



**CITY OF OPELIKA
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA
300 Martin Luther King Blvd.
March 4, 2025
TIME: 5:40 PM**

1. A CALL TO ORDER
 1. George Allen, Erica Norris, Tim Aja, Todd Rauch, Eddie Smith
2. PRESENTATIONS
 1. John Boles - City's FY2024 Audit Report & Financial Statements.
 2. Request to Advertise for PH - Rezoning, 513 Ermine Street, 14,822 square foot lot, from M-2 to R-5.
 3. Request to Advertise for PH - Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance: Revisions to Section 3.1 Building Permit Required and Revisions to Section 8.11.1 Temporary Structures/Temporary Uses.
3. RESOLUTIONS
 1. Approve Grant Application to ADEM for Pepperell Branch Project - ENG.
4. ORDINANCES
5. GENERAL UPDATES
6. REVIEW/DISCUSS CURRENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7. GENERAL / DISCUSSION
8. END OF WORK SESSION

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CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF OPELIKA

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Gary Fuller, Mayor
George Allen, Council Member, Ward 1
Erica Baker-Norris, Council President Pro-Tem, Ward 2
Tim Aja, Council Member, Ward 3
Charles E. Smith, Council President, Ward 4
Todd Rauch, Council Member, Ward 5
Russell Jones, City Clerk
Joel D. Motley, City Administrator
Guy F. Gunter, III, City Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Cynthia G. Boyd, Controller
Stephen Dawe, Chief Technology Officer
Samuel S. Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director
Brian Weiss, Human Resources Director
Matt Mosley, Planning Director
Lillie Finley, Purchasing/Revenue Director
Scott Parker, City Engineer
John Sweatman, Economic Development Director
Brent Poteet, Opelika Power Services Director
Rosanna McGinnis, Library Director
Denise Rogers, Municipal Court Clerk
Donald (Shane) Boyd, Fire Chief
Shane Healey, Police Chief
John Gwin, Public Works Director
Jasen Spoon, Opelika Environmental Services Director

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FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Mayor and City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama
Opelika, Alabama

Opinions

We 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 Opelika, Alabama, (the "City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our 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 primary government of City of Opelika, Alabama as of September 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Opelika, Alabama, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of the City of Opelika, Alabama, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that comprise of the City of Opelika, Alabama's legal entity.

These primary government financial statements do not include financial data for the City of Opelika, Alabama's legal separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial data of the City of Opelika, Alabama's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the reporting entity of the City of Opelika, Alabama, as of September 30, 2024, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the reporting entity of the City of Opelika, Alabama, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and our report thereon, dated February 28, 2025, expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Opelika, Alabama's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Opelika, Alabama's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Opelika, Alabama's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the schedule of changes in the net pension liability, the schedule of employer contributions – pension, and the schedule of changes in the total OPEB liability and related ratios on pages 7 through 19 and 68 through 82 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers

it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Opelika, Alabama's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and supplemental schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

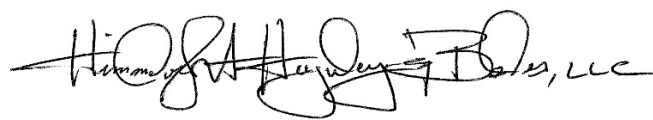
Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, other supplementary information, and statistical sections' but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and supplemental schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The management's discussion and analysis, other supplementary information, and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.



Himmelwright, Huguley & Boles, LLC
Opelika, Alabama
February 28, 2025

Management's Discussion and Analysis (unaudited)

City of Opelika, Alabama

For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

As management of the City of Opelika (the City), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Please read the information presented here in conjunction with the City's financial statements immediately following this section.

INTRODUCTION

The General Fund is the main fund of the City of Opelika. It provides funding for Police, Municipal Court, Probation, Fire, Public Works, Culture and Recreation, Economic Development, the Library, Administrative departments, and debt payments. The funding for these activities is provided by taxes, licenses and permits, shared State and County revenues, charges for services, and other miscellaneous revenues.

The City continues to focus on updating buildings and other facilities with the following projects started and in progress during fiscal year 2024:

- City Hall Basement Renovation
- Public Works Building
- Parks and Recreation Facilities improvements:
 - Floral Park
 - Sportsplex Pool Project-complete
 - Covington Pool Project-complete
 - Ballfield Improvements
 - Denson
 - Springvilla Renovation
 - Municipal Park Renovation

The City continues to grow, requiring maintenance on existing roadways, sidewalks and infrastructure as well as new construction. The City worked on the following construction projects in fiscal year 2024, including some with grant funding assistance:

- Sidewalks & Intersection Improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act
- Street Improvements
- Traffic Light Upgrades
- Northpark Drive Improvements and new bridge
- Ongoing Thomason & Veteran Drive Extensions

In addition, the City also has Proprietary Funds including Opelika Power Services (electric), Opelika Environmental Services (solid waste and recycling) and Sewer. The City sold their Telecommunications business in November 2018. The revenue for these business-type funds comes from fees charged to customers for services rendered.

The economic forecast remains positive with growth in industries, jobs, retail developments, restaurants, hotels and housing. The City continues to see upward trends in our revenue, specifically sales tax revenue, property tax revenue and occupational license fees.

Our team will continue to build new roads and improve transportation corridors to better move our citizens from one place to another. We will pursue new industry and investments which will bring good paying jobs. Finally, we will stay vigilant in keeping our citizens and friends safe.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the City exceeded the liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2024 by \$389,116,882 (net position), page 22 which is a 15% increase in net position from \$339,521,213 at September 30, 2023. This variance is explained on page 12.
- The unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$80,395,701 or 105% of total General Fund expenditures; this was an increase of \$17,001,070 (27%) from fiscal 2023.
- The Statement of Activities shows the primary government received taxes and other revenue of \$188,402,395 and had expenses of \$138,806,726, page 23. This amount includes the Governmental Funds, Sewer, Solid Waste, and Electric Utility Services.
- The City's total long-term liabilities at year-end were \$162,304,325, a decrease of \$6,552,000 since last year.
- The General Fund gave Opelika City Schools \$12,165,210. This represents the education portion of the property tax collected less payments to debt service for 2012-B & 2019-A warrants of \$1,374,819. Additionally, the City appropriated \$3,310,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- Overall General Fund revenues for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 were \$96,423,868 or 7.2% more than last year. Sales Tax collections of \$50,383,168 were 2.6% more than last year. Property Tax collections of \$7,035,006 were 17.3% more than last year. Occupational License Fees of \$17,813,296 were 9.9% more than last year. Business licenses and permits of \$8,628,859 were 6.1% more than last year.
- The General Fund revenues of \$96,423,868 were 7.3% over the final budget of \$89,884,891 for the year. General Fund expenditures of \$76,311,918 were 36.5% less than the final budget of \$120,201,481 for the year.
- The City provides significant funding for capital assets. This includes funding for equipment replacement to keep our work force efficient and safe. In addition, infrastructure is a priority for the City as we explain later in the capital assets section. The City continues to provide funding for resurfacing of roads and streets. This year, resurfacing expenditures totaled \$216,738 with total road construction and sidewalk repairs of \$6,635,627.

Reporting the City as a Whole

Our analysis of the City as a whole begins on page 10. One of the most important questions asked about the City's finances, "Is the City as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the City as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net position and changes in it. You can think of the City's net assets – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the City's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, it is necessary to consider other non-financial factors, such as changes in the City's property tax base and the condition of the City's roads, to assess the overall health of the City.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the City into two kinds of activities:

- Governmental activities – Most of the City's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire, public works, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes, sales taxes, occupational license fees, business licenses, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

- Business-type activities – The City charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the costs of certain services it provides. The operations of the City's electric system, sewer system, and solid waste collection are reported here.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Our analysis of the City's major funds begins on page 15. The fund financial statements begin on page 24 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the City as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the City Council establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money. The City's two kinds of funds – *governmental* and *proprietary* – use different accounting approaches:

- *Governmental funds* – Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.
- *Proprietary funds* – When the City charges customers for the services it provides- whether to outside customers or to other units of the City – these services are generally reported in the proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the City's enterprise funds (a component of proprietary funds) are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds. We use internal service funds (the other component of proprietary funds) to report activities that provide services for the City's other programs and activities – such as the City's Health Insurance and Workmen's Compensation Funds.

THE CITY AS A WHOLE

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Opelika, assets/deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities/deferred inflows of resources by \$389,116,882 as of September 30, 2024. This is an increase of 15% from last year.

The largest portion of the City's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, building, equipment, improvements, construction in progress and infrastructure), less any debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The City is presenting a comparative analysis of government-wide data below:

CITY OF OPELIKA NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Primary Government	
	2024	2023 - Restated	2024	2023	2024	2023 - Restated
Current and other assets	\$ 160,463,932	\$ 158,823,636	\$ 65,475,864	\$ 56,088,721	\$ 225,939,796	\$ 214,912,357
Capital assets	247,837,401	212,976,630	98,400,821	95,191,773	346,238,222	308,168,403
Total assets	408,301,333	371,800,266	163,876,685	151,280,494	572,178,018	523,080,760
Def chgs & refunding costs	2,635,736	2,898,632	1,712,051	1,862,012	4,347,787	4,760,644
Net diff b/t proj & act earnings						
on plan investments	4,169,620	8,084,986	876,940	1,566,804	5,046,560	9,651,790
Emplr retirement contributions	5,140,120	4,801,028	905,657	823,418	6,045,777	5,624,446
Net diff b/t proj & act earnings						
on OPEB	5,049,738	5,443,054	1,126,499	1,199,336	6,176,237	6,642,390
Total deferred outflows of resources	16,995,214	21,227,700	4,621,147	5,451,570	21,616,361	26,679,270
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 425,296,547</u>	<u>\$ 393,027,966</u>	<u>\$ 168,497,832</u>	<u>\$ 156,732,064</u>	<u>\$ 593,794,379</u>	<u>\$ 549,760,030</u>
Long term liabilities	\$ 128,354,093	\$ 133,372,936	\$ 33,950,232	\$ 35,483,389	\$ 162,304,325	\$ 168,856,325
Other liabilities	9,607,036	8,020,163	10,871,165	12,130,986	20,478,201	20,151,149
Total liabilities	<u>137,961,129</u>	<u>141,393,099</u>	<u>44,821,397</u>	<u>47,614,375</u>	<u>182,782,526</u>	<u>189,007,474</u>
Net diff b/t proj & act earnings						
on retirement plan investments	129,126	262,571	34,080	57,592	163,206	320,163
Changes in assumptions-OPEB	1,580,315	1,949,447	288,360	356,720	1,868,675	2,306,167
Leases	214,693	147,693	211,967	263,877	426,660	411,570
Unearned revenues	19,436,430	18,193,443	-	-	19,436,430	18,193,443
Total deferred inflows of resources	21,360,564	20,553,154	534,407	678,189	21,894,971	21,231,343
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>159,321,693</u>	<u>161,946,253</u>	<u>45,355,804</u>	<u>48,292,564</u>	<u>204,677,497</u>	<u>210,238,817</u>
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	209,176,154	172,667,109	78,747,872	74,193,785	287,924,026	246,860,894
Net position - restricted	24,061,077	17,326,250	977,074	957,443	25,038,151	18,283,693
Net position - unrestricted	32,737,623	41,088,354	43,417,082	33,288,272	76,154,705	74,376,626
Total net position	<u>\$ 265,974,854</u>	<u>\$ 231,081,713</u>	<u>\$ 123,142,028</u>	<u>\$ 108,439,500</u>	<u>\$ 389,116,882</u>	<u>\$ 339,521,213</u>

Total Net position in the governmental activities is \$266 million. The Total Net position consists of net investment in capital assets of \$209.2 million, Net position – restricted of \$24.1 million, and Net position – unrestricted of approximately \$32.7 million.

Net investment in capital assets consists of the following components: Capital assets of \$247,837,401 are reduced by \$43,932,719 of related debt that was issued to finance acquisition of infrastructure assets. This amount consists of 2014 Warrants \$5,766,220, 2015 Warrants \$9,348,166, 2016 Warrants \$3,464,857, 2019-B Warrants \$12,597,116, 2022 Warrants \$10,120,624 and less deferred charges and debt issue costs of \$2,635,736.

The City's long-term liabilities include general obligation warrants, compensated absences, retirement and other post-employment obligations, and revenue warrants. Additional information can be found in Note 7 through Note 10.

CITY OF OPELIKA CHANGES IN NET POSITION

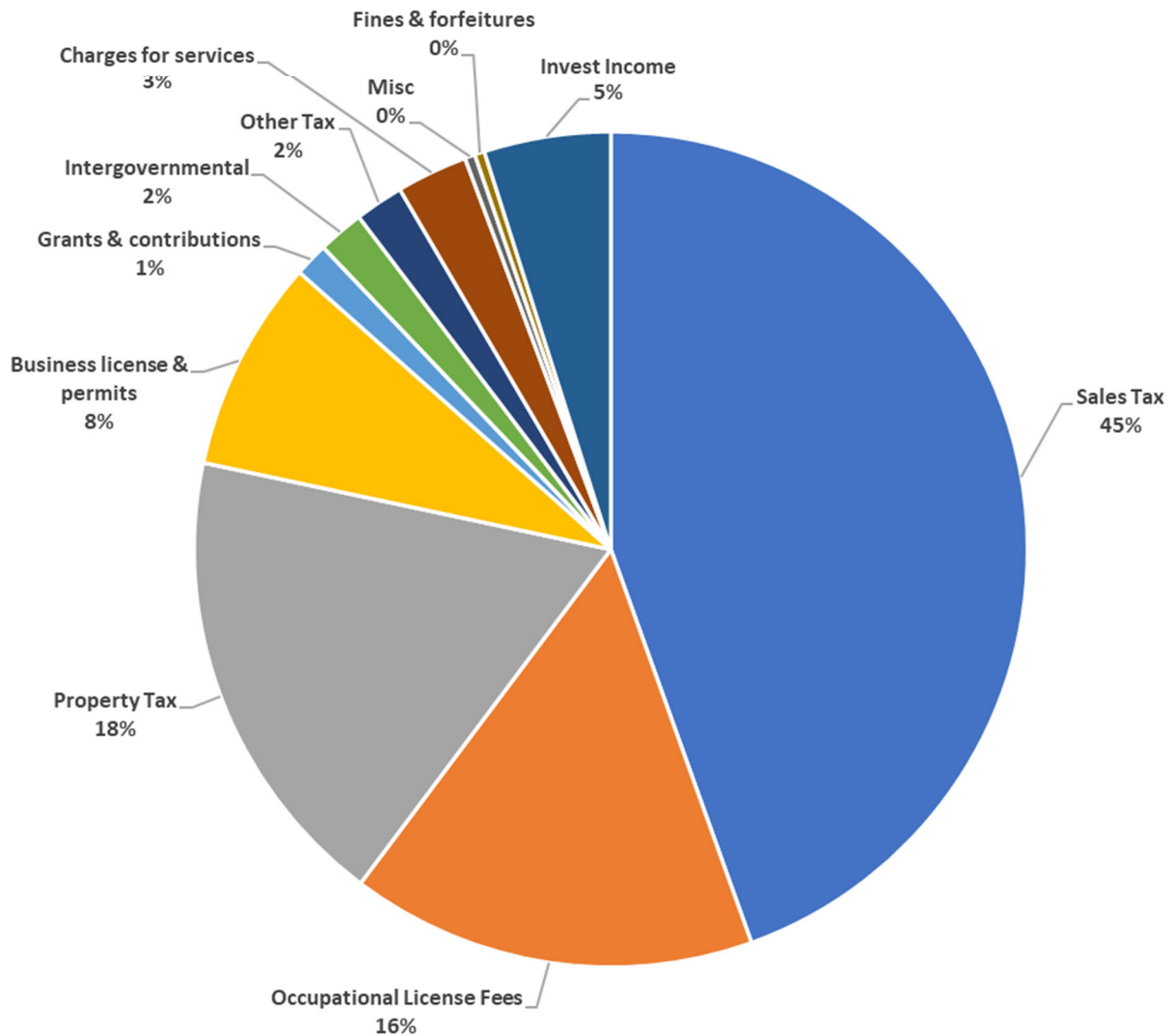
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Government Wide	
	2024	2023 - Restated	2024	2023	2024	2023 - Restated
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 3,394,902	\$ 2,869,249	\$ 61,974,460	\$ 59,230,026	\$ 65,369,362	\$ 62,099,275
Operating grants and contributions	1,067,522	951,871	-	-	1,067,522	951,871
Capital grants and contributions	6,382,256	7,175,262	2,739,735	2,244,431	9,121,991	9,419,693
General revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property	20,456,077	17,293,118	-	-	20,456,077	17,293,118
Sales	50,383,168	49,128,698	-	-	50,383,168	49,128,698
Other	3,857,725	3,920,465	-	-	3,857,725	3,920,465
Licenses and permits	27,117,130	24,978,586	-	-	27,117,130	24,978,586
Investment earnings	5,607,506	3,664,834	1,176,153	1,017,444	6,783,659	4,682,278
Gain on sale of capital assets	(128,954)	1,367,395	321,750	99,019	192,796	1,466,414
Miscellaneous	451,038	886,236	3,601,927	3,710,742	4,052,965	4,596,978
Total revenues	<u>118,588,370</u>	<u>112,235,714</u>	<u>69,814,025</u>	<u>66,301,662</u>	<u>188,402,395</u>	<u>178,537,376</u>
Expenses:						
General government	13,455,091	17,451,445	-	-	13,455,091	17,451,445
Public safety	28,653,628	21,424,047	-	-	28,653,628	21,424,047
Public works	11,743,467	10,711,773	-	-	11,743,467	10,711,773
Health	743,033	1,542,710	-	-	743,033	1,542,710
Welfare	345,250	852,750	-	-	345,250	852,750
Culture and recreation	10,972,166	10,534,600	-	-	10,972,166	10,534,600
Education	17,735,685	23,502,854	-	-	17,735,685	23,502,854
Econ development and urban rehab	1,608,737	1,725,830	-	-	1,608,737	1,725,830
Interest on long-term debt	2,446,172	2,677,992	-	-	2,446,172	2,677,992
Electric	-	-	43,676,126	45,172,035	43,676,126	45,172,035
Sewer	-	-	3,715,826	3,622,369	3,715,826	3,622,369
Solid Waste	-	-	3,638,468	3,459,535	3,638,468	3,459,535
Telecommunications	-	-	73,077	168,321	73,077	168,321
Total Expenses	<u>87,703,229</u>	<u>90,424,001</u>	<u>51,103,497</u>	<u>52,422,260</u>	<u>138,806,726</u>	<u>142,846,261</u>
Increases in net position before x-fers	30,885,141	21,811,713	18,710,528	13,879,402	49,595,669	35,691,115
Transfers	4,008,000	3,500,000	(4,008,000)	(3,500,000)	-	-
Increase in net position	<u>\$ 34,893,141</u>	<u>\$ 25,311,713</u>	<u>\$ 14,702,528</u>	<u>\$ 10,379,402</u>	<u>\$ 49,595,669</u>	<u>\$ 35,691,115</u>

Government-wide revenues increased by 5.5%, while government-wide expenses decreased by 2.8%. The increase in revenues is due to increased charges for services revenue and increased capital grants and contributions from our business type activities, increased property taxes, sales taxes, license and permit revenue and investment earnings from our governmental activities.

Government-wide expenses decreased by 2.8% for the year. Governmental Type expenses decreased by \$2,720,772 or 3.0% while Business Type expenses decreased by \$1,318,763 or 2.5%. No additional money was spent on construction of the new 6th grade public school which contributed to the decrease in Governmental Type expenses.

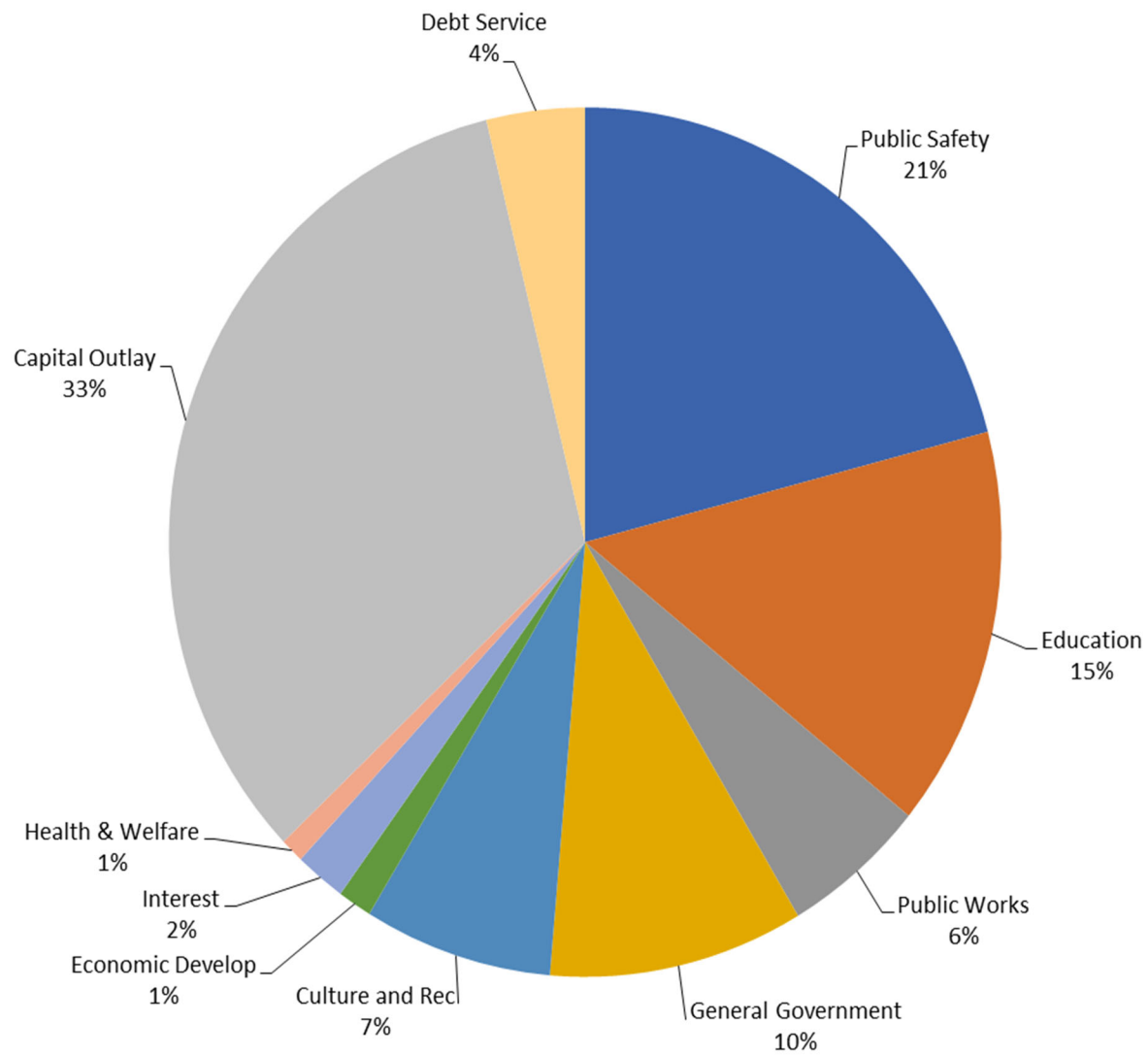
Below is a graphic representation of the City's distribution of Revenue sources for fiscal year 2024:

Revenue - Governmental Activities September 30, 2024

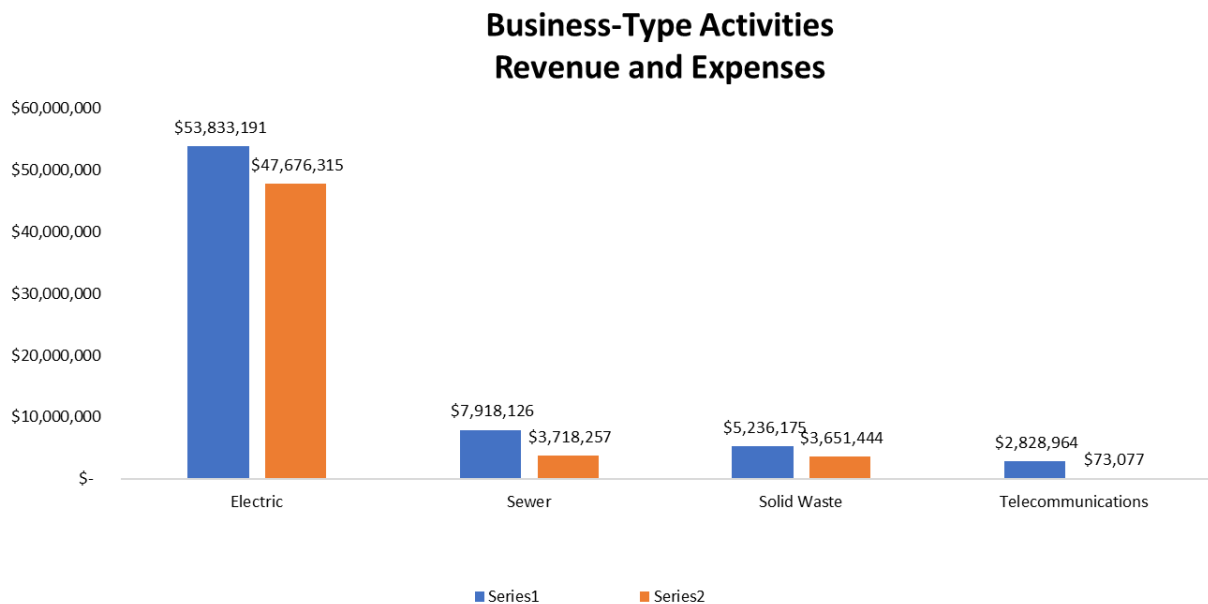


Below is a graphic representation of the City's Expenses in fiscal year 2024:

Expenditures - Governmental Activities September 30, 2024



See the Chart below representing the Business-type Activities Revenue and Expense:



THE CITY FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the City of Opelika's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. Unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. The differences between the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements on pages 21 and 22, and the balance sheet for governmental funds on pages 24 and 25 are explained on page 26. The differences in the Statement of Activities on page 23 and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances on pages 27 and 28 are explained on page 29.

