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(Mark One)

T QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For The Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2008

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			For The Transition Period From	To
			Commission File nu	mber 0-11733
			CITY HOLDING (Exact name of registrant as s	
		We	est Virginia	55-0619957
	(State or o	ther juris	sdiction of incorporation or ganization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
		25 Ga	ntewater Road	
	(Charlesto	on, West Virginia	25313
	(Addres	ss of prir	ncipal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
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Securi	ties Excha	nge Act	of 1934 during the preceding 12 mc	reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the onths (or for such shorter period that the registrant was filing requirements for the past 90 days.
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Indicate date.	e the nu	mber of sl	hares outs	standing of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practical
		Com	mon stocl	k, \$2.50 Par Value – 16,182,644 shares as of November 4, 2008.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including statements in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Result of Operations are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information involves risks and uncertainties that could result in the Company's actual results differing from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: (1) the Company may incur additional provision for loan losses due to negative credit quality trends in the future that may lead to a deterioration of asset quality; (2) the Company may incur increased charge-offs in the future; (3) the Company may experience increases in the default rates or decreased prepayments on previously securitized loans that would result in impairment losses or lower the yield on such loans; (4) the Company may continue to benefit from strong recovery efforts on previously securitized loans resulting in improved yields on this asset; (5) the Company could have adverse legal actions of a material nature; (6) the Company may face competitive loss of customers; (7) the Company may be unable to manage its expense levels; (8) the Company may have difficulty retaining key employees; (9) changes in the interest rate environment may have results on the Company's operations materially different from those anticipated by the Company's market risk management functions; (10) changes in general economic conditions and increased competition could adversely affect the Company's operating results; (11) changes in other regulations and government policies affecting bank holding companies and their subsidiaries, including changes in monetary policies, could negatively impact the Company's operating results; (12) the Company may experience difficulties growing loan and deposit balances; (13) the current economic environment poses significant challenges for us and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations; and (14) the United States government's plan to purchase large amounts of illiquid, mortgage-backed and other securities from financial institutions may not be effective and/or it may not be available to us. Forward-looking statements made herein reflect management's expectations as of the date such statements are made. Such information is provided to assist stockholders and potential investors in understanding current and anticipated financial operations of the Company and is included pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date such statements are made.

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City Holding Company and Subsidiaries

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PART I, ITEM 1 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Consolidated Balance Sheets City Holding Company and Subsidiaries (in thousands)

Assets		eptember 30 2008 Unaudited)	2007 (Note A)
Cash and due from banks	\$	52,206	\$ 64,726
Interest-bearing deposits in depository institutions	Ċ	4,045	9,792
Cash and Cash Equivalents		56,251	74,518
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value Investment securities held-to-maturity, at amortized cost (approximate fair value at		345,982	382,098
September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 - \$22,997 and \$35,198, respectively)		33,033	34,918
Total Investment Securities		379,015	417,016
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Gross loans		1,777,731	1,767,021
Allowance for loan losses		(18,879)	(17,581)
Net Loans		1,758,852	1,749,440
Bank owned life insurance		69,660	64,467
Premises and equipment		59,574	54,635
Accrued interest receivable		9,733	11,254
Net deferred tax asset		41,173	20,633
Intangible assets		57,600	58,238
Other assets		33,707	32,566
Total Assets	\$	2,465,565	\$ 2,482,767
Liabilities			
Deposits:			
Noninterest-bearing	\$	316,205	\$ 314,231
Interest-bearing:			
Demand deposits		404,593	397,510
Savings deposits		359,644	350,607
Time deposits		912,184	927,733
Total Deposits		1,992,626	1,990,081
Short-term borrowings		140,726	161,916
Long-term debt		21,075	4,973
Other liabilities		26,226	31,803
Total Liabilities		2,180,653	2,188,773
Shareholders' Equity			
Preferred stock, par value \$25 per share: 500,000 shares authorized; none issued		-	-
Common stock, par value \$2.50 per share: 50,000,000 shares authorized; 18,499,282			
shares issued at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, less 2,316,638 and		46 240	46 240
2,292,357 shares in treasury, respectively		46,249	46,249
Capital surplus		102,831	103,390

Retained earnings	231,789	224,386
Cost of common stock in treasury	(81,480)	(80,664)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income:		
Unrealized loss on securities available-for-sale	(20,631)	(1,783)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	8,128	4,390
Underfunded pension liability	(1,974)	(1,974)
Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	(14,477)	633
Total Shareholders' Equity	284,912	293,994
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 2,465,565 \$	2,482,767

