

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**CITY OF GEM LAKE**  
**4200 OTTER LAKE ROAD**  
**GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA 55110**

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I.

**FINANCIAL SECTION**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Council and Citizens  
City of Gem Lake  
Gem Lake, Minnesota

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

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 Gem Lake (the City), Minnesota as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

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

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

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

Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Council and Citizens  
City of Gem Lake

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gem Lake, Minnesota as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Report on Summarized Comparative Information***

We have previously audited the City of Gem Lake's 2013 financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, and we expressed unmodified audit opinions on those financial statements in our report dated May 1, 2014. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required that the budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic 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 operations, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining non-major fund financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Council and Citizens  
City of Gem Lake


**Other Matters (Continued)**

*Supplementary Information (Continued)*

The combining non-major fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 29, 2015 on our consideration of the City of Gem Lake, Minnesota's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
April 29, 2015

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Investments	\$ 572,282	\$ 380,464	\$ 952,746
Taxes Receivable	17,176	-	17,176
Special Assessments Receivable	73,180	3,384	76,564
Accounts Receivable	8,577	20,562	29,139
Due from Other Governments	958	-	958
Accrued Interest	3,933	2,716	6,649
Prepaid Items	931	1,970	2,901
Capital Assets:			
Capital Assets Being Depreciated	1,627,915	617,539	2,245,454
Accumulated Depreciation	(553,896)	(124,343)	(678,239)
Total Assets	1,751,056	902,292	2,653,348
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Vouchers and Accounts Payable	22,866	-	22,866
Accrued Interest Payable	13,606	-	13,606
Due to Other Governments	3,586	30	3,616
Payroll Taxes and Withholdings	-	-	-
Unearned Revenue	7,400	-	7,400
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Amounts Due Within One Year	15,000	-	15,000
Amounts Due in More than One Year	738,793	-	738,793
Total Liabilities	801,251	30	801,281
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	320,226	493,196	813,422
Restricted for Debt Service	170,831	-	170,831
Restricted for Park Improvements	39,125	-	39,125
Unrestricted	419,623	409,066	828,689
Total Net Position	\$ 949,805	\$ 902,262	\$ 1,852,067

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		Total
	Expenses	Fees, Charges, Fines, and Other	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>							
General Government	\$ 129,294	\$ 50,142	\$ 6,737	\$ -	\$ (72,415)	\$ -	\$ (72,415)
Public Safety	109,973	-	-	-	(109,973)	-	(109,973)
Public Works	142,578	35,639	-	6,733	(100,206)	-	(100,206)
Conservation and Development	53,892	-	-	-	(53,892)	-	(53,892)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	33,718	-	-	-	(33,718)	-	(33,718)
Total Governmental Activities	469,455	85,781	6,737	6,733	(370,204)	-	(370,204)
<b>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</b>							
Sewer	48,559	49,582	-	-	-	1,023	1,023
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 518,014</u>	<u>\$ 135,363</u>	<u>\$ 6,737</u>	<u>\$ 6,733</u>	(370,204)	1,023	(369,181)
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>							
Taxes:							
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes					186,345	-	186,345
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service					48,416	-	48,416
Investment Earnings (Loss)					3,068	3,724	6,792
Miscellaneous					465	-	465
Total General Revenues					<u>238,294</u>	<u>3,724</u>	<u>242,018</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>					(131,910)	4,747	(127,163)
Net Position - Beginning of Year					<u>1,081,715</u>	<u>897,515</u>	<u>1,979,230</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>					<u>\$ 949,805</u>	<u>\$ 902,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,852,067</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014  
(WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013)**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2004A</u>	<u>G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2006A</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Investments	\$ 297,419	\$ -	\$ 16,158
Taxes Receivable	13,796	-	-
Special Assessments Receivable	920	33,393	37,356
Accounts Receivable	8,577	-	-
Due from Other Governments	958	-	-
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,330	(374)	33
Due from Other Funds	27,122	-	-
Prepaid Items	931	-	-
	<u>352,053</u>	<u>33,019</u>	<u>53,547</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 352,053</u>	<u>\$ 33,019</u>	<u>\$ 53,547</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Vouchers and Accounts Payable	\$ 8,662	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Other Governments	3,586	-	-
Unearned Revenue	7,400	-	-
Due to Other Funds	-	27,122	-
Total Liabilities	<u>19,648</u>	<u>27,122</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unavailable Resources	10,728	31,835	35,997
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	931	-	-
Restricted:			
Debt Service	-	-	17,550
Park Improvements	-	-	-
Street Projects	-	-	-
Assigned:			
Capital Improvements Benefiting Individual Property Owners	-	-	-
Unassigned	320,746	(25,938)	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>321,677</u>	<u>(25,938)</u>	<u>17,550</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 352,053</u>	<u>\$ 33,019</u>	<u>\$ 53,547</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Bonds Series 2007A	Hoffman Road Fund	Street Improvements Fund	Other Governmental Funds	2014 Total Governmental Funds	2013 Totals
\$ 83,334	\$ 5,172	\$ 129,901	\$ 40,298	\$ 572,282	\$ 585,989
3,380	-	-	-	17,176	18,009
-	-	-	1,511	73,180	138,787
-	-	-	-	8,577	8,540
-	-	-	-	958	814
400	27	1,308	209	3,933	8,486
-	-	-	-	27,122	81,096
-	-	-	-	931	941
<u>\$ 87,114</u>	<u>\$ 5,199</u>	<u>\$ 131,209</u>	<u>\$ 42,018</u>	<u>\$ 704,159</u>	<u>\$ 842,662</u>
\$ -	\$ 14,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,866	\$ 18,906
-	-	-	-	3,586	14,292
-	-	-	-	7,400	-
-	-	-	-	27,122	81,096
-	14,204	-	-	60,974	114,294
2,304	-	-	-	80,864	138,223
-	-	-	-	931	941
84,810	-	-	-	102,360	87,570
-	-	-	39,125	39,125	38,779
-	-	-	2,893	2,893	-
-	-	131,209	-	131,209	146,867
-	(9,005)	-	-	285,803	315,988
<u>84,810</u>	<u>(9,005)</u>	<u>131,209</u>	<u>42,018</u>	<u>562,321</u>	<u>590,145</u>
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**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** \$ 562,321