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on pages 24 and 25) reported a combined fund balance of \$122,061,018. This is a decrease of \$1,636,013 in the combined fund balance from prior year. The General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance increased by \$17,001,070, and the Assigned Fund Balance decreased by \$31,026,733. The overall Fund Balance in General Fund decreased \$13,629,063.

Proprietary Funds

The City's proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. The only difference in the business-type activities on pages 21 and 22, and the Statement of Net Assets, proprietary funds on pages 30 and 31 is the reclassification of the internal service funds to government activities. The internal service funds are included in governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements. This difference is shown on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, proprietary funds at the bottom of page 32.

The net position of the proprietary funds increased in 2024 to \$123,797,996 from \$109,100,633 in 2023. The net position of Electric, Sewer, Telecommunications and Solid Waste increased by a total of \$14,697,363. Electric increased by \$6,156,876, Sewer increased by \$4,199,869, Telecommunications increased by \$2,755,887 and Solid Waste increased by \$1,584,731.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the City Council authorized several changes to the General Fund budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. The most significant adjustments are itemized below:

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Admin	OCS Ballfield Improvements	\$ 846,250
Admin	City Hall Basement Renovations	\$ 1,778,560
Admin	Public Works Building	\$ 6,025,364
Admin	Witt O'Brien Grant Writing Services	\$ 225,000
Admin	Community Market, Food Bank	\$ 100,000
Admin	East AL Healthcare	\$ 300,000
Admin	Southside Ctr for Arts	\$ 80,000
Admin	Mercy Medical Ministry	\$ 100,000
Admin	OCS Sports Arena	\$ 1,272,000
Engineering	Street & Intersection Improvements	\$ 408,706
Engineering	Northpark Dr Ext & New Bridge	\$ 4,037,280
Fire	Motorola AED Upgrade	\$ 171,996
Info Tech	Cemetery Software	\$ 224,000
Parks & Rec	Denson Renovation	\$ 24,508
Parks & Rec	Springvilla Renovation	\$ 287,000
Parks & Rec	Floral Park Renovation	\$ 8,563,733
Parks & Rec	Muni Park Renovation	\$ 44,796
Parks & Rec	Pools, Sportsplex & Covington	\$ 332,337

In addition to these adjustments, the Library Board contract authorizes budget carry-forwards. The Library carry-forward was \$808,879.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The City of Opelika's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2024, amounted to \$346,238,222 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets included land, buildings and improvements, systems, improvements other than buildings, equipment, infrastructure and construction in progress. See Note 5 for additional capital asset information.

This year's major additions to capital assets included:

DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL PURCHASES	AMOUNT
Engineering	Airport Bike Path	\$ 94,185
Engineering	Bridge-North Park	\$ 822,470
Engineering	Stormwater Drainage	\$ 1,548,913
Engineering	Streets/Intersections/Sidewalks	\$ 6,451,523
Engineering	Traffic Light Upgrades	\$ 37,134
Fire	Equipment & Vehicles	\$ 463,351
Library	Equipment & Furniture	\$ 160,271
Library	Audio Sound System	\$ 99,382
Parks & Rec	Bldg Maint-roof	\$ 44,813
Parks & Rec	Exercise Equipment	\$ 28,734
Parks & Rec	Park Equipment & Upgrades	\$ 309,326
Parks & Rec	Pools	\$ 51,534
Parks & Rec	Vehicles	\$ 122,941
Police	Bldg Maint	\$ 56,858
Police	Equipment	\$ 541,340
Police	Vehicles	\$ 982,264
Public Works	Equipment	\$ 171,626
Public Works	Grounds Maint-Garden Hills	\$ 200,000
Public Works	Vehicles	\$ 637,657
Revenue	Vehicles	\$ 41,300
Opelika Power System	Equipment & Vehicles	\$ 256,327
Opelika Power System	System Expansion and Upgrades	\$ 3,955,608
Sewer Treatment	Buildings	\$ 61,796
Sewer Treatment	System Improvements	\$ 908,068
Sewer Treatment	Equipment	\$ 92,104
Sewer Wastewater	System Improvements	\$ 1,430,158
Sewer Wastewater	Equipment	\$ 115,317
Opelika Environ Services	Equipment & Vehicles	\$ 588,564

**Capital Assets at Year-end
Net of Accumulated Depreciation**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 12,730,354	\$ 11,946,036	\$ 2,462,062	\$ 2,462,062	\$ 15,192,416	\$ 14,408,098
Buildings and improvements	63,685,974	60,034,763	13,627,068	13,908,649	77,313,042	73,943,412
System	-	-	76,475,921	58,962,883	76,475,921	58,962,883
Improvements other than buildir	34,573,360	8,784,403	-	-	34,573,360	8,784,403
Equipment	17,715,070	12,289,455	5,177,635	5,053,984	22,892,705	17,343,439
Infrastructure	107,051,061	102,237,453	-	-	107,051,061	102,237,453
Construction in process	12,081,582	17,684,520	658,135	14,804,195	12,739,717	32,488,715
Total	<u>\$ 247,837,401</u>	<u>\$ 212,976,630</u>	<u>\$ 98,400,821</u>	<u>\$ 95,191,773</u>	<u>\$ 346,238,222</u>	<u>\$ 308,168,403</u>

Debt Administration

As of September 30, 2024, the City of Opelika had total city-wide long-term liabilities of \$162,304,325. This amount decreased by \$6,552,000 from fiscal year end 2023.

The City's general obligation bond rating from Standard & Poor's is AA and the rating from Moody's is Aa2.

Maximum general obligation debt that cities can issue (with certain exclusions for debt issued for schools, sewers and storm sewers) is 20% of the assessed value of real and personal property. As of September 30, 2024, the City had approximately \$101,858,322 of available debt margin. See Note 7 for additional information about the City's general long-term debt and other long-term liabilities. Outstanding Debt at year-end was composed of the following items:

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 70,805,000	\$ 75,345,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,805,000	\$ 75,345,000
Other long-term debt	-	-	21,365,000	22,860,000	21,365,000	22,860,000
Unamortized premiums/discounts	1,179,608	1,318,181	-	-	1,179,608	1,318,181
Compensated absences	3,719,701	3,325,433	587,699	511,638	4,307,400	3,837,071
Net OPEB liability	10,214,902	9,316,006	2,228,928	2,062,463	12,443,830	11,378,469
Net Pension liability	42,391,103	43,984,139	9,768,605	10,049,288	52,159,708	54,033,427
Claims and judgements	43,779	84,177	-	-	43,779	84,177
Total	<u>\$ 128,354,093</u>	<u>\$ 133,372,936</u>	<u>\$ 33,950,232</u>	<u>\$ 35,483,389</u>	<u>\$ 162,304,325</u>	<u>\$ 168,856,325</u>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECAP

Fiscal year 2024 was another great year for industrial, residential, and retail development within the City of Opelika.

Existing industries located in the City of Opelika combined for over \$87.7 million of new capital investment resulting in the creation of an additional 118 new jobs. These investments were made in the following business sectors: Food & Beverage, Pharmaceutical, and Mobility (Automotive).

Residential growth remained strong with 371 new single-family homes with a permitted value of over \$94 million and 258 new multi-family units with a permitted value of over \$33 million. The total residential investments made in fiscal year 2024 reached a new all-time high of over \$127 million.

New retail and commercial businesses continue to open in Opelika. In fiscal year 2024 we announced three new hotels, Element by Westin, Towneplace Suites by Marriott, and a Hilton property. Additional announcements included: True Value Hardware Store, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Burlington Dept. Store, a 2nd Starbucks at exit 58, and a Five Guys.

Fiscal year 2024 also generated a lot of momentum for fiscal year 2025 which we anticipate being another year of substantial growth of our city in all sectors.

FINANCIAL CONTACT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Controller's Office at 608 Avenue A, Opelika, Alabama 36803-0390.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2024

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,401,885	\$ 53,721,440	\$ 93,123,325
Investments	72,651,635	-	72,651,635
Receivables:			
Accounts and unbilled service receivable, net	-	8,390,189	8,390,189
Lease	56,005	53,825	109,830
Sales and use taxes	5,238,584	-	5,238,584
Occupational license taxes	4,382,053	-	4,382,053
Property taxes	6,579,748	-	6,579,748
Other	2,529,353	-	2,529,353
Due from other governments	4,807,698	386,591	5,194,289
Supplies and prepaid expenses	338,698	1,770,254	2,108,952
Restricted assets:			
Temporarily restricted:			
Cash with fiscal agent	9,367,280	977,074	10,344,354
Receivable for property taxes, restricted for school purposes	12,742,028	-	12,742,028
Investments	33,317	-	33,317
Permanently restricted:			
Investments	1,918,452	-	1,918,452
Other	417,196	176,491	593,687
Capital assets:			
Land	12,730,354	2,462,062	15,192,416
Building	84,390,463	16,915,558	101,306,021
System improvements other than buildings	39,515,853	156,493,509	196,009,362
Equipment	36,965,713	14,071,668	51,037,381
Infrastructure	157,094,433	-	157,094,433
Construction work in progress	12,081,582	658,135	12,739,717
Total original cost	342,778,398	190,600,932	533,379,330
Less: accumulated depreciation	(94,940,997)	(92,200,111)	(187,141,108)
Capital assets, net	247,837,401	98,400,821	346,238,222
Total assets	408,301,333	163,876,685	572,178,018
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred charges and refunding costs	2,635,736	1,712,051	4,347,787
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	4,169,620	876,940	5,046,560
Employer retirement contributions	5,140,120	905,657	6,045,777
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB	5,049,738	1,126,499	6,176,237
Total deferred outflows of resources	16,995,214	4,621,147	21,616,361
 Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 425,296,547</u>	<u>\$ 168,497,832</u>	<u>\$ 593,794,379</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2024

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,670,659	\$ 6,581,642	\$ 13,252,301
Accrued payroll and benefits	1,063,571	145,463	1,209,034
Accrued interest payable	1,336,129	63,117	1,399,246
Due to other funds	(655,968)	655,968	-
Due to other governments	1,192,645	-	1,192,645
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	8,916,069	1,739,189	10,655,258
Due in more than one year	66,832,019	20,213,510	87,045,529
Net pension liability	42,391,103	9,768,605	52,159,708
Net OPEB liability	10,214,902	2,228,928	12,443,830
Customer deposits	-	3,424,975	3,424,975
Total liabilities	<u>137,961,129</u>	<u>44,821,397</u>	<u>182,782,526</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings			
on retirement plan investments	129,126	34,080	163,206
Changes in assumptions - OPEB	1,580,315	288,360	1,868,675
Leases	214,693	211,967	426,660
Unearned revenues	19,436,430	-	19,436,430
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>21,360,564</u>	<u>534,407</u>	<u>21,894,971</u>
 Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	 159,321,693	 45,355,804	 204,677,497
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	209,176,154	78,747,872	287,924,026
Net position - restricted			
Cooper library	33,317	-	33,317
Electric utility	-	977,074	977,074
Garden hills cemetery	1,918,452	-	1,918,452
General obligation school warrants	9,367,280	-	9,367,280
School system	12,742,028	-	12,742,028
Net position - unrestricted	32,737,623	43,417,082	76,154,705
Total net position	<u>\$ 265,974,854</u>	<u>\$ 123,142,028</u>	<u>\$ 389,116,882</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

FUNCTIONS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION		
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 13,455,091	\$ 28,941	\$ 49,797	\$ 472,500	\$ (12,903,853)	\$ -	\$ (12,903,853)
Public safety	28,653,628	905,190	20,383	-	(27,728,055)	-	(27,728,055)
Public works	11,743,467	352,347	-	5,824,205	(5,566,915)	-	(5,566,915)
Health	743,033	-	-	-	(743,033)	-	(743,033)
Welfare	345,250	-	-	-	(345,250)	-	(345,250)
Culture and recreation	10,972,166	2,108,424	324,352	85,551	(8,453,839)	-	(8,453,839)
Education	17,735,685	-	-	-	(17,735,685)	-	(17,735,685)
Economic development and urban rehabilitation	1,608,737	-	672,990	-	(935,747)	-	(935,747)
Interest on long-term debt	2,446,172	-	-	-	(2,446,172)	-	(2,446,172)
Total government activities	87,703,229	3,394,902	1,067,522	6,382,256	(76,858,549)	-	(76,858,549)
Business-type activities:							
Electric	43,676,126	50,357,069	-	1,349,686	-	8,030,629	8,030,629
Sewer	3,715,826	6,490,073	-	1,371,196	-	4,145,443	4,145,443
Solid waste	3,638,468	5,127,318	-	18,853	-	1,507,703	1,507,703
Telecommunications	73,077	-	-	-	-	(73,077)	(73,077)
Total business-type activities	51,103,497	61,974,460	-	2,739,735	-	13,610,698	13,610,698
Total primary government	\$ 138,806,726	\$ 65,369,362	\$ 1,067,522	\$ 9,121,991	(76,858,549)	13,610,698	(63,247,851)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property					20,456,077	-	20,456,077
Sales					50,383,168	-	50,383,168
Other					3,857,725	-	3,857,725
Licenses and permits					27,117,130	-	27,117,130
Investment earnings					5,607,506	1,176,153	6,783,659
(Loss)/Gain on sale of capital assets					(128,954)	321,750	192,796
Miscellaneous income					451,038	3,601,927	4,052,965
Transfers					4,008,000	(4,008,000)	-
Total general revenues and transfers					111,751,690	1,091,830	112,843,520
Change in net position					34,893,141	14,702,528	49,595,669
Net position, beginning of year					230,153,713	108,439,500	338,593,213
Prior period adjustment					928,000	-	928,000
Net position, beginning of year, restated					231,081,713	108,439,500	339,521,213
Net position, end of year					\$ 265,974,854	\$ 123,142,028	\$ 389,116,882

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
September 30, 2024

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SCHOOL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>SPORTSPLEX FUND</u>	<u>OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 500,595	\$ 878,711	\$ 24,457,564	\$ 7,742,522	\$ 33,579,392
Receivables:					
Occupational license taxes	4,382,053	-	-	-	4,382,053
Sales and use taxes	5,162,913	-	-	75,671	5,238,584
Property taxes	6,579,748	12,742,028	-	-	19,321,776
Assessments	10,099	-	-	-	10,099
Accrued interest	-	-	-	2,610	2,610
Leases	56,005	-	-	-	56,005
Other	597,972	-	250,000	37	848,009
Due from other funds	1,805,812	-	-	9,605	1,815,417
Due from other governments	2,569,787	-	-	2,237,911	4,807,698
Supplies	218,579	-	-	-	218,579
Prepaid expenses	120,119	-	-	-	120,119
Investments	72,651,635	-	-	11,319,049	83,970,684
Total current assets	<u>94,655,317</u>	<u>13,620,739</u>	<u>24,707,564</u>	<u>21,387,405</u>	<u>154,371,025</u>
Other assets:					
Deposits	-	-	-	69,045	69,045
Lease receivable, non-current	328,922	-	-	-	328,922
Total other assets	<u>328,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,045</u>	<u>397,967</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 94,984,239</u>	<u>\$ 13,620,739</u>	<u>\$ 24,707,564</u>	<u>\$ 21,456,450</u>	<u>\$ 154,768,992</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
September 30, 2024

	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	SPORTSPLEX FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 5,126,814	\$ -	\$ 467,050	\$ 26,649	\$ 5,620,513
Retainage payable	333,591	-	470,062	-	803,653
Accrued payroll and benefits	889,773	-	-	2,189	891,962
Due to other funds	9,605	-	-	1,805,812	1,815,417
Due to other governments	27,435	1,165,210	-	-	1,192,645
Matured bonds and interest payable	-	-	-	697,775	697,775
Total liabilities	6,387,218	1,165,210	937,112	2,532,425	11,021,965
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Leases	214,693	-	-	-	214,693
Unearned revenues	6,601,987	12,452,811	250,000	2,166,518	21,471,316
Total deferred inflows of resources	6,816,680	12,452,811	250,000	2,166,518	21,686,009
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Supplies	218,579	-	-	-	218,579
Other noncurrent assets	-	-	-	69,045	69,045
Permanent funds - nonexpendable	-	-	-	1,929,793	1,929,793
Restricted to:					
Special revenue	-	2,718	-	3,859,483	3,862,201
Debt service	-	-	-	8,706,465	8,706,465
Capital projects	-	-	-	838,892	838,892
Public safety	246,153	-	-	-	246,153
Opioid settlement	259,018	-	-	-	259,018
Committed:					
Special projects	35,237	-	-	-	35,237
Assigned to:					
Sportsplex	-	-	23,520,452	-	23,520,452
Economic development	-	-	-	3,151,881	3,151,881
Capital projects	625,653	-	-	-	625,653
Unassigned	80,395,701	-	-	(1,798,052)	78,597,649
Total fund balances	81,780,341	2,718	23,520,452	16,757,507	122,061,018
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 94,984,239</u>	<u>\$ 13,620,739</u>	<u>\$ 24,707,564</u>	<u>\$ 21,456,450</u>	<u>\$ 154,768,992</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 122,061,018
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	247,837,401
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Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workmen's compensation insurance and employee's health insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.	7,066,840
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Receivables and other long-term assets, including receivables from other governments, are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	2,435,999
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Deferred inflows and outflows of resources not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	12,650,037
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Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
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Governmental long-term debt	(70,805,000)	
Premiums, discounts and refunding costs	1,456,128	
Accrued interest payable	(638,354)	
Net pension liability	(42,391,103)	
Net OPEB liability	(10,214,902)	
Compensated absences	(3,483,210)	
	(126,076,441)	(126,076,441)

Net position of governmental activities	\$ 265,974,854
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CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	SPORTSPLEX FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property	\$ 7,035,006	\$ 13,421,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,456,077
Sales	50,383,168	-	-	-	50,383,168
Other	2,134,628	-	-	-	2,134,628
Occupational license fees	17,813,296	-	-	-	17,813,296
Business licenses and permits	8,628,859	-	-	674,975	9,303,834
Intergovernmental	1,234,843	-	-	786,047	2,020,890
Charges for services	3,125,675	-	-	-	3,125,675
Fines and forfeitures	431,545	-	-	-	431,545
Investment income	4,775,923	118,959	182,809	483,339	5,561,030
Grant income	324,352	-	-	974,789	1,299,141
Contributions	85,551	-	100,000	7,794	193,345
Miscellaneous	451,022	-	-	16	451,038
Total revenues	<u>96,423,868</u>	<u>13,540,030</u>	<u>282,809</u>	<u>2,926,960</u>	<u>113,173,667</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	11,074,675	-	-	583,631	11,658,306
Public safety	24,465,385	-	357,874	38,721	24,861,980
Public works	6,788,581	-	-	570	6,789,151
Health	743,033	-	-	-	743,033
Welfare	345,250	-	-	-	345,250
Culture and recreation	8,710,403	-	-	-	8,710,403
Education	5,569,750	12,165,211	-	724	17,735,685
Economic development and urban rehabilitation	1,381,691	-	-	195,318	1,577,009
Capital outlay	17,233,148	-	20,566,895	1,757,489	39,557,532
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	-	-	-	4,540,000	4,540,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	2,354,412	2,354,412
Total expenditures	<u>76,311,916</u>	<u>12,165,211</u>	<u>20,924,769</u>	<u>9,470,865</u>	<u>118,872,761</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	20,111,952	1,374,819	(20,641,960)	(6,543,905)	(5,699,094)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	SPORTSPLEX FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Other financing sources (uses):					
Sale of capital assets	\$ 55,081	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,081
Transfers from governmental funds	578,594	-	33,368,318	13,585,841	47,532,753
Transfers from proprietary funds	4,008,000	-	-	-	4,008,000
Transfers to governmental funds	(38,382,690)	(1,374,819)	(7,146,006)	(629,238)	(47,532,753)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(33,741,015)</u>	<u>(1,374,819)</u>	<u>26,222,312</u>	<u>12,956,603</u>	<u>4,063,081</u>
Net change in fund balances	(13,629,063)	-	5,580,352	6,412,698	(1,636,013)
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>95,409,404</u>	<u>2,718</u>	<u>17,940,100</u>	<u>10,344,809</u>	<u>123,697,031</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 81,780,341</u>	<u>\$ 2,718</u>	<u>\$ 23,520,452</u>	<u>\$ 16,757,507</u>	<u>\$ 122,061,018</u>

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CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - all governmental funds		\$ (1,636,013)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
	Expenditures for capital outlay	39,557,532
	Less: current year depreciation	<u>(9,722,972)</u>
		29,834,560
Net effect of other transactions involving capital assets (i.e. disposals, transfers, and capital contributions) that are not recorded in the governmental funds.		
	Capital contributions	5,210,246
	Disposals at net book value/transfers	<u>(184,035)</u>
		5,026,211
Revenues previously recorded in the Statement of Activities that provide current financial resources are reported as revenues in the funds.		
		296,438
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. Differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items follow:		
	Principal payments on outstanding debt	<u>4,540,000</u>
		4,540,000
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		(3,226,261)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workmen's compensation and employee's health insurance to individual funds. The excess of revenues over expenditures and reversal of charges to enterprise funds are reported with governmental activities.		
		<u>58,206</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 34,893,141</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Funds

