied.

Property Tax Calendar					
Assessment date	January 01, 2008				
Levy date	June 30, 2008				
Tax bills mailed	October 15, 2008				
Total taxes are due	December 31, 2008				
Penalties & interest due	January 31, 2009				
Lien date	January 31, 2009				
Tax sale	May 31, 2009				

For the year ended September 30, 2009, taxes of 10.02 mills were levied on property with an assessed valuation totaling \$59,999,627, and were dedicated as follows:

	Authorized <u>Millage</u>	Levied <u>Millage</u>	Expiration <u>Date</u>
Taxes due for:			Renewed
General corporate tax	7.42	7.42	Annually
Police/Fire capital improvements	2.60	2.60	9/30/2015

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles. Property taxes are collected and remitted by the local sheriff, if taxes are not paid, a sheriff's sale is held and the property is sold to satisfy the taxes due on the property. Due to this, the majority, if not all property taxes are collected, therefore no allowance account for uncollectibles has been established. Water and sewer charges have customer deposits that have been collected in advance therefore the majority of all water and sewer billing is collected or taken out of the customer's deposit, any allowance account would be immaterial, therefore one has not been established.

The following are the principal taxpayers and related property tax revenue for the municipality:

				% of Total	Ad V	alorem Tax		
	Type of	Assessed		Assessed		Assessed	Re	venue for
<u>Taxpayer</u>	Business		Valuation	Valuation	M	inicipality		
Meadwestvaco	Manufacturer	\$	7,193,726	11.99%	\$	72,081		
Ampacet	Manufacturer		3,058,893	5.10%		30,650		
Total		\$	10,252,619	17.09%	\$	102,731		

Sales Taxes

The City of DeRidder receives a 1% sales and use tax that is dedicated to constructing, paving, resurfacing and improving streets, sidewalks and bridges; constructing and improving drains and subsurface drainage; and for the purpose of defraying the maintenance expenses thereof; constructing, acquiring and improving public parks and recreational facilities and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishing thereof. In addition, it provides funds for the retirement of all public improvement bonds. This tax is for an indefinite period.

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An additional 1% sales tax, for a twenty year period ending December 31, 2011, is dedicated and used for the following purposes:

41% for constructing, improving, repairing, operating and maintaining public buildings, public streets and sidewalks; drains and drainage facilities; garbage and solid waste collection and disposal facilities; paying the cost of other public services, including grass cutting; and paying the cost of improving or extending city utilities to encourage and induce the location of or additions to industrial enterprises having economic impact upon the city;

55% to pay the cost of providing public safety and fire and police protection services and improving, repairing, operating and maintaining sewers and sewerage collection and disposal works, including the acquisition of furnishings and equipment for any of said purposes;

4% to pay the cost of constructing, improving, repairing, operating and maintaining public parks and recreational facilities and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishing thereof. In addition, it provides funds for the retirement of all public improvement bonds.

The City of DeRidder also collects a 1/4% sales and use tax with the proceeds to be dedicated and used solely for the purpose of supplementing the salaries and benefits of policemen and firemen and improving police and fire protection facilities, including the acquisition of equipment and vehicles for such purpose. This tax has no term limit.

E. 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.

F. Restricted Assets

Certain resources in the enterprise fund have been set aside for the repair, maintenance and replacement of the water and sewer systems of the City. These resources are classified as restricted assets because their use is limited.

A payment of \$100 per month is deposited into a State of Louisiana reimbursement account. The account was established to reimburse the state their cost associated with the widening of Highway 171 in prior years. This account is restricted and may be called by the state at their discretion.

Cash collected from utility fund customers as deposits against future utility bills are classified as restricted assets and are held by the City in custodial cash accounts entitled "Customer Deposits".

