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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 1999

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Johnny Herrington, Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Springhill
Springhill, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City of Springhill, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the U.S. General Accounting Office and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Springhill, Louisiana, as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 4, 1999, on our consideration of City of Springhill, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Jan H. Stevens, h. Flanger, h.h.P.
Certified Public Accountants

October 4, 1999

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Tyres and Account Groups June 30, 1999

Total (Memorandum Only)		1999	2,431,275	4,073	5.650	87,200	2,528	208	19,061	3,032		4,170,286	83,133	182,882	1,687,207		6,009,942	73,443	1,419,790	9,783,234	(2,232,010)		240,773		1,509,227	25,480.934
nt Groups	General Long-Term	Dcbt																					240,773		1,509,227	1,750,000
Account	General Fixed	Assets												158,892	1,687,207		5,972,800		1,232,423						ļ	9,051,322
Proprietary Fund Types		Enterprise	257,362			87,200	1,638			3,032		799,722	108	23,990			37,142	73,443	187,367	9,783,234	(2,232,010)					9.022.228
i Types	Debt	Scrvice	241,278																							241,278
Governmental Fund Types	Special	Revenue	1,225,224	3,599								3,370,564	83,025													4,682,412
Gov		General	707,411	474	5,650		890	208	19,061																	733,694
		ASSETS	Cash and cash equivalents Receivables:	Taxes	Other governments	Trade accounts	Interest	Other	Due from other funds	Inventories, at cost	Restricted assets:	Cash	Accrued interest receivable	Land	Buildings	Improvements other than	buildings	Equipment, Automotive	Equipment	Utility plant and equipment	Accumulated depreciation	Amount available in Debt	Service Fund	Amount to be provided from:	Ad valorem taxes	Total assets

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups June 30, 1999

Total (Memorandum Only)		1999	163,626 21,068	1,225	21,134	60.274	78,342	7,208,854	7,573,584		533,538	9,051,322	•	2,749,982	4,034	2,710	240,773		8,322,490		25,480,934
Account Groups	Gencral Long-Term	Dept						1,750,000	1,750,000	•									•		1,750,000
Accour	General Fixed	Assets										9,051,322	•						0.051.277	7,071,322	9,051,322
Proprietary Fund Types		Enterprise	118,675	1,225		60.274	78,342	5,458,854	5,736,654	0 0 0	533,538			2,749,982	450,7				2,752,036	1,5,007,0	9,022,228
Types		Service		505					505								240,773		240,773	7,112	241,278
Governmental Fund	Special	Kevenuc															4 682 412	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	4,682,412	4,006,412	4,682,412
Gove		General	44,951 20,340		21,134				86,425							2,710	644 559		647,269	047,702	733,694
	LIABILITIES AND	FUND EQUITY Liabilities:	Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	Prepaid assessments Due to other funds	Due to other governments Payable from restricted	assets: Accried interest navable	Meter deposits	Bonds payable	Total liabilities	Fund equity:	Contributed capital	Investment in general fixed	Retained earnings:	Unreserved	Reserved for perpetual care Fund balances;	Designated	Reserved for debt service	Total retained carnings	and fund balances	Total liabilities and fund	equity

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types

Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Gove	ernmental Fund	Types	Total (Memorandum Only)
		Special	Debt	
	General	Revenue	Service	1999
Revenues:				
Taxes	321,235	1,808,308	224,762	2,354,305
Licenses and permits	201,962			201,962
Fines and forfeitures	42,430			42,430
Intergovernmental	46,532			46,532
Charges for services	19,702			19,702
Oil and gas revenues	29,370			29,370
Interest	15,651	142,941	3,455	162,047
Contributions	62,594			62,594
Miscellaneous revenue	148,036			148,036
Total revenue	887,512	1,951,249	228,217	3,066,978
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	319,979	29,658		349,637
Public safety	547,323	•		547,323
Recreation	109,815			109,815
Streets and airport	269,239			269,239
Ward court	65,480			65,480
Transportation	19,351			19,351
Maintenance	110,870			110,870
Driver's license bureau	187			187
Capital Outlays:				
Current expenditures	263,665			263,665
Debt service:	,			200,000
Principal retirement			80,000	80,000
Interest and fiscal charges			108,189	108,189
Total expenditures	1,705,909	29,658	188,189	1,923,756
	<u> </u>			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	(818,397)	1,921,591	40,028	1,143,222
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in	856,966			856,966
Operating transfers (out)		(1,456,966)		(1,456,966)
Total other financing sources				
(uses)	856,966	(1,456,966)		(600,000)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
and other sources over				
expenditures and other uses	38,569	464,625	40,028	543,222
Fund balances, beginning	608,700	4,217,787	200,745	5,027,232
Fund balances, ending	647,269	4,682,412	240,773	5,570,454