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited) City Holding Company and Subsidiaries (in thousands, except earnings per share data)

		Three Months Ended September 30 2008 2007			Nine Mon Septen 2008			
Interest Income								
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 3	30,254	\$	32,721	\$	91,662	\$	96,131
Interest on investment securities:								
Taxable		5,850		6,024		18,034		19,709
Tax-exempt		371		415		1,151		1,270
Interest on deposits in depository institutions		47		171		163		401
Interest on federal funds sold		-		266		-		815
Total Interest Income	3	36,522		39,597		111,010		118,326
Internal Francisco								
Interest Expense		0.446		12 100		21.000		20.070
Interest on deposits		9,446		13,190		31,980		38,978
Interest on short-term borrowings		478 317		1,758 426		2,286		4,965
Interest on long-term debt						1,070		1,383
Total Interest Expense Net Interest Income		10,241		15,374		35,336		45,326
	4	26,281		24,223		75,674		73,000
Provision for loan losses Net Interest Income After Provision for Loan Losses	,	2,350		1,200		5,083		3,700
Net interest income After Provision for Loan Losses	4	23,931		23,023		70,591		69,300
Non-interest Income								
Investment securities (losses) gains	C'	27,467)		(1)		(27,465)		45
Service charges		11,993		11,192		34,536		32,681
Insurance commissions	-	1,025		1,127		3,231		2,971
Trust and investment management fee income		640		523		1,721		1,529
Bank owned life insurance		767		596		2,193		1,877
Gain on sale of retail credit card merchant agreements		-		-		2,173		1,500
VISA IPO Gain		_		_		3,289		-
Other income		284		377		1,250		1,252
Total Non-interest Income	()	12,758))	13,814		18,755		41,855
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Non-interest Expense								
Salaries and employee benefits		9,538		9,307		28,418		27,275
Occupancy and equipment		1,800		1,600		5,098		4,762
Depreciation		1,110		1,160		3,330		3,339
Professional fees		435		416		1,229		1,204
Postage, delivery, and statement mailings		636		641		1,908		1,988
Advertising		821		801		2,081		2,533
Telecommunications		496		438		1,354		1,352
Bankcard expenses		717		623		1,978		1,737
Insurance and regulatory		354		364		1,025		1,132
Office supplies		527		472		1,488		1,369
Repossessed asset losses (gains), net of expenses		314		(47)		437		(52)

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Loss on early extinguishment of debt	-	-	1,208	-
Other expenses	2,498	2,256	8,352	6,514
Total Non-interest Expense	19,246	18,031	57,906	53,153
(Loss) Income Before Income Taxes	(8,073)	18,806	31,440	58,002
Income tax (benefit) expense	(5,516)	6,092	7,580	19,735
Net (Loss) Income	(2,557)	12,714	23,860	38,267
Basic (loss) earnings per common share	\$ (0.16) \$	0.76	\$ 1.48	\$ 2.24
Diluted (loss) earnings per common share	\$ (0.16) \$	0.76	\$ 1.47	\$ 2.24
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.34 \$	0.31	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.93
Average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	16,142	16,714	16,130	17,057
Diluted	16,195	16,767	16,189	17,116

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Unaudited) City Holding Company and Subsidiaries
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007
(in thousands)

Common Capital Retained Treasury Comprehensive Shareholde Stock Surplus Earnings Stock (Loss) Equity	ers'
Balances at December 31, 2006 \$ 46,249 \$ 104,043 \$ 194,213 \$ (33,669) \$ (5,529) \$ 305,3	807
Comprehensive income: Cumulative effect of adopting FIN 48 (125) (1	.25)
Net income 38,267 38,2	267
Other comprehensive gains, net of deferred income taxes of \$755:	
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities of	
	83
Net unrealized gain on	
interest rate floors of \$1,750, net of taxes 1,050 1,0	050
Total comprehensive income 39,4	
Cash dividends declared	
(\$0.93 per share) (15,703)	(03)
	372
Exercise of 7,300 stock	
options (141) 295 1	54
Excess tax benefit on stock-based compensation 3	3
Purchase of 1,017,000 treasury shares (37,688) (37,688)	588)
Balances at September 30, 2007 \$ 46,249 \$ 103,475 \$ 216,652 \$ (70,260) \$ (4,396) \$ 291,7	20
Accumulated Other Total Common Capital Retained Treasury Comprehensive Sharehold Stock Surplus Earnings Stock Income (Loss) Equity	ers'
Balances at December 31, 2007 \$ 46,249 \$ 103,390 \$ 224,386 \$ (80,664) \$ 633 \$ 293,9 Comprehensive income:	94
Net income 23,860 23,8	360