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized 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 donation. The municipality maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

According to GASB 34 the City of DeRidder was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in its financial statements, therefore, these assets have not been reported in the financial statements.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The total interest expense included during the current fiscal year was \$16,451. No interest was included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction in connection with the City's construction projects.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

All capital assets, other than land and work in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Roads, bridges, and infrastructure	40-50 years
Land improvements	20-50 years
Buildings and building improvements	20-50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Equipment	3-15 years

H. Compensated Absences

The City of DeRidder's recognition and measurement criterion for compensated absences follows:

On July 1, 1996, the City enacted new legislation concerning sick leave pay and unpaid vacation. Full time employees earn vacation leave at varying rates depending upon length of service, which also may be accumulated up to a maximum of 160 days. Upon death, retirement, or separation of service from the City, an employee may receive their entire accumulated sick leave pay if he chooses to draw it out over regular pay periods. If the employee chooses to receive the pay in a lump sum he will receive 50% of the accumulated pay. In addition, upon retirement, unused sick leave is used in the retirement benefit computation as earned service.

On March 28, 1994, the sick leave policy was amended to reflect that each employee of the City would receive 4 hours of sick leave per pay period (13 days per year). As an exception, firemen working 53 hours per week will receive 10 hours of sick leave per month. Upon termination (voluntary or involuntary) an employee will receive full pay for accumulated sick leave not to exceed a 60-day limit (480 hours) with payment made by an installment plan based on the hourly rate at retirement.

No sick leave credit hours accumulated under the old sick leave policy will be lost. Upon retirement or termination, remuneration will be made to those employees who have accrued sick leave under the old policy. This payment will be made in installments and capped at the hourly rate as of December 31, 1993.

I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary funds 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 effective interest 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.

J. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

K. 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 municipality, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

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L. 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.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BUDGET INFORMATION The municipality uses the following budget practices:

- 1. The Director of Finance submits to the Mayor and City Council a proposed operating budget no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. For the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009 the budget was submitted to the City Council on August 11, 2008 and the public hearing was called for. After the public hearing was held, the budget was adopted by ordinance of the City Council.
- 2. Budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- Budgets for the general and special revenue funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally
 accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by
 the City Council.
- Amendments to the budget are approved by the City Council by a formal adoption of an ordinance. The
 original budget is amended as necessary and all amendments are reflected in the budget comparisons in the
 financial statements.
- 5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Formal budgetary integration is not employed in the Debt Service Funds because effective budgetary control is alternatively achieved through bond indenture provisions.

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS The following individual funds had actual expenditures over budgeted appropriations for the year ended September 30, 2009.

	Original	Final		Unf	avorable
<u>Fund</u>	Budget	Budget	Actual	V	ariance
General Fund	\$ 4,964,800	\$ 4,786,700	\$ 4,790,181	\$	3,481
Sales Tax Fund	2,663,300	2,486,600	2,492,431		5,831

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At September 30, 2009, the municipality has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$7,538,178 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 101,256
Interest bearing demand deposits	26,202
Time deposits	156,130
Money market investment accounts	5,056,853
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	2,197,387
Petty cash	 350
Total	\$ 7,538,178

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At September 30, 2009, the municipality has \$5,377,430 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$1,160,195 of federal deposit insurance and \$4,217,235 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the municipality that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

The City also had invested \$2,197,387 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section I50.126, the investment in LAMP as of September 30, 2009 is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section I50.125 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA - R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA-R.S. 33:2955(A)(1)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than three months, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

4. RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$982,182 at September 30, 2009, are as follows:

Class of receivable	Ger	neral Fund	P	roprietary Fund	Special Revenue Fund			Total
Taxes: Franchise	•	110 660	•		•	_	ŕ	110 550
	\$	118,550	\$	•	\$	-	\$	118,550
Alcohol		6,377		-		-		6,377
Federal grants		21,096		94,332		-		115,428
Local grants		52		-		-		52
Accounts		705		269,143		-		269,848
Sales taxes				•		471,927		471,927
Total	\$	146,780	\$	363,475	\$	471,927	\$	982,182