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These capital assets consist of:

Buildings	\$ 902,232	
Office Equipment	12,895	
Infrastructure	712,788	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(553,896)</u>	1,074,019

Some of the City's property taxes and special assessments will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable resources in the governmental funds.

80,864

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as fund liabilities. Balances at year-end are:

General Obligation Bonds Payable	(760,000)	
Unamortized Bond Discounts	6,207	
Accrued Interest on Long-Term Debt	<u>(13,606)</u>	<u>(767,399)</u>

**TOTAL NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** **\$ 949,805**

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**  
**(WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013)**

	General Fund	G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2004A	G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2006A
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 186,063	\$ -	\$ -
Special Assessments	-	30,704	15,030
Intergovernmental	3,393	-	-
Licenses and Permits	57,674	-	-
Fines and Forfeits	3,048	-	-
Public Charges for Services	7,616	-	-
Miscellaneous:			
Earnings (Loss) on Investments	2,877	(1,234)	(626)
Other	21,252	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>281,923</u>	<u>29,470</u>	<u>14,404</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General Government	107,590	-	-
Public Safety	109,973	-	-
Public Works	79,801	-	-
Conservation and Development	50,892	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>348,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	(66,333)	29,470	14,404
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>388,010</u>	<u>(55,408)</u>	<u>3,146</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 321,677</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (25,938)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,550</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Bonds Series 2007A	Hoffman Road Fund	Street Improvements Fund	Other Governmental Funds	2014 Total Governmental Funds	2013 Totals
\$ 48,416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 234,479	\$ 266,083
-	-	-	18,640	64,374	113,990
-	-	-	-	3,393	3,250
-	-	-	-	57,674	71,595
-	-	-	-	3,048	4,903
-	-	-	-	7,616	4,936
475	(225)	1,529	272	3,068	(1,432)
-	-	-	-	21,252	21,519
<u>48,891</u>	<u>(225)</u>	<u>1,529</u>	<u>18,912</u>	<u>394,904</u>	<u>484,844</u>
-	-	-	-	107,590	93,282
-	-	-	-	109,973	115,034
-	-	-	-	79,801	77,458
-	-	-	-	50,892	24,437
-	25,967	-	-	25,967	10,639
15,000	-	-	-	15,000	379,923
33,505	-	-	-	33,505	48,985
<u>48,505</u>	<u>25,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>422,728</u>	<u>749,758</u>
386	(26,192)	1,529	18,912	(27,824)	(264,914)
<u>84,424</u>	<u>17,187</u>	<u>129,680</u>	<u>23,106</u>	<u>590,145</u>	<u>855,059</u>
<u>\$ 84,810</u>	<u>\$ (9,005)</u>	<u>\$ 131,209</u>	<u>\$ 42,018</u>	<u>\$ 562,321</u>	<u>\$ 590,145</u>