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Other comprehensive loss, net of deferred income taxes of \$10,073:

Unrealized losses on							
available-for-sale securities of							
\$31,413, net of taxes						(18,848)	(18,848)
Net unrealized gain on interest							
rate floors of \$6,230, net of							
taxes						3,738	3,738
Total comprehensive income							8,750
Cash dividends declared (\$1.02	,						
per share)				(16,457)			(16,457)
Issuance of stock awards, net			(81)		491		410
Exercise of 66,254 stock							
options			(744)		2,410		1,666
Excess tax benefit on							
stock-based compensation			266				266
Purchase of 104,960 treasury							
shares					(3,717)		(3,717)
Balances at September 30,							
2008	\$	46,249	\$ 102,831	\$ 231,789	\$ (81,480) \$	(14,477) \$	284,912

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited) City Holding Company and Subsidiaries (in thousands)

	Nine Mon Septem 2008	
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 23,860	\$ 38,267
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization and accretion	(1,012)	(1,754)
Provision for loan losses	5,083	3,700
Depreciation of premises and equipment	3,330	3,339
Deferred income tax benefit	(10,467)	(472)
Net periodic employee benefit cost	36	177
Gain on sale of credit card merchant agreements	-	(1,500)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	1,208	-
Loss on disposal of premises and equipment	125	-
Realized investment securities losses (gains)	27,465	(45)
Proceeds from bank-owned life insurance	-	205
Increase in value of bank-owned life insurance	(2,193)	(1,878)
Decrease in accrued interest receivable	1,521	82
Increase in other assets	(4,226)	(1,658)
Decrease in other liabilities	(5,561)	(2,980)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	39,169	35,483
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from maturities and calls of securities held-to-maturity	1,467	11,458
Proceeds from sale of money market and mutual fund securities available-for-sale	781,757	753,770
Purchases of money market and mutual fund securities available-for-sale	(781,623)	(775,703)
Proceeds from sales of securities available-for-sale	2,823	1,811
Proceeds from maturities and calls of securities available-for-sale	45,619	70,218
Purchases of securities available-for-sale	(71,470)	(12,085)
Net increase in loans	(11,615)	(41,388)
Sales of premises and equipment	340	15
Purchases of premises and equipment	(8,734)	(10,226)
Proceeds from sale of credit card merchant agreements	-	1,650
Investment in bank-owned life insurance	(3,000)	_
Redemption of VISA stock	2,334	-
Proceeds from sale of derivative instrument	5,669	_
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(36,433)	(480)
Financing Activities		
Net increase (decrease) in noninterest-bearing deposits	1,974	(21,219)
Net increase in interest-bearing deposits	571	18,677
Net (decrease) increase in short-term borrowings	(4,631)	3,184
Proceeds from long-term debt	16,495	_
Repayment of long-term debt	(79)	(135)

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Redemption of trust preferred securities	(17,569)	-
Purchases of treasury stock	(3,717)	(37,688)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,666	154
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements	266	3
Dividends paid	(15,979)	(15,484)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(21,003)	(52,508)
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(18,267)	(17,505)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	74,518	110,448
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 56,251	\$ 92,943

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

September 30, 2008

Note A – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements, which are unaudited, include all of the accounts of City Holding Company ("the Parent Company") and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, "the Company"). All material intercompany transactions have been eliminated. The consolidated financial statements include all adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations and financial condition for each of the periods presented. Such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that can be expected for the year ending December 31, 2008. The Company's accounting and reporting policies conform with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Such policies require management to make estimates and develop assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes. Actual results could differ from management's estimates.

The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2007 has been derived from audited financial statements included in the Company's 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles have been omitted. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the 2007 Annual Report of the Company.