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5. 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					Ending		
	Balance Increase		Decrease			Balance		
Governmental activities:			<u></u>					
Capital assets, not being depreciated								
Land	\$	738,938	\$	-	\$	-	\$	738,938
Work in progress		391,004		184,558		144,083		431,479
Total capital assets not being depreciated		1,129,942		184,558		144,083		1,170,417
Capital assets being depreciated								
Buildings		2,409,881		231,496		34,719		2,606,658
Improvements other than buildings		2,032,060		113,168		-		2,145,228
Furniture and fixtures		1,092		-		-		1,092
Machinery and equipment		1,622,937		77,560		22,864		1,677,633
Guns		1,825		1,152		-		2,977
Vehicles		1,708,241		56,289		100,654		1,663,876
Utility fund asset		598,493	·		_		_	598,493
Total capital assets being depreciated		8,374,529		479,665		158,237	_	8,695,957
Less accumulated depreciation for:								
Buildings		822,789		61,093		1,233		882,649
Improvements other than buildings		353,500		77,421		-		430,921
Furniture and fixtures		999		93		-		1,092
Machinery and equipment		1,074,710		124,573		21,798		1,177,485
Guns		329		184		-		513
Vehicles		1,217,372		132,744		98,604		1,251,512
Utility fund asset		56,108		14,962		-		71,070
Total accumulated depreciation		3,525,807		411,070		121,635	_	3,815,242
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	_\$_	4,848,722	_\$_	68,595	\$	36,602	\$	4,880,715

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		Beginning						
		Balance Increases		Decreases		Ending Balance		
Business-type activities:				<u></u>		. <u></u>		
Capital assets, not being depreciated								
Land	\$	57,221	\$	_	\$	-	\$	57,221
Construction in progress		449,447		144,578		513,264		80,761
Total capital assets not being depreciated	506,668		_	144,578		513,264	_	137,982
Capital assets being depreciated								
Utility plant and improvements		31,940,364		706,651		-		32,647,015
Furniture and equipment		58,569		_		-		58,569
Vehicles		218,007		14,816		-		232,823
Total capital assets being depreciated	_	32,216,940	_	721,467				32,938,407
Less accumulated depreciation for:								
Utility plant and improvements		15,789,611		810,539		-		16,600,150
Furniture and equipment		44,777		6,736		=		51,513
Vehicles		183,465		17,605		-		201,070
Total accumulated depreciation		16,017,853		834,880			_	16,852,733
Total business-type assets being depreciated, net	_\$_	16,199,087	\$	(113,413)	_\$_	<u>-</u>	\$	16,085,674

Depreciation expense of \$411,070 for the year ended September 30, 2009, was charged to the following governmental functions:

Public works	\$ 105,210
Public safety	179,783
General administration	36,566
Recreation	51,723
Unallocated	 37,788
Total	\$ 411,070

6. CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

The municipality has active construction projects as of September 30, 2009. The City had the following construction projects. The Northside Fire Station Project provides for renovations and upgrades to the station. The 7th Street Maintenance Building Project provides for new buildings and upgrades to existing ones at the maintenance yard. The 8th Street Washington Avenue Turning Lane Project provides for a wider turning radius for larger trucks to be diverted from downtown areas. The Bryant Park Bandstand Project provides a bandstand at the park for entertainment venues. The East Park Walking Trail Project provides a walking and fitness trail area in the new east park. At year-end the commitments with contractors were as follows:

<u>Projects</u>	Spe	ent to Date	Remaining		
Northside Fire Station Project	\$	293,421	\$	10,000	
7th Street Maintenance Building Project		161,522		39,239	
8th Street Washington Avenue Turning Lane		450		49,550	
Bryant Park Bandstand		4,088		50	
East Park Walking Trail		52,759		42,261	

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

	1	ransfer in	Transfer o				
Capital project fund	\$	500,000	\$	1,426			
General fund		2,905,516		61,500			
Proprietary fund		1,071		72,154			
Special revenue fund		15,292		3,301,989			
Debt service fund		50,400		-			
Internal service funds		27,363		62,573			
Total	\$	3,499,642	\$	3,499,642			

8. ACCOUNTS, SALARIES, AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$750,014 at September 30, 2009, are as follows:

						Special			
			Pı	roprietary	F	Revenue Capital			
	Ger	neral Fund		Fund	Fund		Projects Fund		 Total
Salaries	\$	82,364	\$	31,992	\$	22,082	\$	-	\$ 136,438
Withholdings		96,972		28,884		25,199		•	151,055
Accounts		124,484		43,147		110,823		9,310	287,764
Contracts		-		29,300		-		-	29,300
Accrued interest		-		755		-		-	755
Customer deposits		-		144,702					 144,702
Total	\$	303,820	\$	278,780	\$	158,104	\$	9,310	\$ 750,014

9. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended September 30, 2009.

