



MARION WATER DEPARTMENT
A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
CITY OF MARION, IOWA

June 30, 2006



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MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Gregory O. Hapgood	Chairperson	November 1, 2010
Robert A. Anderson	Trustee	November 1, 2008
Mary Ann McComas	Trustee	November 1, 2006
David O. Kalkwarf	Administrator	Indefinite

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
Marion Water Department
Marion, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business activities and each major fund information of the Marion Water Department, a component unit of the City of Marion, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Marion Water Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Marion Water Department's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business activities of each major fund of the Marion Water Department at June 30, 2006, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 5, 2006 on our consideration of the Marion Water Department's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 10 and 35 through 37 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Marion Water Department's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the previous three years (none of which are presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements.

Clifton Gundersen LLP

Cedar Rapids, Iowa
September 5, 2006

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Marion, Iowa Water Department, we offer readers of the Department's financial statements this narrative and analysis of the financial statements of the Marion Water Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, in comparison with the prior fiscal year's results. Professional standards require the inclusion of certain comparative information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A).

Financial Highlights

The assets of the City of Marion Water Department exceeded its liabilities at the close of June 30, 2006, by \$10.2 million (net assets). Of this amount, \$1.8 million (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The Department's net assets increased by \$899,024.

At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$1.5 million, or 94 percent of the total General Fund expenditures.

The Water Department has no debt obligations, either existing July 1, 2005, or issued during the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Marion Water Department's basic financial statements. The Department's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) statements of business-type activities of the Water Enterprise Fund, a component unit of the City of Marion, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

This report is made in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34. Besides the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the report consists of enterprise-wide statements, fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, combining schedules of other business-type funds, and supplementary information. The major business-type activities include activities of the Water Enterprise Utility. Other business-type funds include activities of the Meter Deposit Fund and the Medical Benefits Fund.

Enterprise-wide Financial Statements

The enterprise-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Net Assets presents information on the Water Department's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as Net Assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Department is improving or deteriorating. The government activities reflect capital assets including infrastructure and long-term liabilities and business activities reflect capital assets and long-term liabilities.

Enterprise-wide Financial Statements (continued)

The Statement of Activities is also included in the enterprise-wide financial statements. The focus of the Statement of Activities is to show how the entity's assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. 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 charges for services and earned but unused vacation leave). The enterprise-wide statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities and can be found on pages 12-14 of this report.

Statement of Net Assets for the Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2006

This section discusses and analyzes significant differences between this and the prior fiscal year. A condensed version of the Statement of Net Assets as of June 30, 2006 follows:

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 1,716,128	\$ 1,745,367
Other assets	937,131	881,657
Capital assets	<u>8,845,868</u>	<u>8,294,380</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,499,127</u>	<u>\$ 10,921,404</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 674,835	\$ 600,106
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>54,497</u>	<u>58,417</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 729,332</u>	<u>\$ 658,523</u>
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	\$ 8,845,868	\$ 8,294,380
Restricted	-	150,000
Unrestricted	<u>1,923,927</u>	<u>1,818,501</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 10,769,795</u>	<u>\$ 10,262,881</u>

Business-type Activities

Net assets increased mainly due to capital contributions of new subdivisions, an increase of \$563,454 for the fiscal year 2006, and charges for services exceeding operating expenses by \$335,717.

Statement of Activities for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

This section discusses and analyzes significant differences in fiscal year activities. A summary version of the Statement of Activities follows:

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 5,496,319	\$ 5,063,265
Capital grants and contributions	447,471	653,454
Investment income	66,343	30,553
Miscellaneous revenue	<u>132,028</u>	<u>202,829</u>
Total revenues	<u>6,142,161</u>	<u>5,860,101</u>
Expenses:		
Operating expense	<u>2,068,032</u>	<u>1,674,521</u>
Intergovernmental transfer	<u>3,567,214</u>	<u>3,286,557</u>
Changes in net assets	506,915	899,023
Beginning net assets	<u>10,262,880</u>	<u>9,363,857</u>
Ending net assets	<u>\$ 10,769,795</u>	<u>\$ 10,262,880</u>

Business-type Activities

Charges for services are the primary revenue source for business-type activities and are comprised of water sales and charges for other services and commodities. Investment income accounts for 1.6 percent of total revenues.