September 30, 2024

	ELECTRIC UTILITY	SEWER SYSTEM	TELE- COMMUNICATIONS	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	TOTALS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash	\$ 45,212,970	\$ 3,975,224	\$ 25	\$ 4,533,221	\$ 53,721,440	\$ 5,822,493
Accounts and unbilled service receivable, net	7,130,418	358,154	-	901,617	8,390,189	1,671,245
Lease receivable	53,825	-	-	-	53,825	-
Due from other funds	2,828,938	-	-	-	2,828,938	-
Due from other governments	-	386,591	-	-	386,591	-
Supplies	1,770,254	-	-	-	1,770,254	-
Total current assets	56,996,405	4,719,969	25	5,434,838	67,151,237	7,493,738
Restricted assets:						
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	977,074	-	-	-	977,074	-
Total restricted assets	977,074	-	-	-	977,074	-
Capital assets:						
Land	2,083,145	149,370	-	229,547	2,462,062	-
Building	13,600,553	90,536	-	3,224,469	16,915,558	-
System	86,078,273	70,375,376	-	39,860	156,493,509	-
Equipment	5,685,124	3,811,001	-	4,575,543	14,071,668	-
Construction work in progress	601,249	56,886	-	-	658,135	-
Total original cost	108,048,344	74,483,169	-	8,069,419	190,600,932	-
Less: accumulated depreciation	(61,502,801)	(28,199,970)	-	(2,497,340)	(92,200,111)	-
Capital assets, net	46,545,543	46,283,199	-	5,572,079	98,400,821	-
Other assets:						
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	19,229
Lease receivable, non-current	176,491	-	-	-	176,491	-
Total other assets	176,491	-	-	-	176,491	19,229
Total assets	104,695,513	51,003,168	25	11,006,917	166,705,623	7,512,967
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Employer retirement contributions	680,150	-	-	225,507	905,657	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments	624,475	-	-	252,465	876,940	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan	826,894	-	-	299,605	1,126,499	-
Bond refunding costs, net	1,712,051	-	-	-	1,712,051	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	3,843,570	-	-	777,577	4,621,147	-
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 108,539,083	\$ 51,003,168	\$ 25	\$ 11,784,494	\$ 171,326,770	\$ 7,512,967

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Funds

September 30, 2024

	ELECTRIC UTILITY	SEWER SYSTEM	TELE- COMMUNICATIONS	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	TOTALS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 6,270,882	\$ 190,194	\$ -	\$ 120,566	\$ 6,581,642	\$ 221,915
Current portion of bonds payable	1,535,000	-	-	-	1,535,000	-
Accrued payroll and benefits	286,062	-	-	63,590	349,652	-
Due to other funds	-	-	2,828,938	-	2,828,938	-
Interest payable	63,117	-	-	-	63,117	-
Liability for unpaid claims	-	-	-	-	-	432,678
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	403,723
Total current liabilities	8,155,061	190,194	2,828,938	184,156	11,358,349	1,058,316
Noncurrent liabilities:						
Bonds payable, net of current portion	19,830,000	-	-	-	19,830,000	-
Accrued employee benefits	322,932	-	-	60,578	383,510	-
Net pension liability	7,265,567	-	-	2,503,038	9,768,605	-
Net OPEB liability	1,643,770	-	-	585,158	2,228,928	-
Liability for unpaid claims	-	-	-	-	-	43,779
Customer deposits	3,248,900	-	-	176,075	3,424,975	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	32,311,169	-	-	3,324,849	35,636,018	43,779
Total liabilities	40,466,230	190,194	2,828,938	3,509,005	46,994,367	1,102,095
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments	10,096	-	-	23,984	34,080	-
Changes of assumptions - OPEB	211,479	-	-	76,881	288,360	-
Leases	211,967	-	-	-	211,967	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	433,542	-	-	100,865	534,407	-
NET POSITION						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	26,892,594	46,283,199	-	5,572,079	78,747,872	-
Restricted	977,074	-	-	-	977,074	68,357
Unrestricted	39,769,643	4,529,775	(2,828,913)	2,602,545	44,073,050	6,342,515
Total net position	\$ 67,639,311	\$ 50,812,974	\$ (2,828,913)	\$ 8,174,624	\$ 123,797,996	\$ 6,410,872

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	ELECTRIC UTILITY	SEWER SYSTEM	TELE- COMMUNICATIONS	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	TOTALS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
Operating revenues:						
Charges for services, net	\$ 50,357,069	\$ 6,490,073	\$ -	\$ 5,127,318	\$ 61,974,460	\$ 5,064,213
Operating expenses:						
Power purchased	29,882,343	-	-	-	29,882,343	-
Personnel services	3,635,767	-	-	1,495,996	5,131,763	-
Insurance claims and expenses	118,312	3,630	-	62,618	184,560	5,037,815
Other	6,038,466	2,236,647	-	1,580,755	9,855,868	-
Depreciation	3,004,727	1,475,549	-	504,075	4,984,351	-
Total operating expenses	42,679,615	3,715,826	-	3,643,444	50,038,885	5,037,815
Operating income	7,677,454	2,774,247	-	1,483,874	11,935,575	26,398
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):						
Investment revenue	1,048,518	50,607	-	77,028	1,176,153	36,973
Grant income	-	-	-	18,853	18,853	-
Miscellaneous revenue (expenses)	762,418	(2,431)	2,828,964	12,976	3,601,927	-
Interest expense and fiscal charges	(996,700)	-	(73,077)	-	(1,069,777)	-
Gain on sale of capital assets	315,500	6,250	-	-	321,750	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	1,129,736	54,426	2,755,887	108,857	4,048,906	36,973
Income (loss) before other revenues and transfers	8,807,190	2,828,673	2,755,887	1,592,731	15,984,481	63,371
Other revenues and transfers in (out):						
Capital contributions from developers and others	1,349,686	1,371,196	-	-	2,720,882	-
Operating transfers (out)	(4,000,000)	-	-	(8,000)	(4,008,000)	-
Total other revenues and transfers	(2,650,314)	1,371,196	-	(8,000)	(1,287,118)	-
Changes in net position	6,156,876	4,199,869	2,755,887	1,584,731	14,697,363	63,371
Net position, beginning of year	61,482,435	46,613,105	(5,584,800)	6,589,893	-	6,347,501
Net position, end of year	\$ 67,639,311	\$ 50,812,974	\$ (2,828,913)	\$ 8,174,624	-	\$ 6,410,872
Adjustment to reflect reversal of income in Internal Service Funds					5,165	
Change in net position of business-type activities					\$ 14,702,528	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Funds

For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	ELECTRIC UTILITY	SEWER SYSTEM	TELE- COMMUNICATIONS	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	TOTALS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Receipts from customers	\$ 48,430,417	\$ 6,556,256	\$ -	\$ 4,724,933	\$ 59,711,606	\$ -
Receipts from other funds for premiums	-	-	-	-	-	5,085,843
Customer deposits	240,847	-	-	8,410	249,257	-
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(36,428,773)	(3,376,201)	-	(1,521,019)	(41,325,993)	(4,935,846)
Payments to employees for services	(3,183,968)	-	-	(1,343,004)	(4,526,972)	-
Claims paid	(118,312)	(3,630)	-	(62,618)	(184,560)	(1,515,728)
Internal activity - payments to (from) other funds	2,755,862	-	(2,755,862)	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	11,696,073	3,176,425	(2,755,862)	1,806,702	13,923,338	(1,365,731)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:						
Other receipts	762,418	(2,431)	2,828,964	31,829	3,620,780	-
Operating transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers to other funds	(4,000,000)	-	-	(8,000)	(4,008,000)	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by noncapital financing activities	(3,237,582)	(2,431)	2,828,964	23,829	(387,220)	-
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:						
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(3,357,953)	(1,235,747)	-	(578,067)	(5,171,767)	-
Principal paid on debt maturities	(1,495,000)	-	-	-	(1,495,000)	-
Interest and fiscal fees paid on debt maturities	(851,289)	-	(73,077)	-	(924,366)	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	15,000	8,181	-	-	23,181	-
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(5,689,242)	(1,227,566)	(73,077)	(578,067)	(7,567,952)	-
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Restricted cash used	(19,631)	-	-	-	(19,631)	-
Interest on investments	1,048,518	50,607	-	77,028	1,176,153	36,973
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,028,887	50,607	-	77,028	1,156,522	36,973
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,798,136	1,997,035	25	1,329,492	7,124,688	(1,328,758)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	41,414,834	1,978,189	-	3,203,729	46,596,752	7,151,251
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 45,212,970</u>	<u>\$ 3,975,224</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 4,533,221</u>	<u>\$ 53,721,440</u>	<u>\$ 5,822,493</u>

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CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	ELECTRIC UTILITY	SEWER SYSTEM	TELE- COMMUNICATIONS	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	TOTALS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES- INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:						
Operating income	\$ 7,677,454	\$ 2,774,247	\$ -	\$ 1,483,874	\$ 11,935,575	\$ 26,398
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization	3,004,727	1,475,549	-	504,075	4,984,351	-
Change in assets and liabilities:						
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and unbilled service receivable	(1,926,652)	(15,482)	-	(402,385)	(2,344,519)	(1,511,025)
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	2,755,862	-	-	-	2,755,862	-
(Increase) decrease in due from other governments	-	81,665	-	-	81,665	-
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(34,638)	-	-	-	(34,638)	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(473,653)	(1,139,554)	-	59,736	(1,553,471)	101,969
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll and benefits	108,437	-	-	21,982	130,419	-
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability/OPEB	343,362	-	-	131,010	474,372	-
Increase (decrease) in leases	327	-	-	-	327	-
Increase (decrease) in liability for unpaid claims	-	-	-	-	-	(4,703)
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	-	-	(2,755,862)	-	(2,755,862)	-
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	21,630
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	240,847	-	-	8,410	249,257	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 11,696,073</u>	<u>\$ 3,176,425</u>	<u>\$ (2,755,862)</u>	<u>\$ 1,806,702</u>	<u>\$ 13,923,338</u>	<u>\$ (1,365,731)</u>
Non-cash investing, capital and financing activities:						
Capital assets contributed by developers and others	<u>\$ 1,349,686</u>	<u>\$ 1,371,196</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,720,882</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to the combining balance sheet:						
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 45,212,970</u>	<u>\$ 3,975,224</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 4,533,221</u>	<u>\$ 53,721,440</u>	<u>\$ 5,822,493</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 45,212,970</u>	<u>\$ 3,975,224</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 4,533,221</u>	<u>\$ 53,721,440</u>	<u>\$ 5,822,493</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Opelika, Alabama (the “City”), incorporated in 1854, is a municipal corporation currently governed by a mayor, elected at large, and five council members, elected from defined districts. Members of the City Council serve part-time and are responsible for adopting all legislative ordinances and setting policies of the City, including the appropriation of money. The Mayor is the full-time chief executive officer of the City and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the City in conjunction with the managers of several departments.

The City’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the City are discussed below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

These financial statements present information about the primary government, which is a legal entity or body politic and includes all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate. Component units, although legally separate, for which the City is considered to be financially accountable are not included in these primary government financial statements. As a result, these primary government financial statements, because they do not include financial data of the component units of the City, do not purport to, and do not, present the financial statements of the reporting entity (primary government and component units) as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

Component Units. The excluded component units are as follows:

The Opelika City Board of Education (the “Board of Ed.”) is substantially reliant upon the City because the City Council appoints the members of the Board of Ed., levies taxes on behalf of the Board of Ed. and issues debt on behalf of the Board of Ed. The legal liability for the general obligation debt issued for school purposes of \$37,672,000 at September 30, 2024 remains with the City. Ad valorem tax revenues restricted for school purposes collected by the City are used first to make required debt service payments on the general obligation debt issued for school purposes and the remainder is remitted to the Board of Ed. During 2024, the City collected \$13,421,071 of ad valorem taxes of which \$1,374,819 was used for debt service and \$12,165,211 was remitted to the Board of Ed. At September 30, 2024, the City had not yet remitted \$1,165,210 in expectation of lower ad valorem tax collections during the year than were actually collected. This amount is included in amounts due to other governments. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Board of Ed. made a \$100,000 contribution to the City. The City made an appropriation from its General Fund to the Board of Ed. totaling \$3,310,000 for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Board of Ed. issues separate financial statements which may be obtained from the administrative offices at 300 Simmons Street, Opelika, Alabama 36801. The City made special appropriations to the Board of Ed. totaling \$846,500 for Bulldog Stadium, \$1,272,000 for improvements to the high school arena and \$52,000 for band instruments for the high school.

The City of Opelika Industrial Development Authority (the “Authority”) recruits industry and promotes economic development for the City of Opelika, Alabama. The City Council appoints the members to the Authority’s Board. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the City appropriated \$375,000 to the Authority. The Authority issues separate financial statements which may be obtained from the administrative offices at 204 South 7th Street, Opelika, Alabama 36801.

The Public Park and Recreation Board of the City of Opelika (the “Board”) owns and operates the Conference Center and the Sportsplex recreational facilities. The City Council appoints the members of the Board. In connection with the construction of the Sportsplex recreational facilities, the Board issued the Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 on November 1, 2007 for \$28,650,000. The Board and the City signed a lease agreement whereby the City leases the Sportsplex recreational facilities. The lease payments are equal to the Board’s annual debt service payments related to the Revenue Bonds, which totaled \$1,726,006 during the year ended September 30, 2024.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2024

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Related Organizations. The City's officials are also responsible for appointing board members of other organizations. However, the City's accountability for the organizations does not extend beyond making the appointments. These organizations are the Utilities Board of the City of Opelika, the Medical Clinic Board of the City of Opelika, the Housing Authority of the City of Opelika and the Opelika Downtown Redevelopment Authority of the City of Opelika. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City received \$45,898 in payments in lieu of property taxes from the Housing Authority of the City of Opelika.

Joint Ventures. The City is a participant in one joint venture in which it retains an ongoing financial responsibility, the Indian Pines Golf Course Joint Venture (the "Venture"). The City is a party to an agreement with the City of Auburn, Alabama to own and operate the Indian Pines Golf Course. The joint venture agreement, dated October 1, 1976, required capital contributions from each party. Each party has a 50% share in the Venture's profits and losses and responsibility for 50% of any debt incurred. The City's initial contribution of \$589,200 was used to purchase the land and building which are included in capital assets. The cities lease the Indian Pines Golf Course to the Indian Pines Public Park Authority, Inc., (the "IPPPA"), a jointly governed organization. The IPPPA operates the golf course on a month-to-month basis with the lease terms continuing in force from the original lease which expired in 1979. Because the Venture has no operations, no financial statements are prepared. Complete financial statements of the IPPPA can be obtained from the IPPPA at 900 Country Club Lane, Auburn, AL 36830.

Jointly Governed Organizations. The City, in conjunction with other governments, has created the following organizations. These organizations are not joint ventures because the City does not retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility.

The Lee-Russell Council of Governments is a regional planning and development commission organized to provide services to Lee and Russell Counties. The Council is governed by a ten-member board composed of two appointees each from Opelika, Auburn, Lee County, Phenix City and Russell County. The cities and counties are assessed fees based on their respective populations. The Council also receives income from administration of federal grants and other programs. The City appropriated \$162,637 to the Lee-Russell Council of Governments during the year ended September 30, 2024.

The Indian Pines Public Park Authority, Inc. (the "IPPPA") is a corporation created to operate the Indian Pines Golf Course that is owned under a joint venture agreement between the City of Auburn and the City of Opelika. The IPPPA has a five-member board of directors; two each are selected by the City and the City of Auburn and the fifth member is appointed by the other four members. A lease agreement between the IPPPA and the two cities authorizes the IPPPA to operate and maintain the golf course. The City approved a special appropriation to the IPPPA in the amount of \$1,151,000 over a five year period. The City appropriated \$230,200 of the five year commitment to the IPPPA during the year ended September 30, 2023. The commitment to appropriate future funds to IPPPA is a nonexchange transaction and will be recorded as the appropriations are made. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the City loaned the IPPPA \$525,000. Interest only payments are payable by IPPPA until the loan is due in full in 2029. This amount is included in due from other governments in the accompanying balance sheet.

East Alabama Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board, Inc. (the "Corporation") is a corporation created to provide mental health services to the East Alabama area. The Corporation has thirty-three directors, three of whom are appointed by the City. The remainder are appointed by the various cities and counties in the area. The City appropriated \$40,000 to the Corporation during the year ended September 30, 2024.

Lee County Youth Development Center (the "Center") is a corporation created to provide youth services in Lee County. The board of the Center is composed of twelve members. The City, City of Auburn, and Lee County each appoint four members. The City appropriated \$40,000 to the Center during the year ended September 30, 2024.

East Alabama Medical Center ("EAMC") is a corporation created to provide healthcare to the East Alabama area. The EAMC Board is composed of nine members. The City, City of Auburn and Lee County each appoint three members. The City appropriated \$410,522 to EAMC for emergency medical services during the year ended September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The City's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the City as a whole), and fund financial statements (reporting the City's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The City's police and fire protection, parks and recreation, public works, economic development, library, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The City's electric, sewer, solid waste collection, and telecommunications services are classified as business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns are presented on a consolidated basis by column and are reported on a full accrual, economic resources basis, which includes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The City's net position is reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the City's functions (e.g. general government, police, fire, public works, etc.) and business-type activities. In this statement, gross expenses, including depreciation, are reduced by related program revenues (charges to customers or those who directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function), operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions. Program revenues must be directly associated with a function or a business-type activity. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants only. The net costs of the governmental activities functions and the business-type activities are covered by general government revenues which include sales and use taxes, occupational license taxes, property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits, charges and interest income. The City first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the City's electric, sewer, solid waste collection and telecommunications services, as well as various other functions of the City. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned. The General Fund allocates some costs of providing administrative services to the enterprise funds.

In the fund financial statements, financial transactions and accounts of the City are organized on the basis of individual funds. Each fund is accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Transactions are segregated within funds for the purpose of carrying on specific activities of attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations. Each major fund is presented as a separate column on the fund financial statements. All non-major funds are aggregated and presented as a single column. The fund statements are presented on the current financial resource and modified accrual basis of accounting. This is the manner in which these funds are normally budgeted. Since the governmental fund statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statements' governmental column, a reconciliation is presented that explains the adjustments necessary to reconcile the fund financial statements to the governmental activities column of the government-wide financial statements.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The City has the following fund types:

Governmental Funds:

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balance of current financial resources. The City reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The **School Tax Special Revenue Fund** accounts for the collection of property tax revenues restricted for school purposes and for the expenditures of such funds for debt service on debt issued for school purposes or appropriations to the school system.

The **Sportsplex Fund** is used to account for the portion of contributions that the government intends to use to fund construction and ongoing operations of the recreation center.

Additionally, the City reports the following non-major fund types within the governmental fund type:

Special revenue funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Debt service funds account for the accumulation of funds for the periodic payment of principal and interest on general long-term debt.

Capital projects funds account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those being financed by business-type/proprietary funds.

Permanent funds account for resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the City's programs.

Proprietary Funds:

Proprietary funds are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred. The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative and personnel expenses, repairs and supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Proprietary funds include the following fund types:

Enterprise funds account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the City has decided that the determination of revenues earned, cost incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability. The Electric Utility Fund and Sewer System Fund are major funds. All of the City's enterprise funds are as follows:

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Electric Utility Fund accounts for providing electric distribution services to residential and commercial users. Activities of the fund include administration, operations and maintenance of the system, billing and collection activities and system improvements. All costs are financed through charges to customers.

Sewer System Fund accounts for providing sewer services to residential and commercial users. Activities of the fund include administration, operations and maintenance of the system, and system improvements. Billing and collections are performed by the Utilities Board of the City of Opelika at no charge to the City. All costs are financed through charges to customers.

Telecommunications Fund accounts for providing telecommunications distribution services to residential and commercial users. The City sold its telecommunications system in October 2018.

Solid Waste Collection Fund accounts for providing solid waste collection and disposal services to residential and small commercial users. All costs are financed through charges to customers.

Internal Service Funds account for operations that provide services to other departments of the City on a cost-reimbursement basis. The funds account for the self-funded workmen's compensation insurance and the self-funded employee health insurance. These funds are always considered non-major.

The City's internal service funds are presented in the proprietary funds financial statements. Because the principal users of the funds are the City's governmental activities, the financial statements of the internal service funds are included in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. The cost of these services is reported in the appropriate functional activity (public safety, culture and recreation, public works, etc.).

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and, therefore, are not available to support City programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. The City does not have any fiduciary funds.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured and basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Both the governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are "measurable and available"). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The City considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as certain expenditures related to compensated absences, are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are sales taxes, occupational license taxes, property taxes, fines, intergovernmental revenue, interest revenue and miscellaneous taxpayer assessed taxes. Other receipts become measurable and available when cash is received by the City and are recognized as revenue at that time.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

All ad valorem taxes levied by the state, county and any municipality in Lee County are assessed and collected by the Revenue Commissioner of Lee County. Taxes are levied in June, due on October 1, and delinquent after January 1. Taxes collected by the Revenue Commissioner within the fiscal year but remitted to the City after the fiscal year end are accrued. Ad valorem taxes not due until October 1 of the following fiscal year are recorded as a receivable and unearned revenue as of the fiscal year end in which the taxes are levied. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, ad valorem tax revenues are recorded in the General Fund and the School Tax Special Revenue Fund. Ad valorem tax revenues restricted for school purposes in excess of the amount required to make debt service payments on the general obligation debt issued for school purposes are paid to the Opelika City Board of Education and are included with the education appropriation.

Unearned revenues arise when potential revenues do not meet both the “measurable” and “available” criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenues also arise when the City receives resources before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both of the revenue recognition criteria are met and the City has a legal claim to the resources, the revenue is recognized.

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.

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in time and demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the City, except for investments in money funds and treasury obligations administered for the City by a trustee or held in nonexpendable trust funds.

State statutes authorize the City to invest in deposit accounts and certificates of deposits with banks, in direct obligations of the United States Treasury Department and obligations of certain other federal agencies. The permanent fund authorizes additional types of investments. Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates, and investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. The unrealized gain or loss on investments is reflected in investment income.

E. RECEIVABLES

In the Electric Utility Fund, Solid Waste Collection Fund, and Sewer System Fund, revenues are recognized on the basis of monthly billings to customers for services provided. The City, therefore, extends credit to its customers. As a result of this billing method, the City accrues unbilled service revenue at the end of the fiscal period with respect to service provided but not billed at such date. The City analyzes current and past due accounts and provides an allowance for doubtful accounts for the accounts deemed uncollectible. Accounts receivable are reported net of the allowances of \$1,213,926 in the Electric Utility Fund, \$107,822 in the Solid Waste Collection Fund, and \$39 in the Sewer System Fund.

The City’s lease receivables are measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the leases terms. A deferred inflow of resources is recorded for the leases. The deferred inflow of resources is recorded at the initiation of the leases in an amount equal to the initial recording of the lease receivables. The deferred inflow of resources is amortized on the straight-line bases over the terms of the leases.

F. SUPPLIES INVENTORY

Supplies inventory are valued at the lower of cost (average) or market. Supplies inventory in governmental funds are offset by a reserve for supplies inventory that indicates that a portion of the fund balance is not available for other subsequent expenditures.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets are those designated by ordinances or through external restrictions limiting asset use to specific purposes such as public school purposes, cemetery maintenance, construction, debt service, and utility system replacement and extension.

H. ADVANCES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Noncurrent portions of other governments' loans receivable (reported in "Advance to" asset accounts) are equally offset by a fund balance reserve account which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" since they are not a component of net current assets. Current portions of other governments' loans receivable (reported in "Due from" asset accounts) are considered "available spendable resources." The City advanced IPPPA \$525,000 during the year ended September 30, 2024.

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the City's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. No liability is reported for unpaid accumulated sick leave except for the portion of the accumulated sick leave benefits that is estimated to be taken as "terminal leave" at retirement at the fund level. Vacation and sick pay that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay the liability. Current and long-term portions of vacation and sick pay are accrued in the government-wide and proprietary fund statements when incurred.

J. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant and 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. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Renewals and betterments are capitalized if they significantly extend the useful life of the asset. Cost of materials, labor and overhead identified with additions and improvements are added to the cost of the electric distribution system. Materials removed (retired) from the system reduce the accumulated cost of the system and increase the materials and supplies inventory by the amount of estimated current realizable value of the items retired. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. 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. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the City did not capitalize any interest related to capital projects. All assets capitalized have an estimated useful life in excess of one year and are depreciated using the straight-line method. All land is capitalized.

Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives are as follows:

	<u>Minimum Cost</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	\$ 10,000	20 - 75 years
Improvements other than buildings	10,000	5 - 20 years
Electric system	10,000	20 - 40 years
Sewer system	10,000	50 years
Infrastructure	50,000	10 - 50 years
Machinery and equipment	5,000	3 - 20 years

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Beginning with the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, the City capitalized its public domain (“infrastructure”) assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems that have been placed in service since October 1, 2002. Where actual historical costs and construction dates were identified through a review of City records, those dates and costs were utilized. As the City constructs or acquires additional infrastructure assets, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost. A local government may elect to use the depreciation method or the modified approach (maintenance of service condition) in reporting long-lived infrastructure assets. The City has elected to use the depreciation method.

K. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. The difference between the reacquisition price of refunding bonds and the net carrying amount of refunded debt (deferred amount on refunding) is amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunding debt or remaining life of the refunded debt. Bonds payable are reported net of the unamortized portion of applicable premium or discount. Amortization of bond premiums or discounts and deferred amounts on refunding is included in interest expense. Bond issuance costs are expensed as incurred.

In the governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are recognized during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuance are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuance are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures in the period in which they are incurred. Interest and principal payments are reported as debt service expenditures.

L. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position also reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then. At September 30, 2024, the City reported \$4,347,787 of bond refunding costs as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position. During the current year, the City recorded \$6,045,777 of employer retirement contributions as deferred outflows of resources. The City also recorded deferred outflows for the net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments totaling \$5,046,560 and deferred outflows for the net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB totaling \$6,176,237.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

At September 30, 2024, the City recognized \$19,436,430 of revenues received in advance as deferred inflows of resources in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position. The City also recorded deferred inflows for the net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments totaling \$163,206, OPEB changes in assumptions totaling \$1,868,675 and leases totaling \$426,660.

M. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

The City funds pension expense as required by the Alabama Employees Retirement System, operated by the State of Alabama. The City’s pension plan is funded by contributions from both the City and its employees.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Employees' Retirement System of Alabama (the "Plan" or ERS) financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to the Plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred, regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the GASB. Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

N. NET POSITION

Net position represents the difference between the assets and deferred outflows of resources and the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets, and increased by unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Fund balances are required to be reported according to the following classifications:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form, or, for legal or contractual reasons, must be kept intact. This classification includes inventories, prepaid amounts, assets held for sale, and long-term receivables.

Restricted Fund Balance – Constraints placed on the use of these resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or other governments; or are imposed by law (through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation).

Committed Fund Balance – Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes because of a formal action (resolution or ordinance) by the City's highest level of decision-making authority.

Assigned Fund Balance – Amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes, but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent can be stipulated by the governing body, another body (such as an executive committee), or by an official to whom that authority has been given. With the exception of the General Fund, this is the residual fund balance classification for all governmental funds with positive balances.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This is the residual classification of the General Fund. Only the General Fund reports a positive unassigned fund balance. Other governmental funds might report a negative balance in this classification, as a result of overspending for specific purposes for which the amount had been restricted, committed or assigned.

O. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

P. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated events subsequent to the date of the Statement of Net Position through February 28, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Other than the City paying in full the General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2014 subsequent to year end in the amount of \$5,400,000, no events have occurred subsequent to the Statement of Net Position through February 28, 2025, that would require adjustment or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

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NOTE 2 - BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds except debt service and capital projects funds. On or before July 1 of each year, all departments of the City submit requests for appropriations to the City's mayor so that a budget may be prepared. Before October 1, the proposed budget is presented to the City's council for review and adoption.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function and department. The City's mayor may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments require the approval of the governing council. The legal level of budgetary control is the department level.

NOTE 3 - POWER SALES CONTRACT

The City is a member of the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (the "AMEA"). Pursuant to a contract dated May 1, 1986 and amended July 1, 1996, the City has agreed to purchase all of its electric requirements for resale through December 31, 2035 from the AMEA except for the City's allocation of electricity from the Southeastern Power Administration. The Electric Utility Fund purchased \$27,000,013 under this contract during the year ended September 30, 2024. The City has committed to maintain electric rates at amounts which will produce revenues sufficient to pay all amounts due under the contract and has pledged the electric revenues and any other revenues of the City which may be lawfully pledged to secure its obligation. Further, the City has entered into a "Guaranty and Indemnity Agreement" with Alabama Power Company which requires the City to pay its proportionate share of any shortfall by the AMEA of funds to pay any obligations due under contracts with Alabama Power Company.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits. At September 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the City's deposits in financial institutions was \$93,123,325 and the bank balance was \$93,463,144. The State of Alabama created the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement (SAFE) Program which requires all public funds be deposited in Qualified Public Depositories. Under the SAFE Program, which is mandatory, each qualified public depository (QPD) is required to hold collateral for all of its public deposits on a pooled basis in a custody account (SAFE Custody Account) established for the State Treasurer as SAFE administrator. If a public entity should suffer a deposit loss due to QPD insolvency or default, a claim form would be filed with the State Treasurer, who would use the SAFE pool collateral or other means to reimburse the loss. At September 30, 2024, all bank balances were considered insured because such balances were held in Qualified Public Depositories.

Investments and Cash with Fiscal Agents. The City has made all investments in accordance with its investment policy (see Note 1) and the requirements under which its bonds and warrants were issued, and other requirements as applicable. Investments and cash held by fiscal agents shown below are not registered in the City's name or insured and are held by the trustee. Investments are measured at fair value on the recurring basis. Recurring fair value measurements are those that GASB Statements require or permit in the statement of net position at the end of each reporting period. Fair value measurements are categorized based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments' fair value measurements are as follows at September 30, 2024:

Investment Type	Cost	Fair Value	% of Total	Maturity	Rating	Agency	Level
Cash	\$ 55,550	\$ 55,550	0.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
				2/1/2025-			
Fixed Income Investments	85,000	84,553	0.1%	11/15/2027	AA	n/a	2
Fixed Income Investments	25,000	25,321	0.0%	11/17/2025	BBB	n/a	2
				12/5/2024-			
Fixed Income Investments	200,000	200,017	0.3%	11/15/2027	n/a	n/a	2
Investment Co of America Fd	19,590	33,317	0.1%	n/a	***	Morningstar	1
U.S. Treasury	82,423,873	82,995,989	97.7%	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
First Eagle Global Fund - I	89,217	133,971	0.2%	n/a	*****	Morningstar	1
Other common stock	830,086	1,419,040	1.7%	n/a	Various	Various	1
Total investments	<u>\$ 83,728,316</u>	<u>\$ 84,947,758</u>					

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There were no changes in the methodologies used during the year ended September 30, 2024.

- U.S. Treasury: valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.
- Fixed Income Investments: valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.
- Common stock and other investments: valued based on quoted market prices.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Interest Rate 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.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to direct obligations of the United States Treasury Department and obligations of certain other federal agencies. The City has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Custodial Credit Risk. For an investment, the custodial risk is the risk that, in event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City's investments are registered in the name of the City of Opelika Garden Hills Cemetery Trust Fund and the Cooper Memorial Library and held by the counterparties. The City has no policy on custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The City places no limit on the amount that the City may invest in any one issuer. The percentage of the City's investments relative to the total investments is shown in the table above.

NOTE 5 – LEASE RECEIVABLE

In November 2018, the City entered into a lease with a fiber provider. Under the lease, the vendor pays the City \$5,000 per month for one hundred twenty months in exchange for operating its business within three office spaces owned by the City. The lease receivable is measured as the present value of the future minimum rent payments expected to be received during the lease term at a discount rate of 3%. In fiscal year 2024, the City recognized \$52,237 in lease revenue and \$7,763 of interest revenue in connection with the lease.

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NOTE 5 – LEASE RECEIVABLE (CONTINUED)

In January 2000, the City entered into a lease with a cellular tower site development company. Under the lease, the vendor pays the City \$1,000 per month for one cellular or PCS service provider, with increased rent of \$425 for each additional cellular or PCS provider. The initial term of the lease was five years, with the lease reserving the option to renew the lease for up to five additional terms of five year each. For each year of the initial term and each year of any extended term, the rent increases by 4% over the preceding calendar year's rent. The lease receivable is measured as the present value of the future minimum rent payments expected to be received during the lease term at a discount rate of 3%. In fiscal year 2024, the City recognized \$18,907 in lease revenue and \$4,015 of interest revenue in connection with the lease.

In December 1999, the City entered into a lease with a cellular tower site development company. Under the lease, the vendor pays the City \$750 per month for one cellular or PCS service provider, with increased rent of \$375 for each additional cellular or PCS provider. The initial term of the lease was five years, with the lease reserving the option to renew the lease for up to five additional terms of five year each. For each year of the initial term and each year of any extended term, the rent increases by 4% over the preceding calendar year's rent. The lease receivable is measured as the present value of the future minimum rent payments expected to be received during the lease term at a discount rate of 3%. In fiscal year 2024, the City recognized \$25,048 in lease revenue and \$5,416 of interest revenue in connection with the lease.

In April 2023, the City entered into a lease with a cellular tower site development company. Under the lease, the vendor pays the City \$1,500 per month for nonexclusive access and utility easement to provide access to a tower compound. The initial term of the lease was ten years, with the lease reserving the option to renew the lease for up to five additional terms of five year each. For each year of the initial term and each year of any extended term, the rent increases by 2% over the preceding calendar year's rent. The lease receivable is measured as the present value of the future minimum rent payments expected to be received during the lease term at a discount rate of 4.2%. In fiscal year 2024, the City recognized \$12,132 in lease revenue and \$5,988 of interest revenue in connection with the lease.

As of September 30, 2024, the General Fund's lease receivables totaled \$384,927. The noncurrent portion of this balance as of September 30, 2024, totaled \$328,922. As of September 30, 2024, the Electric Utility Fund's lease receivables totaled \$230,316. The noncurrent portion this balance as of September 30, 2024, totaled \$176,491.

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year consisted of the following:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 11,946,036	\$ 784,318	\$ -	\$ 12,730,354
Construction in process	17,684,520	32,014,574	37,617,512	12,081,582
Total capital assets not being depreciated	29,630,556	32,798,892	37,617,512	24,811,936
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	79,088,639	5,545,174	243,350	84,390,463
Improvements other than buildings	13,238,264	26,710,463	432,874	39,515,853
Equipment	31,001,382	8,248,417	2,284,086	36,965,713
Infrastructure	148,159,176	9,111,538	176,281	157,094,433
Total capital assets being depreciated	271,487,461	49,615,592	3,136,591	317,966,462
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	19,053,876	1,788,721	138,108	20,704,489
Improvements other than buildings	4,453,861	862,057	373,425	4,942,493
Equipment	18,711,927	2,774,264	2,235,548	19,250,643
Infrastructure	45,921,723	4,297,930	176,281	50,043,372
Total accumulated depreciation	88,141,387	9,722,972	2,923,362	94,940,997
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	183,346,074	39,892,620	213,229	223,025,465
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 212,976,630	\$ 72,691,512	\$ 37,830,741	\$ 247,837,401

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,462,062	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,462,062
Construction in process	14,804,195	1,480,693	15,626,753	658,135
Total capital assets not being depreciated	17,266,257	1,480,693	15,626,753	3,120,197
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	16,855,185	60,373	-	16,915,558
Systems	135,703,140	21,203,991	413,622	156,493,509
Equipment	13,227,340	1,045,698	201,370	14,071,668
Total capital assets being depreciated	165,785,665	22,310,062	614,992	187,480,735
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	2,946,536	341,954	-	3,288,490
Systems	76,740,257	3,690,953	413,622	80,017,588
Equipment	8,173,356	950,434	229,757	8,894,033
Total accumulated depreciation	87,860,149	4,983,341	643,379	92,200,111
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	77,925,516	17,326,721	(28,387)	95,280,624
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 95,191,773	\$ 18,807,414	\$ 15,598,366	\$ 98,400,821

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$ 1,009,644
Public safety	1,845,199
Public works, including infrastructure	4,891,244
Culture and recreation	1,976,885
Total depreciation	<u>\$ 9,722,972</u>

Business-type activities:

Electric utility fund	\$ 3,004,727
Sewer system fund	1,475,549
Solid waste collection fund	504,075
Total depreciation	<u>\$ 4,984,351</u>

NOTE 7 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances at September 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

DUE TO	DUE FROM			
	General	Non-major Governmental	Tele- communications	Total
General	\$ -	\$ 1,805,812	\$ -	\$ 1,805,812
Non-major Governmental	9,605	-	-	9,605
Electric Utility	-	-	2,828,938	2,828,938
Total	<u>\$ 9,605</u>	<u>\$ 1,805,812</u>	<u>\$ 2,828,938</u>	<u>\$ 4,644,355</u>

All balances resulting from the time lag between dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds are made.

TRANSFER FROM							
TRANSFER TO	General	School Tax		Non-major Governmental	Electric Utility	Solid Waste	Total
		Special Revenue	Sportsplex				
General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 578,594	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,586,594
Sportsplex	33,368,318	-	-	-	-	-	33,368,318
Non-major Governmental	5,014,372	1,374,819	7,146,006	50,644	-	-	13,585,841
Total	<u>\$ 38,382,690</u>	<u>\$ 1,374,819</u>	<u>\$ 7,146,006</u>	<u>\$ 629,238</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ 51,540,753</u>

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NOTE 7 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, move receipts restricted to debt service from the fund collecting the receipts to the debt service funds as debt service payments become due, use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, and move budgeted contributions from proprietary funds to the General Fund.

NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities at September 30, 2024 consisted of the following items:

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business-type</u>
Bonds:		
General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2012-B due in annual installments of \$315,000 to \$440,000 through March 1, 2029, bearing interest at a fixed rate of 2.24%	\$ 2,125,000	\$ -
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2014 due in annual installments of \$50,000 to \$1,315,000 through January 1, 2033, bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 4.00%	5,766,220	-
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2015 due in annual installments of \$40,000 to \$1,570,000 through January 1, 2038, bearing interest rates of 1.30% to 4.00%	9,348,166	-
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016 due in annual installments of \$10,000 to \$1,400,000 through January 1, 2036, bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 4.00%	3,464,857	-
Electric System Revenue Warrants, Series 2017 due in annual installments of \$525,000 to \$895,000 through March 1, 2036, bearing interest at a fixed rate of 3.15%.	-	8,930,000
Electric System Revenue Warrants, Series 2019 due in annual installments of \$800,000 to \$1,150,000 through March 1, 2036, bearing interest at a fixed rate of 4.31%.	-	12,435,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2019-A due in annual installments of \$415,000 to \$490,000 through October 1, 2025, bearing interest rates of 3.00% to 4.00%	523,882	-
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2019-B due in annual installments of \$415,000 to \$3,495,000 through November 1, 2036, bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 3.07%	40,635,859	-
General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2022 due in annual installments of \$320,000 to \$1,255,000 through October 1, 2037, bearing interest rates of 3.00% to 5.00%	10,120,624	-
Other Liabilities:		
Compensated absences	3,719,701	587,699
Net OPEB liability	10,214,902	2,228,928
Claims and judgments	43,779	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 85,962,990</u>	<u>\$ 24,181,627</u>

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Long-term liability activity for the year consisted of the following:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Debt:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 75,345,000	\$ -	\$ 4,540,000	\$ 70,805,000	\$ 8,655,000
Unamortized premiums and discounts	1,318,181	-	138,573	1,179,608	-
Total debt	<u>76,663,181</u>			<u>71,984,608</u>	<u>8,655,000</u>
Other liabilities:					
Compensated absences	3,325,433			3,719,701	236,491
OPEB liability	9,316,006			10,214,902	-
Claims and judgments	84,177			43,779	24,578
Total other liabilities	<u>12,725,616</u>			<u>13,978,382</u>	<u>261,069</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 89,388,797</u>			<u>\$ 85,962,990</u>	<u>\$ 8,916,069</u>
Business-type Activities					
Debt:					
Other long-term debt	\$ 22,860,000	\$ -	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 21,365,000	\$ 1,535,000
Total debt	<u>22,860,000</u>			<u>21,365,000</u>	<u>1,535,000</u>
Other liabilities:					
Compensated absences	511,638			587,699	204,189
OPEB liability	2,062,463			2,228,928	-
Total other liabilities	<u>2,574,101</u>			<u>2,816,627</u>	<u>204,189</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 25,434,101</u>			<u>\$ 24,181,627</u>	<u>\$ 1,739,189</u>

Payments on the governmental activities debt are made by the debt service funds or the General Fund. The compensated absences liability for the governmental activities will be liquidated by the General Fund. The claims and judgments liability for the governmental activities will be liquidated through the internal service funds described in Note 9.

General Obligation Warrants. The City issues general obligation warrants to provide funds for the acquisition of equipment and construction of major capital facilities for the municipality and the school system located therein. General obligation warrants are also issued to construct assets used in proprietary activities. These warrants are reported in the proprietary funds if they are expected to be repaid from proprietary fund revenues. In addition, general obligation warrants have been issued to refund general obligation warrants.

The City issued \$5,990,000 of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016 dated March 3, 2016. The bonds were issued to defease a portion of the Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 dated December 1, 2007. Of the Series 2016 issuance, \$6,085,000 of its proceeds were used to defease the remaining outstanding balance of the Series 2007 bonds. The Series 2016 bonds mature annually on January 1, 2017 through 2036. Interest is payable each January 1 and July 1, beginning July 1, 2017. Additional costs to retire the defeased portion of the 2007 bonds totaled \$270,040. These costs have been recorded as deferred charges and are being amortized over the life of the 2016 bonds. The net deferred costs totaled \$154,148 at September 30, 2024.

The City issued \$9,285,000 of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2015 dated December 22, 2015. The bonds were issued to defease a portion of the Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 dated December 1, 2007. Of the Series 2015 issuance, \$9,270,000 of its proceeds were used to defease a portion of the Series 2007 bonds which were partially defeased, leaving \$6,085,000 of the Series still outstanding. The Series 2015 bonds mature annually on January 1, 2017 through 2038. Interest is payable each January 1 and July 1, beginning July 1, 2016. Additional costs to retire the defeased portion of the 2007 bonds totaled \$516,469. These costs have been recorded as deferred charges and are being amortized over the life of the 2015 bonds. The net deferred costs totaled \$319,988 at September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

The City issued \$9,165,000 of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2014 dated December 18, 2014. The bonds were issued to defease a portion of the Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 dated December 1, 2007. At September 30, 2015, \$8,890,000 of the Series 2007 bonds were partially defeased, leaving \$15,980,000 of the Series still outstanding. The Series 2014 bonds mature annually on January 1, 2015 through 2033. Interest is payable each January 1 and July 1, beginning July 1, 2015. Additional costs to retire the defeased portion of the 2007 bonds totaled \$1,117,194. These costs have been recorded as deferred charges and are being amortized over the life of the 2014 bonds. The net deferred costs totaled \$496,534 at September 30, 2024. In 2024, subsequent to year end, these bonds were paid in full.

The City issued \$6,375,000 of General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2012-B dated November 15, 2012. The bonds were issued to defease the General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2004-A dated March 1, 2004. At September 30, 2014, the Series 2004-A bonds were fully defeased by the proceeds from the Series 2012-B bonds. The Series 2012-B Warrants mature annually on March 1, 2013 through 2029. Interest is payable on each March 1 and September 1, beginning March 1, 2013. Additional costs incurred to retire the Series 2004-A bonds totaled \$262,347. These costs have been recorded as deferred charges and debt issue costs and are being amortized over the life of the new bonds. The net deferred costs totaled \$71,611 at September 30, 2024.

The City issued \$6,245,000 of General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2010-A dated July 1, 2010. The warrants were issued to defease the General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2000. The General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2000, were fully defeased during the year ended September 30, 2011. Additional costs incurred to retire the Series 2000 bonds totaled \$206,343. These costs were recorded as deferred charges and debt issue costs and amortized over the life of the Series 2010A warrants. During the current year, the Series 2010-A warrants were defeased with the proceeds from the Series 2019-A warrants. The costs incurred to retire the Series 2000 bonds will continue to be amortized over the original remaining life of the Series 2010-A warrants. The net deferred costs totaled \$16,609 at September 30, 2024.

On December 19, 2019, the City issued General Obligation Warrants, Series 2019-A in the amount of \$2,705,000. The bonds were issued to advance refund the remaining outstanding Series 2010-A General Obligation Warrants. The bonds mature annually beginning October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2025 and bear interest rates of 3.00% to 4.00% payable on April 1 and October 1 each year. The proceeds of the Series 2019-A warrants, totaling \$2,902,645, include a premium of \$197,645. This premium will be amortized over the life of the new debt. The advance refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$30,415. These costs will be amortized over the life of the new debt. Additionally, the City reduced its total debt service requirements, which resulted in an economic gain (the difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the 2010-A and 2019-A warrants) totaling \$154,042. The net deferred costs totaled \$5,214 at September 30, 2024.

The City issued General Obligation Warrants, Series 2019-B, dated December 19, 2019, in the amount of \$46,835,000. The bonds were issued to advance refund a portion of the Series 2011 General Obligation Warrants. The bonds mature annually beginning November 1, 2020 through November 1, 2036 and bear interest rates of 2.002% to 3.065% payable on May 1 and November 1 each year. The advance refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$2,200,284. These costs will be amortized over the life of the new debt. Additionally, the City reduced its total debt service requirements, which resulted in an economic gain (the difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the 2011 and 2019-B warrants) totaling \$2,599,444. The net deferred costs totaled \$1,571,632 at September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

On October 13, 2022, the City issued General Obligation School Warrants, Series 2022 totaling \$9,975,000. The bonds were issued to construct, acquire, and equip certain capital school improvements to the facilities of the Board of Ed. Principal payments begin on October 1, 2026 and continue through October 1, 2037. The bonds bear interest at rates between 3.00% and 5.00%. Interest is payable on April 1 and October 1 annually. The proceeds of the Series 2022 school warrants, totaling \$10,141,957, include a premium of \$166,957. This premium will be amortized over the life of the new debt.

There are several limitations and restrictions contained in the various bond indentures. As of September 30, 2024, the City is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

Other Long-Term Debt. On December 27, 2017, the City issued \$28,590,000 Electric System Revenue Warrants, Series 2017. The proceeds were used to advance refund the \$28,295,000 Electric System Revenue Warrants, Series 2011. The proceeds of the Series 2017 warrants were placed in escrow along with \$3,002,969 of existing funds on hand to provide for all future debt service payments on the Series 2011 warrants. As a result, the Series 2011 warrants were considered defeased and the liability for those warrants was removed. The advance refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$2,724,286. This amount is reported as a deferred outflow on the Statement of Net Position and will be amortized over the life of the new warrants. Additionally, the City reduced its total debt service requirements, which resulted in an economic gain (the difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the 2011 and 2017 warrants) totaling \$2,521,553. The net deferred costs totaled \$1,712,051 at September 30, 2024.

Subsequent to the sale of the City's telecommunications systems, the City paid its Taxable Telecommunications System Revenue Warrant, Series 2011 of \$13,500,000 in full. Prior to the sales transaction, the City's Electric System Revenue Warrants, Series 2017 had a fixed interest rate totaling 3.15%. As a result of the transaction, \$16,695,000 of this issuance lost its tax-exempt status.

On April 18, 2019, the City issued \$16,695,000 Electric System Revenue Taxable Refunding Warrants, Series 2019. The proceeds were entirely used to advance refund a portion of the Series 2017 Electric System Warrants. No refunding costs were associated with this issuance. Interest on the Series 2019 warrants is due semi-annually on March 1 and September 1, beginning September 1, 2019. The Series 2019 warrants bear interest at a fixed rate of 4.31%.

The Electric System Revenue Warrants, Series 2017 trust indenture requires a debt coverage of 1.20% of annual net income for the maximum outstanding annual debt service related to the Electric System Revenue Warrants. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City was in compliance with the debt service requirement. The City is in compliance with all other debt covenants at September 30, 2024. The debt coverage calculation is as follows:

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Net operating revenues	\$ 50,357,069
Net investment income	
Interest income earned in the Construction Fund	-
	<u>50,357,069</u>
Operating expenses	(42,679,615)
Depreciation	<u>3,004,727</u>
Net operating income available for debt service	<u>\$ 10,682,181</u>
Maximum annual net debt service requirement	<u>\$ 2,383,339</u>
Debt service ratio coverage	<u>4.48</u>
Debt service ratio required	<u>1.20</u>

The following is a summary of future annual debt service payments on long-term obligations:

Governmental Activities		
General Obligations		
Year	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 8,655,000	\$ 2,100,496
2026	4,050,000	1,938,118
2027	4,635,000	1,815,712
2028	4,780,000	1,675,054
2029	4,930,000	1,530,108
2030-2034	23,050,000	5,559,275
2035-2038	20,705,000	1,296,573
Total	<u>\$ 70,805,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,915,336</u>

Business-type Activities		
General Obligations		
Year	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,535,000	\$ 787,703
2026	1,575,000	727,874
2027	1,620,000	666,446
2028	1,660,000	603,476
2029	1,710,000	538,856
2030-2034	9,220,000	1,667,401
2035-2036	4,045,000	154,749
Total	<u>\$ 21,365,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,146,505</u>

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the City carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

The City has a Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund (an internal service fund) to account for and finance its insured and uninsured risks of loss for worker's compensation claims. Under this program, the Fund provides coverage for up to a maximum of \$250,000 for each worker's compensation claim. The City purchases insurance, which is included in an administrative fee paid to the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc., for claims in excess of \$250,000. The City's aggregate retention for the accident year February 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 is \$0, and has been \$0 for the previous five years.