	Proprietary Fund										
		mpensated Absences		Other employment Benefits		tificates of lebtedness	Total				
Long-term obligations at beginning of year Additions Principal payments Compensated absences used	\$	190,487 69,613 - 58,335	\$	- 98,786 - -	\$	36,472 - (18,236)	\$	226,959 168,399 (18,236) (58,335)			
Long-term obligations at end of year	\$	201,765	\$	98,786	\$	18,236	\$	318,787			

	Governmental Funds									
				Other						
	Co	Compensated		Postemployment		Certificates of		Bonded		
		Absences		Benefits	Ind	lebtedness		Debt	Total	
Long-term obligations										
at beginning of year	\$	575,095	\$	-	\$	154,000	\$	290,000	\$	1,019,095
Additions		279,517		627,757		-		_		907,274
Principal payments		-		-		(49,000)		(45,000)		(94,000)
Compensated absences used		(302,734)		•		•		-		(302,734)
Long-term obligations							-	<u> </u>		
at end of year	\$	551,878	\$	627,757	_\$	105,000	\$	245,000	\$	1,529,635

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of September 30, 2009:

		<u> </u>		Other						
	Co	mpensated	Pos	temployment	C	Certificates of				
		Absences		Benefits	Indebtedness			Total		
Current portion	\$		\$	19,354	-\$	\$ 18,236		37,59	90	
Long-term portion		201,765		79,432		-		281,19	97	
Total	\$	201,765	\$	98,786	\$	18,236	- - \$	318,78	37	
					iovern	mental Funds				
				Other						
	Cer	tificates of	Poste	employment			Co	mpensated		
	Ind	lebtedness	Benefits		Во	nded Debt	Absences			Total
Current portion	\$	51,000	\$	151,854	\$	45,000	\$		-\$	247,854
Long-term portion		54,000		475,903		200,000		551,878		1,281,781
Total	\$	105,000	\$	627,757	\$	245,000	\$	551,878	\$	1,529,635

Proprietary Fund

Certificates of Indebtedness are comprised of the following individual issues at September 30, 2009:

<u>Certificates of Indebtedness – Governmental Funds:</u>

\$245,000 Series 2006 Certificates of Indebtedness due in annual installments of \$44,000 to \$54,000 through August, 2011; interest at the rate of 3.95%

\$105,000

<u>Certificates of Indebtedness – Proprietary Funds:</u>

\$182,362 Series 1999 Sewerage Certificates of Indebtedness due in annual installments of \$18,236 through December 2009; interest at the rate of 5.25%

\$18,236

Bonded debt is comprised of the following issue at September 30, 2008:

Bonded Debt - Governmental Funds:

\$500,000 Series 2005 Water Improvement Bonds due in annual installments of \$45,000 to \$55,000 through August 2014; interest at the rate of 3.875%

\$245,000

At September 30, 2009, the City of DeRidder accumulated \$15,238 in the debt service fund for future debt requirements. The annual requirements to amortize all bonds and certificates of indebtedness outstanding at September 30, 2009, for the City of DeRidder is as follows:

		Principal		nterest			
Year Ending September 30,	F	ayments	P	ayments	Total		
2010	\$	114,236	\$	14,006	\$	128,242	
2011		99,000		9,567		108,567	
2012		50,000		6,006		56,006	
2013		50,000		4,069		54,069	
2014		55,000		2,131		57,131	
Total	\$	368,236	\$	35,779	\$	404,015	

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

In accordance with R.S. 39:562, the municipality is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt in excess of 35% of the assessed value of taxable property. At September 30, 2009, the statutory limit is \$20,999,869, and outstanding bonded debt totals \$245,000.

10. RESERVED RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE

The Proprietary Fund - The proprietary fund had reserved retained earnings available as follows:

		Utility			
	Fund				
Restricted assets:		-			
Replacement, extension and contingency accounts	\$	1,893,842			
State contract funds		34,090			
Customers deposits		208,187			
Debt service		18,236_			
Total	\$	2,154,355			
Less:					
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:					
Customers deposits	\$	144,702			
Contracts payable		29,300			
Total	\$	174,002			
Reserved retained earnings		1,980,353			

The Debt Service Fund - The debt service fund had reserved fund balance available as follows:

Reserved for debt service \$ 15,238

The General Fund - The general fund had reserved fund balance available as follows:

Reserved for perpetual care \$ 1,135,399

11. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Substantially all employees of the City of DeRidder, are members of the following statewide retirement systems: Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana and the Fire Fighters Retirement System of Louisiana. These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

A. Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

Plan Description. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the municipality are members of Plan B.