Note B – Previously Securitized Loans

Between 1997 and 1999, the Company completed six securitization transactions involving approximately \$760 million in 125% of fixed rate, junior-lien underlying mortgages. The Company retained a financial interest in each of the securitizations until 2004. Principal amounts owed to investors were evidenced by securities ("Notes"). During 2003 and 2004, the Company exercised its early redemption options on each of those securitizations. Once the Notes were redeemed, the Company became the beneficial owner of the mortgage loans and recorded the loans as assets of the Company within the loan portfolio. The table below summarizes information regarding delinquencies, net credit recoveries, and outstanding collateral balances of previously securitized loans for the dates presented:

	A	As of and for Months Septem	1	of and for the Year Ended cember 31,	
(in thousands)		2008	2007		2007
Previously Securitized Loans:					
Total principal amount of loans outstanding	\$	19,812	\$ 25,947	\$	24,062
Discount		(15,292)	(17,630)		(17,170)
Net book value	\$	4,520	\$ 8,317	\$	6,892
Principal amount of loans between 30 and 89 days past due	\$	558	\$ 865	\$	1,099
Principal amount of loans 90 days and above past due		40	176		76
Net credit recoveries during the period		334	2,506		2,938

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The Company accounts for the difference between the carrying value and the total expected cash flows from these loans as an adjustment of the yield earned on the loans over their remaining lives. The discount is accreted to income over the period during which payments are probable of collection and are reasonably estimable. Additionally, the collectibility of previously securitized loans is evaluated over the remaining lives of the loans. An impairment charge on previously securitized loans would be provided through the Company's provision for loan losses if the discounted present value of estimated future cash flows declines below the recorded value of previously securitized loans. No such impairment charges were recorded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, or for the year ending December 31, 2007.

As of September 30, 2008, the Company reported a book value of previously securitized loans of \$4.5 million whereas the actual contractual outstanding balance of previously securitized loans at September 30, 2008 was \$19.8 million. The difference ("the discount") between the book value and the expected total cash flows from previously securitized loans is being accreted into interest income over the estimated remaining life of the loans.

For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized \$1.3 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, of interest income from its previously securitized loans. During the first nine months of 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized \$4.3 million and \$5.5 million, respectively, of interest income from its previously securitized loans.

Note C – Derivative Instruments

The Company utilizes interest rate floors to mitigate exposure to interest rate risk. As of September 30, 2008, the Company has entered into six interest rate floor contracts with a total notional amount of \$400 million, which are designated as cash flow hedges. The objective of these interest rate floors is to protect the overall cash flows from the Company's portfolio of \$400 million of variable-rate loans outstanding from the risk of a decrease in those cash flows.

The notional amounts and estimated fair values of interest rate floor derivative positions outstanding at period end are presented in the following table. The estimated fair values of the interest rate floors on variable-rate loans are based on quoted market prices.

	September	r 30, 2008	December 31, 2007			
	Notional Estimated		Notional	Estimated		
(in thousands)	Value	Fair Value	Value	Fair Value		
Interest rate floors on						
variable-rate loans	\$ 400,000	\$ 11,171	\$ 500,000	\$ 11,362		

The weighted-average strike rates for interest rate floors outstanding at September 30, 2008 range from 6.00% to 7.75%.

Interest rate contracts involve the risk of dealing with counterparties and their ability to meet contractual terms. These counterparties must have an investment grade credit rating and be approved by the Company's Asset and Liability Committee.

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For cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative hedging instrument is reported in other comprehensive income, while the ineffective portion (indicated by the excess of the cumulative change in the fair value of the derivative over that which is necessary to offset the cumulative change in expected future cash flows on the hedge transaction) is recorded in current earnings as other income or other expense. The Company recognized the increase in market value of \$3.7 million, net of taxes, in Other Comprehensive Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 on these derivative instruments.

During the third quarter of 2008, the Company sold an interest rate floor with a notional value of \$100 million, and a strike rate of 8.00%, that matured June 2011 in order to mitigate its risk associated with the counterparty of this interest rate floor. The gain from this sale of \$4.2 million will be recognized over the remaining life of the hedged loans.

Note D – Short-term borrowings

The components of short-term borrowings are summarized below:

(in thousands)	Sept	tember 30, 2008	De	cember 31, 2007
Security repurchase agreements	\$	128,958	\$	119,554
Short-term advances		11,768		25,526
Junior subordinated debentures owed to City				
Holding Capital Trust		-		16,836
Total short-term borrowings	\$	140,726	\$	161,916

The junior subordinated debentures owed to City Holding Capital Trust were fully redeemed during the first quarter of 2008 and as a result, the Company incurred a loss of \$1.2 million. Securities sold under agreement to repurchase were sold to corporate and government customers as an alternative to available deposit products. The underlying securities included in repurchase agreements remain under the Company's control during the effective period of the agreements.