All funds of the City participate in the program and make payments to the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund based on the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc.'s estimated premium rates which include an actuarial estimate of the amount needed to pay claims incurred since inception of the fund and to establish a reserve for catastrophic losses. Accordingly, these payments are treated as operating revenues of the internal service fund and operating expenditures of the General Fund and enterprise funds.

The claims liability is \$68,357 at September 30, 2024. The balance is based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. This liability is calculated actuarially using an interest rate of 3.80% and includes 1) known claims, 2) claims that have been incurred but not reported, 3) previously closed claims which may reopen, and 4) allocated loss adjustment expenses. Because actual claims liabilities depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in legal doctrines and damage awards, the process used in computing claims liability does not necessarily result in an exact amount.

Claims liabilities are reevaluated periodically to take into consideration recently settled claims, the frequency of claims and other economic and social factors. Changes in the Fund's claims liability for the last three years are as follows:

	Current Year Claims and Changes in			
	Beginning Balance	Estimates	Claim Payments	Ending Balance
2021-2022	\$ 183,123	\$ 76,610	\$ 82,010	\$ 177,723
2022-2023	177,723	3,915	46,678	134,960
2023-2024	134,960	(18,929)	47,674	68,357

The City has a Worker's Health Insurance Fund (an internal service fund) to account for and finance its uninsured risks of loss related to its self-insured employee health insurance plan. Over the life of the fund through September 30, 2024, the Worker's Health Insurance Fund has received total transfers of \$2,707,437 from the Workman's Compensation Insurance Fund. During the year ended September 30, 2021 through September 30, 2024, there were no transfers made from the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund to the Worker's Health Insurance Fund to fund the operations of the Worker's Health Insurance Fund. Since October 1, 2013 and through September 30, 2020, the Worker's Health Insurance Fund has received transfers totaling \$8,097,110 from the General Fund. During the year ended September 30, 2021 through September 30, 2024, there were no transfers from the General Fund made to the Worker's Health Insurance Fund. The Fund provides coverage for up to \$140,000 per individual covered under the plan. Individual Excess Loss coverage has been purchased to insure claims in excess of \$140,000 in any one year.

The City's health insurance claims and expenses exceeded the charges for health insurance revenue in the Worker's Health Insurance fund by \$39,535 for the year ended September 30, 2024. Assets exceeded liabilities as of September 30, 2024, resulting in a fund balance of \$2,231,528.

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NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The claims liability of \$408,100 is based on the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. This liability includes an amount calculated for claims that have been incurred but not reported at the balance sheet date. Because actual liabilities for claims depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in the legal doctrines and damage awards, the process used in computing the claims liability does not necessarily result in an exact amount.

Changes in the Fund's claims liability are as follows:

	Current Year Claims and Changes in			
	Beginning Balance	Estimates	Claim Payments	Ending Balance
2021-2022	\$ 149,400	\$ 3,022,329	\$ 3,010,729	\$ 161,000
2022-2023	161,000	3,867,372	3,682,172	346,200
2023-2024	346,200	3,538,832	3,476,932	408,100

NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. The ERS, an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement plan, was established October 1, 1945, pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 195, Title 36, Chapter 27* (Act 515 of the Legislature of 1945). The purpose of the ERS is to provide retirement allowances and other specified benefits for state employees, State Police, and on an elective basis, to all cities, counties, towns and quasi-public organizations. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of ERS is vested in its Board of Control which consists of 15 trustees. Act 390 of the Legislature of 2021 created two additional representatives to the ERS Board of Control effective October 1, 2021. The Plan is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). *The Code of Alabama 1975, Title 36-Chapter 27* grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the ERS Board of Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.rsa-al.gov.

The ERS Board of Control consists of 15 trustees as follows:

- 1) The Governor, ex officio.
- 2) The State Treasurer, ex officio.
- 3) The State Personnel Director, ex officio.
- 4) The State Director of Finance, ex officio.
- 5) Three vested members of ERS appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, no two of whom are from the same department of state government nor from any department of which an ex officio trustee is the head.
- 6) Eight members of ERS who are elected by members from the same category of ERS for a term of four years as follows:
 - a. Two retired members with one from the ranks of retired state employees and one from the ranks of retired employees of a city, county, or a public agency each of whom is an active beneficiary of ERS.
 - b. Two vested active state employees.
 - c. One vested active employee of a participating municipality or city in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.
 - d. One vested active employee of a participating county in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.

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- e. One vested active employee or retiree of a participating employer in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.
- f. One vested active employee of a participating employer other than a municipality, city or county in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.

Benefits provided. State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase to postretirement benefits for the ERS. Benefits for ERS members vest after 10 years of creditable service. State employees who retire after age 60 (52 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 years of service (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Local employees who retire after age 60 with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 to 30 years of service (regardless of age), depending on the particular entity's election, are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest 3 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.875% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 ERS members are eligible for retirement after age 62 (56 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a formula method. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest 5 of the last 10 years) for each year of service up to 80% of their average final compensation. State Police are allowed 2.375% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have 10 years of creditable service, are currently in-service, and are determined by the RSA Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated from further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits equal to the annual earnable compensation of the member as reported to the Plan for the preceding year ending September 30 are paid to the beneficiary.

Act 132 of the Legislature of 2019 allowed employers who participate in the ERS pursuant to *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6* to provide Tier 1 retirement benefits to their Tier 2 members. Tier 2 members of employers adopting Act 2019-132 will contribute 7.50% earnable compensation for regular employees and 8.50% for firefighters and law enforcement officers. A total of 618 employers adopted Act 2019-132 as of September 30, 2023.

Act 316 of the Legislature of 2019 allows employees at the time of retirement to receive a partial lump sum (PLOP) distribution as a single payment not to exceed the sum of 24 months of the maximum monthly retirement allowance the member could receive. This option may be selected in addition to the election of another retirement allowance option at a reduced amount based upon the amount of partial lump sum distribution selected.

The ERS serves approximately 884 local participating employers. The ERS membership includes approximately 113,079 participants. As of September 30, 2023, membership consisted of:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	31,481
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	2,350
Terminated employees not entitled to a benefit	20,556
Active members	58,659
Post-DROP participants who are still in active service	33
Total	113,079

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Contributions. Covered members of the ERS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, covered members of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered members of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation. Certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS contributed 6% of earnable compensation as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 8.50% of earnable compensation. State Police of the ERS contribute 10.00% of earnable compensation.

Employers participating in the ERS pursuant to *Code of Alabama 195, Section 36-27-6* were not required by statute to increase covered member contribution rates but were provided the opportunity to do so through Act 2011-676. By adopting Act 2011-676, Tier 1 regular members contribution rates increased from 5.00% to 7.50% of earnable compensation and Tier 1 certified law enforcement, correctional officers', and firefighters' member contribution rates increased from 6.00% to 8.50% of earnable compensation.

Tier 2 covered members of the ERS contribute 6.00% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute. Tier 2 certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7.00% of earnable compensation. Tier 2 State Police members of the ERS contribute 10.00% of earnable compensation. These contribution rates are the same for Tier 2 covered members of ERS local participating employers.

The ERS establishes rates based upon an actuarially determined rate recommended by an independent actuary. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year with additional amounts to finance any unfunded accrued liability, the pre-retirement death benefit and administrative expenses of the Plan. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City's active employee contribution rate was 24.76% of covered employee payroll, and the City's average contribution rate to fund the normal and accrued liability costs was 7.98% of pensionable payroll.

The City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2024 was 16.50% of pensionable pay for Tier 1 employees, and 16.69% of pensionable pay for Tier 2 employees. These required contribution rates are based upon the actuarial valuation dated September 30, 2021, a percent of annual pensionable payroll, and actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the City were \$6,045,777 for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Net Pension Liability

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2022, rolled forward to September 30, 2023, using standard roll-forward techniques as shown in the following table:

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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

	Expected	Actual Before Plan Changes	Actual After Plan Changes
(a) TPL as of September 30, 2022	\$ 103,256,676	\$ 103,550,812	\$ 103,550,812
(b) Discount rate	7.45%	7.45%	7.45%
(c) Entry Age Normal Cost for the period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023	2,214,357	2,214,357	2,214,357
(d) Transfers Among Employers:	-	(900,943)	(900,943)
(e) Actual Benefit Payments and Refunds for the period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023	(6,832,921)	(6,832,921)	(6,832,921)
(f) TPL as of September 30, 2023 [(a) x (1+(b))] + (c) + (d) + [(e) x (1+0.5*(b))]	<u>\$ 106,076,208</u>	<u>\$ 105,491,314</u>	<u>\$ 105,491,314</u>
(g) Difference between Expected and Actual:		\$ (584,894)	
(h) Less Liability Transferred for Immediate Recognition:		<u>(900,943)</u>	
(i) Difference between Expected and Actual - Experience (Gain)/Loss		<u>\$ 316,049</u>	
(k) Difference between Actual TPL Before and After Plan Changes - Benefit Change (Gain)/Loss			\$ -

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2023 was determined based on the annual actuarial funding valuation report prepared as of September 30, 2022. The key actuarial assumptions are summarized below:

Inflation	2.50%
Projected salary increases	3.25% - 6.00% for State and Local Employees and 4.00% - 7.75% for State Police, including inflation
Investment rate of return*	7.45%, including inflation

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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Tables, projected generationally using the MP-2020 scale, which is adjusted by 66-2/3% beginning with year 2019:

Group	Membership Table	Set Forward (+)/ Setback (-)		Adjustment to Rates
Non-FLC Service Retirees	General Health Below Median	Male: +2 Female: +2	Male: 90% ages <65, 96% ages >= 65 Female: 96% all ages	
FLC/State Police Retirees	Public Safety Health Below Median	Male: +1 Female: none	None	
Beneficiaries	Contigent Survivor Below Median	Male: +2 Female: +2	None	
Non-FLC Disabled Retirees	General Disability	Male: +7 Female: +3	None	
FLC/State Police Disabled Retirees	Public Safety Disability	Male: +7 Female: none	None	

The actuarial assumptions used in September 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return *
Fixed Income	15.00%	2.80%
U.S. Large Stocks	32.00%	8.00%
U.S. Mid Stocks	9.00%	10.00%
U.S. Small Stocks	4.00%	11.00%
International Developed Market Stocks	12.00%	9.50%
International Emerging Market Stocks	3.00%	11.00%
Alternatives	10.00%	9.00%
Real Estate	10.00%	6.50%
Cash	5.00%	1.50%
Total	100.00%	

*Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.00%.

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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was the long-term rate of return, 7.45%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that Plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made in accordance with the funding policy adopted by the ERS Board of Control. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current Plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Change in Net Pension Liability

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a) - (b)
Balances at September 30, 2022	\$ 103,256,679	\$ 49,223,252	\$ 54,033,427
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	2,214,357	-	2,214,357
Interest	7,438,096	-	7,438,096
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	316,049	-	316,049
Contributions - employer	-	3,730,416	(3,730,416)
Contributions - employee	-	1,860,532	(1,860,532)
Net investment income	-	6,251,273	(6,251,273)
Benefits of payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(6,832,921)	(6,832,921)	-
Transfers among employers	(900,943)	(900,943)	-
Net changes:	2,234,638	4,108,357	(1,873,719)
Balances at September 30, 2023	\$ 105,491,317	\$ 53,331,609	\$ 52,159,708

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the City's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.45%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.45%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.45%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
City's Net Pension Liability	\$ 64,590,339	\$ 52,159,708	\$ 41,769,244

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 68 Report for the ERS prepared as of September 30, 2023. The auditor's report on the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position by Employer and accompanying notes is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at <http://www.rsa-al.gov/index.php/employers/financial-reports/gasb-68-reports/>.

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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized pension expense of \$6,216,578. At September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions of the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,133,747	\$ 163,206
Changes of assumptions	1,691,798	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,221,015	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,045,777	-
	<u>\$ 11,092,337</u>	<u>\$ 163,206</u>

\$6,045,777 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from System contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years ending September 30:

2025	\$ 1,611,549
2026	1,422,946
2027	2,313,907
2028	(488,454)
2029	23,409
Thereafter	-

NOTE 11 - POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

Plan Description. The City provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The City of Opelika OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the City. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the City. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Benefits Provided. Medical benefits are provided to employees upon actual retirement. The employees are covered by the State of Alabama Retirement System. The earliest retirement eligibility provisions are as follows: 25 years of service at any age; or, age 60 and 10 years of service.

Life insurance coverage is not provided to retirees except for two remaining "grandfathered" retirees with minimal total insurance volume of less than \$14,000. We estimate the total Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) and the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) for these two retirees to be negligible and have thus not included it in this valuation.

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NOTE 11 - POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Employees covered by benefit terms. At September 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	31
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	330
	361

Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability is \$12,443,830 as of the measurement date September 30, 2024, the end of the fiscal year.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability in the September 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	4.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	4.09%, annually (Beginning of year to determine ADC) 3.81%, annually (As of end of year measurement date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% annually for ten years, 4.5% thereafter
Mortality	SOA RP-2000 Table

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20-year General Obligation municipal bond index as of September 30, 2024, the end of the applicable measurement period.

The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2024.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

Balance at September 30, 2023	\$ 11,378,469
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	218,242
Interest	425,048
Differences between expected and actual experience	501,464
Changes in assumptions	365,327
Benefit payments and net transfers	(444,720)
Net changes	1,065,361
Balance at September 30, 2024	\$ 12,443,830

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.81%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.81%) than the current discount rate:

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NOTE 11 - POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

	1.0% Decrease (2.81%)	Current Discount Rate (3.81%)	1.0% Increase (4.81%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 15,096,066	\$ 12,443,830	\$ 10,392,222

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Discount Rate (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 10,625,582	\$ 12,443,830	\$ 14,811,217

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

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$1,538,742. At September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,733,376	\$ (180,677)
Changes in assumptions	1,442,861	(1,687,998)
Total	\$ 6,176,237	\$ (1,868,675)

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

Years ending September 30:

2025	\$ 895,452
2026	895,452
2027	815,659
2028	66,390
2029	279,449
Thereafter	1,355,160

NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

On September 29, 2004, the City's Council passed a resolution approving an agreement with the Lee County Commission regarding funding for the expansion of the consolidated jail in cooperation with Lee County and the City of Auburn. In this agreement, the Council expressed its intent to appropriate approximately \$300,000 per year for 25 years for this project. The agreement states that Opelika is not legally obligated to make appropriations for the Annual Payments and that the agreement would not create a debt of the City within the meaning of Section 225 of the Constitution of the State of Alabama.

The City is a party to other 80/20 cost sharing agreements with the State in which the City will pay 100% of the costs over a fixed amount. The liability, if any, is not determinable as of September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

The City entered into an agreement with ESG Operations, Inc. ("ESG") effective November 1, 2005, to operate, manage and provide services that the following divisions of the City were previously providing: 1) streets division, grounds maintenance division, building maintenance division, auto shop division, and cemeteries division of the Public Works Department; 2) wastewater treatment division and wastewater collection division of the Engineering Department, and, effective January 2, 2006, the building maintenance division and grounds division of the Parks and Recreation Department. During 2014, the City also agreed to have ESG manage the City's traffic signal control boxes. The City will provide for all capital expenditures and electric service. The base fee for provision of these services is \$3,559,863 per year payable in monthly installments. The base fee will increase each year in accordance with the consumer price index. The ESG budget for the year ended September 30, 2024 totals \$6,989,364. Included in the base fee is the repair and maintenance budget. The agreement states that if the budget is exceeded, then the City is obligated to reimburse ESG and, if the budget is not exceeded, then the City is reimbursed the difference between the actual repair and maintenance expenditures and the budgeted amount. At the end of the contract year, ESG and the City entered into an agreement for the \$93,288 that remained in the repair and maintenance budget to be used by ESG for a City project during the year ended September 30, 2025. The initial term of the agreement was for 10 years commencing on November 1, 2005 and has since been extended by both parties through September 30, 2024. The amended agreement will automatically renew for 5-year periods following that date unless cancelled by either party. The agreement includes termination clauses for both parties.

The City enters into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses under the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992. Under the Act, cities, counties, and public industrial authorities have the ability to abate sales and use taxes and property taxes for various time periods depending on the type of business, all for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within their jurisdictions. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to the City. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the City abated taxes totaling \$5,400,266 under this Act, as summarized below.

Purpose	Type of Taxes Abated	% of Taxes Abated during the Fiscal Year	Taxes Abated during the Fiscal Year
To construct and/or build major additions to manufacturing facilities	Property Tax	50%	\$ 901,166
To construct and/or build major additions to sawmill facility	Property Tax	50%	205,349
To construct food processing plant	Property Tax	50%	99,531
To construct and/or build major additions to warehousing and distribution facilities	Property Tax	50%	33,830
To construct facilities for a plant growing and distribution business	Property Tax	50%	4,838
To construct and/or build major additions to brewery	Property Tax	50%	155
To construct and/or build major additions to manufacturing facilities	Sales Tax	4%	\$ 3,843,046
To construct and/or build major additions to warehousing and	Sales Tax	4%	264,093
To construct food processing plant	Sales Tax	4%	48,258
distribution facilities			<u>\$ 5,400,266</u>

Various lawsuits are pending against the City. In addition, several claims have been filed which have not yet resulted in lawsuits. The liability, if any, associated with these matters is not determinable at September 30, 2024. The City has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies.

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NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agency for the expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. City management believes such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

On October 18, 2019, the City and the Opelika Industrial Development Authority (OIDA) entered into an agreement whereby the City loaned OIDA \$2,990,000 for the purpose of acquiring land to develop a new technology park. In accordance with the agreement, OIDA shall make 11 annual principal installments of \$250,000 and accrued interest and one final annual installment of all remaining principal and interest beginning November 1, 2020 through November 1, 2031. The payments due October 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 were forgiven by the City.

NOTE 13 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the year ended September 30, 2024, the City changed the way it accounted for an agreement with the IPPPA. The agreement commits the City to appropriate \$1,151,000 over five years contingent upon the IPPPA completing renovations to the golf course. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the City recorded the future commitment as an exchange transaction and recorded a liability. Subsequent to the year ended September 30, 2023, the City determined this to be a nonexchange transaction. As a result, the City will not record the commitment as a liability. Instead, the City will record the appropriation as the payments are made. This change resulted in increased net assets by \$928,000 on the accompanying government wide statement of activities.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Sales	\$ 50,500,000	\$ 50,500,000	\$ 50,383,168	\$ (116,832)
Property:				
Property	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,989,108	989,108
Payments in lieu of taxes	31,000	31,000	45,898	14,898
	<u>6,031,000</u>	<u>6,031,000</u>	<u>7,035,006</u>	<u>1,004,006</u>
Other:				
Gasoline	900,000	900,000	1,012,305	112,305
Cigarette	68,112	68,112	66,516	(1,596)
Rental	900,000	900,000	1,025,195	125,195
Wine	34,000	34,000	30,612	(3,388)
	<u>1,902,112</u>	<u>1,902,112</u>	<u>2,134,628</u>	<u>232,516</u>
Total taxes	<u>58,433,112</u>	<u>58,433,112</u>	<u>59,552,802</u>	<u>1,119,690</u>
Special assessments	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>7,904</u>	<u>(2,096)</u>
Licenses and permits:				
Occupational	<u>16,800,000</u>	<u>16,800,000</u>	<u>17,813,296</u>	<u>1,013,296</u>
Business:				
General	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,286,407	86,407
Lodging	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,378,038	78,038
Franchise fee	600,000	600,000	410,060	(189,940)
	<u>6,100,000</u>	<u>6,100,000</u>	<u>6,074,505</u>	<u>(25,495)</u>
Telecommunications fees	7,500	7,500	10,000	2,500
Permits and inspections	<u>2,320,000</u>	<u>2,320,000</u>	<u>2,544,354</u>	<u>224,354</u>
Total licenses and permits	<u>25,227,500</u>	<u>25,227,500</u>	<u>26,442,155</u>	<u>1,214,655</u>

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General Fund

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DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Intergovernmental revenue:				
Shared county revenue:				
Motor vehicle license	\$ 133,500	\$ 133,500	\$ 167,358	\$ 33,858
Shared state revenue:				
Bank excise tax	700,000	700,000	484,878	(215,122)
Business privilege tax	76,500	76,500	77,372	872
Share of liquor tax profits	285,000	285,000	293,746	8,746
State asset forfeiture	-	18,920	174,989	156,069
	<u>1,061,500</u>	<u>1,080,420</u>	<u>1,030,985</u>	<u>(49,435)</u>
Shared federal revenue:				
Federal asset forfeiture	-	3,655	-	(3,655)
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,655)</u>
Other:				
Grants:				
State	-	10,000	324,352	314,352
Lee County	59,000	85,572	36,500	(49,072)
	<u>59,000</u>	<u>95,572</u>	<u>360,852</u>	<u>265,280</u>
Total intergovernmental revenue	<u>1,254,000</u>	<u>1,313,147</u>	<u>1,559,195</u>	<u>246,048</u>
Charges for services:				
Administration:				
Other governments	27,000	27,000	28,941	1,941
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>28,941</u>	<u>1,941</u>
Public safety:				
Board of Education	150,000	150,000	300,000	150,000
Other	317,000	317,000	327,913	10,913
Towing, fire calls, and fire training	4,500	5,788	4,984	(804)
	<u>471,500</u>	<u>472,788</u>	<u>632,897</u>	<u>160,109</u>

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DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Public works:				
Clearing and grading	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,792	\$ (14,208)
Other	50,000	50,000	101,421	51,421
	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>127,213</u>	<u>37,213</u>
Health:				
Graves and monuments	148,000	148,000	200,200	52,200
Evergreen cemetery	47,000	47,000	28,000	(19,000)
	<u>195,000</u>	<u>195,000</u>	<u>228,200</u>	<u>33,200</u>
Culture and recreation:				
Entry fees and concessions	1,785,500	1,785,500	2,108,424	322,924
Total charges for services	<u>2,569,000</u>	<u>2,570,288</u>	<u>3,125,675</u>	<u>555,387</u>
Fines and forfeitures:				
Public safety:				
Fines and costs	432,500	432,500	398,462	(34,038)
Culture and recreation:				
Fines	33,000	33,000	33,083	83
Total fines and forfeitures	<u>465,500</u>	<u>465,500</u>	<u>431,545</u>	<u>(33,955)</u>
Miscellaneous revenues:				
Interest earnings	1,500,000	1,500,000	4,357,143	2,857,143
Other:				
Rental income	83,000	83,000	55,927	(27,073)
Contributions	-	73,552	85,551	11,999
Cemetery lots	140,000	140,000	186,310	46,310
Miscellaneous	-	68,792	619,661	550,869
Total other	<u>223,000</u>	<u>365,344</u>	<u>947,449</u>	<u>582,105</u>
Total miscellaneous revenues	<u>1,723,000</u>	<u>1,865,344</u>	<u>5,304,592</u>	<u>3,439,248</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 89,682,112</u>	<u>\$ 89,884,891</u>	<u>\$ 96,423,868</u>	<u>\$ 6,538,977</u>