All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are eligible to participate in the System. Under Plan B, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service at or after age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life equal to 2% of their final-average monthly salary in excess of \$100 for each year of creditable service. Furthermore, employees with at least 10 years of creditable service, but less than 30 years, may take early retirement benefits commencing at or after age 60, with the basic benefit reduced 3% for each year retirement precedes age 62, unless he has at least 30 years of creditable service. In any case, monthly retirement benefits paid under Plan B cannot exceed 100% of final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 925-4810.

Funding Policy. Under Plan B, members are required by state statute to contribute 5.0% of their annual covered salary and the City of DeRidder is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 6.75% of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of 1% (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City of DeRidder are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The City of DeRidder's contributions to the System under Plan B for the years ending September 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007, were \$92,533, \$94,216, and \$127,166, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

B. Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

Plan Description. All full-time police department employees engaged in law enforcement are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service or after age 55 with at least 12 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 1/3% of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-2250, or by calling (225) 929-7411.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salary and the City of DeRidder is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 11.00% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City of DeRidder are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The City of DeRidder's contributions to the System for the years ending September 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007, were \$107,183, \$133,370, and \$148,937, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

C. Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana

Plan Description. Membership in the Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System is mandatory for all full-time firefighters employed by a municipality, parish, or fire protection district that did not enact an ordinance before January 1, 1980, exempting itself from participation in the System. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of creditable service or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service. Upon retirement, members are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 1/3 % of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service, not to exceed 100 percent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 (or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service at termination) and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Firefighters' Retirement System, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804; or by calling (225) 925-4060.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.00% of their annual covered salary and the City of DeRidder is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 14.00% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City of DeRidder are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The City of DeRidder's contributions to the System for the years ending September 30, 2009, 2008, and 2007, were \$87,865, \$82,857, and \$89,561, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

12. Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

The City provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for the City's retired employees. Substantially, all of the City's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the City. Those benefits for retirees are provided through Humana and United Healthcare whose monthly premiums are paid by the City. The City pays the premiums on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. For the year ended September 30, 2009, there were twenty-seven retirees and the costs of their benefits totaled \$75,701.

The City's Annual Required Contributions ("ARC") is an amount actuarially-determined in accordance with GASB 45, which is being implemented prospectively for the year ended September 30, 2009. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, would cover normal cost each year and amortize the beginning Unfunded Actuarial Liability ("UAL") over a period of 30 years. A 30 year, closed amortization period has been used with a level-dollar amortization factor. The total ARC for the fiscal year 2009 is \$802,244 which consists of normal cost of \$418,733 and amortization of UAL of \$383,511.

Since this is the first year of implementation, no information for prior years is presented.

The following table presents the City's OPEB obligation for the year ended September 30, 2009.

Beginning OPEB obligation at October 1, 2008	\$ -
Annual Required Contribution	802,244
Interest on prior year obligation	-
Annual OPEB cost	802,244
Less: current year premiums paid	75,701
Increase in net OPEB obligation	726,543_
Ending net OPEB obligation at September 30, 2009	\$ 726,543

Utilizing the pay-as-you-go method, the City contributed 9.4% of the annual OPEB cost during 2009.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long term perspective of the calculations.

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In the September 30, 2009 actuarial valuation, the "Closed Group" method was used, employees and retirees as of the valuation date were used and employees to be hired in the future were not considered. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.0 percent investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) and an annual healthcare cost trend rate of 6.5% initially, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 4.5% after seventy-seven years. The RP-2000 mortality table projected to 2010 using Scale AA was used in the actuarial calculation. An inservice-related turnover scale was used for MERS and FFRS participants and an age-related turnover scale was used for MPERS participants. The remaining amortization period at September 30, 2009 was 29 years.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

City of DeRidder, Louisiana

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended September 30, 2009 General Fund