Note E – Long-Term Debt

The components of long-term debt are summarized below:

(dollars in thousands)	Maturity	•	ember 30, 2008	Weighted Average Interest Rate
FHLB Advances	2009	\$	3,010	6.05%
FHLB Advances	2010		1,000	5.98%
FHLB Advances	2011		570	4.45%
Junior subordinated debentures owed to				
City Holding Capital Trust III	2038 (a)		16,495	6.31%
Total long-term debt		\$	21,075	

(a) Junior Subordinated Debentures owed to City Holding Capital Trust III are redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the Company (i) in whole at any time or in part from time-to-time, at declining redemption prices ranging

from 103.525% to 100.00% on June 15, 2013, and thereafter, or (ii) in whole, but not in part, at any time within 90 days following the occurrence and during the continuation of certain pre-defined events.

The Company formed a statutory business trust, City Holding Capital Trust III ("Capital Trust III"), under the laws of Delaware. Capital Trust III was created for the exclusive purpose of (i) issuing trust-preferred capital securities ("Capital Securities"), which represent preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the trust, (ii) using the proceeds from the sale of the Capital Securities to acquire junior subordinated debentures ("Debentures") issued by the Company, and (iii) engaging in only those activities necessary or incidental thereto. The trust is considered a variable interest entity for which the Company is not the primary beneficiary. Accordingly, the accounts of the trusts are not included in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The Capital Securities issued by the statutory business trust qualify as Tier 1 capital for the Company under the Federal Reserve Board guidelines. In March 2005, the Federal Reserve Board issued a final rule that allows the inclusion of trust preferred securities issued by unconsolidated subsidiary trusts in Tier 1 capital, but with stricter limits. Under ruling, after a five-year transition period, the aggregate amount of trust preferred securities and certain other capital elements would be limited to 25% of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill. The amount of trust preferred securities and certain other elements in excess of the limit could be included in Tier 2 capital, subject to restrictions. The Company expects to continue to include all of its \$16 million in trust preferred securities in Tier 1 capital. The trust preferred securities could be redeemed without penalty if they were no longer permitted to be included in Tier 1 capital.

Note F – Employee Benefit Plans

The Company accounts for share-based compensation in accordance with SFAS No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment." A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information is presented below for the nine months ended September 30:

	2008 Weighted-Average Options Exercise Price Op		Options	2007 Weighted-Av otions Exercise Pr		
Outstanding at January 1	305,909	\$	32.05	271,709	\$	30.51
Granted	11,500		40.88	47,500		39.34
Exercised	(66,254)		25.15	(7,300)		21.17
Forfeited	-		-	(3,000)		34.45
Outstanding at						
September 30	251,155	\$	34.23	308,909	\$	32.05

Additional information regarding stock options outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2008, is provided in the following table:

Intrins	ic
Weighted-Average Value	of
Weighted-Average Exercise Weighted-AverageOptio	ıs
Ranges Remaining Aggregate No. of Price of Remaining Current	tly
of No. of Weighted-AverageContractual Intrinsic Options Options Contractual Exercise	ıble
Exercise Options Exercise Life Value (in Currently Currently Life (in	
Prices Outstanding Price (Months) thousands) Exercisable Exercisable (Months) thousands	ds)
\$ 13.30 2,100 \$ 13.30 40 \$ 61 2,100 \$ 13.30 40 \$	61
28.00 -	
\$ \$33.90 150,555 31.70 70 1,588 112,180 31.66 68 1,1	88

35.36 - \$ \$40.88	98,500	38.52	97	367	38,750	36.88	87	208
	251,155		\$	2,016	153,030		\$	1,457
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Proceeds from stock option exercises totaled \$1.7 million and \$0.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively. Shares issued in connection with stock option exercises are issued from available treasury shares. If no treasury shares are available, new shares are issued from available authorized shares. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 all shares issued in connection with stock option exercises and restricted stock awards were issued from available treasury stock.

The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised was \$1.1 million and \$0.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively.

Stock-based compensation expense totaled \$0.2 million for both the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to stock options totaled \$0.6 million at September 30, 2008. At such date, the weighted-average period over which this unrecognized expense was expected to be recognized was 1.8 years.