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FUNCTION/DEPARTMENT/OBJECT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Mayor:				
Personnel services	\$ 239,343	\$ 239,343	\$ 236,094	\$ (3,249)
Other	434,301	318,627	118,711	(199,916)
Total mayor	<u>673,644</u>	<u>557,970</u>	<u>354,805</u>	<u>(203,165)</u>
Administration:				
Personnel services	234,862	234,862	232,193	(2,669)
Other	810,500	1,247,442	227,557	(1,019,885)
Total administration	<u>1,045,362</u>	<u>1,482,304</u>	<u>459,750</u>	<u>(1,022,554)</u>
Legislative - City Clerk:				
Personnel services	181,102	181,102	180,132	(970)
Other	267,500	217,500	178,372	(39,128)
Total legislative	<u>448,602</u>	<u>398,602</u>	<u>358,504</u>	<u>(40,098)</u>
Legal - City Attorney:				
Personnel services	207,990	207,990	199,826	(8,164)
Other	131,100	251,290	137,591	(113,699)
Total legal	<u>339,090</u>	<u>459,280</u>	<u>337,417</u>	<u>(121,863)</u>
Other:				
Revenue:				
Personnel services	560,193	567,939	467,189	(100,750)
Other	279,938	292,938	166,474	(126,464)
	<u>840,131</u>	<u>860,877</u>	<u>633,663</u>	<u>(227,214)</u>
Accounting:				
Personnel services	851,640	852,640	793,697	(58,943)
Services provided other funds	(134,339)	(134,339)	(133,969)	370
Other	116,150	115,866	105,011	(10,855)
	<u>833,451</u>	<u>834,167</u>	<u>764,739</u>	<u>(69,428)</u>
Community relations:				
Personnel services	200,474	200,474	205,604	5,130
Other	190,901	197,653	182,248	(15,405)
	<u>391,375</u>	<u>398,127</u>	<u>387,852</u>	<u>(10,275)</u>

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FUNCTION/DEPARTMENT/OBJECT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Information technology:				
Personnel services	\$ 1,263,407	\$ 1,281,708	\$ 1,233,774	\$ (47,934)
Services provided other funds	(283,762)	(283,762)	(283,763)	(1)
Other	3,492,871	4,139,546	3,610,974	(528,572)
	<u>4,472,516</u>	<u>5,137,492</u>	<u>4,560,985</u>	<u>(576,507)</u>
Judicial:				
Personnel services	396,994	396,994	337,679	(59,315)
Other	34,850	34,850	25,556	(9,294)
	<u>431,844</u>	<u>431,844</u>	<u>363,235</u>	<u>(68,609)</u>
Human resources administration:				
Personnel services	457,329	457,329	383,558	(73,771)
Other	413,165	413,307	195,957	(217,350)
	<u>870,494</u>	<u>870,636</u>	<u>579,515</u>	<u>(291,121)</u>
Planning:				
Personnel services	549,192	551,432	514,468	(36,964)
Other	1,057,822	1,244,640	364,589	(880,051)
	<u>1,607,014</u>	<u>1,796,072</u>	<u>879,057</u>	<u>(917,015)</u>
Purchasing:				
Personnel services	412,928	412,928	369,755	(43,173)
Services provided other funds	(55,618)	(55,618)	(50,399)	5,219
Other	20,570	20,570	12,821	(7,749)
	<u>377,880</u>	<u>377,880</u>	<u>332,177</u>	<u>(45,703)</u>
Nondepartmental:				
Auburn-Opelika Airport	100,000	121,647	168,589	46,942
Lee-Russell Council of Governments	162,637	162,637	162,637	-
Opelika Chamber of Commerce	-	150,000	150,000	-
Opelika Industrial Development Authority	125,000	125,000	375,000	250,000
Lee County Extension Service	12,500	12,500	12,500	-
Envision Opelika	31,000	31,000	31,000	-
Downtown Development Authority	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Main Street, Inc.	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
J W Darden Foundation	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Circles	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Other	-	89,250	89,250	-
	<u>505,137</u>	<u>766,034</u>	<u>1,062,976</u>	<u>296,942</u>
Total other	<u>10,329,842</u>	<u>11,473,129</u>	<u>9,564,199</u>	<u>(1,908,930)</u>
Total general government	<u>12,836,540</u>	<u>14,371,285</u>	<u>11,074,675</u>	<u>(3,296,610)</u>

UNAUDITED

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FUNCTION/DEPARTMENT/OBJECT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Public safety:				
Police:				
Personnel services	\$ 12,857,091	\$ 12,889,088	\$ 11,682,179	\$ (1,206,909)
Other	3,107,878	3,815,548	3,163,136	(652,412)
Total police	<u>15,964,969</u>	<u>16,704,636</u>	<u>14,845,315</u>	<u>(1,859,321)</u>
Fire:				
Personnel services	7,905,592	7,931,255	7,680,060	(251,195)
Other	1,384,650	1,659,265	1,444,754	(214,511)
Total fire	<u>9,290,242</u>	<u>9,590,520</u>	<u>9,124,814</u>	<u>(465,706)</u>
Other:				
Nondepartmental:				
Juvenile Court	8,500	8,500	8,500	-
Lee County Emergency Management	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Emergency Medical Service	410,522	410,522	410,522	-
Total other	<u>464,022</u>	<u>500,256</u>	<u>495,256</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total public safety	<u>25,719,233</u>	<u>26,795,412</u>	<u>24,465,385</u>	<u>(2,330,027)</u>
Public works:				
Highways and streets				
Code enforcement	-	-	4,259	4,259
Traffic lights	374,550	224,550	96,976	(127,574)
Other	1,391,378	1,371,488	1,368,623	(2,865)
Total highways and streets	<u>1,765,928</u>	<u>1,596,038</u>	<u>1,469,858</u>	<u>(126,180)</u>
Engineering:				
Personnel services	700,160	700,160	595,309	(104,851)
Other	342,660	890,578	289,132	(601,446)
Total engineering	<u>1,042,820</u>	<u>1,590,738</u>	<u>884,441</u>	<u>(706,297)</u>

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FUNCTION/DEPARTMENT/OBJECT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Other:				
Administration				
Other	\$ 654,940	\$ 654,940	\$ 581,988	\$ (72,952)
	<u>654,940</u>	<u>654,940</u>	<u>581,988</u>	<u>(72,952)</u>
Cemetery:				
Other	274,078	274,078	265,240	(8,838)
	<u>274,078</u>	<u>274,078</u>	<u>265,240</u>	<u>(8,838)</u>
Automotive shop:				
Other	897,235	2,018,525	866,462	(1,152,063)
	<u>897,235</u>	<u>2,018,525</u>	<u>866,462</u>	<u>(1,152,063)</u>
Building maintenance:				
Other	634,221	634,221	633,875	(346)
	<u>634,221</u>	<u>634,221</u>	<u>633,875</u>	<u>(346)</u>
Inspection:				
Personnel services	773,803	773,803	655,665	(118,138)
Other	232,235	263,501	202,291	(61,210)
	<u>1,006,038</u>	<u>1,037,304</u>	<u>857,956</u>	<u>(179,348)</u>
Ground maintenance:				
Other	1,284,462	1,299,427	1,228,761	(70,666)
	<u>1,284,462</u>	<u>1,299,427</u>	<u>1,228,761</u>	<u>(70,666)</u>
Total other	<u>4,750,974</u>	<u>5,918,495</u>	<u>4,434,282</u>	<u>(1,484,213)</u>
Total public works	<u>7,559,722</u>	<u>9,105,271</u>	<u>6,788,581</u>	<u>(2,316,690)</u>

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FUNCTION/DEPARTMENT/OBJECT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Health:				
Animal control:				
Personnel services	\$ 83,342	\$ 83,342	\$ 80,333	\$ (3,009)
Other	21,400	29,400	28,379	(1,021)
	<u>104,742</u>	<u>112,742</u>	<u>108,712</u>	<u>(4,030)</u>
Other:				
Nondepartmental:				
Lee County Health Department	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
East Alabama Mental Health	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Valley Haven School	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Lee County Humane Society	129,771	129,771	129,771	-
Substance Abuse	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Child Care Alliance	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Red Cross	8,500	8,500	8,500	-
Child Advocacy Center	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Domestic Violence Intervention Center	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Opioid Settlement	-	164,750	164,750	-
Other	-	408,800	208,800	(200,000)
Total other	<u>260,771</u>	<u>834,321</u>	<u>634,321</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
Total health	<u>365,513</u>	<u>947,063</u>	<u>743,033</u>	<u>(204,030)</u>
Welfare:				
Other:				
Nondepartmental:				
East Alabama Services for the Elderly	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Lee County Youth Development Center	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
One Voice Shelter Coalition	10,000	10,000	7,500	(2,500)
Boys and Girls Clubs	42,500	42,500	42,500	-
Council on Human Relations	22,500	22,500	22,500	-
Esperanza House	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Storybook Farms	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Christian Care Ministries	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
Christian Women's Job Corps	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
East Alabama Food Bank	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Other	65,000	180,750	180,750	-
Total welfare	<u>232,000</u>	<u>347,750</u>	<u>345,250</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>

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FUNCTION/DEPARTMENT/OBJECT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation:				
Personnel services	\$ 2,749,647	\$ 2,756,976	\$ 2,517,434	\$ (239,542)
Other	4,442,914	4,474,861	4,376,634	(98,227)
Total parks and recreation	<u>7,192,561</u>	<u>7,231,837</u>	<u>6,894,068</u>	<u>(337,769)</u>
Library:				
Personnel services	1,132,202	1,151,292	1,007,939	(143,353)
Other	760,101	1,233,550	663,396	(570,154)
Total library	<u>1,892,303</u>	<u>2,384,842</u>	<u>1,671,335</u>	<u>(713,507)</u>
Other:				
Nondepartmental:				
Keep Opelika Beautiful	38,000	38,000	38,000	-
Museum of East Alabama	30,500	30,500	30,500	-
Opelika Arts Association	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Krher Reserve & Nature Center	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Art Haus	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
Other	235,200	254,200	24,000	(230,200)
Total other	<u>356,200</u>	<u>375,200</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>(230,200)</u>
Total culture and recreation	<u>9,441,064</u>	<u>9,991,879</u>	<u>8,710,403</u>	<u>(1,281,476)</u>
Economic development:				
Personnel services	469,967	500,781	420,938	(79,843)
Other	276,075	287,329	136,290	(151,039)
Total	<u>746,042</u>	<u>788,110</u>	<u>557,228</u>	<u>(230,882)</u>
Nondepartmental:				
Industrial incentives	803,290	833,486	204,719	(628,767)
Commercial incentives	1,021,176	1,021,176	619,744	(401,432)
Total	<u>1,824,466</u>	<u>1,854,662</u>	<u>824,463</u>	<u>(1,030,199)</u>
Total economic development	<u>2,570,508</u>	<u>2,642,772</u>	<u>1,381,691</u>	<u>(1,261,081)</u>
Education	<u>3,394,500</u>	<u>5,569,750</u>	<u>5,569,750</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital outlay	<u>22,191,889</u>	<u>50,430,299</u>	<u>17,233,148</u>	<u>(33,197,151)</u>

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FUNCTION/DEPARTMENT/OBJECT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Debt service:				
Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total debt service	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	84,310,969	120,201,481	76,311,916	(43,889,565)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	5,371,143	(30,316,590)	20,111,952	50,428,542
Other financing sources (uses):				
Sale of capital assets	-	12,000	55,081	43,081
Transfers from 2011 Road Construction Fund	-	-	45,400	45,400
Transfers from Electric Utility Fund	3,500,000	3,500,000	4,000,000	500,000
Transfers from Solid Waste Collection Fund	-	8,000	8,000	-
Transfers from Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	-	410,000	498,360	88,360
Transfers from Garden Hills Cemetery Trust Fund	20,000	20,000	34,834	14,834
Transfers to General Obligation Debt Service Fund	(3,856,143)	(3,856,143)	(3,881,951)	(25,808)
Transfers to Garden Hills Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund	(35,000)	(35,000)	(46,578)	(11,578)
Transfers to Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	(5,000,000)	(5,029,280)	(33,494,466)	(28,465,186)
Transfers to Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	-	(1,007,805)	(959,695)	48,110
Total other financing sources (uses)	(5,371,143)	(5,978,228)	(33,741,015)	(27,762,787)
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	-	(36,294,818)	(13,629,063)	22,665,755
Fund balance, beginning of year	84,192,820	84,192,820	9,540,904	(74,651,916)
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 84,192,820	\$ 47,898,002	\$ (4,088,159)	\$ (51,986,161)

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School Tax Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET OVER (UNDER)
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 11,200,000	\$ 11,200,000	\$ 13,421,071	\$ 2,221,071
Investment income	12,000	12,000	118,959	106,959
Total revenues	<u>11,212,000</u>	<u>11,212,000</u>	<u>13,540,030</u>	<u>2,328,030</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Education	<u>9,837,084</u>	<u>9,837,084</u>	<u>12,165,211</u>	<u>2,328,127</u>
Total expenditures	<u>9,837,084</u>	<u>9,837,084</u>	<u>12,165,211</u>	<u>2,328,127</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,374,916</u>	<u>1,374,916</u>	<u>1,374,819</u>	<u>(97)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers to other funds	<u>(1,374,916)</u>	<u>(1,374,916)</u>	<u>(1,374,819)</u>	<u>97</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,374,916)</u>	<u>(1,374,916)</u>	<u>(1,374,819)</u>	<u>97</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,718</u>	<u>2,718</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,718</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,718</u></u>

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
Last Ten Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability										
Service cost	\$ 2,214,357	\$ 2,089,273	\$ 1,780,796	\$ 1,488,062	\$ 1,559,187	\$ 1,490,565	\$ 1,497,607	\$ 1,442,512	\$ 1,412,607	\$ 1,408,575
Interest	7,438,096	7,240,441	6,839,745	6,650,133	6,542,771	6,502,549	6,281,661	6,055,938	5,829,028	5,689,972
Changes of benefit terms	-	47,061	-	1,111,605	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	316,049	(156,067)	1,826,927	(276,844)	332,101	(546,247)	1,203,336	467,869	1,293,867	-
Changes of assumptions	-	-	3,721,958	-	-	436,905	-	3,431,801	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(6,832,921)	(6,680,415)	(6,719,857)	(6,371,855)	(6,490,330)	(6,304,031)	(6,019,196)	(5,721,480)	(5,676,784)	(5,043,908)
Transfers among employers	(900,943)	189,045	889,985	35,400	(608,658)	(419,392)	29,171	(173,315)	-	-
Net change in total pension liability	2,234,638	2,729,338	8,339,554	2,636,501	1,335,071	1,160,349	2,992,579	5,503,325	2,858,718	2,054,639
Total pension liability - beginning	103,256,679	100,527,341	92,187,790	89,551,289	88,216,218	87,055,869	84,063,290	78,559,965	75,701,247	73,646,608
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 105,491,317	\$ 103,256,679	\$ 100,527,344	\$ 92,187,790	\$ 89,551,289	\$ 88,216,218	\$ 87,055,869	\$ 84,063,290	\$ 78,559,965	\$ 75,701,247
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions - employer	\$ 3,730,416	\$ 3,622,862	\$ 3,030,234	\$ 2,869,685	\$ 2,608,922	\$ 2,556,321	\$ 2,288,116	\$ 2,243,275	\$ 2,317,790	\$ 2,175,474
Contributions - member	1,860,532	1,684,601	1,568,777	1,461,430	1,440,575	1,352,780	1,285,637	1,345,519	1,355,450	1,253,952
Net investment income	6,251,273	(7,305,075)	10,598,910	2,667,393	1,231,904	4,312,206	5,585,674	4,250,351	515,062	4,840,319
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(6,832,921)	(6,680,415)	(6,719,857)	(6,371,855)	(6,490,330)	(6,304,031)	(6,019,196)	(5,721,480)	(5,676,784)	(5,043,908)
Transfers among employees	(900,943)	189,045	889,985	35,400	(608,658)	(419,392)	29,171	(173,315)	(79,807)	68,543
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	4,108,357	(8,488,982)	9,368,049	662,053	(1,817,587)	1,497,884	3,169,402	1,944,350	(1,568,289)	3,294,380
Plan net position - beginning	49,223,252	57,712,234	48,344,185	47,682,132	49,499,719	48,001,835	44,832,433	42,888,083	44,456,372	41,161,992
Plan net position - ending (b)	\$ 53,331,609	\$ 49,223,252	\$ 57,712,234	\$ 48,344,185	\$ 47,682,132	\$ 49,499,719	\$ 48,001,835	\$ 44,832,433	\$ 42,888,083	\$ 44,456,372
Net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 52,159,708	\$ 54,033,427	\$ 42,815,110	\$ 43,843,605	\$ 41,869,157	\$ 38,716,499	\$ 39,054,034	\$ 39,230,857	\$ 35,671,882	\$ 31,244,875
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	50.56%	47.67%	57.41%	52.44%	53.25%	56.11%	55.14%	53.33%	54.59%	58.73%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 22,673,417	\$ 20,949,276	\$ 19,392,942	\$ 19,106,781	\$ 17,628,631	\$ 17,528,945	\$ 16,547,083	\$ 16,840,471	\$ 16,260,839	\$ 15,679,726
Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	230.05%	257.93%	220.78%	229.47%	237.51%	220.87%	236.02%	232.96%	219.37%	199.27%

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CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of Employer Contributions – Pension
Last Ten Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 6,045,777	\$ 5,624,446	\$ 5,256,072	\$ 4,630,231	\$ 4,387,097	\$ 3,998,592	\$ 2,710,697	\$ 2,317,489	\$ 2,759,158	\$ 2,374,149
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	6,045,777	5,624,446	5,256,072	4,630,231	4,387,097	3,998,592	2,710,697	2,317,489	2,759,158	2,374,149
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered employee payroll	\$ 24,418,132	\$ 22,673,417	\$ 20,949,276	\$ 19,392,942	\$ 19,106,781	\$ 17,628,631	\$ 17,528,945	\$ 16,547,083	\$ 16,840,471	\$ 16,260,839
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	24.76%	24.81%	25.09%	23.88%	22.96%	22.68%	15.46%	14.01%	16.38%	14.60%

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CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - Pension
September 30, 2024

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the contributions are reported. Contributions for fiscal year 2024 were based on the September 30, 2021 actuarial valuation.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates for the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age
Amortization method	Level percent closed
Remaining amortization period	26.5 years
Asset valuation method	Five-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25 - 6.00%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.45%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
For the Last Seven Years Ended September 30,

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	\$ 218,242	\$ 201,507	\$ 293,140	\$ 580,543	\$ 158,783	\$ 67,768	\$ 72,153
Interest	425,048	453,118	272,721	159,970	178,809	131,209	120,339
Differences between expected and actual experience	501,464	(252,949)	1,151,709	4,365,508	328,282	2,551,136	50,947
Changes of assumptions	365,327	(84,026)	(2,643,120)	879,377	230,271	1,061,816	(199,968)
Benefit payments and net transfers	(444,720)	(421,536)	(553,601)	(524,740)	(234,883)	(222,638)	(216,600)
Net change in total OPEB liability	1,065,361	(103,886)	(1,479,151)	5,460,658	661,262	3,589,291	(173,129)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	11,378,469	11,482,355	12,961,506	7,500,848	6,839,586	3,250,295	3,423,424
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 12,443,830	\$ 11,378,469	\$ 11,482,355	\$ 12,961,506	\$ 7,500,848	\$ 6,839,586	\$ 3,250,295
Covered employee payroll	\$ 20,793,807	\$ 19,994,045	\$ 19,127,141	\$ 18,391,482	\$ 18,625,604	\$ 17,909,235	\$ 15,582,216
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	59.84%	56.91%	60.03%	70.48%	40.27%	38.19%	20.86%
Notes to Schedule:							
Benefit Changes:	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Changes in Assumptions:							
Discount Rate:	3.81%	4.09%	4.02%	2.15%	2.21%	2.66%	4.18%
Mortality:	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000
Trend:	4.50% to 5.50%	4.50% to 5.50%	4.50% to 5.50%	4.50% to 5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the City of Opelika, Alabama will only present information for those years for which information is available.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS STATEMENTS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditure for particular purposes.

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS are used to account for the accumulation of resources and payment of general obligation bond principal and interest from governmental resources.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds.

PERMANENT FUNDS are used to account for resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for the government's programs.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
September 30, 2024

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	GARDEN HILLS CEMETERY PERMANENT FUND	TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,854,178	\$ 36,960	\$ 851,384	\$ -	\$ 7,742,522
Investments	33,317	9,367,280	-	1,918,452	11,319,049
Accrued interest	-	-	-	2,610	2,610
Receivables	75,671	-	37	-	75,708
Due from other funds	-	-	-	9,605	9,605
Due from other governments	335,427	-	1,902,484	-	2,237,911
Total current assets	<u>7,298,593</u>	<u>9,404,240</u>	<u>2,753,905</u>	<u>1,930,667</u>	<u>21,387,405</u>
Other assets:					
Deposits	69,045	-	-	-	69,045
Total other assets	<u>69,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,045</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 7,367,638</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,404,240</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,753,905</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,930,667</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,456,450</u></u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 14,261	\$ -	\$ 11,514	\$ 874	\$ 26,649
Accrued payroll and benefits	1,174	-	1,015	-	2,189
Due to other funds	7,760	-	1,798,052	-	1,805,812
Matured bonds and interest payable	-	697,775	-	-	697,775
Total liabilities	<u>23,195</u>	<u>697,775</u>	<u>1,810,581</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>2,532,425</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Unearned revenues	264,034	-	1,902,484	-	2,166,518
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>264,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,902,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,166,518</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	69,045	-	-	1,929,793	1,998,838
Restricted	3,859,483	8,706,465	838,892	-	13,404,840
Assigned	3,151,881	-	-	-	3,151,881
Unassigned	-	-	(1,798,052)	-	(1,798,052)
Total fund balance	<u>7,080,409</u>	<u>8,706,465</u>	<u>(959,160)</u>	<u>1,929,793</u>	<u>16,757,507</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u><u>\$ 7,367,638</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,404,240</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,753,905</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,930,667</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,456,450</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	GARDEN HILLS CEMETERY PERMANENT FUND	TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 688,743	\$ -	\$ 97,304	\$ -	\$ 786,047
Investment income	29,409	102,126	14,472	337,332	483,339
Grant income	974,789	-	-	-	974,789
Contributions	7,794	-	-	-	7,794
Business licenses and permits	674,975	-	-	-	674,975
Miscellaneous income	1	-	15	-	16
Total revenues	<u>2,375,711</u>	<u>102,126</u>	<u>111,791</u>	<u>337,332</u>	<u>2,926,960</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	272,533	-	300,183	10,915	583,631
Education	-	-	724	-	724
Public safety	38,721	-	-	-	38,721
Public works	570	-	-	-	570
Economic development and urban rehabilitation	195,318	-	-	-	195,318
Capital outlay	1,580,125	-	177,364	-	1,757,489
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	-	4,540,000	-	-	4,540,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	2,354,412	-	-	2,354,412
Total expenditures	<u>2,087,267</u>	<u>6,894,412</u>	<u>478,271</u>	<u>10,915</u>	<u>9,470,865</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	288,444	(6,792,286)	(366,480)	326,417	(6,543,905)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers from governmental funds	1,136,487	12,402,776	-	46,578	13,585,841
Transfers to governmental funds	(549,003)	-	(45,400)	(34,835)	(629,238)
Total other financing sources	<u>587,484</u>	<u>12,402,776</u>	<u>(45,400)</u>	<u>11,743</u>	<u>12,956,603</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	875,928	5,610,490	(411,880)	338,160	6,412,698
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>6,204,481</u>	<u>3,095,975</u>	<u>(547,280)</u>	<u>1,591,633</u>	<u>10,344,809</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 7,080,409</u>	<u>\$ 8,706,465</u>	<u>\$ (959,160)</u>	<u>\$ 1,929,793</u>	<u>\$ 16,757,507</u>

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NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

\$.07 State Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for the government’s share of revenues to be used exclusively for the purposes of paying the costs of transportation planning, the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, widening, alteration and improvement of public roads, bridges, streets, and other public ways.

\$.04 & \$.05 State Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for the government’s share of revenues to be used exclusively for the purposes of paying the costs of resurfacing, restoring, and rehabilitating roads, bridges and streets, and bridge replacement road construction.