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual - Governmental Fund Types
Year Ended June 30, 1999

Debt Service Fund

Special Revenues Fund

General Fund

			Variance			Variance			Variance
			Favorabic			Favorable			Favorable
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Taxes	314,171	321,235	7,064	1,800,000	1,808,308	8,308	220,000	224,762	4,762
Licenses and permits	179,800	201,962	22,162						
Fines and forfeitures	43,850	42,430	(1,420)						
Intergovernmental	40,797	46,532	5,735						
Charges for services	199,440	19,702	(179,738)						
Oil and gas royalties	28,760	29,370	610						,
Interest income	12,450	15,651	3,201	102,865	142,941	40,076	3,427	3,455	28
Contributions	19,300	62,594	43,294						
Miscellaneous revenue	146,530	148,036	1,506						
Total revenues	982,098	887,512	(97,586)	1,902,865	1,951,249	48,384	223,427	228,217	4,790
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General government	322,799	319,979	2,820	30,650	29,628	266			
Public safety	553,905	547,323	6,582						
Recreation	107,452	109,815	(2,363)						
Streets and airport	263,054	269,239	(6,185)						
Ward Court	65,620	65,480	140						
Transportation	19,565	19,351	214						
Maintenance garage	112,265	110,870	1,395						
Driver's license bureau		187	(187)						
Debt service:							1		
Bonds paid							80,000	80,000	
Interest and fiscal charges							107,600	108,189	(283)
Capital outlays	170,437	263,665	(93,228)						
Total expenditures	1,615,097	1,705,909	(90,812)	30,650	29,658	992	187,600	188,189	(589)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues							1		•
over expenditures	(629,999)	(818,397)	(188,398)	1,872,215	1,921,591	49,376	35,827	40,028	4,201
Other financing sources (uses):									
Bond proceeds		770							
Operating transfers in	800,000	826,966	26,966						
Operating transfers (out)				(1,330,000)	(1,456,966)	(126,966)			
Total other financing sources									
(nses)	800,000	856,966	56,966	(1,330,000)	(1,456,966)	(126,966)			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and									
over expenditures	1	1		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				4	
	170,001	38,569	(131,432)	542,215	464,625	(77,590)	35,827	40,028	4,201
ពិទ	508,700	608,700	1000	4,211,181	4,217,787	(003 567)	200,745	240,743	1 201
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings - All Proprietary Fund Types Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Enterprise
	Funds
Operating revenues:	
Charges for service	489,290
Sales - cemetery lots	8,600
Assessments	14,135
Miscellaneous	11,194
Recoveries of bad debt	28
Total operating revenues	523,247
Cost of lots sold	1,814
Gross profit	521,433
Operating expenses:	
General and administrative expenses	53,146
Water department expenses	348,276
Sewer department expenses	123,360
Depreciation and amortization	205,937
Total operating expenses	730,719
Income (loss) from operations	(209,286)
Non-operating revenues:	
Interest income	15,332
Interest and fiscal charges - bonds	(124,136)
Total non-operating revenues	(108,804)
Income (loss) before operating transfers	(318,090)
Operating transfers:	
Operating transfers in	600,000
Total operating transfers	600,000
Net income (loss)	281,910
Retained earnings, beginning	2,470,126
Retained carnings, ending	2,752,036

Combined Statement of Cash Flows - All Proprietary Fund Types Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Enterprise Funds
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net income (loss) from operations	(209,286)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating	
activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	205,937
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable	87,052
Inventories	1,205
Accrued interest receivable	37
Prepaid expenses	1,100
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	(152,916)
Sales tax payable	(116)
Due to other funds	(16,664)
Meter deposits	4,272
Total adjustments	129,907
Net eash provided by operating activities	(79,379)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
Transfer from Sales Tax Fund	600,000
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	600,000
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Purchase of fixed assets	(1,316,124)
Bond interest payable	1,232,522
Payment for bond issuance costs	18,364
Contributed capital - perpetual care	2,100
Bonds redeemed	(255,000)
Interest paid	(120,789)
Net eash used by capital and related financing activities	(438,927)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest earned	15,331
Net eash provided by investing activities	15,331
Net increase in cash	97,025
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year (including	
\$687,703 in restricted accounts)	960,059
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year (including \$799,722 in	<u> </u>
restricted accounts)	1,057,084

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The City of Springhill, Louisiana was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The City operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The accounting and reporting practices of the City of Springhill, Louisiana conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies and practices:

A. <u>Financial reporting entity</u>. This report includes all funds and account groups, which are controlled by or dependent on the City executive and legislative branches (the Mayor and Board of Aldermen). Control by or dependence on the City was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

Based on the foregoing criteria, certain governmental organizations are not part of the City and are thus excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These organizations are the City Court and the Ward Marshall, which are staffed by independently elected officials. Although the City does provide facilities and some of their financing, no control is exercised over their operations.

B. Fund accounting. The accounts of the City of Springhill, Louisiana are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and means by which spending activities are controlled. The following funds and account groups are used by the City:

Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial sources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>. Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue resources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

<u>Debt Service Funds</u>. Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

Proprietary Fund Types:

Enterprise Funds. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purpose.

General Fixed Assets and General Long-term Debt Account Groups:

General Fixed Assets. The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets.

General Long-term Debt. The General Long-term Debt Account Group is used to account for long-term liabilities to be financed from government funds.

C. <u>Basis of Accounting</u>. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

All Proprietary Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Taxpayer-assessed gross receipts and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when in the hands of collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Grants, interfund transfers, property taxes, and garbage collection fees are deemed to be susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is principal and interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due.

All Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

- D. <u>Budgets and Budgetary Accounting</u>. The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data in these financial statements.
 - 1. The City Clerk prepares a proposed budget, which is submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
 - A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
 - A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
 - 4. After holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
 - 5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program, or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Aldermen.
 - 6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
 - 7. Budgets for the General, Special Revenue Fund and Debt Service Fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended from time to time by the Board of Aldermen. The budgets were amended during the year.
- E. <u>Bad Debts</u>. Uncollectible amounts due for the customers' utility and ad valorem taxes receivable are recognized as bad debts through the use of the direct write-off method at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.
- F. Property, Plant, and Equipment. Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. The City has elected to capitalize public domain ("infrastructure") fixed assets consisting of certain improvements. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

All fixed assets are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Property, plant and equipment, which constitute assets of the Enterprise Funds, are recorded at cost, and depreciation is computed thereon under the straight-line method of depreciation based on the estimated useful lives of the individual assets.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

F. Property, Plant and Equipment: (Continued)

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Utility Fund:	
Furniture and fixture	5-8 years
Equipment	•
Automotive equipment	
Utility plant	
Cemetery Fund:	
Equipment	3-5 years
Improvements	

- G. <u>Inventories</u>. Inventory of cemetery lots in the Proprietary Fund and gasoline inventories in the general fund are valued at cost (first-in, first-out).
- 11. <u>Compensated Absences</u>. The City requires employees to use their vacation time within one year of their anniversary date or it is forfeited. Vacation time is vested and is paid to the employee upon termination. Sick pay is lost upon termination and, therefore, is not subject to accrual.

As of June 30, 1999, the liability for accrued vacation time is \$10,957, which is recorded \$8,275 in the General Fund, and \$2,682 in the Utility Fund.

- I. Total Columns on Combined Statements. Total columns on the combined statements overview are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.
- J. <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u>. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Enterprise Funds consider all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of twelve months or less to be cash equivalents.

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 1999

2. Cash:

<u>Deposits</u>. At June 30, 1999, the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$6,601,561 and the bank balance was \$6,661,959. Of the total bank balance \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$6,461,959 was covered by collateral held by the City's two safekeeping bank agents, in the City's name.

The City's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the City at year end. Category 1 includes deposits that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the City or its agent in the City's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits for which the securities are held by the counter party's trust department or agent in the City's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits for which the securities are held by the counter party or by its trust department or agent but not in the City's name.

Collateral <u>Description</u>	1	2	3	Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Market <u>Value</u>
FDIC Insurance	200,000			200,000	200,000
Obligations of U.S. Treasury or Agencies			5,998,359	5,998,359	6,279,986
Obligations of State of Louisiana	 .	_	221,834	221,834	<u>357,364</u>
Totals	200,000	ET I'M WOMEN AND AND I'M	6,220,193	6,420,193	6,837,350

One of the City's depository banks was deficient in the amount of \$341,766 of securities pledged to the City to cover funds as of June 30, 1999.

3. Ad Valorem Taxes:

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the City in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November or December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed.

The City bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Webster Parish.

For the year ended June 30, 1999, taxes of \$350,016 were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$17,405,005 and were dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes

Retirement of bond indebtedness

7.11 mills

13.00 mills

20.11_mills

There was \$474 in taxes receivable at June 30, 1999, which were considered collectible.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

4. Restricted Assets-Proprietary Fund Type:

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at June 30:

	1999
Cash	799,722
Accrued interest receivable	108
Total	799,830

5. Changes in General Fixed Assets:

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

	Balance July 1, 1998	_Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 1999</u>
Land & Easement Buildings	122,804 1,673,712	36,088 13,495		158,892 1,687,207
Improvements other than buildings	5,808,649	164,151		5,972,800
Equipment	1,194,493	<u>37,930</u>		1,232,423
Total general fixed assets	<u>8,799,658</u>	251,664	ELVI I VATETA TARTEE	9,051,322

Fixed asset values have not been estimated; however, the source of funds for acquisition of fixed assets prior to 1959 cannot reasonably be determined.

A summary of proprietary fund type property, plant and equipment at June 30, 1999, follows:

Water and Sewer Fund:	
Real estate	23,990
Furniture and fixtures	50,250
Equipment	130,169
Automotive equipment	73,443
Utility plant	<u>9,783,234</u>
Total	10,061,086
Less:-accumulated depreciation	(2,189,780)
Total Water and Sewer Fund	7,871,306
Cemetery Fund:	
Improvements other than buildings	37,142
Equipment	6,948
Total	44,090
Less:-accumulated depreciation	(42,230)
Total Cemetery Fund	<u>1,860</u>
Net Assets - Enterprise Funds	<u>7,873,166</u>

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

6. Changes in Long-term Debt:

Total

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions of the City of Springhill, Louisiana, for the year ended June 30, 1999:

	Enterprise Fund	General Long-term debt Account Group	Total
Bonds payable at June 30, 1998 New bonds issued	4,554,836 1,232,522	1,830,000	6,384,836 1,232,522
Bonds retired	(255,000)	(80,000)	(335,000)
Bonds payable at June 30, 1999	5,532,358	1,750,000	<u>7,282,358</u>
Bonds payable at June 30, 1999, are comprised o	f the following indiv	idual issues:	
General Obligation:			
\$2,200,000 general obligation bonds installments through March 1, 2012; in collection of ad valorem taxes.	~ .	•	1,750,000
Sales Tax Bonds:			
\$4,900,000 sales tax bond dated June : beginning March 1, 1997 through March .5% service fee; secured by a 1% sales this bond are being used to fund constructions.	ch 1, 2016; interest tax passed in 1991.	at 2.45% plus a Draws against	4,316,222
\$1,400,000 sales tax bond dated June beginning March 1, 1998 through March .5% service fee; secured by a 1% sales	ch 1, 2016; interest tax passed in 1991.	at 2.45% plus a Draws against	
this bond are being used to fund constr	uction of sewer imp	rovements.	1,216,135
	Less unamo	rtized bond costs	7,282,357 (73,503)

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at June 30, 1998, including interest payments of \$827,867, \$1,008,433 and \$366,833 are as follows for 1992 general obligation, 1995 sales tax and 1997 sales tax bond respectively:

Year	1992	1995	1997	1
Ended	General	Sales	Sales	
<u>June 30</u>	<u>Obligation</u>	Tax	Tax	Total
2000 2001	187,907 193,360	327,883 326,982	97,907 96,138	613,697 616,480
2002	193,135	325,935	99,367	618,437
2003	192,535	329,740	97,450	619,725
2004	196,550	328,250	95,533	620,333
2005-2009	996,880	1,633,295	486,982	3,117,157
2010-2014	617,500	1,646,398	485,195	2,749,093
2015-2016		658,025	193,260	<u>851,285</u>
Totals	<u> 2,577,867</u>	<u>5,576,508</u>	1,651,832	9,806,207

7,208,854

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

7. Retained Earnings - Reserved:

During the year ended June 30, 1998, the City began receiving volunteer contributions dedicated for perpetual care of the cemetery.

Under the terms of the perpetual care contracts, 100% of the contributions received are to be retained permanently. Income carned is reserved for payment of cemetery maintenance costs. No expenses have been paid from perpetual care earnings since inception. Transactions for the year are as follows:

	Retained Earnings
Contributions	Reserved for
Perpetual Care	Perpetual Care
22,250	1,554
2,100	
	500
24,350	2,054
	<u>Perpetual Care</u> 22,250 2,100

8. Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds - 2 1/2% Sales and Use Tax:

Dedication of Sales Tax Proceeds. Proceeds of the 1% sales and use tax are dedicated to the following purposes:

Constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating, and maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal works, waterworks, garbage collection and waste disposal facilities, fire department stations and related facilities, public parks and recreational facilities, streets, alleys, sidewalks and bridges, purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforesaid public works, building improvements and facilities, and for the payment of salaries of non-elected municipal employees; or for any one or more of said purposes; and such tax to be subject to funding into bonds by the City in the manner authorized by Sub-Part D, Part I, Chapter 6, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 2711, ct. seq.)

On November 21, 1987, the voters of the City of Springhill, Louisiana approved the collection of an additional 1/2 percent sales tax.

The proceeds of the 1/2% sales tax are dedicated to the following purposes:

Constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating, and maintaining sewers and sewerage disposal works, waterworks, garbage collection and waste disposal facilities, fire department stations and related facilities, public parks and recreational facilities, streets, alleys, sidewalks and bridges, purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforesaid public works, building improvements and facilities; and for the payment of salaries of non-elected municipal employees of the above departments; or for any one or more of the above said purposes.

In November 1991, the voters of the City of Springhill, Louisiana approved the collection of an additional 1% sales tax.

The proceeds of the 1% sales tax are dedicated to the following purposes:

To the retirement of public improvement bonds the proceeds of which are to be used in constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, and maintaining streets and sewers and sewerage disposal works.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

9. Pension Plan:

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

Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System):

A. Plan Description.

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

All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are eligible to participate in the System. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (504) 925-4810.

B. Funding Policy.

Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the City of Springhill, Louisiana is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 6.25 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City of Springhill, Louisiana are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The City of Springhill, Louisiana contributions to the System under Plan A for the year ending June 30, 1999, was \$31,200, equal to the required contributions for the year.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

9. Pension Plan: (Continued)

Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System):

A. Plan Description.

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

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-2250, or by calling (504) 929-7411.

B. Funding Policy.

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5 percent of their annual covered salary and the City of Springhill, Louisiana is required to contribute at any actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.0 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City of Springhill, Louisiana are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The City of Springhill, Louisiana contributions to the System for the year ending June 30, 1999, was \$19,146, equal to the required contributions for the year.

10. Commitments and Contingencies:

Various claims and lawsuits are pending against the City. In the opinion of management, the potential loss on all claims and lawsuits will not be significant to the City's financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

11. Interfund Assets/Liabilities:

Due from/to Other Funds balances at June 30, 1999, were as follows:

	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
General Fund	19,061	
Debt Service Funds		505
Enterprise Funds	**************************************	18,556
	19,061	19,061

12. Interfund Operating Transfers:

Individual fund operating transfers for fiscal year 1999, were as follows:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	Transfers Out
General Fund	856,966	
Special Revenue Fund		1,456,966
Enterprise Fund	600,000	
	1,456,966	1,456,966

13. Proprietary Fund:

Segment Information:

	Water and	Cemetery	
	Sewer Fund	Fund	Total
Operating revenues	500,396	22,851	523,247
Depreciation	205,589	348	205,937
Operating income (loss)	(208,791)	(495)	(209,286)
Net income (loss)	281,303	606	281,909
Property, plant and equipment - net	7,871,306	1,860	7,873,166
Nct working capital	774,270	96,992	871,262
Total equity	3,186,722	98,851	3,285,573

<u>Unsold lots - new cemetery</u>. Real estate for the new cemetery was purchased at a cost of \$8,000 in October 1957. Based on the assumption that 3,354 lots could be obtained from this area, \$2.39 was allocated as cost per lot sold. During 1994, the cost of remaining usable lots was reallocated at a cost of \$2.07 per lot.

New real estate was added to the cemetery in 1992 at a cost of \$2,500. Based on the assumption that 168 lots could be obtained from this new area \$14.89 is allocated as cost per lot sold. During 1994, the cemetery was resurveyed, creating an additional 84 usable lots. The cost of all remaining lots was allocated at \$6.98 per lot.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 1999

13. Proprietary Fund (Continued):

During 1994, new real estate was added to the cemetery at a cost of \$3,500, and additional costs for surveying and staking in the amount of \$486 were incurred in 1995. Based on the assumption that 270 lots could be obtained from this area, \$14.76 was allocated as cost per lot sold.

During 1995, new real estate was added to the cemetery at a cost, including staking and survey costs, of \$6,516. Based on the assumption that 192 lots could be obtained from this area, \$33.94 was allocated as cost per lot sold.

14. Mayor's and Alderman's Expenses:

During the year, the mayor and aldermen were paid salaries and reimbursed for City related out of pocket expenses as follows:

	Compensation	Expenses	<u>Total</u>
Mayor Herrington	34,524	2,466	36,990
Alderman Baker	4,800		4,800
Alderman Bankhead	4,800	1,023	5,823
Alderman Breaux	4,800	338	5,138
Alderman Hilburn	4,800	307	5,107
Alderman McMullan	4,800	400	5,200
Total	58,524	<u>4,534</u>	63,058

15. Subsequent Event, Contingency, Year 2000 Computer Glitch:

Management is aware of the year 2000 computer problem (Y2K) and has taken the following steps:

- A. Assessment of the problem indicated a potential for shut down in the following areas:
 - (1) General ledger accounting system
 - (2) Utility accounting system
 - (3) Airport operations
 - (4) Water plant operations
 - (5) Sewer disposal plant operations
- B. Management purchased a new computer system during the year which is Y2K compliant, at an approximate cost of \$20,000.
- C. New Utility billing software was installed prior to June 30, 1999, and new general ledger software has been installed subsequent to that date. These are companion programs and are expected to be fully operational well before December 31, 1999. Cost of these programs are approximately \$20,000.
- D. Experts have been consulted regarding airport, water plant and sewer plant operations. All are expected by management to be Y2K compliant.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

Federal Grantor / Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Program or Award Amount	Beginning Balance at July 1, 1998	Receipts or Revenue Recognized	Disbursements/ Expenditures	Ending Balance at June 30, 1998
Department of Agriculture:							
Co-operative Forestry Assistance	10.664	97-46	5,000.00		2,000	2,000	
Department of Education:							
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities State Grants	84.186	09-76-ZE-D	3,861.00		4,506	4,506	
Department of the Interior:							
Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In Aid	15.904	98-HP-18	8,807.00		8,807	8,807	
Department of Justice:							
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Allocation to States	16.540	198-1-007	1,240.00		1,240	1,240	
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Services	16.710	N/A	3,222.00		3,222	3,222	
Department of Transportation:							
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	N/A	4,500.00	•	4,500	4,500	
Environmental Protection Agency:	66.418	N/A	1,316,780.00		1,316,780	1,316,780	
1	ist statements				1,344,055	1,344,055	

W The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Notes to Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance June 30, 1999

- A. The accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance presents the activity of all the City of Springhill, Louisiana's federal awards programs. The City's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the general purpose financial statements.
- B. The Environmental Protection Agency program monies are recorded as bonds payable in the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise fund. As disbursements are made the fixed assets are capitalized.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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The Honorable Johnny Herrington, Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Springhill
Springhill, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Springhill, Louisiana as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated October 4, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Springhill, Louisiana's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 99-1 and 99-2.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Springhill, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the City of Springhill, Louisiana's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 99-1, 99-2 and 99-3.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not believe the reportable conditions described above are material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the legislative auditor, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Certified Public Accountants

October 4, 1999

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

The Honorable Johnny Herrington, Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Springhill
Springhill, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Springhill, Louisiana with the types of compliance requirements described in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 1999. The City of Springhill, Louisiana's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's result section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the City of Springhill, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City of Springhill, Louisiana's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the City of Springhill, Louisiana complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 1999.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the City of Springhill, Louisiana is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Springhill, Louisiana's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the legislative auditor, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Jen H. Stewns. J. Language, L.L.P.

Certified Public Accountants

October 4, 1999

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Including Management's Corrective Action Plan
June 30, 1999

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Type of Report issued:

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?

Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material weaknesses?

99-1: The City is in violation of LSA-R.S. 39:1309. The budgets were not amended for operating transfers and capital outlays in excess of original projections. One large expenditure was not budgeted.

99-2: The City is in violation of LSA-R.S. 39:1219. As of June 30, 1999 funds on deposit at one local institution were approximately \$342,000.00 undersecured by pledge of securities in compliance with LSA-R.S. 39:1221.

99-3: The City had expense advances for travel for various purposes, which had been outstanding for several months, and also some travel reimbursements for which documentation was incomplete.

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified?

Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material

weaknesses?

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section. 510(a)

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number

10.664

84.186

15.904

Unqualified

No

Yes

No

None reported

Unqualified

No

Name of Federal Program

Department of

Agriculture: Co-operative

Forestry Assistance

Department of Education:

Safe and Drug-Free

Schools and

Communities State

Grants

Department of the Interior: Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In Aid

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Including Management's Corrective Action Plan June 30, 1999

Federal Awards (Continued)

16.540

Department of Justice: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Allocation to States

16.710

Department of Justice: Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Services

20.106

Department of

Transportation: Airport Improvement Program

66.418

Environmental Protection

Agency

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

300,000

Auditee qualify as a low-risk auditee

No

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

99-1:

Condition:

The City had not budgeted for the cost of an outside contractor who was hired to remove the garbage and trash at streetside. The City was under budgeted for capital outlays in the general fund, and for operating transfers in the general fund, and operating transfers

out in the special revenue fund.

Recommendation:

We recommend a closer monitoring of actual compared to budget expenditures and appropriate

budget amendments throughout the year.

Management's

Corrective Action Plan: We concur and are in process of installing an updated accounting system, which will be used to more

adequately monitor and utilize the budgeting process

as a tool of management.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Including Management's Corrective Action Plan June 30, 1999

Section II - Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

99-2:

Condition:

As of June 30, 1999, the City had approximately

\$342,000.00 in funds at Regions Bank in excess of the amount pledged as collateral on bank deposits.

Recommendation:

We recommend a closer monitoring of the amounts

pledged in relationship to the amounts outstanding by

the City officials.

Management's

Corrective Action Plan: We concur with the finding and will monitor the

amounts pledged in relationship to the amounts of

outstanding deposits on a monthly basis.

99-3:

Condition:

We found instances where several months elapsed between the time a travel advance was given and the time that expense settlement reimbursements or refunds were made. In addition, we found two advances that had been outstanding for several months without an accounting for the expenses being made. In addition, we found two instances where travel reimbursement included an accounting for the money but not copies of expense receipts.

Recommendation:

We recommend that management and the council address these situations with specific written travel reimbursement policies. We further recommend that expense advances be kept to a minimum and expense reimbursements be available immediately after the seminar or other travel. We further recommend that any travel advances be posted to a separate accounts receivable on the general ledger, and that the person receiving the advance be sent a statement at the end of each month and this statement be presented to the Mayor for his review and follow-up until such time as the travel advance is settled.

Management's

Corrective Action Plan: We concur with the finding noted and recommendations made. We will address this issue with the council in the future and establish policies, which will be fair to all concerned, but will enhance

accountability to the City.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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