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** \$ (27,824)

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, assets are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlays	\$ 662	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(62,176)</u>	(61,514)

Delinquent and deferred property taxes and special assessments receivable will be collected subsequent to year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable resources in the governmental funds.

Unavailable Resources - December 31, 2013	138,223	
Unavailable Resources - December 31, 2014	<u>80,864</u>	(57,359)

The governmental funds report bond proceeds as financing sources, while repayment of bond principal is reported as an expenditure. In the statement of net position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities and repayment of principal reduces the liability. Also, governmental funds report the effect premiums and discounts when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. Interest is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is due. The net effect of these differences in the treatment of general obligation bonds and related items is as follows:

Repayment of Bond Principal	15,000	
Change in Accrued Interest Payable	250	
Amortization of Bond Discount	<u>(463)</u>	<u>14,787</u>

**CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** \$ (131,910)



**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Sewer Utility</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 380,464
Customer Accounts Receivable	20,562
Accrued Interest Receivable	2,716
Special Assessments Receivable	3,384
Prepaid Items	1,970
Total Current Assets	<u>409,096</u>
Capital Assets:	
Utility Plant in Service	617,539
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(124,343)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>493,196</u>
Total Assets	902,292
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Due to Other Governments	<u>30</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>30</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	493,196
Unrestricted	<u>409,066</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 902,262</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION  
 PROPRIETARY FUND  
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Sewer Utility</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Public Charges for Services	\$ 49,582
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Operating Expenses	36,103
Depreciation	<u>12,456</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>48,559</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	1,023
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Interest Revenue	<u>3,724</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	4,747
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>897,515</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 902,262</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Sewer Utility</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Cash Received from Utility Customers	\$ 50,330
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(46,771)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	3,559
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Interest on Investments	<u>5,833</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	9,392
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>371,072</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 380,464</u></u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Operating Income	\$ 1,023
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	12,456
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	(2,046)
Due from Other Governments	737
Special Assessments Receivable	2,057
Prepaid Items	(152)
Accounts Payable	(4)
Due to Other Governments	(10,512)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 3,559</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the City of Gem Lake (the City), Minnesota have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

As required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the City of Gem Lake and its component units. A component unit is a legally separate entity for which the primary government is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the primary government misleading. The criteria used to determine if the primary government is financially accountable for a component include whether or not the primary government appoints the voting majority of the potential component unit's board, is able to impose its will on the potential component unit, is in a relationship of financial benefit or burden with the potential component unit, or is fiscally depended upon by the potential component unit.

Based on these criteria, there are no organizations considered to be component units of the City.

**B. Basic Financial Statements**

1. Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the primary government and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall City government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external parties for support.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**B. Basic Financial Statements (Continued)**

1. Government-Wide Statements (Continued)

In the government-wide statement of net position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns: (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column; and (b) are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The City's net position is reported in three parts: (1) net investment in capital assets; (2) restricted net position; and (3) unrestricted net position. The City first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of each function of the City's governmental activities and different business-type activity are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenues include: (1) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

2. Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the City's funds. Separate statements for each fund category, governmental and proprietary, are presented. The emphasis of governmental and proprietary fund financial statements is on major individual governmental and enterprise funds, with each displayed as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**B. Basic Financial Statements (Continued)**

2. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

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

**G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2004A** – The G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2004A Fund accounts for all debt service activity related to the 2004A bond.

**G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2006A** – The G.O. Improvement Bonds Series 2006A Fund accounts for all debt service activity related to the 2006A bond.

**G.O. Capital Improvements Plan Bonds Series 2007A** – The G.O. Capital Improvement Plan Bonds Series 2007A Fund accounts for all debt service activity related to the 2007A bond.