The fair value of the options is estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of options granted during the three months ended September 30:

	2008	2007
Risk-free interest rate	3.14%	4.38%
Expected dividend yield	3.33%	3.15%
Volatility factor	52.89%	39.06%
Expected life of option	8.0 years	5.8 years

The Company records compensation expense with respect to restricted shares in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common stock covered by each award on the date of grant. The restricted shares awarded become fully vested after various periods of continued employment from the respective dates of grant. The Company is entitled to an income tax deduction in an amount equal to the taxable income reported by the holders of the restricted shares when the restrictions are released and the shares are issued. Compensation is being charged to expense over the respective vesting periods.

Restricted shares are forfeited if officers and employees terminate prior to the lapsing of restrictions. The Company records forfeitures of restricted stock as treasury share repurchases and any compensation cost previously recognized is reversed in the period of forfeiture. Recipients of restricted shares do not pay any cash consideration to the Company for the shares, have the right to vote all shares subject to such grant and receive all dividends with respect to such shares, whether or not the shares have vested. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested restricted shares was \$1.2 million at September 30, 2008. At September 30, 2008, this unrecognized expense is expected to be recognized over 3.4 years based on the weighted average-life of the restricted shares.

A summary of the Company's restricted shares activity and related information is presented below for the nine months ended September 30:

	2008				2007	
	Restricted Awards			Restricted Awards		Average Market Price at Grant
Outstanding at January 1	31,818			15,600		
Granted	8,825	\$	39.00	17,150	\$	39.16
Forfeited/Vested	(4,300)			(1,266)		
Outstanding at September						
30	36,343			31,484		

The Company provides retirement benefits to its employees through the City Holding Company 401(k) Plan and Trust ("the 401(k) Plan"), which is intended to be compliant with Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) section 404(c). Any employee who has attained age 21 is eligible to participate beginning the first day of the month following employment. Unless specifically chosen otherwise, every employee is automatically enrolled in the 401(k) Plan and may make before-tax contributions of between 1% and 15% of eligible pay up to the dollar limit imposed by Internal Revenue Service regulations. The first 6% of an employee's contribution is matched 50% by the Company. The employer matching contribution is invested according to the investment elections chosen by the employee. Employees are 100% vested in both employee and employer contributions and the earnings they generate. The Company's total expense associated with the retirement benefit plan approximated \$0.5 million for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007.

The Company also maintains a defined benefit pension plan ("the Defined Benefit Plan") that covers approximately 300 current and former employees. The Defined Benefit Plan was frozen in 1999 subsequent to the Company's acquisition of the plan sponsor. The Defined Benefit Plan maintains an October 31 year-end for purposes of computing its benefit obligations. The Company made contributions of \$1.3 million to the Defined Benefit Plan during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 while no such contribution was made during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The following table presents the components of the net periodic pension cost of the Defined Benefit Plan:

		Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
(in thousands)		2008	2	2007	2008	2	2007
Components of net periodic cost:	:						
Interest cost	\$	166	\$	164	498	\$	492
Expected return on plan							
assets		(217)		(185)	(651)		(555)
Net amortization and							
deferral		63		80	189		240
Net Periodic Pension Cost	\$	12	\$	59	36	\$	177

Note G – Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is a party to certain financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. The Company has entered into agreements with its customers to extend credit or provide a conditional commitment to provide payment on drafts presented in accordance with the terms of the underlying credit documents. The Company also provides overdraft protection to certain demand deposit customers that represent an unfunded commitment. Overdraft protection commitments, which are included with other commitments below, are uncollateralized and are paid at the Company's discretion. Conditional commitments generally include standby and commercial letters of credit. Standby letters of credit represent an obligation of the Company to a designated third party contingent upon the failure of a customer of the Company to perform under the terms of the underlying contract between the customer and the third party. Commercial letters of credit are issued specifically to facilitate trade or commerce. Under the terms of a commercial letter of credit, drafts will be drawn when the underlying transaction is consummated, as intended, between the customer and a third party. The funded portion of these financial instruments is reflected in the Company's balance sheet, while the unfunded portion of these commitments is not reflected in the balance sheet. The table below presents a summary of the contractual obligations of the Company resulting from significant commitments:

(in thousands)	September 30, 2008			December 31, 2007		
Commitments to extend credit:						
Home equity lines	\$	132,345	\$	135,255		
Commercial real estate		41,252		47,529		
Other commitments		199,864		163,332		
Standby letters of credit		17,941		16,243		
Commercial letters of credit		290		215		

Loan commitments and standby and commercial letters of credit have credit risks essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers and are subject to the Company's standard credit policies. Collateral is obtained based on management's credit assessment of the customer. Management does not anticipate any material losses as a result of these commitments.