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 objects. The City of Marion, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are not included within the Water Department financial statements, but are included within the City of Marion statements. Those statements may be viewed or obtained through the Office of the Finance Director, City Hall, 1100 8th Avenue, Marion, Iowa 52302.

Proprietary Funds

The Marion Water Department is a type of Proprietary Fund, an Enterprise Fund. The Water Enterprise Fund is used to report functions of this component unit of the City of Marion, and functions are shown as business-type activities in the financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Water Department's programs.

The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The basic fiduciary funds financial statements can be found within the Other Business-type Funds of the financial statements.

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 fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 25-33 of this report.

Budgetary Highlights - General Fund

The Water Department had one budget amendment during the fiscal year. The amendment increased anticipated revenues by \$13,000 and anticipated expenditures by \$200,000 to allow for earlier than projected start up on the Water Shop Expansion Project.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2006, the Water Department had invested \$8,845,868 (net of depreciation) in capital assets as are reflected in the following table. These investments include land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment, water storage tanks, and underground facilities (including fire hydrants).

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Land	\$ 325,254	\$ 325,254
Building, wells, and towers	1,993,226	1,481,802
Vehicles	269,968	269,968
Computers	18,964	9,267
Equipment	76,040	114,805
Distribution system	8,459,274	7,880,201
Construction in progress	-	261,848
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,296,858)</u>	<u>(2,048,765)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,845,868</u>	<u>\$ 8,294,380</u>

The following table reconciles the change in capital assets. The amount for business-type activities is \$789,834, which represents a 10.5 percent increase. Detail of this summary is presented in Note 4 on pages 30 and 31.

Capital Assets (continued)

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 8,294,380	\$ 7,504,546
Additions	1,100,195	729,737
Retirements - net of depreciation	(38,312)	18,000
Depreciation	(248,547)	(219,751)
Construction in progress	<u>(261,848)</u>	<u>261,848</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 8,845,868</u>	<u>\$ 8,294,380</u>

Business-type Activities

Contributions due to subdivision development totaled \$447,471.

Debt Administration

The Marion Water Department had no outstanding debt and no debt issues pending during the fiscal year.

Economic Factors

The unemployment rate for Linn County is currently at 4.8 percent, which is slightly higher than the previous year of 4.5 percent. Although this rate has risen, it is not necessarily a bad sign due to the fact the labor force was so tight previously it was sometimes difficult to find qualified workers.

Retail sales are also reported on a fiscal year, April 1 to March 31, basis. For fiscal year 20042005 (April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005), retail sales for Marion were \$259.1 million and \$2,832.7 million for Linn County. For fiscal year 2004, retail sales were \$252.2 million for Marion and \$2,751.3 million for Linn County.

The total value of building permits for fiscal year 2006 was approximately \$63.8 million. This compares with the fiscal year 2005 amount of \$56.0 million. This past few years' strength was due to construction of two large retail outlets, a new school, two industrial facilities, and several large multi-unit residential projects.

Next Year's Budget and Rates

The Marion Water Board of Trustees has established a FY 2006-07 budget with an adjustment in water rates of an across the board increase effective April 2006 in the consumption portion of the rate of 9.0%. The fixed portion of the rates were unchanged. This rate increase was the first since April of 1988 and was necessary due to an increase in variable costs, primarily labor. The Board of Trustees, under provisions of Section 388 of the Code of Iowa, establishes and approves the budget for the Water Department. As a component unit of the City of Marion, the Department's budget is filed for record as part of the City of Marion's budget.

Financial Information Contact

The Water Department's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, customers and prospective customers) with a general overview of the Department's finances and to demonstrate the Department's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the Office of the Water Administrator, City Hall, 1100 8th Avenue, Marion, Iowa 52302.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2006

ASSETS	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,446,868
Investments	269,260
Receivables:	
Accounts receivable	298,602
Unbilled revenue	499,700
Inventories	120,259
Prepaid insurance	<u>18,570</u>
Total current assets	<u>2,653,259</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Land	325,254
Buildings, wells and towers	1,993,226
Vehicles	269,968
Computers	18,964
Equipment	76,040
Pipes, hydrants, meters	<u>8,459,274</u>
	11,142,726
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,296,858)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>8,845,868</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 11,499,127</u>