**Hoffman Road Fund** – The Hoffman Road Construction Fund accounts for all activity related to the reconstruction activities of Hoffman Road.

**Street Improvements Fund** – The Street Improvements Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities.

The City reports the following major proprietary fund:

**Sewer Fund** – The sewer fund accounts for customer sewer service charges that are used to finance sewer operating expenses.

**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

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

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. The City considers all revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the current period. Property and other taxes, licenses, and interest are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, compensated absences, and claims and judgments, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

**D. Budgets**

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund. Budgeted expenditure appropriations lapse at year-end.

**E. Cash and Investments**

Cash and investment balances from all funds are pooled and invested to the extent available in investments authorized by *Minnesota Statutes*. Earnings from investments are allocated to individual funds on the basis of the fund's equity in the cash and investment pool.

The City provides temporary advances to funds that have insufficient cash balances by means of an advance from another fund shown as interfund receivables in the advancing fund in the governmental fund financial statements, and an interfund payable in the fund with the deficit, until adequate resources are received. These interfund payables are eliminated for statement of net position presentation.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**E. Cash and Investments (Continued)**

Investments are stated at fair value as of the balance sheet date. Interest earnings are accrued at the balance sheet date.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows the Proprietary Fund considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. All of the cash and investments allocated to the proprietary fund types have original maturities of 90 days or less. Therefore, the entire balance in such fund types is considered cash equivalents.

**F. Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepayments. Prepaid items are reported using the consumption method and recorded as an expense or expenditure at the time of consumption. That portion of the relevant funds' balances equal to material prepaid items has been segregated as nonspendable.

**G. Property Tax Credits**

Property taxes on homestead property (as defined by state statutes) are partially reduced by property tax credits. These credits are paid to the City by the state in lieu of taxes levied against homestead property. The state remits these credits through installments each year. These credits are recognized as revenue by the City at the time of collection.

**H. Property Tax Revenue Recognition**

The City Council annually adopts a tax levy and certifies it to the County in December (levy/assessment date) of each year for collection in the following year. The County is responsible for billing and collecting all property taxes for itself, the City, the local School District and other taxing authorities. Such taxes become a lien on January 1 and are recorded as receivables by the City at that date. Real property taxes are payable (by property owners) on May 15 and October 15 of each calendar year. Personal property taxes are payable by taxpayers on February 28 and June 30 of each year. These taxes are collected by the County and remitted to the City on or before July 15 and December 15 of the same year. Delinquent collections for November and December are received the following January. The City has no ability to enforce payment of property taxes by property owners. The County possesses this authority.



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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**H. Property Tax Revenue Recognition (Continued)**

Within the governmental fund financial statements, the City recognizes property tax revenue when it becomes both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. In practice, current and delinquent taxes and State credits received by the City in July, December and the following January are recognized as revenue for the current year. Taxes and credits not received at the year-end are classified as delinquent and due from County taxes receivable. The portion of delinquent taxes not collected by the City in January is fully offset by deferred inflows of resources because it is not available to finance current expenditures. Deferred inflows of resources in governmental activities is susceptible to full accrual on the government-wide statements.

The City's property tax revenue includes payments from the Metropolitan Revenue Distribution (Fiscal Disparities Formula) per *Minnesota Statute 473F*. This statute provides a means of spreading a portion of the taxable valuation of commercial/industrial real property to various taxing authorities within the defined metropolitan area. The valuation "shared" is a portion of commercial/industrial property valuation growth since 1971. Property taxes paid to the City through this formula for 2014 totaled \$3,411. Receipt of property taxes from this "fiscal disparities pool" does not increase or decrease total tax revenue.

**I. Special Assessment Revenue Recognition**

Special assessments are levied against benefited properties for the cost or a portion of the cost of special assessment improvement projects in accordance with state statutes. These assessments are collectible by the City over a term of years usually consistent with the term of the related bond issue. Collection of annual installments (including interest) is handled by the County Auditor in the same manner as property taxes. Property owners are allowed to (and often do) prepay future installments without interest or prepayment penalties.

Within the fund financial statements, the revenue from special assessments is recognized by the City when it becomes measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current fiscal period. In practice, current and delinquent special assessments received by the City are recognized as revenue for the current year. Special assessments are collected by the County and remitted by December 31 (remitted to the City the following January) and are also recognized as revenue for the current year. All remaining delinquent, deferred and special deferred assessments receivable in governmental funding are completely offset by deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources in governmental activities is susceptible to full accrual on the government-wide statements.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**I. Special Assessment Revenue Recognition (Continued)**

Once a special assessment roll is adopted, the amount attributed to each parcel is a lien upon that property until full payment is made or the amount is determined to be excessive by the City's City Council or court action. If special assessments are allowed to go delinquent, the property is subject to tax forfeit sale and the first proceeds of that sale (after costs, penalties and expenses of sale) are remitted to the City in payment of delinquent special assessments. Generally, the City will collect the full amount of its special assessments not adjusted by the City's City Council or court action. Pursuant to State Statutes, a property shall be subject to a tax forfeit sale after three years unless it is homesteaded, agricultural or seasonal recreational land in which event the property is subject to such sale after five years.

**J. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks, street lights, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

The government reports infrastructure assets on a network and subsystem basis. In the case of the initial capitalization of general infrastructure assets (i.e., those reported by governmental activities) the City chose to include all such items regardless of their acquisition date or amount.

Depreciation on exhaustible assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for City purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Capital assets not being depreciated include construction in progress.

Assets	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Buildings	Straight-Line	40 Years
Office Equipment	Straight-Line	5 - 10 Years
Utility Systems	Straight-Line	20 - 50 Years
Infrastructure	Straight-Line	20 - 50 Years

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**K. Long-Term Obligations**

In the entity-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond issue costs, are expensed as a current period cost with the adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 65.

In the governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issue costs are recognized during the current period. The face amount of the debt issue is reported as on other financing source. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issue costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

**L. Net Position/Fund Balance**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balances in the classifications that disclose constraints for which amounts in those funds can be spent. These classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable – portion of fund balances related to prepaid items, inventories, long-term receivables, and corpus on any permanent fund.

Restricted – funds are constrained from outside parties (statute, grantors, bond agreements, etc.).

Committed – funds are established and modified by a resolution approved by the City Council.

Assigned – consists of internally imposed constraints approved by the City Finance Director.

Unassigned – is the residual classification for the General Fund and also reflects the negative residual amounts in other funds.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, it is the City's policy to use restricted first, then unrestricted fund balance.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned amounts are available, it is the City's policy to use committed first, then assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**M. Interfund Transactions**

Interfund services provided and used are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures or expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers.

All interfund transactions are eliminated except for activity between governmental activities and business-type activities for presentation in the entity-wide statements of net position and statements of activities.

**NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**A. Deposits**

The City maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the statement of net position and the balance sheet as "Cash and Investments." In accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, the City maintains deposits at financial institutions which are authorized by the City Council.

*Custodial Credit Risk* – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. The City does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk and follows *Minnesota Statutes* for deposits. *Minnesota Statutes* require that all deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or corporate surety bonds. Authorized collateral include: U.S. government treasury bills, notes, or bonds; issues of a U.S. government agency; general obligations of a state or local government rated "A" or better; revenue obligations of a state or local government rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standby letter of credit issued by a Federal Home Loan Bank; and time deposits insured by a federal agency. *Minnesota Statutes* require securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution not owned or controlled by the depository.

At December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of the City's deposits were \$252,141. Of these deposits \$2,141 were not insured or collateralized.

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**NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Investments**

The City may also invest idle funds as authorized by *Minnesota Statutes* as follows:

- Direct obligations or obligations guaranteed by the United States or its agencies.
- Shares of investment companies registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and received the highest credit rating, are rated in one of the two highest rating categories by a statistical rating agency and all of the investments have a final maturity of 13 months or less.
- General obligations rated “A” or better; revenue obligations rated “AA” or better.
- General obligations of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency rate “A” or better.
- Bankers’ acceptances of United States banks eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System.
- Commercial paper issued by United States banks corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries, of highest quality category by a least two nationally recognized rating agencies, and maturing in 270 days or less.
- Guaranteed investment contracts guaranteed by United States commercial banks or domestic branches of foreign banks or United States insurance companies if similar debt obligations of the issuer or the collateral pledged by the issuer is in the top two rating categories.
- Repurchase or reverse purchase agreement and securities lending agreements financial institutions qualified as a “depository” by the government entity, with banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System with capitalization exceeding \$10,000,000, a primary reporting dealer in U.S. government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or certain Minnesota securities broker-dealers.
- Any security which is an obligation of a school district with an original maturity not exceeding 13 months and (i) rated in the highest category by a national bond rating service (ii) enrolled in a credit enhancement program pursuant to *Minnesota Statute* §126C.55

***Custodial Credit Risk***

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City’s investment policy doesn’t specifically address custodial credit risk.