Note H – Total Comprehensive Income

The following table sets forth the computation of total comprehensive income:

	Nine months ended September 30,			
(in thousands)	2008			2007
Net income	\$	23,860	\$	38,267
Unrealized security (losses) gains arising during the				
period		(34,644)		138
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in				
income		3,231		-
		(31,413)		138
Unrealized gains on interest rate floors		6,230		1,750

Other comprehensive (loss) income before income

taxes	(25,183)			
Tax effect	10,073		(755)	
Total comprehensive income	\$ 8,750	\$	39,400	

Note I – Earnings per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three months September		Nine months ended September 30,				
(in thousands, except per share data)	2008 2007		2008			2007	
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,557) \$	12,714	\$	23,860	\$	38,267	
Average shares outstanding	16,142	16,714		16,130		17,057	
Effect of dilutive securities:							
Employee stock options	53	53		59		59	
Shares for diluted (loss) earnings per share	16,195	16,767		16,189		17,116	
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (0.16) \$	0.76	\$	1.48	\$	2.24	
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (0.16) \$	0.76	\$	1.47	\$	2.24	

Options to purchase 89,750 shares of common stock at an exercise price between \$36.25 and \$39.34 per share were outstanding during the third quarter of 2007, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares and therefore, the effect would have been anti-dilutive. No shares were anti-dilutive at September 30, 2008.

Note J -Fair Value Measurements

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 157, ("SFAS No. 157"), "Fair Value Measurements", which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position No. 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157," the Company has delayed application of SFAS No. 157 for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities until January 1, 2009.

SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy established by SFAS No. 157 is as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) or identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, and other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The Company used the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate fair value for assets and liabilities recorded at fair value.

Securities Available for Sale. Securities available for sale are reported at fair value utilizing Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 inputs. The fair value of securities available for sale is determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges or matrix pricing, which is a mathematical technique used widely in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities. Securities available for sale measured at fair value using Level 3 inputs are comprised of income notes with a total book value of \$0.3 million for which there is not an active market. The Company uses multiple input factors to determine the fair value of these securities that include the structure of the income note in relation to the current level of deferrals and/or defaults, changes in credit ratings of the debtors within the underlying securities, financial conditions of the debtors within the underlying securities, and broker quotes for securities with similar structure and credit risk.

Derivatives. Derivatives are reported at fair value utilizing Level 2 inputs. The Company obtains dealer quotations to value its interest rate floors and customer interest rate swaps.

Previously Securitized Loans. Previously securitized loans are reported at fair value utilizing Level 3 inputs. The Company utilizes an internal valuation model that calculates the present value of estimated future cash flows. The internal valuation model incorporates assumptions such as loan prepayment and default rates. Using cash flow modeling techniques that incorporate these assumptions, the Company estimated total future cash collections expected to be received from these loans and determined the yield at which the resulting discount would be accreted into income.

Impaired Loans. Loans for which it is probable that payment of interest and principal will not be made in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement are considered impaired. Once a loan is identified as individually impaired, management measures impairment in accordance with SFAS No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan," (SFAS No. 114). The fair value of impaired loans is estimated using one of several methods, including collateral value, liquidation value and discounted cash flows. Those impaired loans not requiring an allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the expected repayments or collateral exceed the recorded investments in such loans. At September 30, 2008, substantially all of the impaired loans were evaluated based on the fair value of the collateral. In accordance with SFAS No. 157, impaired loans where an allowance is established based on the fair value of collateral require classification in the fair value hierarchy. When the fair value of the collateral is based on an observable market price or a current appraised value, the Company records the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 2. When an appraised value is not available or management determines the fair value of the collateral is further impaired below the appraised value and there is no observable market price, the Company records the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 3.