Rebuild Alabama State Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for the government’s share of revenues to be used exclusively for the purposes of paying the costs of maintenance, improvement, replacement, and construction of roads and bridges; matching funds for federal road or bridge projects; debt repayment for road and bridge projects; or joint road and bridge projects with one or more municipalities and/or counties.

Capital Improvement Fund – This fund is used to account for the government’s share of revenues to be used exclusively for the purposes of paying the costs of capital improvements or the renovation of capital improvements or to retire debt associated with capital improvements.

Community Development Funds – These funds are used to account for the community development block grants that are funding revitalization projects for substandard housing in the government’s jurisdiction and other grant revenues for community improvements.

Road Maintenance Fund – This fund is used to account for the repair, maintenance, and improvement of all county roads within the city limits.

Rosemere Cemetery Fund – This fund is used to account for the government’s share of revenues to be used exclusively for the perpetual care, maintenance, and preservation of the graves in this cemetery.

Lodging Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for the portion of the sales tax that the government intends to use to fund economic development initiatives.

Friends of the Lewis E. Cooper, Jr. Memorial Library Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for donations received and related interest income. The principal and interest income can be used to acquire and improve library facilities and materials.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
September 30, 2024

	\$0.07 STATE GASOLINE TAX FUND	\$0.04 & \$0.05 STATE GASOLINE TAX FUND	REBUILD ALABAMA STATE GASOLINE TAX FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS	ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND	ROSEMERE CEMETERY FUND	LODGING TAX FUND	COOPER LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	COMBINED TOTALS
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 571,778	\$ 270,511	\$ 245,142	\$ 2,229,315	\$ 441,208	\$ -	\$ 6,719	\$ 3,089,505	\$ -	\$ 6,854,178
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,317	33,317
Other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,671	-	75,671
Due from other governments	12,981	10,220	44,112	256,274	11,840	-	-	-	-	335,427
Total current assets	584,759	280,731	289,254	2,485,589	453,048	-	6,719	3,165,176	33,317	7,298,593
Other assets:										
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,045	-	69,045
Total other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,045	-	69,045
Total assets	<u>\$ 584,759</u>	<u>\$ 280,731</u>	<u>\$ 289,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,485,589</u>	<u>\$ 453,048</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,719</u>	<u>\$ 3,234,221</u>	<u>\$ 33,317</u>	<u>\$ 7,367,638</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 666	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 13,295	\$ -	\$ 14,261
Accrued payroll and benefits	-	-	-	-	1,174	-	-	-	-	1,174
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	7,760	-	-	-	-	7,760
Total liabilities	-	-	-	666	8,934	-	300	13,295	-	23,195
Deferred inflows of resources:										
Unearned revenues	-	-	-	256,274	7,760	-	-	-	-	264,034
Total unearned revenues	-	-	-	256,274	7,760	-	-	-	-	264,034
Fund balances:										
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,045	-	69,045
Restricted	584,759	280,731	289,254	2,228,649	436,354	-	6,419	-	33,317	3,859,483
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,151,881	-	3,151,881
Total fund balance	<u>584,759</u>	<u>280,731</u>	<u>289,254</u>	<u>2,228,649</u>	<u>436,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,419</u>	<u>3,220,926</u>	<u>33,317</u>	<u>7,080,409</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 584,759</u>	<u>\$ 280,731</u>	<u>\$ 289,254</u>	<u>\$ 2,485,589</u>	<u>\$ 453,048</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,719</u>	<u>\$ 3,234,221</u>	<u>\$ 33,317</u>	<u>\$ 7,367,638</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	\$0.07 STATE GASOLINE TAX FUND	\$0.04 & \$0.05 STATE GASOLINE TAX FUND	REBUILD ALABAMA STATE GASOLINE TAX FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS	ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND	ROSEMERE CEMETERY FUND	LODGING TAX FUND	COOPER LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	COMBINED TOTALS
Revenues:										
Intergovernmental:										
Shared state gasoline tax	\$ 76,385	\$ 60,329	\$ 258,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394,934
Alabama trust fund	-	-	-	293,809	-	-	-	-	-	293,809
State grants	-	-	-	-	488,000	-	-	-	-	488,000
Federal grants	-	-	-	210,000	276,789	-	-	-	-	486,789
Total intergovernmental	76,385	60,329	258,220	503,809	764,789	-	-	-	-	1,663,532
Business licenses and permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	674,975	-	674,975
Miscellaneous:										
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Investment income	8,546	6,699	4,884	-	-	-	-	-	9,280	29,409
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,794	-	-	7,794
Total miscellaneous	8,546	6,699	4,884	-	-	1	7,794	-	9,280	37,204
Total revenues	84,931	67,028	263,104	503,809	764,789	1	7,794	674,975	9,280	2,375,711
Expenditures:										
Current:										
General government	-	-	-	-	272,533	-	-	-	-	272,533
Public safety	-	-	-	-	38,721	-	-	-	-	38,721
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	570	-	-	570
Economic development and urban rehabilitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,318	-	195,318
Total current expenditures	-	-	-	-	311,254	-	570	195,318	-	507,142
Capital outlay	-	-	-	1,556,633	23,492	-	-	-	-	1,580,125
Total expenditures	-	-	-	1,556,633	334,746	-	570	195,318	-	2,087,267
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	84,931	67,028	263,104	(1,052,824)	430,043	1	7,224	479,657	9,280	288,444
Other financing resources (uses):										
Transfers from governmental funds	-	-	-	1,109,547	26,940	-	-	-	-	1,136,487
Transfers to governmental funds	-	-	(400,000)	(132,173)	(6,722)	(108)	-	(10,000)	-	(549,003)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	(400,000)	977,374	20,218	(108)	-	(10,000)	-	587,484
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	84,931	67,028	(136,896)	(75,450)	450,261	(107)	7,224	469,657	9,280	875,928
Fund balances, beginning of year	499,828	213,703	426,150	2,304,099	(13,907)	107	(805)	2,751,269	24,037	6,204,481
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 584,759	\$ 280,731	\$ 289,254	\$ 2,228,649	\$ 436,354	\$ -	\$ 6,419	\$ 3,220,926	\$ 33,317	\$ 7,080,409

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources and payment of general obligation bond principal and interest from governmental resources.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Debt Service Funds
September 30, 2024

	GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS	GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL WARRANTS	TOTAL NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,426	\$ 1,534	\$ 36,960
Investments	8,636,114	731,166	9,367,280
Total current assets	8,671,540	732,700	9,404,240
 Total assets	 \$ 8,671,540	 \$ 732,700	 \$ 9,404,240
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Matured bonds and interest payable	\$ -	\$ 697,775	\$ 697,775
Total liabilities	-	697,775	697,775
 Fund balances:			
Restricted	8,671,540	34,925	8,706,465
Total fund balance	8,671,540	34,925	8,706,465
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	 \$ 8,671,540	 \$ 732,700	 \$ 9,404,240

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Debt Service Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS	GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL WARRANTS	TOTAL NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
Revenues:			
Investment income	\$ 84,741	\$ 17,385	\$ 102,126
Total revenues	<u>84,741</u>	<u>17,385</u>	<u>102,126</u>
Expenditures:			
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	3,675,000	865,000	4,540,000
Interest and fiscal charges	1,844,593	509,819	2,354,412
Total expenditures	<u>5,519,593</u>	<u>1,374,819</u>	<u>6,894,412</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(5,434,852)	(1,357,434)	(6,792,286)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers from governmental funds	11,027,957	1,374,819	12,402,776
Total other financing sources	<u>11,027,957</u>	<u>1,374,819</u>	<u>12,402,776</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	5,593,105	17,385	5,610,490
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>3,078,435</u>	<u>17,540</u>	<u>3,095,975</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u><u>\$ 8,671,540</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,925</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,706,465</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital projects funds are used to account for the acquisition of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds.

Municipal Complexes Fund – This fund is used to account for the construction of the new justice center and renovation projects at the municipal court. The justice center construction is funded by sales tax and the municipal court renovations are funded by various fines and court fees.

2011 Road Construction Fund – This fund is used to account for the collection of bond series proceeds restricted for various City road construction and expansion capital projects and for the expenditures of such funds for the projects.

Industrial Access Road Grant Capital Projects Funds – These funds are used to account for the construction for industrial access roads funded by state industrial access road grants.

2022 School Construction Fund – This fund is used to account for the collection of bond series proceeds restricted for construction of a new sixth grade public school and for the expenditures of the project.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
September 30, 2024

	MUNICIPAL COMPLEXES FUND	2011 ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND	INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD GRANT CAPITAL PROJECTS	2022 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND	TOTALS
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 851,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 851,384
Receivables, net	37	-	-	-	37
Due from other governments	-	-	1,902,484	-	1,902,484
Total assets	<u>\$ 851,421</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,484</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,753,905</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 11,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,514
Accrued payroll and benefits	1,015	-	-	-	1,015
Due to other funds	-	-	1,798,052	-	1,798,052
Total liabilities	<u>12,529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,798,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,810,581</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Unearned revenues	-	-	1,902,484	-	1,902,484
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,902,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,902,484</u>
Fund balances:					
Restricted	838,892	-	-	-	838,892
Unassigned	-	-	(1,798,052)	-	(1,798,052)
Total fund balances	<u>838,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,798,052)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(959,160)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 851,421</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,484</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,753,905</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	MUNICIPAL COMPLEXES FUND	2011 ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND	INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD GRANT CAPITAL PROJECTS	2022 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND	TOTALS
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 97,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,304
Investment income	14,472	-	-	-	14,472
Miscellaneous	15	-	-	-	15
Total revenues	111,791	-	-	-	111,791
Expenditures:					
General government	300,183	-	-	-	300,183
Education	-	-	-	724	724
Capital outlay	77,720	-	99,644	-	177,364
Total expenditures	377,903	-	99,644	724	478,271
Excess of revenue over (under) expenditures	(266,112)	-	(99,644)	(724)	(366,480)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers to governmental funds	-	(45,400)	-	-	(45,400)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(45,400)	-	-	(45,400)
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	(266,112)	(45,400)	(99,644)	(724)	(411,880)
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,105,004	45,400	(1,698,408)	724	(547,280)
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 838,892</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,798,052)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (959,160)</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Internal Service Funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the government and to other government units on a cost reimbursement basis.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund – This fund is used to account for the accumulation and allocation of costs associated with workmen's compensation insurance.

Worker's Health Insurance Fund – This fund is used to account for the accumulation and allocation for costs associated with employee health insurance.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Statement of Net Position
Internal Service Funds
September 30, 2024

	WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE	WORKER'S HEALTH INSURANCE	COMBINED TOTALS
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 4,230,340	\$ 1,592,153	\$ 5,822,493
Claim reimbursements receivable	-	1,671,245	1,671,245
Total current assets	4,230,340	3,263,398	7,493,738
Other assets:			
Deposits	19,229	-	19,229
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,249,569</u>	<u>\$ 3,263,398</u>	<u>\$ 7,512,967</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,868	\$ 220,047	\$ 221,915
Liability for unpaid claims	24,578	408,100	432,678
Unearned revenues	-	403,723	403,723
Total current liabilities	26,446	1,031,870	1,058,316
Long-term liabilities:			
Liability for unpaid claims	43,779	-	43,779
Total liabilities	70,225	1,031,870	1,102,095
NET POSITION			
Restricted	68,357	-	68,357
Unrestricted	4,110,987	2,231,528	6,342,515
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,179,344</u>	<u>\$ 2,231,528</u>	<u>\$ 6,410,872</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Internal Service Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE	WORKER'S HEALTH INSURANCE	COMBINED TOTALS
Operating revenues:			
Charges for insurance	\$ 362,612	\$ 4,701,601	\$ 5,064,213
Operating expenses:			
Insurance claims and expenses	296,679	4,741,136	5,037,815
Total operating expenses	296,679	4,741,136	5,037,815
Operating income/(loss)	65,933	(39,535)	26,398
Nonoperating revenues/(expenses):			
Interest revenue	13,527	23,446	36,973
Total nonoperating revenue/(expenses)	13,527	23,446	36,973
Change in net position	79,460	(16,089)	63,371
Net position, beginning of year	4,099,884	2,247,617	6,347,501
Net position, end of year	\$ 4,179,344	\$ 2,231,528	\$ 6,410,872

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Internal Service Funds
For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE	WORKER'S HEALTH INSURANCE	COMBINED TOTALS
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from other funds for premiums	\$ 362,612	\$ 4,723,231	\$ 5,085,843
Payments to suppliers and others	(297,833)	(4,638,013)	(4,935,846)
Claims paid	(66,603)	(1,449,125)	(1,515,728)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,824)</u>	<u>(1,363,907)</u>	<u>(1,365,731)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest on investments	13,527	23,446	36,973
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>13,527</u>	<u>23,446</u>	<u>36,973</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	11,703	(1,340,461)	(1,328,758)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	4,218,637	2,932,614	7,151,251
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 4,230,340</u>	<u>\$ 1,592,153</u>	<u>\$ 5,822,493</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash used in operating activities:			
Operating income/(loss)	\$ 65,933	\$ (39,535)	\$ 26,398
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Claim reimbursements receivable	-	(1,511,025)	(1,511,025)
Accounts payable	(1,154)	103,123	101,969
Liability for unpaid claims	(66,603)	61,900	(4,703)
Unearned revenue	-	21,630	21,630
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (1,824)</u>	<u>\$ (1,363,907)</u>	<u>\$ (1,365,731)</u>

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Schedule of Debt
Governmental Funds
September 30, 2024

Amount available and to be provided for the payment of long-term debt:

General obligation debt:

Amount available in debt service funds \$ -

Amount to be provided (for principal) 84,522,313

Other long-term debt:

Amount available in debt service funds -

Amount to be provided (for principal) -

Total available and to be provided \$ 84,522,313

Long-term debt outstanding:

General obligation debt:

Serial bonds and warrants:

Warrants issued 2012, due in installments to March 1, 2029 2,125,000

Warrants issued 2014, due in installments to January 1, 2033 5,420,000

Warrants issued 2015, due in installments to January 1, 2038 8,940,000

Warrants issued 2016, due in installments to January 1, 2036 3,195,000

Warrants issued 2019, due in installments to October 1, 2026 490,000

Warrants issued 2019, due in installments to November 1, 2037 40,660,000

Warrants issued 2022, due in installments to October 1, 2038 9,975,000

Total general obligation serial bonds and warrants 70,805,000

Other:

Vacation, sick leave, workmen's compensation claims and OPEB liabilities 13,717,313

Total general obligation other 13,717,313

Total long-term debt \$ 84,522,313

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Schedule of Debt Service

Governmental Funds

September 30, 2024

	General Obligation Bonds and Warrants		Other Long-term Debt		Total General Long-term Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 8,655,000	\$ 2,100,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,655,000	\$ 2,100,496	\$ 10,755,496
2026	4,050,000	1,938,118	-	-	4,050,000	1,938,118	5,988,118
2027	4,635,000	1,815,712	-	-	4,635,000	1,815,712	6,450,712
2028	4,780,000	1,675,054	-	-	4,780,000	1,675,054	6,455,054
2029	4,930,000	1,530,108	-	-	4,930,000	1,530,108	6,460,108
2030	5,105,000	1,380,257	-	-	5,105,000	1,380,257	6,485,257
2031	4,120,000	1,244,274	-	-	4,120,000	1,244,274	5,364,274
2032	4,245,000	1,122,220	-	-	4,245,000	1,122,220	5,367,220
2033	4,070,000	989,884	-	-	4,070,000	989,884	5,059,884
2034	5,510,000	822,640	-	-	5,510,000	822,640	6,332,640
2035	5,740,000	620,600	-	-	5,740,000	620,600	6,360,600
2036	5,925,000	414,859	-	-	5,925,000	414,859	6,339,859
2037	6,215,000	208,736	-	-	6,215,000	208,736	6,423,736
2038	2,825,000	52,378	-	-	2,825,000	52,378	2,877,378
Vacation, sick, other:	-	-	13,717,313	-	13,717,313	-	13,717,313
	<u>\$ 70,805,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,915,336</u>	<u>\$ 13,717,313</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 84,522,313</u>	<u>\$ 15,915,336</u>	<u>\$ 100,437,649</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of General Obligation Debt
September 30, 2024

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL WARRANTS, SERIES 2012-B

TOTAL PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	YEAR	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST
\$ 2,125,000	2025	2.24%	\$ 410,000	\$ 43,567	\$ 453,567
1,715,000	2026	2.24%	415,000	34,198	449,198
1,300,000	2027	2.24%	425,000	24,659	449,659
875,000	2028	2.24%	435,000	14,946	449,946
440,000	2029	2.24%	440,000	4,955	444,955
			<u>\$ 2,125,000</u>	<u>\$ 122,325</u>	<u>\$ 2,247,325</u>

Note: Warrants mature on March 1 of each year as indicated. Interest is paid semi-annually on September 1 and March 1 as indicated.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of General Obligation Debt
September 30, 2024

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL WARRANTS, SERIES 2014

TOTAL PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	YEAR	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST
\$ 5,420,000	2025	4.00%	<u>\$ 5,420,000</u>	<u>\$ 62,631</u>	<u>\$ 5,482,631</u>
			<u><u>\$ 5,420,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 62,631</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,482,631</u></u>

Note: Warrants mature on January 1 of each year as indicated. Interest is paid semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 as indicated.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of General Obligation Debt
September 30, 2024

GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS, SERIES 2015

TOTAL PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	YEAR	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST
\$ 8,940,000	2025	2.000%	\$ 45,000	\$ 336,969	\$ 381,969
8,895,000	2026	4.000%	305,000	330,419	635,419
8,590,000	2027	4.000%	980,000	304,719	1,284,719
7,610,000	2028	4.000%	1,015,000	264,819	1,279,819
6,595,000	2029	4.000%	1,060,000	223,319	1,283,319
5,535,000	2030	4.000%	40,000	201,319	241,319
5,495,000	2031	4.000%	40,000	199,719	239,719
5,455,000	2032	4.000%	45,000	198,019	243,019
5,410,000	2033	4.000%	45,000	196,219	241,219
5,365,000	2034	4.000%	1,340,000	168,519	1,508,519
4,025,000	2035	4.000%	40,000	140,919	180,919
3,985,000	2036	4.000%	900,000	122,119	1,022,119
3,085,000	2037	3.375%	1,515,000	78,553	1,593,553
1,570,000	2038	3.375%	1,570,000	26,494	1,596,494
			<u>\$ 8,940,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,792,125</u>	<u>\$ 11,732,125</u>

Note: Warrants mature on January 1 of each year as indicated. Interest is paid semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 as indicated.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of General Obligation Debt
September 30, 2024

GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS, SERIES 2016

TOTAL PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	YEAR	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST
\$ 3,195,000	2025	2.250%	\$ 15,000	\$ 126,319	\$ 141,319
3,180,000	2026	2.250%	15,000	125,981	140,981
3,165,000	2027	2.250%	15,000	125,644	140,644
3,150,000	2028	2.250%	15,000	125,306	140,306
3,135,000	2029	2.250%	15,000	124,969	139,969
3,120,000	2030	4.000%	1,105,000	102,700	1,207,700
2,015,000	2031	4.000%	10,000	80,400	90,400
2,005,000	2032	4.000%	10,000	80,000	90,000
1,995,000	2033	4.000%	10,000	79,600	89,600
1,985,000	2034	4.000%	10,000	79,200	89,200
1,975,000	2035	4.000%	1,400,000	51,000	1,451,000
575,000	2036	4.000%	575,000	11,500	586,500
			<u>\$ 3,195,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,112,619</u>	<u>\$ 4,307,619</u>

Note: Warrants mature on January 1 of each year as indicated. Interest is paid semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 as indicated.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALBAMA
Schedule of General Obligation Debt
September 30, 2024

General Obligation Warrants Series 2019-A

TOTAL PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	YEAR	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST
\$ 490,000	2025	4.31%	\$ -	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000
490,000	2026	4.31%	<u>490,000</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>499,800</u>
			<u>\$ 490,000</u>	<u>\$ 38,800</u>	<u>\$ 528,800</u>

Note: Warrants mature on October 1 of each year as indicated. Interest is paid semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 as indicated.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of General Obligation Debt
September 30, 2024

General Obligation Taxable Warrants Series 2019-B

TOTAL PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	YEAR	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST
\$ 40,660,000	2025	2.24%	\$ 2,765,000	\$ 1,084,860	\$ 3,849,860
37,895,000	2026	2.36%	2,825,000	1,020,570	3,845,570
35,070,000	2027	2.46%	2,895,000	951,540	3,846,540
32,175,000	2028	2.59%	2,975,000	877,333	3,852,333
29,200,000	2029	2.66%	3,055,000	798,115	3,853,115
26,145,000	2030	2.69%	3,140,000	715,188	3,855,188
23,005,000	2031	2.65%	3,225,000	630,192	3,855,192
19,780,000	2032	2.84%	3,310,000	540,426	3,850,426
16,470,000	2033	2.89%	3,100,000	448,565	3,548,565
13,370,000	2034	2.96%	3,195,000	356,421	3,551,421
10,175,000	2035	3.01%	3,290,000	259,556	3,549,556
6,885,000	2036	3.04%	3,390,000	158,565	3,548,565
3,495,000	2037	3.07%	3,495,000	53,561	3,548,561
			<u>\$ 40,660,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,894,892</u>	<u>\$ 48,554,892</u>

Note: Warrants mature on November 1 of each year as indicated. Interest is paid semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 as indicated.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Schedule of General Obligation Debt
September 30, 2024

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL WARRANTS, SERIES 2022

TOTAL PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	YEAR	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	ANNUAL INTEREST PAYMENTS	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST
\$ 9,975,000	2025	0.000%	\$ -	\$ 417,150	\$ 417,150
9,975,000	2026	0.000%	-	417,150	417,150
9,975,000	2027	5.000%	320,000	409,150	729,150
9,655,000	2028	5.000%	340,000	392,650	732,650
9,315,000	2029	3.000%	360,000	378,750	738,750
8,955,000	2030	3.000%	820,000	361,050	1,181,050
8,135,000	2031	3.500%	845,000	333,963	1,178,963
7,290,000	2032	3.500%	880,000	303,775	1,183,775
6,410,000	2033	5.000%	915,000	265,500	1,180,500
5,495,000	2034	5.000%	965,000	218,500	1,183,500
4,530,000	2035	5.000%	1,010,000	169,125	1,179,125
3,520,000	2036	4.000%	1,060,000	122,675	1,182,675
2,460,000	2037	4.125%	1,205,000	76,622	1,281,622
1,255,000	2038	4.125%	1,255,000	25,884	1,280,884
			<u>\$ 9,975,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,891,944</u>	<u>\$ 13,866,944</u>

Note: Warrants mature on October 1 of each year as indicated. Interest is paid semi-annually on October 1 and April 1 as indicated.

STATISTICAL TABLES

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
General Governmental Revenues by Source (1)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR	TAXES	LICENSES AND PERMITS	INTERGOVERN- MENTAL	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	FINES AND FORFEITS	MISCELLANEOUS	TOTAL
2015	\$ 38,221,293	\$ 14,690,102	\$ 1,274,397	\$ 1,806,639	\$ 885,458	\$ 705,061	\$ 57,582,950
2016	42,012,979	15,343,030	1,622,560	1,826,772	842,410	892,209	62,539,960
2017	42,338,000	16,376,060	1,528,209	1,945,086	680,135	1,038,668	63,906,158
2018	43,754,239	17,304,949	1,782,477	1,790,747	675,735	1,792,969	67,101,116
2019	46,893,433	18,371,097	1,829,838	2,194,131	422,348	4,859,617	74,570,464
2020	49,825,052	18,595,996	1,391,225	1,553,057	315,944	4,551,250	76,232,524
2021	57,294,909	20,849,723	2,014,887	2,075,551	430,862	6,450,010	89,115,942
2022	64,942,615	23,464,434	1,994,444	2,468,506	416,103	4,632,456	97,918,558
2023	68,408,341	24,978,586	2,094,404	2,527,730	467,006	5,502,644	103,978,711
2024	72,973,873	27,117,130	2,020,890	3,125,675	431,545	7,504,554	113,173,667

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Includes General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds and Capital Projects Funds (assessments are not included).