Exhibit A

LIABILITIES	Business-type <u>Activities</u>
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 113,804
Accrued payroll	22,336
Other accrued expenses	4,859
Due to other governments	<u>533,836</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>674,835</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Compensated absences	27,060
Due after one year:	
Compensated absences	<u>27,437</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>54,497</u>
Total liabilities	<u>729,332</u>
 NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	8,845,868
Unreserved	<u>1,923,927</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 10,769,795</u>

These financial statements should be read only in connection
with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 5,496,319
Miscellaneous	<u>132,028</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>5,628,347</u>
Operating expense:	
Personal services	703,483
Services and commodities	665,758
Depreciation	248,093
Other	<u>450,698</u>
Total operating expense	<u>2,068,032</u>
Operating income	<u>3,560,315</u>
Nonoperating revenue (expense):	
Intergovernmental	(3,567,214)
Investment income	<u>66,343</u>
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)	<u>(3,500,871)</u>
Income before contributions and transfers	59,444
Capital contributions	447,471
Transfers in	121,080
Transfers out	<u>(121,080)</u>
Change in net assets	506,915
Beginning net assets	<u>10,262,880</u>
Ending net assets	<u>\$ 10,769,795</u>

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with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2006

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Rental</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Meter Deposits</u>
Assets:				
Current assets:				
Cash	\$ 1,216,336	\$ 6,918	\$ 3,495	\$ 75,728
Investments	269,260	-	-	-
Receivables:				
Accounts receivable	82,989	146,780	68,833	-
Unbilled revenue	181,477	221,635	96,558	-
Inventories	120,259	-	-	-
Prepaid insurance	<u>18,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,888,891</u>	<u>375,333</u>	<u>168,916</u>	<u>75,728</u>
Noncurrent assets:				
Land	325,254	-	-	-
Buildings, wells and towers	1,993,226	-	-	-
Vehicles	269,968	-	-	-
Computers	18,964	-	-	-
Equipment	76,040	-	-	-
Pipes, hydrants, meters	<u>8,459,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	11,142,726	-	-	-
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,296,858)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,845,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>8,845,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,734,759</u>	<u>\$ 375,333</u>	<u>\$ 168,916</u>	<u>\$ 75,728</u>

<u>Medical Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 144,391	\$ 1,446,868
-	269,260
-	298,602
-	499,700
-	120,259
-	18,570
<u>144,391</u>	<u>2,653,259</u>
-	325,254
-	1,993,226
-	269,968
-	18,964
-	76,040
-	8,459,274
-	11,142,726
-	(2,296,858)
-	8,845,868
-	8,845,868
<u>\$ 144,391</u>	<u>\$ 11,499,127</u>

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MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2006

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Rental</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Meter Deposits</u>
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 113,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued payroll	22,336	-	-	-
Other accrued expenses	4,859	-	-	-
Due to other governments	<u>-</u>	<u>368,415</u>	<u>165,421</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>140,999</u>	<u>368,415</u>	<u>165,421</u>	<u>-</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Due within one year:				
Compensated absences	27,060	-	-	-
Due after one year:				
Compensated absences	<u>27,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>54,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>195,496</u>	<u>368,415</u>	<u>165,421</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	8,845,868	-	-	-
Unreserved	<u>1,693,395</u>	<u>6,918</u>	<u>3,495</u>	<u>75,728</u>
Total fund balance	<u>10,539,263</u>	<u>6,918</u>	<u>3,495</u>	<u>75,728</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,734,759</u>	<u>\$ 375,333</u>	<u>\$ 168,916</u>	<u>\$ 75,728</u>

<u>Medical Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ -	\$ 113,804
-	22,336
-	4,859
<u>-</u>	<u>533,836</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>600,106</u>
-	27,060
<u>-</u>	<u>27,437</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>54,497</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>674,835</u>
-	8,845,868
<u>144,391</u>	<u>1,923,927</u>
<u>144,391</u>	<u>10,769,795</u>
<u>\$ 144,391</u>	<u>\$ 11,499,127</u>

These financial statements should be read only in connection with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Rental</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Meter Deposits</u>
Operating revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 1,936,992	\$ 2,514,963	\$ 1,044,364	\$ -
Miscellaneous	<u>118,455</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,573</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>2,055,447</u>	<u>2,514,963</u>	<u>1,044,364</u>	<u>13,573</u>
Operating expense:				
Personal services	703,483	-	-	-
Services and commodities	591,506	-	-	-
Depreciation	248,093	-	-	-
Other	<u>437,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,147</u>
Total operating expense	<u>1,980,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,147</u>
Operating income (loss)	74,814	2,514,963	1,044,364	426
Nonoperating revenue (expense):				
Intergovernmental	-	(2,521,700)	(1,045,514)	-
Investment income	<u>66,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)	<u>66,343</u>	<u>(2,521,700)</u>	<u>(1,045,514)</u>	<u>-</u>
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	141,157	(6,737)	(1,150)	426
Capital contributions	447,471	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	<u>(121,080)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets	467,548	(6,737)	(1,150)	426
Beginning fund balance	<u>10,071,715</u>	<u>13,655</u>	<u>4,645</u>	<u>75,302</u>
Ending fund balance	<u>\$ 10,539,263</u>	<u>\$ 6,918</u>	<u>\$ 3,495</u>	<u>\$ 75,728</u>

Exhibit D

<u>Medical Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ -	\$ 5,496,319
-	132,028
-	5,628,347
-	703,483
74,252	665,758
-	248,093
-	450,698
74,252	2,068,032
(74,252)	3,560,315
-	(3,567,214)
-	66,343
-	(3,500,871)
(74,252)	59,444
-	447,471
121,080	121,080
-	(121,080)
46,828	506,915
97,563	10,262,880
<u>\$ 144,391</u>	<u>\$ 10,769,795</u>

These financial statements should be read only in connection with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Cash Flows

June 30, 2006

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Rental</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Meter Deposits</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Cash received from users	\$ 2,069,392	\$ 2,514,963	\$ 1,044,364	\$ 13,573
Cash paid to employees	(707,265)	-	-	-
Cash paid to suppliers	<u>(1,018,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,147)</u>
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>343,931</u>	<u>2,514,963</u>	<u>1,044,364</u>	<u>426</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:				
Intergovernmental	-	(2,521,700)	(1,045,514)	-
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>(121,080)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows provided by (used in) non-capital financing activities	<u>(121,080)</u>	<u>(2,521,700)</u>	<u>(1,045,514)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(352,111)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-
Interest from investments	59,493	-	-	-
Rent	<u>6,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows provided by investing activities	<u>66,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(62,917)	(6,737)	(1,150)	426
Cash and cash equivalents, July 1, 2005	<u>1,279,253</u>	<u>13,655</u>	<u>4,645</u>	<u>75,302</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 1,216,336</u>	<u>\$ 6,918</u>	<u>\$ 3,495</u>	<u>\$ 75,728</u>

Exhibit E

<u>Medical Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ -	\$5,642,291
-	(707,265)
<u>(74,252)</u>	<u>(1,105,595)</u>
<u>(74,252)</u>	<u>3,829,431</u>
-	(3,567,214)
<u>121,080</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>121,080</u>	<u>(3,567,214)</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>(352,111)</u>
-	-
-	59,493
<u>-</u>	<u>6,850</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>66,343</u>
46,828	(23,551)
<u>97,563</u>	<u>1,470,419</u>
<u>\$ 144,391</u>	<u>\$1,446,868</u>

(continued)

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Cash Flows

June 30, 2006

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Rental</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Meter Deposits</u>
Operating income (loss)	\$ 74,814	\$ 2,514,963	\$ 1,044,364	\$ 426
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash flows from operating activities:				
Depreciation expense	248,093	-	-	-
Change in assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	13,945	(24,368)	(5,113)	-
Prepays	(1,554)	-	-	-
Inventories	(38,383)	-	-	-
Accounts payable	50,153	-	-	-
Accrued expenses	(3,137)	-	-	-
Due to primary government	<u>-</u>	<u>24,368</u>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 343,931</u>	<u>\$ 2,514,962</u>	<u>\$ 1,044,364</u>	<u>\$ 426</u>
Schedule of noncash capital and related financing activities:				
Acquisition of capital assets through contributions	<u>\$ 447,471</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>Medical Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ (74,252)	\$3,560,315
-	248,093
-	(15,536)
-	(1,554)
-	(38,383)
-	50,153
-	(3,137)
<u>-</u>	<u>29,481</u>
<u>\$ (74,252)</u>	<u>\$3,829,432</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 447,471</u>

These financial statements should be read only in connection with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Marion Water Department is a municipal utility that is a political subdivision and component unit of the City of Marion, Iowa, located in Linn County. The financial statements include all funds of the Department. The Department is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the City of Marion, Iowa, City Council and is managed by an administrator. The component unit provides water service to the citizens of Marion, Iowa.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Marion Water Department has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The component unit has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the component unit are such that exclusion would cause the component unit's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (a) the ability of the Department to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Department. The component unit has no component units.

B. Enterprise-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The enterprise unit-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the component unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

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

Major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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

The component unit-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the enterprise 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.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

The Marion Water Department reports the following major enterprise funds:

The Water Fund - The Water Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the water distribution system.

The Sewer Rental Fund - The Sewer Rental Fund bills, collects and remits sewer fees to the primary government.

The Solid Waste Fund - The Solid Waste Fund bills, collects and remits solid waste fees to the primary government.

Other enterprise funds account for operations and activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, and where the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are expected to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or where the component unit has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes. The component unit has two funds classified as major funds by management and they are as follows: Meter Deposits and Medical Benefits.

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

Transactions among component unit funds that would be treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses if they involved organizations external to component unit government are accounted for as revenues and expenditures or expenses in the funds involved.

Transactions which constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it which are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the reimbursed fund.

Transactions which constitute the transfer of resources from a fund receiving revenues to a fund through which the revenues are to be expended are separately reported in the respective funds' operating statements.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

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

The component unit maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the component unit are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. Use of estimates in preparing financial statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could vary from those estimates.

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the combined balance sheet:

Cash, Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents - The cash balances of most component unit funds are pooled and invested. Interest earned on investments is recorded in the General Fund, unless otherwise provided by law. Investments are stated at fair value except for the investment in certificates of deposit, which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, they have a maturity date no longer than three months.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity (continued)

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, equipment and vehicles and infrastructure assets (e.g., buildings, wells, towers, pipes and hydrants which are immovable and of value only to the component unit), are reported in the business-type activities column in the component unit-wide statement of net assets. Capital 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 date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the component unit as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of \$5,000.

Property and equipment of the City is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)</u>
Buildings	40-50
Improvements other than buildings	5-50
Equipment	2-20

Due to Other Governments - Due to other governments represents amounts due to the primary government.

Compensated Absences - Component unit employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the component unit-wide and enterprise fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in enterprise fund financial statements only for employees that have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2006. The compensated absences liability attributable to the business-type activities will be paid primarily by the Water Fund.

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

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity (continued)

Net Assets - Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt excludes unspent debt proceeds. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Restricted resources are used first to fund appropriation. The component unit first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

F. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2006, disbursements did not exceed the amount budgeted in any of the functions.

(2) Deposits and Investments

Deposits

The component unit's deposits at June 30, 2006 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure that there will be no loss of public funds.

Investments

The component unit is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States Government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Trustees and the Treasurer of the State of Iowa; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high-rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The component unit had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, as amended by Statement No. 40.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(3) Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2006 is as follows:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Medical Benefits	Water Fund	<u>\$ 121,080</u>

Transfers are used to move resources from the fund that will be providing the resources to the fund in which certain expenditures/expenses are being accounted for. Transfers are generally used to fund the cost of administration, debt service or capital projects.

(4) Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2006 was as follows:

	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 325,254	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,254
Construction in progress	<u>261,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,848</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>587,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,848</u>	<u>325,254</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings, wells and towers	1,481,802	511,424	-	1,993,226
Vehicles	269,968	-	-	269,968
Computers	9,267	9,697	-	18,964
Equipment	114,805	-	38,765	76,040
Pipes, hydrants, and meters	<u>7,880,201</u>	<u>579,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,459,274</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>9,756,043</u>	<u>1,100,195</u>	<u>38,765</u>	<u>10,817,472</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings, wells and towers	622,896	38,635	-	661,532
Vehicles	120,653	19,743	-	140,395
Computers	3,138	2,862	-	6,000
Equipment	15,947	10,086	452	25,580
Pipes, hydrants and meters	<u>1,286,131</u>	<u>177,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,463,351</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,048,765</u>	<u>248,547</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>2,296,858</u>

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(4) Capital Assets (continued)

	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>7,707,278</u>	<u>851,648</u>	<u>38,313</u>	<u>8,520,614</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 8,294,380</u>	<u>\$ 851,648</u>	<u>\$ 300,161</u>	<u>\$ 8,845,868</u>
Total depreciation, Business-type activities: Water		<u>\$ 248,547</u>		

(5) Retirement System

The Department contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual salary and the Department is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The Department's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were \$34,690, \$30,877, and \$29,188, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for each year.

(6) Deferred Compensation Plan

The Department offers its employees a deferred compensation plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan allows Department employees to defer a portion of their current salary until future years. The employee becomes eligible to withdraw funds upon termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

The Department deposits all amounts of compensation deferred under the plan to the fiduciary designated by the employee.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(7) Compensated Absences

Department employees accumulate vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or, in the case of the accumulated vacation pay, for payment upon termination, retirement or death. The accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the Department until used or paid. The Department's approximate liability for earned compensated absences payable to employees at June 30, 2005 was as follows:

Sick leave	\$ 27,437
Vacation	<u>27,060</u>
Total	<u>\$ 54,497</u>

This liability has been computed based on rates of pay and rates for payroll taxes and IPERS as of June 30, 2006. Sick leave is payable when used. Retiring employees who have accumulated at least 30 days of sick leave are entitled to one and one-half months regular pay as severance pay.

(8) Related Party Transactions

The component unit bills and collects for sewer and garbage services provided for the primary government to its residents. During the year ended June 30, 2006, the component unit collected and remitted to the primary government \$2,497,331 for sewer and \$1,040,400 for garbage service. Fees paid to the component unit by the primary government during the year to pay for this service totaled \$72,908.

(9) Local Government Risk Pool

The component unit has chosen to participate in the primary government's risk financing program for risks associated with the employee's health insurance plan. The component unit self-funds health insurance claims arising from the component unit's employees to a stop-loss insured amount of \$30,000 per participant and a 125% aggregate stop-loss amount based on the "pure premiums" amount multiplied by the number of single and family contracts covered during the contract year. The total cost of these benefits is transferred from the Water Fund based upon the number of employees and the type of plan (single or family) chosen by the employee. Amounts charged are approximately \$210 per month single and \$520 per month family which is an amount based on past claim history. The amount transferred will be adjusted over a reasonable period of time so that the Medical Benefits Fund receipts and disbursements are approximately equal. Claims paid totaled \$74,252 during the year ended June 30, 2006. At June 30, 2006, the component unit's share of estimated claims incurred but unpaid was approximately \$11,900 based upon an actuarial determination.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2006

(9) Local Government Risk Pool (continued)

The component unit obtains its workers' compensation coverage through the primary unit, which is a member in the Iowa Municipal Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA). IMWCA is a local government risk sharing pool established for the purpose of managing and funding workers' compensation claims against its members. Members are assessed an annual fee based on respective claims history, number of employees and the risk category of each employee. During the year ended June 30, 2006, the component unit remitted \$14,243 to IMWCA for the workers' compensation premiums arising from component unit employees.

(10) Risk Management

The component unit is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in the past fiscal year.

(11) Commitments

For retirees with a minimum of 30 years of service, the component unit provides single premium health insurance coverage for a period not to exceed three continuous years, then up to \$100 per month toward health insurance coverage until the retiree is eligible for Medicare/Medicaid coverage. At June 30, 2006, there were three employees with over 30 years of service eligible for these benefits upon retirement. The component unit's contributions for these benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis and totaled \$12,723 for the year ended June 30, 2006.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements,
and Changes in Balances - Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) -
Water Fund**

Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Water Fund Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Final to Actual Variance</u>
		<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	
Revenues:				
Use of money and property	\$ 59,564	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,100	\$ 36,464
Charges for services	1,957,205	2,020,500	2,020,500	(63,295)
Miscellaneous	<u>194,293</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>54,293</u>
Total receipts	<u>2,211,062</u>	<u>2,183,600</u>	<u>2,183,600</u>	<u>27,462</u>
Expenditures:				
Operating:				
Business-type activities	<u>2,274,759</u>	<u>2,183,600</u>	<u>2,390,130</u>	<u>115,371</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(63,697)	-	(206,530)	142,833
Beginning fund balance	<u>1,533,589</u>	<u>1,533,589</u>	<u>1,533,589</u>	<u>-</u>
Ending fund balance	<u>\$ 1,469,892</u>	<u>\$ 1,533,589</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,059</u>	<u>\$ 142,833</u>

This information should be read only in connection with
the accompanying independent auditor's report.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Budget to GAAP Reconciliation

Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Water Fund</u>		
	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Accrual</u>	<u>Accrual</u>
	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Adjust-</u>	<u>Basis</u>
		<u>ments</u>	
Revenues	\$ 2,211,062	\$ (89,272)	\$ 2,121,790
Expenditures	<u>2,274,759</u>	<u>(284,972)</u>	<u>1,989,786</u>
Net	(63,697)	(195,700)	132,004
Other financing sources, net	-	447,471	447,471
Beginning balances	<u>1,533,589</u>	<u>8,538,126</u>	<u>10,071,715</u>
Ending balances	<u>\$ 1,469,892</u>	<u>\$ 9,060,218</u>	<u>\$ 10,530,110</u>

This information should be read only in connection with the accompanying independent auditor's report.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Reporting

Year Ended June 30, 2006

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

During the year, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$206,530. These budget amendments are reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2006, disbursements did not exceed the amount budgeted.

This information should be read only in connection with
the accompanying independent auditor's report.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statement**

Board of Trustees
Marion Water Department
Marion, Iowa

We have audited the financial statements of the business activities and each major fund information of Marion Water Department as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006 which collectively comprise Marion Water Department's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 5, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Marion Water Department's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Marion Water Department's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item I-A-06.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Marion Water Department's operations for the year ended June 30, 2006, are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Marion Water Department.

Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the findings were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the Administrator and Board of Trustees, employees and citizens of the City of Marion and those parties to whom the Marion Water Department may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Marion Water Department during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Clifton Henderson LLP

Cedar Rapids, Iowa
September 5, 2006

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Schedule of Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2006

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: unqualified _____

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? yes x no
- Reportable condition(s) identified that are not
 considered to be material weaknesses? x yes yes
- Noncompliance material to
 financial statements noted? yes x no

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

I-A-06 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES IN THE ACCOUNTING FUNCTION

Criteria: The Water Department has a responsibility to establish and maintain effective internal controls over financial transactions and reporting, which includes adequate segregation of duties.

Condition: During times when certain accounting personnel are out on vacation, sick-leave, etc. those responsibilities render internal controls to be ineffective.

Questioned Costs: None.

Context: During our audit we found that when certain accounting staff is gone for an extended period, their duties are performed by personnel that make those duties incompatible.

Effect: Incompatible duties were not properly segregated.

Cause: Ideal separation of incompatible duties is difficult during these instances.

Recommendation: When this condition exists, management's close supervision and review of accounting information is the best means of preventing or detecting errors and irregularities.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

Schedule of Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2006

We recommend the following:

1. The Water Department review its operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible during periods when accounting personnel are gone for an extended period of time.

Management Response and corrective action plan: We agree, and the Water Department will continue to look for ways to realign and reassign duties where practical.

FINDINGS RELATED TO STATUTORY REPORTING

- II-A-06 Certified Budget - Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2006 did not exceed the amounts budgeted.
- II-B-06 Questionable Disbursements - We noted no disbursements that fail to meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- II-C-06 Travel Expense - No disbursements of City money for travel expenses of spouses of component unit officials or employees were noted.
- II-D-06 Business Transactions - We noted no business transactions between the component unit and component unit officials or employees.
- II-E-06 Bond Coverage - Surety bond coverage of component unit officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should continue to be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- II-F-06 Board of Trustees Minutes - We noted no transactions that we believe should have been approved in the council minutes and were not.
- II-G-06 Deposits and Investments - We noted no instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the component unit's investment policy.

MARION WATER DEPARTMENT

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