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**NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Investments (Continued)**

***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The City's investment policy doesn't specifically address interest rate risk. Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the City's investments to market interest rate risk fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the City's investments by maturity:

Type	Total	12 Months or Less	13 to 24 Months	25 to 60 Months	More than 60 Months
Build America Bonds - Shoreview	\$ 150,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,224
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	386,726	-	246,160	100,117	40,450
Wells Fargo Prime Investment Fund	180,622	180,622	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 717,571</u>	<u>\$ 180,622</u>	<u>\$ 246,160</u>	<u>\$ 100,117</u>	<u>\$ 190,673</u>

***Credit Risk***

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The City's investment policy doesn't specifically address credit risk. The following chart summarizes year-end ratings for the City's investments as rated by Moody's Investors Services:

Type	Credit Quality Rating	Amount
Government Money Market Mutual Funds	NR	\$ 180,622
Build America Bonds - Shoreview	AAA	150,224
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit:		
GE Capital Bank CD	NR	246,160
Goldman Sachs Bank CD	NR	140,566
Total Negotiable Certificates of Deposits		<u>386,726</u>
Total		<u>\$ 717,571</u>

NR = Not Rated

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**NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The City places no limit on the amount that the City may invest in any one issuer. The following is a list of investments which individually comprise more than 5% of the City's total investments:

Type	Amount	Percentage
Build America Bonds - Shoreview	\$ 150,224	20.94%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit		
GE Capital Bank CD	246,160	34.30%
Goldman Sachs Bank CD	140,566	19.59%

**NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	\$ 902,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 902,232
Office Equipment	13,190	662	(957)	12,895
Infrastructure	712,788	-	-	712,788
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>1,628,210</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>(957)</u>	<u>1,627,915</u>
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	(132,086)	(22,497)	-	(154,583)
Office Equipment	(8,459)	(1,242)	957	(8,744)
Infrastructure	(352,132)	(38,437)	-	(390,569)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(492,677)</u>	<u>(62,176)</u>	<u>957</u>	<u>(553,896)</u>
Net Capital Assets - Capital Activities	<u>\$ 1,135,533</u>	<u>\$ (61,514)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,074,019</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the governmental functions as follows:

General Government	\$ 23,739
Public Works	38,437
Total Depreciation - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 62,176</u>

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<b>Sewer Utility</b>				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Infrastructure	\$ 617,539	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 617,539
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(111,887)	(12,456)	-	(124,343)
Net Capital Assets - Sewer Utility	<u>\$ 505,652</u>	<u>\$ (12,456)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 493,196</u>

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**NOTE 4 CITY INDEBTEDNESS**

City indebtedness at December 31, 2014 is composed of the following:

	Issue Date	Final Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Balance 12/31/14
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
General Obligation Bonds:					
2007A Capital Improvement Bonds	06/20/2007	02/01/2028	4.00-4.50%	\$ 850,000	\$ 760,000
Unamortized Bond Discount				(25,111)	(6,207)
Total				<u>\$ 824,889</u>	<u>\$ 753,793</u>

The following is a schedule of changes in City indebtedness for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	Balance 12/31/13	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/14	Due Within One Year
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>					
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 775,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 760,000	\$ 15,000
Unamortized Bond Discount	(6,670)	-	(463)	(6,207)	-
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 768,330</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,537</u>	<u>\$ 753,793</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>

All long-term bonded indebtedness outstanding at December 31, 2014 is backed by the full faith and credit of the City, including special assessment bond issues. For the governmental activities, compensated absences are generally liquidated by the general fund.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the City called the outstanding portions of the Series 2004A and 2006A General Obligation Improvement Bonds, by using existing fund balance.

Minimum annual principal and interest payments required to retire long-term debt are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 15,000	\$ 32,355	\$ 47,355
2016	15,000	31,755	46,755
2017	50,000	30,430	80,430
2018	50,000	28,380	78,380
2019	55,000	26,214	81,214
2020-2024	295,000	95,206	390,206
2025-2028	280,000	25,738	305,738
Total	<u>\$ 760,000</u>	<u>\$ 270,078</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,078</u>



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**NOTE 4 CITY INDEBTEDNESS (CONTINUED)**

**Description and Restrictions of Long-Term Debt**

General Obligation Bonds – The bonds were issued for improvements or projects which benefited the City as a whole and are, therefore, repaid from ad valorem levies.

**NOTE 5 STEWARDSHIP COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Deficit Fund Balances**

The City has deficit fund balances at December 31, 2014 as follows:

	Fund Balance
	Deficit
GO Improvement Bonds Series 2004A	\$ 25,938
Hoffman Road Fund	9,005

The City intends to fund these deficits through future tax levies, transfers from other funds, and various other sources.

**Excess of Expenditures Over Budget**

As of December 31, 2014, the General Fund had expenditures in excess of its appropriations of \$316,133 by \$32,123. These expenditures in excess of appropriations were funded by greater than anticipated revenues.

**NOTE 6 INTERFUND BALANCES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Due To/From Other Funds**

Individual fund receivable and payable balances at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
Governmental Activity:		
General Fund	\$ 27,122	\$ -
GO Improvement Bonds 2004A	-	27,122
	\$ 27,122	\$ 27,122

Interfund receivable and payable balances represent the elimination of negative cash between funds.

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**NOTE 7 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; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss, including disability and employee health insurance.

There were no significant reductions in insurance from the previous year or settlements in excess of insurance coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

**NOTE 8 FUND BALANCES**

Certain portions of fund balance are restricted to provide for funding on certain long-term liabilities or as required by other outside parties. Restricted, Committed and Assigned fund balances at December 31, 2014, are as follows:

- A. **Restricted for Debt Service** – This represents amounts which are restricted for future debt payments.
- B. **Restricted for Park Improvements** – Represents amounts which are received through park dedication fees and are restricted for park acquisitions and improvements.
- C. **Restricted for Street Projects** – Represents amounts which are received from special assessments and are restricted for street projects.
- D. **Assigned for Capital Improvements Benefitting Individual Property Owners** – Represents amounts which are assigned by the City to finance future road improvement projects benefitting individual property owners.

**NOTE 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

In April 2015, the City has approved the sale of \$775,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2015A to refunding the outstanding portions of the 2007A General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds with maturities of February 1, 2016 and after. This refunding will result in a decrease in total debt service payments of \$68,303 with a net present value of \$60,393 over the remaining life of the bonds.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON INFORMATION**

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 180,119	\$ 180,119	\$ 186,063	\$ 5,944
Intergovernmental	3,642	3,642	3,393	(249)
Licenses and Permits	21,375	21,375	57,674	36,299
Fines and Forfeits	2,000	2,000	3,048	1,048
Public Charges for Services	4,300	4,300	7,616	3,316
Miscellaneous:				
Interest	4,365	4,365	2,877	(1,488)
Other	16,215	16,215	21,252	5,037
Total Revenues	<u>232,016</u>	<u>232,016</u>	<u>281,923</u>	<u>49,907</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General Government	121,361	121,361	107,590	13,771
Public Safety	103,792	103,792	109,973	(6,181)
Public Works	49,850	49,850	79,801	(29,951)
Conservation and Development	41,130	41,130	50,892	(9,762)
Total Expenditures	<u>316,133</u>	<u>316,133</u>	<u>348,256</u>	<u>(32,123)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ (84,117)</u>	<u>\$ (84,117)</u>	(66,333)	<u>\$ 17,784</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			<u>388,010</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>			<u>\$ 321,677</u>	

See accompanying Note to Required Supplementary Information.

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**STEWARDSHIP COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY - BUDGET**

The General Fund budget is legally adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Actual expenditures exceed budgets during 2014 by \$32,123. These over expenditures were funded by greater than anticipated revenues.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Capital Projects		
	Parks and Playground Fund	Scheuneman Road Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Investments	\$ 38,848	\$ 1,450	\$ 40,298
Special Assessments Receivable	-	1,511	1,511
Accrued Interest Receivable	277	(68)	209
Total Assets	\$ 39,125	\$ 2,893	\$ 42,018
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Restricted:			
Park Improvements	39,125	-	39,125
Street Projects	-	2,893	2,893
Total Fund Balances	39,125	2,893	42,018
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 39,125	\$ 2,893	\$ 42,018

**CITY OF GEM LAKE, MINNESOTA  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Capital Projects</u>		<u>Total Nonmajor Funds</u>
	<u>Parks and Playground Fund</u>	<u>Scheuneman Road Fund</u>	
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Special Assessments	\$ -	\$ 18,640	\$ 18,640
Earnings (Loss) on Investments	346	(74)	272
Total Revenues	<u>346</u>	<u>18,566</u>	<u>18,912</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Capital Outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	346	18,566	18,912
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>38,779</u>	<u>(15,673)</u>	<u>23,106</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 39,125</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,893</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 42,018</u></u>



**II.**

**OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Gem Lake, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Gem Lake, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Gem Lake's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2015.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency finding number 2013-001 described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses to be a material weakness.

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Gem Lake

***Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***City of Gem Lake's Response to the Finding***

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

***Purpose of this Report***

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



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
April 29, 2015

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Honorable Mayor, Members of the  
City Council, and Citizens  
City of Gem Lake, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gem Lake, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 29, 2015.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. §6.65, contains seven categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our audit considered all of the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance with tax increment financing because the City did not have any tax increment financing.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the City of Gem Lake, failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, except as described in the Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as items 2014-002 and 2014-003. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the City of Gem Lake's noncompliance with the above-referenced provisions.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

  
**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
April 29, 2015

**CITY OF GEM LAKE  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**MATERIAL WEAKNESS**

**2014-001: Limited Segregation of Duties**

**Condition:** Due to the small size of the City's staff, there is by definition a lack of segregation of the accounting functions that is necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control. While we realize this scenario is common for small entities, we are required to report this issue and to advise that a concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from an internal control perspective.

**Criteria:** Generally, a system of internal control contemplates separation of duties such that no individual has responsibility to execute a transaction, have physical access to the related assets, and have responsibility or authority to record the transaction.

**Effect:** The City is unable to maintain segregation of incompatible duties.

**Cause:** The condition is due to a limited number of personnel involved in receipt and disbursement processes.

**Recommendation:** Controls should be reviewed periodically and consideration given to improving the segregation of duties. In making this review, it is important to consider the benefit derived as weighed against the cost of the improvements.

**Management Response:**

Management has decided, due to the small size of the City's staff, that the additional costs of implementing the necessary controls outweigh the benefits that would be derived.

**CITY OF GEM LAKE  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**OTHER ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION – MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

**2014-002: Collateral Coverage**

**Condition:** *Minnesota Statute* §118A.03, requires that, to the extent that deposited funds exceed federal deposit insurance, the City must obtain an assignment of pledged collateral in an amount equal to 110 percent of the amount on deposit plus accrued interest.

**Criteria:** At December 31, 2014, the City did not meet the 110% collateralization requirement. \$2,141 of deposits were not fully collateralized due to timing of receipts at the end of the year.

**Effect:** The City is not in compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*.

**Cause:** Unknown

**Recommendation:** We recommend City management be constantly aware of collateral requirements at its depository to ensure compliance with state statutes.

**Management Response:**

City management is aware of this requirement and will continue to monitor the collateral requirements for the City's general checking account.

**2014-003: Payment Declaration**

**Condition:** *Minnesota Statute* §471.391, subdivision 2, requires each check by which a claim is paid have printed on the reverse side, above the space for endorsement thereof, the following statement: "The undersigned payee, in endorsing this check declares that the same is received in payment of a just and correct claim against the city, and that no part of it has heretofore been paid."

**Criteria:** During 2014 it was noted checks issued in the second half of the year, the required declaration was not included on checks.

**Effect:** The City is not in compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*.

**Cause:** Turnover in staffing.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City implement policies and procedures to ensure the declaration is included as required by state statute.

**Management Response:**

City management is aware of this requirement and will ensure the statute is met going forward, including when (if) turnover occurs in the future.