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
General Governmental Expenditures by Function (1)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	PUBLIC SAFETY	PUBLIC WORKS	HEALTH	WELFARE	CULTURE AND RECREATION	EDUCATION	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN REHABILITATION	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2015	\$ 5,475,666	\$ 13,791,311	\$ 3,754,005	\$ 288,231	\$ 135,000	\$ 6,086,841	\$ 8,210,536	\$ 2,085,423	\$ 7,678,779	\$ 47,505,792
2016	5,956,735	14,243,534	4,118,714	288,597	131,000	6,236,111	8,403,028	2,587,208	8,238,814	50,203,741
2017	5,758,885	14,331,914	4,510,461	338,142	115,000	5,999,030	9,032,839	3,932,830	8,298,381	52,317,482
2018	7,907,441	15,140,036	4,305,849	343,436	115,500	6,160,806	8,817,616	2,208,753	7,413,900	52,413,337
2019	7,337,625	17,343,534	5,643,745	368,730	128,167	6,354,987	10,383,812	2,357,545	7,367,776	57,285,921
2020	7,902,571	18,210,868	5,770,510	480,258	110,400	5,920,245	10,977,995	1,409,952	11,661,101	62,443,900
2021	9,269,716	19,149,861	5,908,856	429,864	152,167	6,375,230	11,459,201	1,661,842	8,286,297	62,693,034
2022	10,908,904	21,115,076	5,973,172	325,685	145,750	7,553,559	12,443,345	1,790,887	6,485,760	66,742,138
2023	15,921,931	18,401,058	6,071,923	1,542,710	852,750	8,777,285	23,502,854	1,670,916	7,022,327	83,763,754
2024	11,658,306	24,861,980	6,789,151	743,033	345,250	8,710,403	17,735,685	1,577,009	6,894,412	79,315,229

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Includes General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds and Capital Projects Funds. Capital outlay expenditures are not included.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Ratio of Annual Debt Service Expenditures
for General Bonded Debt to
Total General Expenditures (1)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST		TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	RATIO OF DEBT SERVICE TO GENERAL EXPENDITURES
2015	\$	3,561,984	\$	4,116,795	\$ 7,678,779	\$ 47,505,792	16.2
2016		3,731,383		4,507,431	8,238,814	50,203,741	16.4
2017		4,609,935		3,688,446	8,298,381	52,317,482	15.9
2018		4,056,372		3,357,528	7,413,900	52,413,337	14.1
2019		4,130,215		3,237,561	7,367,776	57,285,921	12.9
2020		7,580,000		4,081,101	11,661,101	62,443,900	18.7
2021		4,140,000		4,146,297	8,286,297	62,693,034	13.2
2022		4,310,000		2,175,760	6,485,760	66,742,138	9.7
2023		4,440,000		2,582,327	7,022,327	83,763,754	8.4
2024		4,540,000		2,354,412	6,894,412	79,315,229	8.7

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Includes General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds and Capital Projects Funds. Capital outlay expenditures are not included.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Property Tax Levies in Lee County, Alabama
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL TAX LEVY	
2015	\$ 84,775,025	(1)
2016	88,297,348	(1)
2017	95,524,264	(1)
2018	104,452,429	(1)
2019	112,941,943	(1)
2020	121,248,333	(1)
2021	128,785,025	(1)
2022	143,225,190	(1)
2023	160,236,431	(1)
2024	165,283,340	(1)

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Source: Lee County Revenue Commissioner

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Assessed and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR	REAL PROPERTY		PERSONAL PROPERTY (1)		TOTAL		RATIO OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE TO TOTAL ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE
	ASSESSED VALUE	ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE	ASSESSED VALUE	ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE	ASSESSED VALUE	ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE	
2015	\$ 302,299,900	\$ 1,986,871,600	\$ 99,523,780	\$ 485,749,700	\$ 401,823,680	\$ 2,472,621,300	16.3
2016	313,250,120	2,058,494,000	98,094,300	478,460,067	411,344,420	2,536,954,067	16.2
2017	334,006,260	2,233,686,500	118,468,860	580,411,300	452,475,120	2,814,097,800	16.1
2018	386,831,180	2,547,496,100	122,490,580	600,319,233	509,321,760	3,147,815,333	16.2
2019	412,514,440	2,734,714,700	139,993,240	687,108,200	552,507,680	3,421,822,900	16.1
2020	436,619,660	2,916,339,300	149,028,980	729,702,867	585,648,640	3,646,042,167	16.1
2021	470,408,060	3,178,417,500	172,645,560	847,491,767	643,053,620	4,025,909,267	16.0
2022	532,400,180	3,651,223,900	179,789,840	883,767,433	712,190,020	4,534,991,333	15.7
2023	615,784,900	4,257,624,800	197,055,160	969,919,633	812,840,060	5,227,544,433	15.5
2024	678,682,840	4,735,319,100	169,107,513	829,784,743	847,790,353	5,565,103,843	15.2

Property is assessed as a percentage of appraised value on the following basis:

Class I	Public Utility	30%
Class II	Commercial	20%
Class III	Residential	10%

Notes:

Unaudited

Ad Valorem Taxes are assessed and collected for the City of Opelika by Lee County.

Source - Lee County Revenue Commissioner

(1) Excludes value of motor vehicles

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Property Tax Rates - All Overlapping Governments

The tax rates shown below were effective for periods as indicated. (Composition of tax rate per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.)

State of Alabama

General Fund (no limit as to time)	\$	0.25	
Soldier Fund (no limit as to time)		0.10	
School Fund (no limit as to time)		<u>0.30</u>	
Total State of Alabama			\$ 0.65

Lee County

County Tax:			
General Fund (no limit as to time)		0.65	
Road Fund (no limit as to time)		0.30	
Dependent Children		0.15	
Hospital (no limit as to time)		<u>0.25</u>	
Total			\$ 1.35
County Schools:			
General School Fund (no limit as to time)		<u>0.50</u>	
Total (shared with City schools based on average daily attendance)			<u>0.50</u>
Total Lee County			1.85

City of Opelika

Municipal Tax:			
General Municipal Purposes (no limit as to time)		0.50	
Debt Service (no limit as to time)		0.50	
Public School Uses (exclusively for support and furtherance of education) (voted to Sept. 30, 2024)		1.00	
Public School Uses (exclusively for support and furtherance of education) (voted to Sept. 30, 2024)		<u>0.60</u>	
Total			<u>2.60</u>
Special School Tax:			
Special School Tax (voted to Sept. 30, 2048)		<u>0.30</u>	
Total			<u>0.30</u>
Total City of Opelika			2.90
Total tax rate			<u>\$ 5.40</u>

Notes:

Unaudited

Source: Alabama Department of Revenue

Taxes due - October 1

Taxes delinquent - January 1

Penalties for delinquency - \$2.50 plus 6.00% interest

Tax sale date - Usually May or June

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Ratio of Net General Obligation Bonded Debt
to Assessed Value and Net General Obligation Bonded Debt Per Capita
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR ENDED	POPULATION		ASSESSED VALUE	GROSS BONDED DEBT		GENERAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	NET BONDED DEBT	RATIO OF NET BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUE	NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA
	CENSUS	NUMBER							
2015	2010	26,477	\$ 411,344,420	\$ 81,042,906	(1)	-	\$ 81,042,906	19.70	3,061
2016	2010	26,477	452,475,120	93,211,522	(1)	-	93,211,522	20.60	3,520
2017	2010	26,477	509,321,760	88,601,587	(1)	-	88,601,587	17.40	3,346
2018	2010	26,477	552,507,680	84,545,215	(1)	-	84,545,215	15.30	3,193
2019	2010	26,477	552,507,680	80,415,000	(1)	-	80,415,000	14.55	3,037
2020	2010	26,477	585,648,640	78,260,000	(1)	-	78,260,000	13.36	2,956
2021	2020	30,995	643,053,620	74,120,000	(1)	-	74,120,000	11.53	2,391
2022	2020	30,995	712,190,020	69,810,000	(1)	-	69,810,000	9.80	2,252
2023	2020	30,995	812,840,060	75,345,000	(1)	-	75,345,000	9.27	2,431
2024	2020	30,995	847,790,353	70,805,000	(1)	-	70,805,000	8.35	2,284

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Does not include long-term debt that is not a general obligation of the government.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Computation of Legal Debt Margin
September 30, 2024

Assessed value of real and personal taxable property as of September 30, 2024 (including motor vehicles and excluding exempt property) (2)			\$ 743,543,176
Debt limit, twenty percent of assessed value (constitutional limitation) (1)			\$ 148,708,635
Outstanding General Obligation Debt:			
Debt in governmental activities	\$ 70,805,000		
Other long-term liabilities	13,717,313		
Total general obligation debt for computation		\$ 84,522,313	
Less: Bonds exempted from legal debt limit (1):			
Bonds issued for schools:			
2012-B General Obligation School Warrants	\$ 2,125,000		
2019-B General Obligation Refunding School Warrants	25,572,000		
2022 General Obligation School Warrants	9,975,000		
Total		\$ 37,672,000	
Total exempt bonds			37,672,000
NET BONDED INDEBTEDNESS			46,850,313
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN			\$ 101,858,322

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Section 225, as amended, Constitution of State of Alabama, limits debt of the City of Opelika to twenty percent of the assessed value of property.

Excluded from this limitation are bonds issued for schools, water works, sewers and assessed improvements.

(2) Source: Lee County Revenue Commissioner

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Computation of Overlapping Debt
September 30, 2024

	GROSS DEBT LESS DEBT SERVICE ASSETS	PERCENTAGE OF DEBT APPLICABLE TO CITY OF OPELIKA	CITY OF OPELIKA DEBT BURDEN
City of Opelika			
Gross bonded debt (1)	\$ 70,805,000		
Other long-term debt	13,717,313		
Total long-term debt	<u>84,522,313</u>		
Less: amounts available for debt service	<u>-</u>		
Direct net debt	<u><u>\$ 84,522,313</u></u>	100%	\$ 84,522,313
Overlapping Debt			
Lee County, Alabama (fiscal year ending September 30, 2024)			
Net overlapping debt	<u><u>\$ 1,260,000</u></u> (2)	27.8%	<u>350,280</u>
Total direct and overlapping debt			<u><u>\$ 84,872,593</u></u>

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Does not include general obligation debt reported by the enterprise funds

(2) Obtained from the Lee County Commission debt service schedule.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Demographic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR	POPULATION	PER CAPITA INCOME	MEDIAN AGE	PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AMONG PERSONS OVER 25	SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
2015	29,171 (1)	\$ 23,447 (3)	36.7 (3)	82.6 (3)	7,921 (4)	4.8% (5)
2016	29,527 (1)	23,447 (3)	36.7 (3)	82.6 (3)	8,216 (4)	4.8% (5)
2017	29,869 (1)	23,447 (3)	36.7 (3)	82.6 (3)	8,288 (4)	2.8% (5)
2018	30,240 (1)	25,133 (3)	36.0 (3)	82.6 (3)	8,242 (4)	3.5% (5)
2019	30,555 (1)	26,001 (1)	37.0 (3)	87.5 (3)	8,338 (4)	2.2% (5)
2020	30,908 (1)	26,298 (1)	37.0 (3)	88.6 (3)	6,173 (4), (6)	5.6% (5)
2021	30,995 (2)	26,298 (1)	37.0 (3)	90.6 (3)	7,287 (4), (6)	2.5% (5)
2022	30,995 (2)	27,948 (1)	37.1 (3)	88.4 (3)	7,541 (4), (6)	2.3% (5)
2023	30,995 (2)	31,462 (1)	33.5 (3)	91.7 (3)	7,830 (4)	2.2% (5)
2024	30,995 (2)	33,595 (1)	37.7 (3)	89.0 (3)	8,688 (4)	2.8% (5)

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate

(2) Source: 2020 Federal Census

(3) Source: Opelika Industrial Development Authority

(4) Source: Opelika City Schools and Southern Union State Community College

(5) Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

(6) Southern Union State Community College revised its enrollment count to only include students physically on campus.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Construction
Last Ten Fiscal Years

FISCAL YEAR	COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION (1)		RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION (1)	
	NUMBER OF UNITS	VALUE	NUMBER OF UNITS	VALUE
2015	30	\$ 105,231,989	154	\$ 36,071,178
2016	29	76,904,319	169	40,559,669
2017	27	84,559,226	203	51,892,610
2018	22	53,314,219	253	60,737,938
2019	20	18,479,689	278	68,854,216
2020	15	36,841,594	384	97,059,046
2021	28	19,622,721	488	118,679,354
2022	18	63,516,474	605	137,223,271
2023	15	37,980,706	526	134,078,252
2024	30	29,666,863	478	127,671,599

Notes:

Unaudited

(1) Amounts shown are new construction only.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Principal Taxpayers

September 30, 2024

TAXPAYER	TYPE OF BUSINESS	ASSESSED VALUATION	TAX COLLECTED	PERCENT OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION
Baxter Healthcare/Gambro Renal Products, Inc.	Industry/Manufacturer	\$ 50,571,982	\$ 1,861,245	5.96%
Mando America, Corporation	Industry/Manufacturer	21,216,940	922,174	2.50%
THF/TKG Tiger Town, LLC	Retail	12,526,820	676,448	1.48%
West Fraser, Inc.	Industry/Lumber Mill	22,631,920	667,727	2.67%
Hanwha Advanced Metals / Lanwha L&C Alabama	Industry/Manufacturer	17,243,880	662,799	2.03%
Crafty (AL) / Jo-Ann Stores Supply Chain Management	Distribution Center	11,316,340	593,051	1.34%
Wal-Mart	Retail/Distribution	12,533,340	583,370	1.48%
Pharmavite, LLC	Industry/Manufacturer	14,665,100	552,956	1.73%
Daewon America, Inc.	Industry/Manufacturer	10,419,540	510,250	1.23%
1800 Crawford Road	Real Estate Development	46,390,550	489,416	5.47%
Total assessed value and tax collected for ten largest taxpayers		219,516,412	7,519,436	25.89%
Total assessed value of other taxpayers		628,273,941		74.11%
Total assessed value of all taxpayers		\$ 847,790,353		100.0%

Notes:

Unaudited

Source: Lee County Revenue Commissioner

Amounts shown are assessed at October 1, 2023 and collected during fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

Miscellaneous Statistics (1)

September 30, 2024

Date of Incorporation	1854
Form of Government	Mayor-Council
Area	57 square miles
Miles of Streets:	
Paved	304
Unpaved	5
Fire Protection:	
Number of stations	5
Number of firefighters, paramedics and other personnel	89
Police Protection:	
Number of stations	1
Number of police officers and other personnel	119
Education:	
Attendance centers:	
Primary, intermediate and middle schools	8
Secondary schools	1
State colleges	1
Number of students	8,688
Auburn University, in adjoining Auburn, Alabama	34,145
Sewers:	
Sanitary sewers	332
Building Permits:	
Number of permits	3,152
Estimated value of new construction and improvements	\$ 392,372,647
Recreation and Culture:	
Number of parks and playgrounds	12 with 488 acres
Number of community centers	3
Number of golf courses (public and private)	3
Number of tennis courts	12
Number of pickleball courts	25
Number of libraries	1
Number of volumes	99,872
City Employees	385
Note:	
(1) Unaudited	

City of Opelika Planning Commission Report

Action Requested: Rezoning from M-1 to R-5

Location of Property: 513 Ermine Street

Property Owner(s): Dan Hatcher c/o Auburn Habitat for Humanity

Current Land Use: Vacant

Current Zoning: M-1

Adjacent Zoning/Land Use: North: M-1 (Artist Studio and automobile uses)
South: R-5M (Vacant)
East: M-1 (Residential)
West: M-1 (Laundromat and Gas/Convenience Store)

Comments:

The applicant requests to rezone the property at 513 Ermine Street from the M-1(Industrial District) zoning to R-5 (High Density Residential) zoning district. The 14,822 square foot lot is adjacent to a R-5M zone (High Density Residential) on the south side. The east and west sides are zoned M-1(Industrial District); one side is commercial use and the other side is residential uses. The north property with a large commercial building is connected to the corner lot. The proposed residential use for the rezoning property is a single-family home. Several lots in the M-1 zoning district have residential homes. Many years ago the rezoning lot had a residential home but the home was removed. The lot meets the R-5 zoning requirements. The rezoning from M-1 to R-5 would allow the proposed residential use or any other uses currently allowed by right in our Zoning Ordinance.

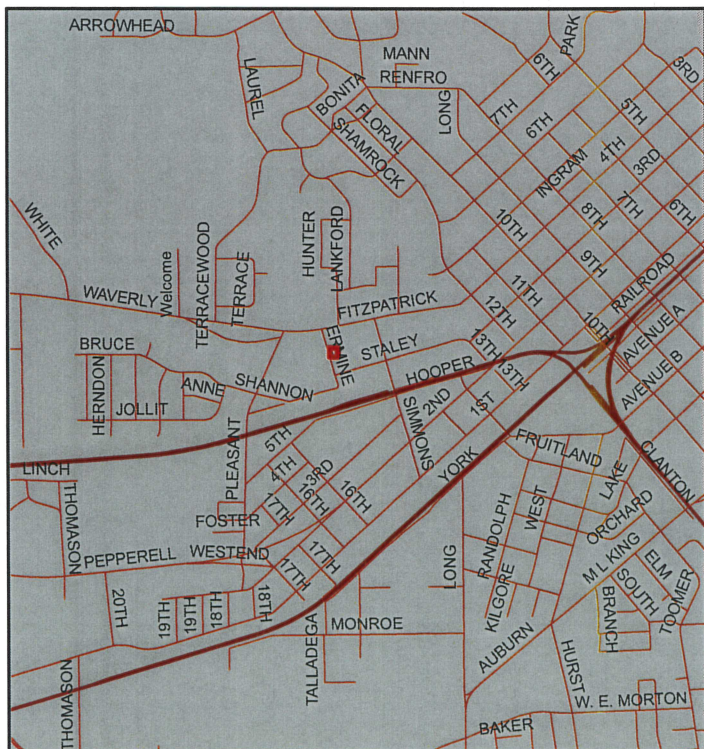
If you look at the area, the primary uses surrounding this lot are residential with a few existing commercial uses from the manufacturing era. Having R-5M zoning across the street provides this lot can be zoned R-5. The Habitat for Humanity plans to build a single-family home at 513 Ermine. M-1 does not allow for single-family home uses which has made this rezoning request appropriate and needed. High Density Residential R-5 zoning district would allow by right single-family homes and duplex in this zone are defined in the ordinance.

Staff recommends a positive recommendation to City Council for the rezoning request from M-1 to R-5.

At the February 25th meeting, the Planning Commission voted 5 to 0 to send a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve the rezoning from M-1 to R-5.

The map displays an industrial area with the following details:

- Streets:** FITZPATRICK (top), ERMINE (middle, running diagonally), and STALEY (bottom right).
- Zones:**
 - C2:** Pink shaded area at the top left.
 - C3:** Brown shaded areas on the left side.
 - R5M:** Dark red shaded area in the center-left.
 - M1:** Grey shaded areas on the right side.
- Highlighted Plot:** A rectangular plot within the M1 zone is outlined with a dashed black and white border.
- Buildings:** Represented by dark grey shapes within the various plots.



Subject Property

The City of Opelika does not guarantee this map to be free from errors or inaccuracies. The City of Opelika, Alabama disclaims any responsibility or liability for interpretations from this map or decisions based thereon. The information contained on this map is a general representation only and is not to be used without

City of Opelika
Planning Commission
Planning Department Report

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Agenda Item #: E-9

Action Requested: Text Amendment –
Amend Section 3.1 Building Permit Required
Amend Section 8.11.1 Temporary Structures/Temporary Uses

The previously proposed Bed and Breakfast ordinance was tabled at January’s meeting to allow more time for the issue to be studied to determine if a solution could be reached. At this time, there have been no sub-committee meetings. A proposed text change to a portion of the zoning ordinance that was part of the previous text amendment has been proposed to deal specifically with temporary use requirements for “celebration sites” found in Section 3.1 and 8.11. 1.

Temporary uses are defined as “Any use established, for a fixed period of time, without construction or alteration of a permanent structure, with the intent to discontinue such use upon expiration of such time.” Most of the regulations for temporary uses are found in Section 8.11.1. This section looks at specific items like produce stands, Christmas tree sales, temporary construction offices, emergency shelters after disasters, tent sales, carnivals, revivals, and other uses that occur outside of a permanent structure of the primary use. Most uses have restrictions of either how long a temporary use may operate 6-12 months for a construction office or sales office and 30 days for a tent sale. Tent sales are also limited to a maximum of four (4) times per year with at least 60 days in between permits.

There is an exception for temporary events that occur that do not exceed three (3) days within a 12 month period and do not exceed a tent size of 800 square feet. These temporary uses are not required to get a permit. This section also removes the 3 day per 12 month limitation if the site is considered a celebration site. The section lists celebration site include “places of worship, country clubs, hotels, conference centers, bed and breakfast facilities, recognized places of receptions, public parks, etc.”

The revised language makes both of these two sections which have similar language more clear. It also states that bed and breakfast facilities only qualify as a celebration site “in a calendar year.” While bed and breakfast facilities are not allowed in residential zones under the current ordinance, this would prevent a future bed and breakfast facility from being a celebration site if the text were amended to allow them.

Recommendation: Staff has provided no recommendation on this change. It would restrict the potential use of a bed and breakfast facility in a residential zone as a “celebration site.” Many ordinances do limit bed and breakfast facilities to only allow overnight stays for

guests. Some allow limited temporary events and many are silent on accessory uses either allowing other regulations to determine whether temporary events are allowed. At this time, it is unclear if bed and breakfast uses would be allowed in residential zones. The Planning Commission can recommend approval of the change to City Council if they feel this is important to decide this issue first, the Planning Commission can handle this item with the larger bed and breakfast issue, or the Planning Commission could send it with a negative recommendation.

Planning Commission passed a positive recommendation of this amendment with a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A
SECTION 319(h) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
("ADEM") FOR PHASE II OF THE PEPPERELL BRANCH PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act (CWA) established the 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program; and

WHEREAS, under Section 319 local governments may receive grant funds that support a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training and technology; and

WHEREAS, the size of the grant depends on the project and available funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opelika, Alabama (the "City") desires to partner with Auburn University to apply to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for a Section 319(h) grant in the approximate amount of \$ 200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds will be used to implement best management practices, provide outreach and education, support and plan City initiatives, enhance community stewardship and improve water quality in the Pepperell Branch; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds will also be used to for the design, materials, labor and equipment for Phase II of the Pepperell Branch Watershed Project; and

WHEREAS, the City believes itself to be qualified and is willing and able to carry out all activities described in the ADEM grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City will agree, upon award and acceptance of the grant, to the terms of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the forty percent (40%) match requirement for the Section 319(h) grant and will secure matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the 40% match may include a combination of staff, services, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, most of the local match will be accounted for through “in-kind” services including services from Auburn University, City staff time, Creekline Trails of Opelika and volunteer time from organizations such as KOB, 4-H and local master gardeners; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the local match will not exceed \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Opelika, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and submit to ADEM an application, in conjunction with Auburn University, for Section 319(h) funds on behalf of the City of Opelika, Alabama, in the approximate amount of \$200,000.00.

2. Upon approval of said application, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Grant Agreement with ADEM for such Section 319(h) financial assistance and to further carry out and comply with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

3. That the City hereby agrees to accept the grant funds and to comply with the terms of the grant as well as all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the Grant Agreement.

4. That the portion of the local match not covered by in-kind services shall be paid from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

5. That the officers of the City and any person or persons designated and authorized by any officers of the City to act in the name and on behalf of the City, or any one or more of them, are authorized to do or cause to be done or performed in the name and on behalf of the City such other acts and to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered in the name

and on behalf of the City such other notices, certificates, assurances or other instruments or other communications under the seal of the City or otherwise, as they or any of them deem necessary or advisable or appropriate in order to carry into effect the intent of the provisions of this Resolution and the Grant Agreement.

6. That the Mayor and Controller are hereby authorized and directed to make all appropriate accounting and budget entries necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the attached Agreement.

7. That this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK