FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTANTS' OPINION SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

Honorable Mayor and Town Council Town of Hickory Creek, Texas

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units and each major fund of the Town of Hickory Creek as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Hickory Creek's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units and each major fund of the Town of Hickory Creek as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financials section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Hickory Creek and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 6 through 12 and the Texas Municipal Retirement System schedules on pages 52 through 56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 8, 2023 on our consideration of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

As management of the Town of Hickory Creek, we offer readers of the Town of Hickory Creek's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Hickory Creek for the year ended September 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Town's basic financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Hickory Creek exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at September 30, 2023 by \$24,079,943. Of this amount, \$9,561,776 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$5,801,679 during the fiscal year from the results of current year operations.
- As of September 30, 2023, the Town of Hickory Creek's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$12,916,586, an increase of \$2,208,307 in comparison with the beginning of the period. Approximately 75 percent of this total amount, \$9,718,590, is available for spending at the government's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the current period, unassigned fund balance for the general fund of \$9,718,590 was 163.5 percent of total general fund expenditures.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The management discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Hickory Creek's basic financial statements. The Town of Hickory Creek's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Also included as a discretely presented component unit are the Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation, which was formed on July 1, 2003 as the result of a successful 4B sales tax election, the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 1, which was created on March 31, 2012 to finance certain public improvements within the District, the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 2, which was created on September 18, 2012, to finance certain public improvements within the District, and the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 3, which was created May 21, 2019, to finance certain public improvements within the District.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Hickory Creek's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Town of Hickory Creek's assets, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Hickory Creek is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent period. All of the current period's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave). Both the statement of net position and the statement of activities are prepared utilizing the accrual basis of accounting as opposed to the modified accrual basis used in prior reporting models.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the Town is divided between two kinds of activities:

- Governmental activities. All of the Town's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire, library, community development, public works, park services, municipal court, and general administration. Property taxes, sales taxes, and franchise fees finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type activities.** The Town may charge a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Town had no business-type activities during the current period.

Fund Financial Statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law or bond covenants. However, the Town Council may establish other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money. All of the funds of the Town of Hickory Creek are considered governmental funds.

Governmental Funds. All of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at period-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method identified as the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. By comparing information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. The relationship or differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are detailed in a reconciliation following the fund financial statements.

The Town of Hickory Creek maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund and capital projects fund, each of which are considered to be major funds.

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town of Hickory Creek's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The Town of Hickory Creek does not currently have any fiduciary funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and funds financial statements.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information highlighting budgetary information for the general fund.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Government-wide Financial Analysis

The Town's combined net position was \$24,079,943 as of September 30, 2023. The Town first implemented GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statement – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, in fiscal year 2004. The following analysis presents both current and prior year data and discusses significant changes in the accounts. This analysis focuses on the net position (Table 1) and general revenues (Table 2) and changes in net position (Table 3) of the Town's governmental activities.

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

Table 1 Net Position

	Govern Activ	
	2022	2023
Current and other assets Capital assets	\$ 11,308,046 	\$ 13,462,864 20,680,482
Total assets	28,820,843	34,143,346
Deferred outflows of resources	643,750	1,075,346
Long-term liabilities outstanding	10,306,425	10,411,822
Other liabilities	558,733	502,161
Total liabilities	10,865,158	10,913,983
Deferred inflows of resources	321,171	224,760
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	11,317,619	12,137,133
Restricted for:		
Street improvements/maintenance	227,563	1,578,015
Tree mitigation fees	-	570,625
Court security and technology	136,904	156,326
Parks	94,362	76,068
Unrestricted	6,501,816	9,561,776
Total net position	\$ 18,278,264	\$ 24,079,943

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

The following table provides a summary of the Town's operations for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2023.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2022	2023	
Revenues:	-		
Program Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 2,568,422	\$ 4,975,899	
Operating grants and contributions	653,393	6,804	
Capital grants and contributions	-	2,108,236	
General Revenues:			
Property taxes	2,277,689	2,436,023	
Sales taxes	2,009,756	2,213,113	
Other taxes	335,437	384,046	
Investment earnings	80,568	529,781	
Miscellaneous	9,318_	56,909	
	7,934,583	12,710,811	
Expenses:			
Administration	1,247,325	1,200,293	
Police	1,755,010	2,140,986	
Fire	972,692	970,692	
Municipal court	317,786	433,292	
Public works	1,609,056	1,919,901	
Debt service - interest and fees	261,942	243,968	
	6,163,811	6,909,132	
Sale of assets	22,185	•	
Change in net position	1,792,957	5,801,679	
Net position - October 1 (beginning)	16,485,307	18,278,264	
Net position - September 30 (ending)	\$ 18,278,264	\$ 24,079,943	

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of government's net resources available for spending at the end of the period.

As of the end of the current period, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$12,916,586, an increase of \$2,208,307 in comparison with the beginning of the period. Approximately 75.2 percent of this total amount (\$9,718,590) constitutes unassigned and assigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the Town's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is not available for new spending because it has already been committed or restricted 1) to pay for capital improvements (\$1,578,015), 2) to pay for court security and technology costs (\$156,326), 3) to liquidate prepaid items (\$534,322), 4) to pay for park maintenance (\$76,068), 5) CLFRF funds restricted for certain purposes (\$282,640), and 6) tree mitigation costs (\$570,625).

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current period, unassigned fund balance of the general fund totaled \$9,718,590, while total fund balance was \$11,300,403. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 163.5 percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 190.1 percent of that same amount.

The fund balance of the Town's general fund increased by \$4,761,423 during the current year compared to a \$951,261 increase in the prior year. Key factors in this increase are as follows:

- Revenues increased \$4,299,226 or 82.5% from the previous year, primarily due to an increase of \$1,589,832 in building permit revenue, plus new sources of revenue from tree mitigation fees (\$570,625) and Denton County funding for a road project (\$1,026,091).
- Expenditures increased \$632,437 or 11.9% from the previous year, primarily due to additional public works expenditures (primarily engineering) and capital outlay expenditures.

The fund balance of the Town's debt service fund remained unchanged from the prior year. Revenues and expenditures were comparable to the prior year and \$76,001 was transferred from the general fund to cover the excess of expenditures over revenues.

The fund balance of the capital projects decreased \$1,988,583 during the current year primarily due to \$3,081,560 capital outlay costs.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the current year, the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek amended the budget for the General Fund on one occasion. The majority of the appropriation related to actions taken to fund unbudgeted items during the period.

The Town administration reviewed each supplemental appropriation throughout the year and determined that increased revenues or beginning fund balance provided sufficient reserves to recommend the increase.

The original budget reflected that the activity for the year would cause no change in available fund balance. The available fund balance for the general fund actually increased in the amount of \$4,761,423, due primarily to increases in building permits, tree mitigation fees and Denton County funding.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of September 30, 2023, amount to \$20,680,482 (net of accumulated depreciation). This amount represents a net increase of \$3,167,685, or 18.1 percent, above the beginning of the year. The investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, roads and construction in progress.

Major capital asset additions during the current year included the following:

Description	Amount
Sycamore Bend Road construction	\$ 2,653,015
Sidewalk construction	454,831
Fire hydrants	407,134
Broadband infrastructure costs	136,125
4 vehicles	156,860
Playground structure	118,995
Total	\$ 3,926,960
Table 4	
Capital Assets at Year-en (Net of Depreciation)	
	Governmental
	Activities
Land	\$ 757,710
Buildings	2,563,536
Equipment and Vehicles	1,021,921
Street and Road Infrastructure	15,182,284
Construction in Progress	1,155,031
Totals	\$ 20,680,482

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of this report.

Long-term Debt. At the end of the current period, the Town had general obligation bonds and related premiums outstanding of \$3,016,646, certificates of obligation outstanding of \$5,925,000, and accrued compensated absences of \$184,823, for a total of \$9,126,469.

The Town's total debt decreased by \$612,439 or 6.3% during the current year. No new debt was incurred during the year. Information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note 7 of this report.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Town of Hickory Creek adopted a balanced budget for 2023-2024 and approved a tax rate of which represents the "No New Revenue Rate" of 0.236686 which lands the Town 5th lowest in Denton County.

Residential growth continued to be strong in the Town with construction of a multi-family development well under way. 2023/2024 will see a dramatic fall in residential home permits. We welcome the move of Chick Fila to their new tract in Hickory Creek which was approved by the P&Z and Town Council. The Olana also broke ground on a new hotel and retail establishment. All three projects will provide future sales tax revenues to the Town.

Hickory Creek has begun engineering the following roads: Country Lane, Harbor Lane, Hook/Garth & Point Vista. A decision was made by County Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell to assign Carlisle Road to our Town to manage and engineer. Sidewalk Project Phase III was completed this past summer. Phase IV will begin in the summer of 2024 which includes the rehabilitation of driveway approaches to ensure ADA compliance.

The Town comprehensive plan was updated and approved. This will give guidance to the future of Hickory Creek.

Phase II of the partnership with LCMUA & Harbor Grove Water Supply was to see fire hydrants installed in the subdivision. This project will not be completed by 2023-year end. LCUMA plans to be done with the project in the spring of 2024.

The first-year partnerships with the City of Corinth and Town of Shady Shores for animal control and public works went very well. Both towns have continued their contracts for 2024. The Lake Cities ILA with Pavlov construction continues. Broadband should be accessible to citizens by February of 2024.

We are very excited about our upcoming plans for a new leisure center, observatory on Pratt property, and a new amphitheater for 2024.