		Budgeted Amounts	Атоп	nts	Actua	Actual Amount	Budget to GAAP differences over	GAAP es over	Act	Actual Amount
		Original		Final	Budge	Budgetary Basis	(nuder)	er)	Ö	GAAP Basis
Revenues										
Taxes:										
Ad valorem	₩	593,000	649	620,900	€4	620,961	649	61	64)	620,961
Insurance premium tax		30,000		36,500		36,538		38		36,538
Chain store tax		8,000		3,800		3,840		40		3,840
Franchise tax		575,000		599,900		599,767		(133)		599,767
Alcohol tax		•		24,300		24,319		19		24,319
Intergovernmental:										
Federal grants		5,000		106,000		145,871		39,871		145,871
State grants		250,000		66,900		44,878		(22,022)		44,878
Local grants		72,500		37,600		37,316		(284)		37,316
Occupational licenses and permits		475,000		488,500		488,545		45		488,545
Cemetery sales		15,000		63,100		63,060		(40)		63,060
Fees and charges for services		92,500		111,400		113,866		2,466		113,866
Investment income		8,200		7,100		7,156		99		7,156
Rental income		26,400		26,400		26,400		,		26,400
Worker's compensation dividend		1		3,700		3,665		(35)		3,665
Other revenue		35,500		2,300				(2,300)		
Total revenues	ક્ક	2,186,100	€9	2,198,400	69	2,216,182	69	17,782	€	2,216,182
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City of DeRidder, Louisiana

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

		Budgeted Amounts	í Amo	unts	Act	Actual Amount	Budgi	Budget to GAAP differences over	Ac	Actual Amount
		Original		Final	Bud	Budgetary Basis	_	(nuder)	Ö	GAAP Basis
Expenditures								<u> </u>		
Current operating:										
General government	6/3	.778,100	6 ?	620,400	6/)	620,569	69	(169)	643	620,569
Public safety		3,418,200		3,540,900		3,550,875		(9,975)		3,550,875
Culture & recreation		112,100		142,700		142,745		(45)		142,745
Debt service;										
Principal		45,000		45,000		45,000		•		45,000
Interest and charges		11,400		11,200		11,237		(37)		11,237
Capital outlay		000,009		426,500		419,755		6,745		419,755
Total expenditures	65	4,964,800	50	4,786,700	€.	4,790,181	6	(3,481)	↔	4,790,181
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	6/	(2.778.700)	64	(2.588.300)	6	(2,573,999)	64	14.301	€	(2 573 999)
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Other financing sources (uses):	÷	2 747 100	ě	005 500	ı	2 005 515	e	7	ø	2005
Indibiolo III	9	2,747,100	•	2,703,300	9	2,505,510	9	9	9	010,006,2
ransiers out		(30,400)		(61,500)		(61,500)		· ;		(61,500)
Gain on sale of assets		15,000		8, 000		7,833		(147)		7,853
Total other financing sources (uses)	∞	2,711,700	60	2,852,000	64	2,851,869	↔	(131)	6-23	2,851,869
Net change in fund balance	€9	(67,000)	S	263,700	∽	277,870	€9	14,170	6	277,870
Fund balances at beginning of year		828,954		1,087,155		1,087,155		•		1,087,155
Fund balances at end of year	€^3	761,954	€9	1,350,855	64	1,365,025	€9	14,170	6-9	1,365,025
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City of DeRidder, Louisiana

Sales Tax Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

		Budgeted Amounts	Amou	ints	Ac	Actual Amount	Budg diffe	Budget to GAAP differences over	Act	Actual Amount
		Original		Final	Buc	Budgetary Basis		(under)	Ü	GAAP Basis
Revenues										
Taxes:										
Sales	∽	5,600,000	69	6,352,627	69	6,352,670	6/3	43	€	6.352,670
Intergovernmental:										
Federal grants				45,000		45,255		255		45,255
Fees and charges for services		14,600		14,600		14,580		(20)		14,580
Investment income		30,000		12,000		12,010		10		12,010
Worker's compensation dividend		•		3,700		3,665		(35)		3,665
Other revenues		20,000		300		299		Ξ		299
Total revenues	₩	5,664,600	\$	6,428,227	₩	6,428,479	69	252	69	6,428,479
Expenditures										
General government	6/3	472,300	₩	463,100	6 9	469,785	₩	(6,685)	€9	469,785
Public works		2,106,000		1,956,000		1,947,406		8,594		1,947,406
Capital outlay		85,000		67,500	1	75,240		(7,740)		75,240
Total expenditures	6-5	2,663,300	S	2,486,600	€4	2,492,431	60	(5,831)	60	2,492,431
Excess (deficiency) of revenues										
over expenditures	8	3,001,300	\$9	3,941,627	••	3,936,048	54	(5,579)	\$/1	3,936,048
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfers in	6∕3	10,000	5/3	15,300	↔	15,292	∨	⊗	6/3	15,292
Transfers out		(3,190,700)		(3,302,000)		(3,301,989)		=		(3,301,989)
Gain on sale of assets		3,000	İ	1,600		1,596		(4)		1,596
Total other financing sources (uses)	∞	(3,177,700)	€4	(3,285,100)	60	(3,285,101)	€	(1)	⇔	(3,285,101)
Net change in fund balance	59	(176,400)	∨	656,527	6 4	650,947	5/3	(5,580)	↔	650,947
Fund balances at beginning of year		2,060,972		1,668,363		1,668,363		8		1,668,363
Fund balances at end of year	69	1,884,572	S	2,324,890	€9	2,319,310	₩	(5,580)	6/3	2,319,310

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Funding Schedule For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

The funded status of the plan as of September 30, 2009, was as follows:

Actuarial valuation of the plan assets	\$ -
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	6,631,693
Total unfunded liability	6,631,693
Funded ratio (actuarial value of plan assets/ALL)	0%
Covered payroll (active plan members)	\$ 3,260,407
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	203%

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

City of DeRidder, Louisiana

Nonmajor Funds

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Historical Enhancement Fund – to account for funds used in the development and maintenance of the historic district in downtown DeRidder.

Street Construction J – to account for the construction and further improvements of streets located within the city limits for general purpose use.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Water Improvement Bonds, Series 2004 and Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2006 - to accumulate monies for payment of the 2004, \$500,000, water improvement bonds and the 2006, \$245,000, certificates of indebtedness respectively at an interest rate of 3.875% and 3.95% respectively.

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2009

	Capita	l Projects	De	ot Service		
		storical ement Fund	De	bt Service	Gov	Nonmajor ernmental Funds
Assets		-				
Cash in Bank	\$		_\$	15,238	\$	15,238
Fund Balances						
Reserve for debt service	\$	-	\$	15,238	\$	15,238
Unreserved/Undesignated						-
Total Fund Balances	\$	-	\$	15,238	\$	15,238

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	Сар	ital Projects	Dei	ot Service	_	
		istorical cement Fund	De	bt Service		l Nonmajor vemmental Funds
Revenues						
Interest		-		<u>178</u>		178
Expenditures						
Principal	\$	-	\$	49,000	\$	49,000
Interest and charges		-		5,564		5,564
Capital outlay		3,102				3,102
Total Expenditures	\$	3,102	\$	54,564	\$	57,666
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
Over Expenditures	\$	(3,102)		(54,386)		<u>(57,488)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in		-	\$	50,400		50,400
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$	(3,102)	\$	(3,986)	\$	(7,088)
Fund Balances at beginning of year		3,102		19,224		22,326
Fund Balances at end of year	\$	<u> </u>	\$	15,238	_\$	15,238

Schedule of Compensation of Board Members For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2009

Vincent Labue (President)	\$ 7,200
Hayward Steele	7,200
Johnnie Mango	7,200
Kerry Anderson	1,800
Gordon Jenkins	7,200
Robert Rice	7,200
Joseph Siciliano	7,200
Elizabeth Granger	 3,000
	\$ 48,000

OTHER REPORTS

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Finding - Financial Statement Audit

There were no prior year audit findings as of September 30, 2008.

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Finding - Financial Statement Audit

There were no current year audit findings as of September 30, 2009.

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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

The Honorable Ronald Roberts, Mayor and the Members of the City Council DeRidder, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 10, 2010. 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

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City of DeRidder, Louisiana's internal control.

The Honorable Ronald Roberts, Mayor and Members of the City Council

Compliance and Other Matters

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the organization, the City Council, and the Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties, although under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

DeRidder, Louisiana February 10, 2010

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