Hickory Creek's staff, which include administration, public works, animal control and the police department, continue to do a great job for the citizens of Hickory Creek.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Town of Hickory Creek, P.O. Box 1717, Lake Dallas, Texas 75065.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

		ary Government	Component Units			
COPTO		overnmental Activities	Dev	conomic relopment rporation	Imp	Public provement trict No. 1
SSETS						
ash and Investments eceivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):	\$	12,440,208	\$	2,551,182	\$	373,706
Taxes – Ad Valorem		80,518		_		
Taxes – Sales		445,472		-		-
Taxes - Mixed Beverage		2,919		-		
Other		15,692		-		-
iternal Balances		(56,267)		56,267		
repaid Costs		534,322		-		-
apital Assets: Land		757,710		1,643,898		_
Buildings, net		2,563,536		1,043,070		
Equipment and Vehicles, net		1,021,921		_		
Street, Road, Park Infrastructure, net		15,182,284		-		3,195,369
Construction in Progress		1,155,031				
Total Assets		34,143,346		4,251,347		3,569,075
EFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred Outflow Related to TMRS Pension		985,305		-		
Deferred Outflow Related to TMRS OPEB		953		•		
Deferred Charge on Bond Refunding		89,088		-		
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		1,075,346		-	-	
IABILITIES						
ecounts Payable		344,557		-		•
ccrued Wages		32,361 36,401		-		11,479
ccrued Interest eveloper Escrow		30,401		-		11,473
ue to State Agencies		88,842		-		
ong-term Liabilities:						
Due within one year		636,859		-		95,545
Due in more than one year		8,489,610		-		3,482,530
Net Pension Liability		1,242,532		-		
Net OPEB Liability Total Liabilities	-	42,821 10,913,983				3,589,554
EFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		10,713,703				3,000,00
Deferred Inflow Related to TMRS Pension		213,618				
Deferred Inflow Related to TMRS OPEB		11,148				
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		213,618		•		
ET POSITION						
et Investment in Capital Assets		12,137,133		1,643,898		(382,706
Debt Retirement		-		_		225,990
Economic Development		-		2,607,449		
Street Improvements/Maintenance		1,578,015		-		
Tree Mitigation Fees		570,625		-		
		156,326		-		
Court Security/Technology						
Court Security/Technology Parks restricted Net Position		76,068 9,561,776		-		136,237

Public	Dublic			
	Public			
Improvement	Improvement			
District No. 2	District No. 3			
210011071				
\$ 629,821	\$ 440,599			
-	-			
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•	-			
-	•			
-	-			
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-	~			
-	-			
•	-			
3,256,209				
-	3,408,898			
3,886,030	3,849,497			
3,000,030	3,013,137			
-	-			
•	-			
•				
-	-			
-	-			
18,188	14,762			
24,474	25,000			
-	-			
80,000	90,000			
3,840,000	3,730,000			
3,040,000	3,730,000			
-	-			
-				
3,962,662	3,859,762			
-	-			
-	-			
(663,791)	(411,102)			
370,729	266,563			
-	_			
-	-			
-	-			
•	-			
-	-			
216,430	134,274			
\$ (76,632)	\$ (10,265)			

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

			Program Revenues					
Functions/Programs		Expenses		charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions	
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:								
General Government	\$	1,200,293	\$	7,100	\$	5,000	\$	-
Police		2,140,986		582,702		-		57,811
Fire		970,692		-		-		-
Municipal Court		433,292		433,292		-		•
Public Works		1,919,901		3,952,805		1,804		2,050,425
Debt Service – Interest and Fees		243,968		_				
Total Governmental Activities		6,909,132		4,975,899		6,804		2,108,236
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT		6,909,132	\$	4,975,899	\$	6,804	\$	2,108,236
COMPONENT UNITS:								
Economic Development Corporation	\$	72,512	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Public Improvement District No. 1		290,189		-		-		-
Public Improvement District No. 2		384,991		~		-		-
Public Improvement District No. 3		339,926						
TOTAL COMPONENT UNITS	\$	1,087,618	\$		\$		\$	

GENERAL REVENUES:

Taxes:

Property taxes – maintenance and operation

Property taxes – debt service

Sales taxes

Franchise taxes

Mixed beverage taxes

Hotel occupancy tax

Special Assessments

Investment Earnings

Lease Income

Miscellaneous

Total General Revenues and Special Items

Change in Net Position

NET POSITION, October 1 (beginning)

NET POSITION, September 30 (ending)

		Compo	nent Units	
Governmental	Economic	Public Improvement	Public Improvement	Public Improvement
Activities	Development Corp	District No. 1	District No. 2	District No. 3
\$ (1,188,193) (1,500,473) (970,692)	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4,085,133 (243,968) 181,807	-	- - -	- -	-
181,807	-	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	_
- - - -	(72,512) - - -	(290,189)	(384,991)	- - - (339,926)
	(72,512)	(290,189)	(384,991)	(339,926)
1,591,229	_	-	-	-
844,794	-	-	-	-
2,213,113	316,159	-	•	-
341,965 36,969	-	-	-	-
5,112	-	-	-	-
529,781	115,138 15,000	372,527 20,645	471,290 31,331	543,396 24,056
56,909	81,324			
5,619,872	527,621	393,172	502,621	567,452
5,801,679	455,109	102,983	117,630	227,526
18,278,264	3,796,238	(123,462)	(194,262)	(237,791)
\$ 24,079,943	\$ 4,251,347	\$ (20,479)	\$ (76,632)	\$ (10,265)

BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 11,584,963	\$ -	
Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles):			
Taxes –Ad Valorem	47,987	32,531	
Taxes - Sales	445,472	-	
Taxes - Mixed Beverage	2,919	-	
Other	15,692	-	
Due from Other Funds	153,732	-	
Prepaid Costs	534,322	-	
Total Assets	\$ 12,785,087	\$ 32,531	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 230,296	\$ -	
Accrued Wages	32,361	~	
Due to State Agencies	88,842	••	
Due to EDC	56,267	-	
Due to Reserve at Hickory Creek PID	4,597	-	
Due to Other Funds	1,024,334_		
Total Liabilities	1,436,697	_	
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable Revenue-Property Taxes	47,987	32,531	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	47,987	32,531	
Fund Equity:			
Nonspendable Fund Balance:			
Prepaid Costs	534,322	-	
Restricted Fund Balance:			
Court Security and Technology	156,326	-	
Street Improvements/Maintenance	244,472	-	
Tree Mitigation Fees	570,625	-	
Parks	76,068	-	
CLFRF Funds	-	-	
Unassigned Fund Balance	9,718,590		
Total Fund Equity	11,300,403		
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Equity	\$ 12,785,087	\$ 32,531	

			Special		Total		
	Capital		Capital Revenue		Governmental		
Pro	oject Funds		FRF Funds)		Funds		
	0,000 1 441445						
Φ.	550 605	Φ	202 (40	•	10 440 200		
\$	572,605	\$	282,640	\$	12,440,208		
					00.510		
	-		-		80,518		
	-		-		445,472		
	-		-		2,919		
	-		-		15,692		
	1,024,334		-		1,178,066		
	-				534,322		
\$	1,596,939	\$	282,640	\$	14,697,197		
		-					
\$	109,664	\$	_	\$	339,960		
Φ	109,004	Φ	-	Ф			
	-		-		32,361		
	-		-		88,842		
	-		-		56,267		
	-		-		4,597		
	153,732				1,178,066		
	263,396		-		1,700,093		
· ·		20					
					00.510		
				-	80,518		
	-			-	80,518		
	-		-		534,322		
					156 226		
	1 222 7 12		-		156,326		
	1,333,543		-		1,578,015		
	-		_		570,625		
	-		-		76,068		
	-		282,640		282,640		
	-				9,718,590		
	1,333,543		282,640		12,916,586		
\$	1,596,939	_\$	282,640	\$	14,697,197		

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION _SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	\$ 12,916,586
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.	30,480,193
Accumulated depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.	(9,799,711)
General obligation bonds, certificates of obligation and compensated absences are not reported in the fund financial statements.	(8,439,823)
Property tax revenue reported as unavailable revenues in the fund financial statements was recognized as revenue in the government-wide financial statements.	80,518
Bond premiums are not recognized in the fund financial statements.	(686,646)
Deferred charge on bond refunding is not recognized in the fund financial statements.	89,088
Interest is accrued on outstanding debt in the government-wide financial statements, whereas in the fund financial statements interest expenditures are reported when due.	(36,401)
Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the Town's net TMRS pension liability required by GASB 68 in the amount of \$1,242,532, a Deferred Resource Inflow related to TMRS in the amount of \$213,618 and a Deferred Resource Outflow related to TMRS in the amount of \$985,305. This amounted to a decrease in Net Position in the amount of \$470,845.	(470,845)
Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the Town's net TMRS OPEB liability required by GASB 75 in the amount of \$42,821, a Deferred Resource Inflow related to OPEB in the amount of \$11,148 and a Deferred Resource Outflow related to OPEB in the amount of \$953. This amounted to a decrease in Net Position in the amount of \$53,016.	(53,016)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 24,079,943

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
Revenues:	TOND	TOND	
Taxes - Ad Valorem	\$ 1,590,227	\$ 844,718	\$ -
- Franchise	341,965	-	-
- Sales	2,213,113	-	-
- Mixed Beverage	36,969	-	-
- Hotel Occupancy	5,112	-	-
Court Citations	781,991	-	-
Corp of Engineers	57,869	-	-
Building Permits	2,810,174	-	-
Interest Income	471,138	-	58,643
Other Permits and Fees	930,151	-	-
Parks and Recreation Fees	157,246	-	-
Denton County Road Funding	1,026,091	-	1,024,334
Drug Seizure/Forfeiture Funds	127,182	-	-
Road Improvement Fees	97,450	-	-
Grants/Donations	64,615	-	-
Insurance Proceeds	13,836	-	-
Other	29,979		
Total Revenues	10,755,108	844,718	1,082,977
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Governments	1,102,995	-	-
Police	1,836,236	-	-
Fire	970,692	-	-
Municipal Court	409,969	-	-
Public Works	1,021,572	-	-
Debt Service:		(10.000	
Principal	-	610,000	-
Interest and Fees	-	310,719	-
Capital Outlay	603,150	-	3,081,560
Total Expenditures	5,944,614	920,719	3,081,560
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	4,810,494	(76,001)	(1,998,583)
Other Financing Resources (Uses):			
Sale of Personal Property	26,930	-	-
Transfers in	-	76,001	-
Transfers out	(76,001)		
Total Other Financing Resources (Uses)	(49,071)	76,001	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	4,761,423	-	(1,998,583)
Fund Balance - October 1 (beginning)	6,538,980	-	3,332,126
Fund Balance - September 30 (ending)	\$ 11,300,403	\$ -	\$ 1,333,543

SPECIAL REVENUE (CLFRF FUNDS)	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
\$ -	\$ 2,434,945		
J	341,965		
-	2,213,113		
_	36,969		
_	5,112		
_	781,991		
_	57,869		
_	2,810,174		
_	529,781		
_	930,151		
_	157,246		
PL	2,050,425		
-	127,182		
_	97,450		
-	64,615		
-	13,836		
	29,979		
	12,682,803		
11,274	1,114,269		
-	1,836,236		
_	970,692		
•	409,969		
-	1,021,572		
-	610,000		
-	310,719		
543,259	4,227,969		
554,533	10,501,426		
(554,533)	2,181,377		
(55 1,555)	2,101,011		
-	26,930		
-	76,001		
	(76,001)		
	26,930		
(554,533)	2,208,307		
837,173	10,708,279		
\$ 282,640	\$ 12,916,586		
Ψ 202,040	12,510,300		

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,208,307
Current year capital asset additions are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they are shown as increases in capital assets in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of reclassifying the current year capital asset additions is to increase net position.	4,254,254
Depreciation is not recognized as an expense in governmental funds since it does not require the use of current financial resources. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position in the government-wide financial statements.	(1,086,569)
Revenues from property taxes are shown as unavailable in the fund financial statements until they are considered available to finance current expenditures, but such revenues are recognized when assessed, net of an allowance for uncollectable amounts, in the government-wide financial statements.	1,078
Current year compensated absences earned but not used is not recorded in the fund financial statements, but is shown as an increase in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements.	(72,206)
Current year principal payments on tax notes, capital leases and general obligation bonds are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but are shown as reductions in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements.	610,000
Current year amortization of the premium on bond issuance is not recorded in the fund financial statements, but is shown as a reduction in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements.	74,645
Current year amortization of the deferred loss on bond refunding is not recorded in the fund financial statements, but is shown as a reduction of net position in the government-wide financial statements.	(9,899)
Interest is accrued on outstanding debt in the government-wide financial statements, whereas in the fund financial statements interest expenditures are reported when due.	2,005
The implementation of GASB 68 required that certain expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows. The contributions made after the measurement date of 12/31/22 caused the change in ending net position to increase in the amount of \$216,538. Contributions made before the measurement date but during the 2022 FY were also de-expended and recorded as a reduction in the net position liability for the Town. This also caused an increase in the change in net position in the amount of \$65,100. These contributions were replaced with the Town's pension expense for the year of \$457,553, which caused a decrease in the change in net position. The impact of all of these is to decrease net position by \$175,915.	(175,915)

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

The implementation of GASB 75 required that certain expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows. The contributions made after the measurement date of 12/31/22 caused net position to increase in the amount of \$526. Contributions made before the measurement date but during the 2022 FY were also de-expended and recorded as a reduction in the net position liability for the Town. This also caused an increase in the in the amount of \$175. These contributions were replaced with the Town's OPEB expense for the year of \$4,722, which caused a decrease in the change in net position. The impact of all of these is to decrease net position by \$4,021.

(4,021)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 5,801,679

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts (GAAP BASIS)	Variance With Final Budget
D				
Revenues:	\$ 1,580,908	\$ 1,580,908	\$ 1,590,227	\$ 9,319
Taxes - Ad Valorem - Franchise	292,200	296,564	341,965	45,401
- Sales	2,140,000	2,140,000	2,213,113	73,113
	30,000	30,000	36,969	6,969
- Mixed Beverage	30,000	3,500	5,112	1,612
- Hotel Occupancy Tax	861,060	861,060	781,991	(79,069)
Court Citations		51,000	57,869	6,869
Corp of Engineers	51,000 550,000	1,550,000	2,810,174	1,260,174
Building Permits	•	185,025	471,138	286,113
Interest Income	10,525 82,311	277,811	930,151	652,340
Other Permits and Fees Parks and Recreation Fees	56,000	81,000	157,246	76,246
	30,000	61,000	1,026,091	1,026,091
Denton County Road Funding	-	-	127,182	127,182
Drug Seizure/Forfeiture Funds	8,750	8,750	97,450	88,700
Road Improvement Fees Grants/Donations	1,500	1,500	64,615	63,115
Insurance Proceeds	1,300	1,500	13,836	13,836
	51,000	57,314	29,979	(27,335)
Other Total Revenues	5,715,254	7,124,432	10,755,108	3,630,676
Total Revenues	3,713,234	7,124,432	10,733,100	3,030,070
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	1,656,930	1,258,454	1,102,995	155,459
Police	1,722,670	1,804,894	1,836,236	(31,342)
Fire	970,692	970,692	970,692	-
Municipal Court	346,933	473,564	409,969	63,595
Public Works	868,029	1,089,975	1,021,572	68,403
Capital Outlay	150,000	338,024	603,150	(265,126)
Total Expenditures	5,715,254	5,935,603	5,944,614	(9,011)
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	-	1,188,829	4,810,494	3,621,665
Other Financing Resources (Uses):				
Sale of Personal Property	-	-	26,930	26,930
Transfers Out	-	-	(76,001)	(76,001)
Total Other Financing Resources (Uses)	-	_	(49,071)	(49,071)
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	1,188,829	4,761,423	3,572,594
Fund Balance – October 1 (beginning)	6,538,980	6,538,980	6,538,980	
Fund Balance – September 30 (ending)	\$ 6,538,980	\$ 7,727,809	\$ 11,300,403	\$ 3,572,594

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town of Hickory Creek (the "Town") are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governmental units as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB).

In fiscal year 2004, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for the State and Local Governments, GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus which provides additional guidance for the implementation of GASB Statement 34, GASB Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Disclosures, which changes note disclosures requirements for governmental entities, and GASB Interpretation No. 6, Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements, which clarifies the application of standards for modified accrual recognition of certain liabilities and expenditures in areas where difference have arisen, or potentially could arise, in interpretation and practice of GASB Statement No. 34.

GASB Statements No. 34 established a new financial reporting model for state and local governments that included the addition of management's discussion and analysis, government-wide financial statements, required supplementary information and the elimination of the use of account groups to the already required fund financial statements and notes. GASB Statement No. 37 provides additional guidance in reporting infrastructure, program revenues and major criteria.

The GASB determined that fund accounting has and will continue to be essential in helping governments to achieve fiscal accountability and should, therefore, be retained. The GASB also determined that the government-wide financial statements are needed to allow users of financial reports to assess a government's operational accountability. The new GASB model integrates fund-based financial reporting and government-wide financial reporting as complementary components of a single comprehensive financial reporting model.

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Hickory Creek (Town) is a municipal corporation governed by an elected mayor and five-member council. The accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Town.

The Town had four discretely presented component units at September 30, 2022, the Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation, which was created in fiscal year 2003 as the result of a successful 4B sales tax election, the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 1, which was created on March 31, 2012 to finance certain public improvements benefiting property owners within the public improvement district, the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 2, which was created on September 18, 2012 to finance certain public improvements benefiting property owners within the public improvement district, and the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 3, which was created on May 21, 2019 to finance certain public improvements benefiting property owners within the public improvement district.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Town and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The Town had no business-type activities during the period.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for government funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded for the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Town had no proprietary funds or fiduciary funds during the period.

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

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about Fiduciary Net Position of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) and additions to/deductions from TMRS's Fiduciary Net Position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TMRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about Fiduciary Net Position of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) and additions to/deductions from TMRS's Fiduciary Net Position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TMRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments are treated as being equal to the employer's yearly contributions for retirees. There are no investments as this is a pay-as-you-go plan.

Property taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Town.

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

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u> – The General fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> – This fund is established to account for payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt and other long-term debts for which a tax has been dedicated. This is a budgeted fund. Any unused sinking fund balances are transferred to the General Fund after all of the related debt obligations have been met.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – The Capital Projects Funds accounts for proceeds from the sale of Certificates of Obligation and Tax Notes to be used for authorized acquisition, construction, or renovation projects. Upon completion of a project, any unused debt proceeds, if any, are used to retire related debt principal.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – These funds are established to account for federally financed or expenditures legally restricted for specified purposes. In many special revenue funds, any unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods. For funds in this fund type, project accounting is employed to maintain integrity for the various sources of funds.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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

D. Cash and Investments

The Town's cash and investments are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments in State investment pools.

E. Receivable and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the period are referred to as "due to/from other funds" or "advances to/from other funds." Property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles, if applicable.

F. Property Taxes

Ad valorem taxes are levied from valuations assessed as of January 1 and recognized as revenue on the date of levy, on October 1. Property tax receivables are recognized when the Town has an enforceable claim against the property owner. In the governmental funds, property tax revenue is recognized in the fiscal period for which the taxes are levied, provided that they become available. Available means collected within the current period, or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter, to be used to pay current liabilities. The Town's availability period is sixty days. Taxes collected prior to the levy date to which they apply are recorded as deferred revenues and recognized as revenue of the period to which they apply.

Current taxes are due on October 1 and become delinquent if unpaid on February 1. Taxes unpaid as of February 1 are subject to penalty and interest as the Town Council provides by ordinance. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure all taxes, penalties and interest ultimately imposed.

For fiscal year 2023, the assessed values were established at 100% of estimated market value. The assessed value for the roll of January 1, 2022, upon which the fiscal year 2023 levy was based, was \$897,771,875. The tax rate to finance general governmental services and road maintenance for the year ended September 30, 2023, was \$0.270317 per \$100.

G. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid in the government-wide and fund financial statements. These items consist primarily of prepaid insurance.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks and similar items), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. The Town defines capital assets as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time received. 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. Net interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of governmental activities is not included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Depreciation expense is calculated on the straight-line method. Depreciation methods are designed to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. Estimated useful lives of major categories of property are as follows:

Category	Estimated Life
Street and Road Infrastructure	15 years
Buildings	40 years
Leasehold improvements	40 years
Machinery and equipment	7-10 years
Vehicles	7 years

I. Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate certain earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the Town does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the Town. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements.

J. Estimates

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

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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L. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Prior to September 1, the Town administration submits to the Town Council a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. At the meeting of the Town Council at which the budget is submitted, the Town Council fixes the time and place of the public hearing on the budget and causes to be published a notice of the budget hearing. After the budget hearing the budget may be adopted by a favorable vote of the majority vote of the Council. Upon adoption the budget is filed with the Town Secretary and the County Clerk of Denton County.

The Town administration is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments with any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Town Council. Expenditures should not exceed appropriations at the department level, the classification level as reported in the combined financial statements. Unused appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

The budgets for the general fund and debt service fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The budgets are amended at times during the year by the Town Council. Such amendments are reflected in the official minutes of the Council.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Town's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository agreement. The depository bank deposits for safekeeping and trust with the Town's agent bank approved pledged securities in an amount sufficient to protect Town funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the agreement. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance.

1. Cash Deposits:

At September 30, 2023 the carrying amount of the Town's deposits in checking accounts and interest-bearing savings accounts was \$655,469 and the bank balance was \$793,306. The Town's cash deposits at September 30, 2023 were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the Town's agent bank in the Town's name.

2. Investments:

The Public Funds Investment Act (Government Code Chapter 2256) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires the Town to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, (9) and bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit. Statutes authorize the Town to invest in (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas, (2) certificates of deposit, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) money market savings accounts, (5) repurchase agreements, (6) bankers acceptance, (7) Mutual Funds, (8) Investment pools, (9) guaranteed investment contracts, (10) and common trust funds. The Act also requires the Town to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The Town is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

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In compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act, the Town has adopted a deposit and investment policy. That policy addresses the following risks:

- a. Custodial Credit Risk Deposits: In the case of deposits, this is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. As of September 30, 2023, the Town's cash balances totaled \$793,306. This entire amount was either collateralized with securities held by the Town's financial institution's agent in the Town's name or covered by FDIC insurance. Thus, the Town's deposits are not exposed to custodial credit risk.
- b. Custodial Credit Risk Investments: For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At September 30, 2023, the Town held all of its investments in the LOGIC public funds investment pool. Investments in external investment pools are considered unclassified as to custodial credit risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.
- c. Credit Risk: This is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will be unable to fulfill its obligation. The rating of securities by nationally recognized rating agencies is designed to give an indication of credit risk. The credit quality rating for LOGIC at year-end was AAA (Standard & Poor's).
- d. Interest Rate Risk: This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Town manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to less than one year from the time of purchase. The weighted average maturity for the LOGIC investment pool is less than 60 days.
- e. Foreign Currency Risk: This is the risk that exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. At September 30, 2023, the Town was not exposed to foreign currency risk.
- f. Concentration of Credit Risk: This is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Town's investment in a single issuer (i.e., lack of diversification). Concentration risk is defined as positions of 5 percent or more in the securities of a single issuer. Investment pools are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

The Town's investment at September 30, 2023 is shown below:

<u>Name</u>	Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Market <u>Value</u>
LOGIC Investment Pool	\$11,784,739	\$11,784,739
Total	<u>\$11,784,739</u>	<u>\$11,784,739</u>

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Fair Value Measurements

The Town categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy below.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based in the lowest level input that is significantly to the valuation. The Town's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

The Town's investments in the LOGIC investment pools (statewide 2a7-like external investment pools) are not required to be measured at fair value but are measured at amortized cost.

3. FUND BALANCE

The Town has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent.

<u>Fund Balance Classification</u>: The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Town is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Town has classified prepaid items as being nonspendable as these items are not expected to be converted to cash.
- Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Court security and technology fees and park fees are being restricted because their use is restricted pursuant to the regulations that allow the collection of those fees. Debt service resources are to be used for future servicing of the Town's bonded debt and are restricted through debt covenants. Capital projects fund resources are to be used for future construction and renovation projects and are restricted through bond orders and constitutional law.

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- Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town Council. The Council establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This can also be done through adoption and amendment of the budget. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Town has no committed fund balance as of September 30, 2023.
- Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Council or through the Council delegating this responsibility to other individuals in the Town. Under the Town's policy, only the Council may assign amounts for specific purposes. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund. The Town has no assigned fund balance as of September 30, 2023.
- <u>Unassigned</u>: This classification includes all amounts not included in other spendable classifications, including the residual fund balance for the General Fund.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Town considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Town considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

The fund balance policy of the Town expresses an intent to maintain a level of assigned and unassigned fund balance in the general fund equal to 25 percent of the fund's operating expenditures.

Beginning fund balances for the Town's governmental funds have been restated to reflect the above classifications. The details of the fund balances are included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (pages 18 and 19) and are described below:

General Fund

The General Fund has unassigned fund balance of \$9,718,590 at September 30, 2023. Prepaid expenditures (prepaid items) of \$534,322 are considered nonspendable fund balance. Court security and technology fees of \$156,326, park fees of \$76,068 and tree mitigation fees of \$570,625 are shown as restricted for those purposes. Street improvement/maintenance funds of \$244,472 are shown as restricted because the source of such funds are sales taxes, special assessments and other contributions earmarked for street maintenance/construction.

Other Major Funds

The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) special revenue fund has \$282,640 of funds restricted for needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Capital Projects Fund has \$1,333,543 of unspent certificates of obligation proceeds restricted for street and other capital improvements.

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4. RECEIVABLES

Government-wide receivables as of September 30, 2023, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	General Debt		Capital		
	Fund	Service Fund		Projects Fund		Total
Receivables:						
Property Taxes	\$ 47,987	\$	32,531	\$	-	\$ 80,518
Sales Taxes	445,472		-		-	445,472
Mixed Beverage Taxes	2,919		-		-	2,919
Corp of Engineers	6,430		-		-	6,430
Other	9,262_					9,262
Gross Receivables	512,070		32,531		-	544,601
Less: Uncollectible allowance	<u>-</u>		**		_	-
Net Total Receivables	\$512,070	\$	32,531	\$	-	\$ 544,601

Governmental funds report unavailable revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the unavailable revenue reported in the governmental funds relates to delinquent property taxes.

5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2023 consist of the following:

 Due From		Due To	
	-		
\$ 153,732	\$	1,024,334	
1,024,334		153,732	
\$ 1,178,066	\$	1,178,066	
\$	\$ 153,732 1,024,334	\$ 153,732 \$ 1,024,334	

Internal balances between the primary government and component units at September 30, 2023 consist of the following:

	Due From		Due To	
General Fund: Economic Development Corporation	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	56,267
Economic Development Corporation:				
General Fund		56,267		
Total	\$	56,267	\$	56,267

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These balances resulted from the time lag between the date that payments between the two entities are made.

Transfer In

The following is a summary of transfers:

		Transici III.			
	Economic	Debt			
	Development	Service			
Transfer Out:	Corporation	Fund	Total		
General Fund	\$ 311,411	\$ 76,001	\$ 387,412		

Transfers from the general fund to the Economic Development Corporation represent remittance of sales taxes deposited initially in the general fund bank account. Transfer from the general fund to the debt service fund represents funds required to cover debt service payments for the year.

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Town for the year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

_		Beginning Balance Increases		Decreases	Ending Balance	
Governmental activities:						
Capital assets, not being depreciated:						
Land	\$	757,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$	757,710
Construction in Progress		1,434,468	3,243,971	(3,523,408)		1,155,031
Total capital assets,						
not being depreciated		2,192,178	3,243,971	(3,523,408)		1,912,741
Capital assets, being depreciated:	<u> </u>					
Buildings and Improvements		4,265,597	•	-		4,265,597
Street, Road, Park Infrastructure		17,766,277	3,930,542	-		21,696,819
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles		2,093,827	603,149	(91,940)		2,605,036
Total Capital assets, being						
depreciated		24,125,701	4,533,691	(91,940)		28,567,452
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Buildings and Improvements		(1,582,689)	(119,372)	-		(1,702,061)
Street, Road, Park Infrastructure		(5,759,943)	(754,592)	-		(6,514,535)
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles		(1,462,450)	(212,605)	91,940		(1,583,115)
Total accumulated depreciation		(8,805,082)	(1,086,569)	91,940	_	(9,799,711)
Total capital assets, being						
depreciated, net		15,320,619	3,447,122	_		18,767,741
Governmental activities capital	-					
assets, net		17,512,797	\$ 6,691,093	\$ (3,523,408)	\$	20,680,482

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 70,820
Police	94,651
Municipal court	16,742
Public works	904,356
Total depreciation expense –	
Governmental activities	\$ 1,086,569

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Capital asset activity of the Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance Increases		Decreases	Ending Balance	
Land Street and Road Infrastructure Totals at historic cost	\$ 1,244,119 150,854 1,394,973	\$ 399,779	\$ - - -	\$ 1,643,898 150,854 1,794,752	
Less accumulated depreciation for: Street and Road Infrastructure Total accumulated depreciation	(144,150) (144,150)	(6,704) (6,704)		(150,854) (150,854)	
Capital Assets, net	\$ 1,250,823	\$ 393,075	\$ -	\$ 1,643,898	

Capital asset activity of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 1 for the year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	
Street and Road Infrastructure Totals at historic cost	\$ 3,994,215 3,994,215	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,994,215 3,994,215	
Less accumulated depreciation for: Street and Road Infrastructure Total accumulated depreciation	(665,705) (665,705)	(133,141) (133,141)		(798,846) (798,846)	
Capital Assets, net	\$ 3,328,510	\$ (133,141)	\$ -	\$ 3,195,369	

Capital asset activity of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 2 for the year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	
Street and Road Infrastructure Totals at historic cost	\$ 3,907,449 3,907,449	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,907,449 3,907,449	
Less accumulated depreciation for: Street and Road Infrastructure Total accumulated depreciation	(520,992) (520,992)	(130,248) (130,248)		(651,240) (651,240)	
Capital Assets, net	\$ 3,386,457	\$ (130,248)	\$ -	\$ 3,256,209	

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Capital asset activity of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 3 for the year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	
Street and Road Infrastructure Totals at historic cost	\$3,526,446 3,526,446	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,526,446 3,526,446	
Less accumulated depreciation for: Street and Road Infrastructure Total accumulated depreciation	-	(117,548) (117,548)		(117,548) (117,548)	
Capital Assets, net	\$3,526,446	\$(117,548)	\$ -	\$3,408,898	

7. LONG TERM DEBT

Long term debt of the Town at September 30, 2023 consists of one general obligation bond series, two certificates of obligation series, and accrued compensated absences. All long-term debt represents transactions in the Town's governmental activities.

The following is a summary of the changes in the Town's Long-term Debt for the year ended September 30, 2023:

Description	Interest Rate Payable	Amounts Outstanding 10/01/22	Additions	Refunded/ Retired	Amounts Outstanding 9/30/23	Due Within One Year
General Obligation Bonds:						
Series 2012 Refunding	2.06 %	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -
Series 2015 Refunding	2.0 - 4.0%	2,540,000		210,000	2,330,000	225,000
•		2,620,000	_	290,000	2,330,000	225,000
Certificates of Obligation:						
Series 2015	2.0 - 4.0%	2,745,000	-	170,000	2,575,000	170,000
Series 2020	2.0 - 3.0%	3,500,000	-	150,000	3,350,000	155,000
		6,245,000	•	320,000	5,925,000	325,000
Premiums on Bond Issuance		761,291	-	74,645	686,646	53,859
Compensated Absences		112,617	102,904	30,698	184,823	33,000
Total Long-Term Debt		\$ 9,738,908	\$102,904	\$ 715,343	\$ 9,126,469	\$636,859

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Long-term debt of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 1 consists of \$4,140,000 special assessment revenue bonds that were issued in September, 2017 to finance public improvements benefiting property owners within the public improvement district. The Town is not obligated in any manner for the debt service payments on the special assessment debt. A summary of the change in the long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Interest Rate Payable	Amounts Outstanding 10/01/22	Addit	ions	Refunded/ Retired	Amounts Outstanding 9/30/23	Due Within One Year
Description Special Assessment Revenue Bonds: Series 2017	3.0 - 4.0%	\$ 3,660,000	\$	_	\$ 95,000	\$3,565,000	\$ 95,000
Premiums on Bond Issuance		13,620			545	13,075	545
Total Long-Term Debt		\$ 3,673,620	\$		\$ 95,545	\$3,578,075	\$ 95,545

Long-term debt of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 2 consists of \$4,220,000 special assessment revenue bonds that were issued in July, 2018 to finance public improvements benefiting property owners within the public improvement district. The Town is not obligated in any manner for the debt service payments on the special assessment debt. A summary of the change in the long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Interest Rate Payable	Amounts Outstanding 10/01/22	_Additions_	Refunded/ Retired	Amounts Outstanding 9/30/23	Due Within One Year
Description Special Assessment Revenue Bonds:						
Series 2018	5.125 - 5.65%	\$ 3,995,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$3,920,000	\$ 80,000
Total Long-Term Debt		\$ 3,995,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$3,920,000	\$ 80,000

Long-term debt of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 3 consists of \$4,185,000 special assessment revenue bonds that were issued in July, 2019 to finance public improvements benefiting property owners within the public improvement district. The Town is not obligated in any manner for the debt service payments on the special assessment debt. A summary of the change in the long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Interest Rate Payable	Amounts Outstanding 10/01/22	Additions	Refunded/ Retired	Amounts Outstanding 9/30/23	Due Within One Year
Description Special Assessment Revenue Bonds:						
Series 2019	5.125 - 5.65%	\$ 5,105,000	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 285,000	\$3,820,000	\$ 90,000
Total Long-Term Debt		\$ 5,105,000	\$ -	\$ 285,000	\$3,820,000	\$ 90,000

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8. DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO MATURITY

Presented below is a summary of general obligation bond requirements to maturity:

Year Ended			Total
September 30	Principal	Interest	Requirements
2024	\$ 225,000	\$ 90,950	\$ 315,950
2025	230,000	84,200	314,200
2026	235,000	75,000	310,000
2027	250,000	65,600	315,600
2028	255,000	55,600	310,600
2029-2032	1,135,000_	115,800_	1,250,800
	\$2,330,000	\$ 487,150	\$ 2,817,150

Presented below is a summary of certificates of obligation requirements to maturity:

Year Ended			Total
September 30	Principal	Interest	Requirements
2024	\$ 325,000	\$ 200,250	\$ 525,250
2025	340,000	192,050	532,050
2026	350,000	180,050	530,050
2027	360,000	167,700	527,700
2028	375,000	155,000	530,000
2029-2033	2,080,000	566,450	2,646,450
2034-2038	1,610,000	204,200	1,814,200
2039-2040	485,000	21,900	506,900
	\$5,925,000	\$1,687,600	\$ 7,612,600

Presented below is a summary of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 1 special assessment revenue bonds to maturity:

Year Ended			Total
September 30	Principal	Interest	Requirements
2024	\$ 95,000	\$ 137,750	\$ 232,750
2025	100,000	134,900	234,900
2026	100,000	131,400	231,400
2027	105,000	127,900	232,900
2028	110,000	124,225	234,225
2029-2033	615,000	555,687	1,170,687
2034-2038	740,000	429,544	1,169,544
2039-2043	895,000	271,400	1,166,400
2044-2047	805,000	79,200	884,200
	\$3,565,000	\$1,992,006	\$ 5,557,006

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Presented below is a summary of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 2 special assessment revenue bonds to maturity:

Year Ended			Total
September 30	Principal	Interest	Requirements
2024	\$ 80,000	\$ 218,250	\$ 298,250
2025	85,000	214,150	299,150
2026	90,000	209,794	299,794
2027	95,000	205,181	300,181
2028	100,000	200,313	300,313
2029-2033	600,000	912,375	1,512,375
2034-2038	785,000	723,656	1,508,656
2039-2043	1,030,000	476,719	1,506,719
2044-2047	1,055,000_	152,156	1,207,156
	\$3,920,000	\$3,312,594	\$ 7,232,594

Presented below is a summary of the Hickory Creek Public Improvement District No. 3 special assessment revenue bonds to maturity:

Year Ended			Total
September 30	Principal	Interest	Requirements
2024	\$ 90,000	\$ 173,750	\$ 263,750
2025	90,000	170,150	260,150
2026	95,000	166,550	261,550
2027	100,000	162,750	262,750
2028	100,000	158,750	258,750
2029-2033	575,000	726,350	1,301,350
2034-2038	710,000	586,025	1,296,025
2039-2043	885,000	408,812	1,293,812
2044-2048	1,120,000	177,650	1,297,650
2049	55,000	2,613	57,613
	\$3,820,000	\$2,733,400	\$ 6,553,400

9. DEFEASED BONDS OUTSTANDING

In prior years, the Town issued refunding bonds to defease outstanding bonds for the purpose of consolidation and to achieve debt service savings. The Town has placed the proceeds from the refunding issues in irrevocable escrow accounts with a trust agent to ensure payment of debt service on the refunded bonds.

Accordingly, the trust account assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds are not included in the Town's financial statements. Although defeased, the refunded debt from those earlier issues will not be actually retired until the call dates have come due or until maturity if they are not callable issues. At September 30, 2023, \$2,395,000 of bonds outstanding are considered defeased.

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10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Plan Description

The Town of Hickory Creek participates as one of 919 plans in the defined benefit cash-balance plan administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). TMRS is a statewide public retirement plan created by the State of Texas and administered in accordance with the TMRS Act, Subtitle G, Title 8, Texas Government Code (the TMRS Act) as an agent multiple-employer retirement system for employees of Texas participating cities. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of TMRS with a six-member Governor-appointed Board of Trustees. However, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State of Texas. TMRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that can be obtained at www.tmrs.com.

All eligible employees of the Town are required to participate in TMRS.

Benefits Provided

TMRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the town, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS.

At retirement, the benefit is calculated as if the sum of the member's contributions, with interest, and the town-financed monetary credits with interest. The retiring member may select one of seven monthly benefit payment options. Members may also choose to receive a portion of their benefit as a Partial Lump Sum Distribution in an amount equal to 12, 24, or 36 monthly payments, which cannot exceed 75% of the total member contributions and interest.

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the Town, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS. Plan provisions for the Town were as follows:

Employee deposit rate 7.0%	7.0% 15.51%
Employer deposit rate 14.71%	
Matching ratio (Town to employee) 200%	200%
Years required for vesting 5	5
Service retirement eligibility (expressed as age/years of service) Updated Service Credit 60/5,0/20 100% Repeating, Transfers	60/5,0/20 00% Repeating, Transfers
Annuity Increase (to retirees) 70% of CPI Repeating	70% of CPI Repeating

Employees covered by benefit terms.

At the December 31, 2022 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	14
Inactive employees entitled to buy not yet receiving benefits	17
Active employees	<u>26</u>
	57

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Contributions

The contribution rates for employees in TMRS are either 5%, 6%, or 7% of the member's total compensation, and the town matching percentages are either 100%, 150% or 200% both as adopted by the governing body of the town. Under the state law governing TMRS, the contribution rate for each town is determined annually by the actuary, using the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method. The Town's contribution rate is based on the liabilities created from the benefit plan options selected by the Town and any changes in benefits or actual experience over time.

Employees for the Town of Hickory Creek were required to contribute 7% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the Town of Hickory Creek were 14.71% and 15.51% in calendar years 2022 and 2023, respectively. The Town's contributions to TMRS for the year ended September 30, 2023 were \$281,639, and were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Town's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions:

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation 2.50% per year

Overall payroll growth 2.75% per year, adjusted down for population declines, if any

Investment Rate of Return 6.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Salary increases are based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members are based on the PUB(10) mortality tables with the Public Safety table used for males and the General Employee table used for females. Mortality rates for healthy retirees and beneficiaries are based on the Gender-distinct 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables. The rates for actives, healthy retirees and beneficiaries are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements. For disabled annuitants, the same mortality tables for healthy retirees is used with a 4-year set-forward for males and a 3-year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3.0% minimum mortality rate is applied, for males and females respectively, to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

The actuarial assumptions were developed primarily from the actuarial investigation of the experience of TMRS over the four-year period from December 31, 2104 to December 31, 2018. They were adopted in 2019 and first used in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation. The post-retirement mortality assumption for Annuity Purchase Rates (APRs) is based on the Mortality Experience Investigation Study covering 2009 through 2011 and dated December 31, 2013. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation as well as the production of income, in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TMRS.

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The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. In determining their best estimate of a recommended investment return assumption under the various alternative asset allocation portfolios, GRS focused on the area between (1) arithmetic mean (aggressive) without an adjustment for time (conservative) and (2) the geometric mean (conservative) with an adjustment for time (aggressive). The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class in fiscal year 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return*
Global Public Equity	35.0%	7.7%
Core Fixed Income	6.0%	4.9%
Non-Core Fixed Income	20.0%	8.7%
Other Public and Private Markets	12.0%	8.1%
Real Estate	12.0%	5.8%
Hedge Funds	5.0%	6.9%
Private Equity	10.0%	11.8%
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the Total Pension Liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability	Incre	Increase (Decrease)			
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) – (b)		
Balance at 12/31/2021	\$ 5,204,895	\$ 4,700,024	\$ 504,871		
Changes for the year:					
Service Cost	314,101		314,101		
Interest	359,123	-	359,123		
Change in benefit terms		-	-		
Difference between expected and actual experience	99,410	-	99,410		
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-		
Contributions – employer	-	256,018	(256,018)		
Contributions – employee	-	122,764	(122,764)		
Net investment income	-	(344,384)	344,384		
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee	(83,203)	(83,203)			
contributions					
Administrative expense		(2,969)	2,969		
Other changes	-	3,544	(3,544)		
Net changes	689,431	(48,230)	737,661		
Balance at 12/31/2022	\$ 5,894,326	\$ 4,651,794	\$ 1,242,532		

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Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the net pension liability of the Town, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the Town's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (5.75%)	Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (7.75%)
Town's net pension liability (asset)	\$2,284,582	\$1,242,532	\$403,015

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position is available in the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, by Participating City. That report may be obtained at www.tmrs.com.

<u>Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions</u>

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense of \$455,591.

At September 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	red Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 235,029	\$	52	
Changes in actuarial assumptions	4,430		-	
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	529,308		213,566	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	216,538		-	
Total	\$ 985,305	\$	213,618	

\$216,538 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ending September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:	
2024	\$ 144,910
2024 2025 2026 2027	139,315
2026	123,435
2027	147,489
2028	
Thereafter	

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11. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description

The Town also participates in a defined benefit group-term life insurance plan known as the Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (SDBF). This is a voluntary program in which participating member cities may elect, by ordinance, to provide group-term life insurance coverage (Supplemental Death Benefits) for their active members, including or not including retirees.

Benefits Provided

The death benefit for active employees provides a lump-sum payment approximately equal to the employee's annual salary (calculated based on the employee's actual earnings for the 12-month period preceding the month of death). The death benefit for retirees is considered an other postemployment benefit (OPEB) and is a fixed amount of \$7,500. As the SDBF covers both active and retiree employees, with no segregation of assets, the SDBF is considered to be an unfunded OPEB plan. Texas Local Government Code Section 177.001 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the Town Council. At the December 31, 2022 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	7
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	2
Active employees	26
Total	35

Contributions

The Town contributes to the SDBF program at a contractually required rate. An annual actuarial valuation is performed, and the contractual rate is equal to the cost of providing one-year term life insurance. The premium rate is expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of members employed by the participating employer. There is a one-year delay between the actuarial valuation that serves as the basis for the employer contribution rate and the calendar year when the rate goes into effect.

The SDBF program is voluntary and employers can cease participation by adopting an ordinance before November 1 of any year to be effective the following January 1. Therefore, the funding policy of the program is to ensure that adequate resources are available to meet all insurance benefit payments for the upcoming year. It is not the intent of the funding policy to pre-fund retiree term life insurance during employees' entire careers. The Town's contribution, which equaled the required contribution, was as follows for the year ended September 30:

	2023
Employer rate	0.18%
Employer contributions	\$ 701

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation 2.5%

Salary increases 3.50% to 11.5%, including inflation

Discount rate 4.05%

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Mortality rates for service retirees were based on the 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with Scale UMP.

Mortality rates for disabled retirees were based on the 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with a 4 year set-forward for males and a 3 year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and females, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

Actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The experience study in TMRS was for the period December 31, 2014 through December 31, 2018.

The SDBF program is treated as an unfunded OPEB plan because the SDBF trust covers both actives and retirees and the assets are not segregated for these groups. A discount rate of 4.05% was based on the Fidelity Index's 20-Year Municipal GO AA Index as of December 31, 2022.

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

At September 30, 2023, the Town reported a total OPEB liability of \$42,821 measured at December 31, 2022. For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$4,799.

There were no changes of assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability during the measurement period, except for a change in the discount rate from 1.84% to 4.05%.

There were no changes of benefit terms that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability during the measurement period.

Changes in the total OPEB liability for the measurement year ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

		al OPEB
Changes in Total OPEB Liability	L	<u>iability</u>
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$	62,646
Changes for the year:		
Service cost		4,384
Interest on total OPEB liability		1,187
Changes of benefit terms		-
Effect of economic/demographic experience		(58)
Effect of assumption changes or inputs		(24,636)
Benefit payments*		(702)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	42,821

^{*}Due to the SDBF being considered an unfunded OPEB plan under GASB 75, benefit payments are treated as being equal to the employer's yearly contributions for retirees.

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Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, calculated using the discount rate of 4.05%, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.05%) or 1 percentage point higher (5.05%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (3.05%)	Discount Rate (4.05%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (5.05%)
Total OPEB liability	\$52,259	\$42,821	\$35,441

At December 31, 2022, the Town reported its deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Outflows sources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 427	\$	-	
Changes in actuarial assumptions			11,148	
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-		-	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	526			
Total	\$ 953	\$	11,148	

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability for the year ended September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$526. The other net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB, excluding contributions made subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:	
2024	\$ (772)
2025	(772)
2026	(1,072)
2027	(1,078)
2028	(1,980)
Thereafter	\$ (5,047)

12. LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in some state and Federal grant programs which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the Town has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, if any, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at September 30, 2023 may be impaired. In the opinion of the Town, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

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13. RISK MANAGEMENT

Liability and property insurance coverage is provided by TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool. The Town retains, as a risk only, the deductible amounts for each declaration of coverage. There were no reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage in each of the past three fiscal years.

The Town is a member of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Insurance coverage of the Town is divided into the following types: property, crime, general liability, public official's liability, auto liability, auto physical damage, auto catastrophic, inland marine (mobile equipment), law enforcement liability, and boiler and machinery.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has reviewed events subsequent to September 30, 2023 through December 8, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events were identified that were required to be recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.

15. LEASES

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87 - Leases. This statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. The initial adoption date was postponed to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021 (FY2022) by GASB Statement No. 95 - Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance, which was issued in May of 2020.

Per review of the agreements identified by the Town as potential leases, the leases were determined to either not meet the definition of a lease or were immaterial to the financial statements.

16. SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No.96 – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements ("SBITA"). This statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain right-to-use subscription assets and corresponding subscription liabilities for SBITAs that were previously recognized as outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. The statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022.

Per review of the information technology arrangements identified by the Town as potential SBITAs, the arrangements were determined to either not meet the definition of a SBITA, or were immaterial to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	2022	2021	2020
Total Pension Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 314,101	\$ 262,368	\$ 234,704
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	359,123	316,907	280,109
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	99,410	103,093	115,335
Change of assumptions	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee			
contributions	(83,203)	(82,401)	(115,253)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	689,431	599,967	514,895
Total Pension Liability – Beginning	5,204,895	4,604,928	4,090,033
Total Pension Liability – Ending (a)	\$5,894,326	\$5,204,895	\$4,604,928
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions – Employer	\$ 256,018	\$ 205,523	\$ 162,785
Contributions – Employee	122,764	105,127	95,519
Net Investment Income (Loss)	(344,384)	517,437	269,936
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee			
contributions	(83,203)	(82,401)	(115,253)
Administrative Expense	(2,969)	(2,387)	(1,741)
Other	3,544	17	(69)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(48,230)	743,316	411,177
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Beginning	4,700,024	3,956,708	3,545,531
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Ending (b)	\$4,651,794	\$4,700,024	\$3,956,708
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$1,242,532	\$ 504,871	\$ 648,220
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	78.92%	90.30%	85.92%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$1,753,777	\$1,501,821	\$1,364,557
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage	-0.00	22 (22)	45 500 /
of Covered Employee Payroll	70.85%	33.62%	47.50%

Note: The information from this schedule corresponds with the period covered as of the Plan's measurement dates of December 31. Plan information was unavailable prior to 2014. Ten years will ultimately be displayed. 52

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$ 217,722 233,183	\$ 198,358 212,443	\$ 182,790 193,825	\$ 177,160 168,939	\$ 165,653 160,830	\$ 174,809 165,468
333,103 29,386	(1,302)	(36,475)	68,097 -	(69,632) 1,125	(311,100)
(138,131)	(85,694)	(58,520)	(38,143)	(78,847)	(102,884)
675,263	323,805	281,620	376,053	179,129	(73,707)
3,414,770	3,090,965	2,809,345	2,433,292	2,254,163	2,327,870
\$ 4,090,033	\$ 3,414,770	\$ 3,090,965	\$ 2,809,345	\$ 2,433,292	\$ 2,254,163
\$ 170,812	\$ 140,364	\$ 124,509	\$ 112,899	\$ 116,879	\$ 107,208
144,563	84,497	75,891	73,250	72,248	73,630
452,530	(86,094)	332,276	142,458	2,945	103,811
(138,131)	(85,694)	(58,520)	(38,143)	(78,847)	(102,884)
(2,549)	(1,660)	(1,720)	(1,607)	(1,793)	(1,083)
(77)	(87)	(87)	(87)	(89)	(89)
627,148	51,326	472,349	288,770	111,343	180,593
2,918,383	2,867,057	2,394,708	2,105,938	1,994,595	1,814,002
\$ 3,545,531	\$ 2,918,383	\$ 2,867,057	\$ 2,394,708	\$ 2,105,938	\$ 1,994,595
\$ 544,502	\$ 496,387	\$ 223,908	\$ 414,637	\$ 327,354	\$ 259,568
86.69%	85.46%	92.76%	85.24%	86.55%	88.48%
\$ 1,276,958	\$ 1,155,932	\$ 1,084,165	\$ 1,046,424	\$ 1,032,109	\$ 1,055,218
42.64%	42.94%	20.65%	39.62%	31.75%	24.60%

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

*	2023	2022	2021	
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 281,639	\$ 245,854	\$ 200,787	_
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(281,639)	(245,854)	(200,787	<u>)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	=
City's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,838,697	\$1,695,367	\$ 1,504,573	
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	15.32%	14.50%	13.34%	ó

Note: The information from this schedule corresponds with the Town's fiscal years ended September 30. Plan information was unavailable prior to 2014. Ten years will ultimately be displayed.

2020		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 161,368	\$	150,388	\$ 136,996	\$ 121,089	\$ 114,731	\$ 114,451
 (161,368)		(150,388)	 (136,996)	 (121,089)	 (114,731)	 (114,451)
\$ 	_\$_	-	\$ _	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 49
\$ 1,355,083	\$	1,240,701	\$ 1,151,205	\$ 1,060,603	\$ 1,036,338	\$ 1,023,296
11.91%		12.12%	11.90%	11.42%	11.07%	11.18%

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total OPEB Liability Service cost Interest on total OPEB liability Changes of benefit terms	\$ 4,384	\$ 3,755	\$ 2,320	\$ 1,788	\$ 1,849
	1,187	1,136	1,272	1,259	1,125
Differences between expected and actual experience Change of assumptions or inputs Benefit payments/refunds of contributions Net change in total OPEB liability	(58)	1,014	(1,352)	1,103	88
	(24,636)	2,119	7,957	8,025	(2,949)
	(702)	(601)	(136)	(128)	(116)
	(19,825)	7,423	10,061	12,047	(3)
Total OPEB liability, beginning Total OPEB liability, ending	62,646	55,223	45,162	33,115	33,118
	\$ 42,821	\$ 62,646	\$ 55,223	\$ 45,162	\$ 33,115
Covered employee payroll	1,753,777	1,501,821	1,364,557	1,276,960	1,155,932
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	2.44%	4.17%	4.05%	3.54%	2.86%

Note: The information from this schedule corresponds with the period covered as of the Plan's measurement dates of December 31. Plan information was unavailable prior to 2018. Ten years will ultimately be displayed.

No assets are accumulated in a trust as defined by GASB 75. Benefits are on a pay as you go basis.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Note A – Net Pension Liability – Texas Municipal Retirement System

Valuation Date:

Notes Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of

December 31 and become effective in January 13 months later.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method

Entry Age Normal

Amortization Method

Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed

Remaining Amortization

23 years

Period

Asset Valuation Method

10 Year smoothed market; 12% soft corridor

Inflation

2.5%

Salary Increases

3.50% to 11.5%, including inflation

Investment Rate of Return

6.75%

Retirement Age

Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the Town's plan of

benefits. Last updated for the 2019 valuation pursuant to an

experience study of the period 2014-2018

Mortality

Post-retirement: 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with Scale UMP. Pre-retirement: PUB(10) mortality tables, with the Public Safety table used for males and the General Employee table used for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with

Scale UMP.

Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no benefit changes during the year.

Changes in the Size or Composition of the Population Covered by the Benefit Terms

There were no changes in the size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms during the measurement period.

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes of assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Note B – Total OPEB Liability – Texas Municipal Retirement System

Valuation Date:

Notes

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 and become effective in January 13 months later.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method

Entry Age Normal

Inflation

2.5%

Salary Increases

3.50% to 11.5%, including inflation

Discount Rate

4.05%

Retirement Age

Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the Town's plan of

benefits. Last updated for the 2019 valuation pursuant to an

experience study of the period 2014-2018

Mortality

2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with 4 year setforward for males and a 3 year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and females, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality

improvements subject to the floor.

COMBINING & INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS & SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES - BUDGET, (GAPP BASIS) AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Ad valorem tax	\$ 1,580,908	\$ 1,590,227	\$ 9,319
Franchise tax	296,564	341,965	45,401
Sales tax	2,140,000	2,213,113	73,113
Mixed beverage tax	30,000	36,969	6,969
Hotel occupancy tax	3,500	5,112	1,612
Court citations	861,060	781,991	(79,069)
Corp of Engineers	51,000	57,869	6,869
Building permits	1,550,000	2,810,174	1,260,174
Road improvement fees	8,750	97,450	88,700
Tree mitigation fees	-	570,625	570,625
Interlocal agreements	188,700	173,700	(15,000)
Parks and recreation fees	81,000	157,246	76,246
Other permits and fees	81,911	152,478	70,567
Denton County road funding	-	1,026,091	1,026,091
Ballistic shield grant	-	57,811	57,811
Drug seizure/forfeiture funds	-	127,182	127,182
Animal adoption & impound fees	7,200	26,248	19,048
Interest income	185,025	471,138	286,113
Rental income	-	9,000	9,000
EDC administrative fees	-	7,100	7,100
Donations	1,500	6,804	5,304
Insurance proceeds	-	13,836	13,836
Other revenue	57,314	20,979	(36,335)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,124,432	\$ 10,755,108	\$ 3,630,676

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 PLUS COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

		2023		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	2022 Actual
Expenditures:				
General Government:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 417,652	\$ 423,876	\$ (6,224)	\$ 488,847
Insurance, Taxes and Retirement	147,924	143,580	4,344	167,902
Dues and Memberships	3,000	4,402	(1,402)	3,209
Training and Education	1,500	1,669	(169)	785
Office Supplies and Postage	9,800	10,671	(871)	11,520
Printing	2,500	2,847	(347)	1,660
Document Management/Recording Fees	1,250	2,412	(1,162)	
Copier Rental	4,200	3,620	580	4,305
Computer Support and Maintenance	117,140	70,427	46,713	64,732
Advertising/Legal Notices	3,500	3,701	(201)	3,292
Public Relations	35,000	32,079	2,921	56,497
Telephone	35,000	37,577	(2,577)	38,009
Utilities	43,950	46,025	(2,075)	43,338
Legal Fees	60,000	57,977	2,023	69,071
Audit Fees	15,000	15,000	w	14,000
General Insurance	43,718	43,718	-	38,410
Building Maintenance and Supplies	222,870	131,619	91,251	110,393
Library Services	850	1,233	(383)	1,598
Travel	3,000	1,460	1,540	
Tax Collection/Appraisal Costs	17,000	16,606	394	15,690
Ordinance Codification	2,000	-	2,000	2,719
Election costs	15,000	14,908	92	4:
Town Council Costs	11,000	10,073	927	7,630
Volunteer/Staff Events	10,500	9,210	1,290	5,399
Children's Advocacy Center	3,400	3,400	-	
Helping Hands	200	-	200	
SPAN	200	-	200	200
Special Events	30,000	13,724	16,276	15,431
Other Expenditures	1,300	1,181	119	1,658
Total General Government Expenditures	1,258,454	1,102,995	155,459	1,166,346
Police Department:				
Salaries and Wages	1,141,626	1,083,004	58,622	1,005,602
Insurance, Taxes and Retirement	382,085	370,864	11,221	346,924
Office Supplies and Postage	1,800	2,500	(700)	2,577
Dues and Memberships	500	508	(8)	
Personnel Equipment	50,000	96,898	(46,898)	47,060
Crime Lab Analysis	3,500	6,300	(2,800)	3,714
Auto Expense - Lease	55,000	51,315	3,685	47,961
Auto Expense - Gas	35,000	53,151	(18,151)	51,111
Auto Expense - Repairs	25,000	47,757	(22,757)	45,864
Uniforms	10,000	17,657	(7,657)	9,758
Books and Subscriptions	750	202	548	576
Computer Support and Maintenance	32,500	49,126	(16,626)	38,902
Citizens on Patrol	250	-	250	
Community Outreach	2,000	620	1,380	949
Denton County Dispatch	29,383	29,383	-	30,808
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STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 PLUS COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

<u> </u>		2023		
	K 		Variance	
			Favorable	2022
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Police Department continued:				
Drug Forfeiture/Seizure	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ (35)	\$ 8,401
Task Force Forfeiture	10,000	-	10,000	-
K-9 Unit	14,500	20,452	(5,952)	3,573
Training and Travel	11,000	6,464	4,536	13,498
Total Police Department Expenditures	1,804,894	1,836,236	(31,342)	1,657,278
Expenditures:				
Fire Department:				
Contract Services	970,692	970,692		972,692
Total Fire Department Expenditures	970,692	970,692	-	972,692
Municipal Court:				
Salaries and Wages	84,640	81,194	3,446	-
Insurance, Taxes and Retirement	28,503	27,666	837	-
Office Supplies and Postage	750	1,715	(965)	957
Dues and Memberships	150	130	20	205
Travel	500	47	453	-
Training and Education	100	300	(200)	100
Municipal Judge	13,800	13,821	(21)	13,800
State Court Costs	311,060	272,228	38,832	277,648
Building Security/Court Technology Costs	33,986	12,868	21,118	12,711
Books and Subscriptions	75	<u>-</u>	75_	
Total Municipal Court	473,564	409,969	63,595	305,421
Public Works:				
Salaries and Wages	280,912	265,737	15,175	210,789
Insurance, Taxes and Retirement	92,711	89,989	2,722	72,399
Dues and Memberships	350	100	250	-
Office Supplies and Postage	500	1,022	(522)	514
Computer Support and Maintenance	1,000	6,897	(5,897)	-
Animal Control	21,575	32,120	(10,545)	10,433
Auto Expense - Gas	20,000	18,537	1,463	19,240
Auto Expense - Repairs	10,000	15,114	(5,114)	10,621
Supplies	5,000	6,376	(1,376)	5,137
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	12,500	10,841	1,659	8,982
Uniforms	2,500	3,499	(999)	2,749
Training	800	879	(79)	1,089
Travel	3,000	2,266	734	806
Street Lighting	40,000	36,789	3,211	42,350
Street Repairs and Maintenance	60,000	59,234	766	113,215
Engineering	175,000	209,457	(34,457)	57,702
Inspection Fees	75,000	99,910	(24,910)	101,155
Landscaping Services	90,000	80,473	9,527	59,930
Parks and Recreation	50,327	65,217	(14,890)	41,458
Beautification	145,000	12,780	132,220	2,319
Radios	3,800	4,335	(535)	3,779
Total Public Works	1,089,975	1,021,572	68,403	764,667

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 PLUS COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

		2023		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	2022 Actual
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay:				
Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,441
Equipment and Vehicles	246,101	394,510	(148,409)	226,626
Streets	•	-	-	30,762
Parks	91,923	208,640	(116,717)	106,944
Total Capital Outlay	338,024	603,150	(265,126)	445,773
Total Expenditures	\$5,935,603	\$5,944,614	\$ (9,011)	\$5,312,177

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts (GAAP BASIS)	With Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes - Ad Valorem	\$ 808,226	\$ 838,400	\$ 844,718	\$ 6,318
Total Revenues	808,226	838,400	844,718	6,318
Expenditures:				
Principal	730,000	610,000	610,000	-
Interest	326,704	308,048	310,719	(2,671)
Total Expenditures	1,056,704	918,048	920,719	(2,671)
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	(248,478)	(79,648)	(76,001)	3,647
Other Financing Resources (Uses):				
Transfers In			76,001	76,001
Total Other Financing Resources (Uses)	-	-	76,001	76,001
Net Change in Fund Balance	(248,478)	(79,648)	-	79,648
Fund Balance - October 1 (beginning)				
Fund Balance – September 30 (ending)	\$ (248,478)	\$ (79,648)	\$ -	\$ 79,648

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SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Tax	Tax	Rates	Assessed	Balance September 30,
Year	Maintenance	Debt Service	Valuation	2022
2001	\$ 0.29716	\$ 0.05261	\$ 156,884,810	\$
2002	0.29934	-	197,999,265	
2003	0.31939	_	218,034,378	
2004	0,34020	-	241,570,253	36
2005	0.34020	-	259,282,187	432
2006	0.34020	_	287,603,175	423
2007	0.27824	0.16738	318,990,395	56′
2008	0.27442	0.17120	319,262,600	58
2009	0.249409	0.174878	317,875,400	49
2010	0.245426	0.178861	308,348,595	2,72
2011	0.242609	0.181678	307,337,200	2,65
2012	0.244716	0.179571	309,243,743	3,63
2013	0.235848	0.181034	317,095,245	4,66
2014	0.238121	0.163246	352,265,383	4,57
2015	0.194116	0.207251	385,206,806	5,76
2016	0.197559	0.189760	426,423,955	5,75
2017	0.197067	0.169866	464,507,144	6,39
2018	0.204169	0.143366	561,813,918	6,59
2019	0.198590	0.131812	613,243,867	9,50
2020	0.198363	0.121580	662,370,797	10,02
2021	0.199143	0.108137	739,021,088	14,27
2022	0.176495	0.093822	897,771,875	

Current Levy	Collections	Supplements/ Adjustments	Septe	alance ember 30, 2023
			20	
	\$ -	\$ (3)	\$	-
	-	-		2
	-	-		2
	-	-		361
	-	-		432
	-	-		423
	-	-		567
	-	***		587
	-	-		492
	•	-		2,724
		-		2,654
	-	-		3,636
	-	-		4,669
	-	-		4,578
	-	-		5,769
	•	~		5,755
	-	-		6,395
	-	-		6,596
	2,879	-		6,622
	3,326	(123)		6,575
	6,312	(1,151)		6,807
\$ 2,426,830	2,411,958	_	-	14,872
\$ 2,426,830	\$ 2,424,475	\$ (1,277)	\$	80,518
Less allowance	e for uncollectible acco	ounts		_
			_\$	80,518

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

2	
Revenues:	A. 216.150
Taxes – Sales	\$ 316,159
Interest Income	115,138
Default Penalty	81,000
Lease Income	15,000
Gas Royalties	324
Total Revenues	527,621
Expenditures:	
Administration:	
Grant Assistance	40,000
Legal and Professional	5,528
Marketing	9,580
Administrative Fees	10,700
Capital Outlay	399,779
Total Expenditures	465,587
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Change in Fund Balance	62,034
Fund Balance – October 1 (beginning)	2,545,414
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Fund Balance – September 30 (ending)	\$ 2,607,448

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Revenues:	
Special Assessment Fees	\$ 372,527
Interest Income	20,645
Total Revenues	393,172
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Administrator Costs	9,321
Continuing Disclosure Fee	3,500
Audit Fee	1,500
Tax Statements Fee	160
Debt Service:	
Principal	95,000
Interest and Fees	143,350
Total Expenditures	252,831
Change in Fund Balance	140,341
Fund Balance – October 1 (beginning)	271,415
Fund Balance – September 30 (ending)	\$ 411,756

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Revenues:	
Special Assessment Fees	\$ 471,290
Interest Income	31,331
Total Revenues	502,621
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Administrator Costs	25,076
Continuing Disclosure Fee	3,500
Audit Fee	1,500
Tax Statement Fees	144
Debt Service:	
Principal	75,000
Interest and Fees	224,844
Total Expenditures	330,064
Change in Fund Balance	172,557
Fund Balance – October 1 (beginning)	483,104
Fund Balance – September 30 (ending)	\$ 655,661

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Revenues:	
Special Assessment Fees	\$ 543,396
Interest Income	24,056
Total Revenues	567,452
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Administrator Costs	37,344
Continuing Disclosure Fee	3,500
Audit Fee	1,500
Tax Statement Fees	134
Debt Service:	
Principal	285,000
Interest and Fees	180,692
Total Expenditures	508,170
Change in Fund Balance	59,282
Fund Balance – October 1 (beginning)	356,326
Fund Balance – September 30 (ending)	\$ 415,608

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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 Town Council Town of Hickory Creek, Texas

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 discretely presented component unit and each major fund of the Town of Hickory Creek, Texas, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise The Town of Hickory Creek, Texas's basic financial statements, and have issued our report dated December 8, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town'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 Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

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 Town's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from 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*.

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

Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, Seay & Scarborough, LLC

Hanbin, Easter, Neaton, Tom, Sen & Sculorough

Denton, Texas

December 8, 2023