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis,

(in thousands)						
September 30, 2008	Total	L	evel 1	Level 2	L	evel 3
Assets:						
Investment Securities Available for Sale	\$ 336,552	\$	8,850	\$ 327,435	\$	267
Derivatives (Interest Rate Floors)	11,171		-	11,171		-
Previously Securitized Loans	4,520		-	-		4,520

The table below presents a reconciliation and income statement classification of gains and losses for all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis for Level 3 assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

(in thousands)	Previously Securitized Loans		Se	Investment Securities Available for Sale	
Beginning balance, January 1, 2008	\$	6,892	\$	-	
Principal Receipts and Recoveries (net)		(2,372)		-	
Transfers into Level 3		-		267	
Ending Balance, September 30, 2008	\$	4,520	\$	267	

The Company may be required, from time to time, to measure certain assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These include assets that are measured at the lower of cost or market that were recognized at fair value below cost at the end of the period. At September 30, 2008, the Company has \$13.1 million of impaired loans that are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. These assets are considered to be measured at Level 2 in the fair value measurement hierarchy.

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 159, ("SFAS No. 159") "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115." SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value at specified election dates. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option (i) is applicable on an instrument by instrument basis, with certain exceptions, (ii) is irrevocable (unless a new election date occurs), and (iii) is applied only to entire instruments and not to portions of instruments. The Company has not elected to account for any of its assets at fair value and therefore adoption of SFAS No. 159 on January 1, 2008 did not effect its financial statements.

Note K– Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007) ("SFAS No. 141R"), "Business Combinations." SFAS No. 141R will significantly change how the acquisition method will be applied to business combinations. SFAS No. 141R requires an acquirer, upon initially obtaining control of another entity, to recognize the assets, liabilities and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree at fair value as of the acquisition date. Contingent consideration is required to be recognized and measured at fair value on the date of acquisition rather than at a later date when the amount of that consideration may be determinable beyond a reasonable doubt. This fair value approach replaces the cost-allocation process required under SFAS No. 141 whereby the cost of an acquisition was allocated to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair value. SFAS No. 141R requires acquirers to expense acquisition-related costs as incurred rather than allocating such costs to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as was previously the case under SFAS No. 141. Under SFAS No. 141R, the requirements of SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities," would have to be met in order to accrue for a restructuring plan in purchase accounting. Pre-acquisition contingencies are to be recognized at fair value, unless it is a non-contractual contingency that is not likely to materialize, in which case, nothing should be recognized in purchase accounting and, instead, that contingency would be subject to the probable and estimable recognition criteria of SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." Reversals of deferred income tax valuation allowances and income tax contingencies will be recognized in earnings subsequent to the measurement period. The allowance for loan losses of an acquiree will not be permitted to be recognized by the acquirer. Additionally, SFAS No. 141(R) will require new and modified disclosures surrounding subsequent changes to acquisition-related contingencies, contingent consideration, noncontrolling interests, acquisition-related transaction costs, fair values and cash flows not expected to

be collected for acquired loans, and an enhanced goodwill rollforward. The Company will be required to prospectively apply SFAS No. 141(R) to all business combinations completed on or after January 1, 2009. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating SFAS No. 141 (R) and has not determined the impact it will have on our financial statements.

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In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160 ("SFAS No. 160"), "Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB Statement No. 51." SFAS No. 160 clarifies that a non-controlling interest in a subsidiary, which is sometimes referred to as minority interest will be recharacterized as a "noncontrolling interest" and should be reported as a component of equity. Among other requirements, SFAS No. 160 requires consolidated net income to be reported at amounts that include the amounts attributable to both the parent and the non-controlling interest. It also requires disclosure, on the face of the consolidated income statement, of the amounts of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the non-controlling interest. SFAS No. 160 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2009 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, ("SFAS No. 161"), "Disclosures About Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133." SFAS No. 161 applies to all derivative instruments and related hedged items accounted for under SFAS No. 133. SFAS No. 161 amends SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," to amend and expand the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 133 to provide greater transparency about (i) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (ii) how derivative instruments and related hedge items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and its related interpretations, and (iii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. To meet those objectives, SFAS No. 161 requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS No. 161 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2009 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

Item 2 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Critical Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Company conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and require management to make estimates and develop assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and related footnotes. These estimates and assumptions are based on information available to management as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ significantly from management's estimates. As this information changes, management's estimates and assumptions used to prepare the Company's financial statements and related disclosures may also change. The most significant accounting policies followed by the Company are presented in Note One to the audited financial statements included in the Company's 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders. The information included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including the Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the 2007 Annual Report of the Company. Based on the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of financial statement amounts to the methods, assumptions, and estimates underlying those amounts, management has identified the determination of the allowance for loan losses, income taxes, and previously securitized loans to be the accounting areas that require the most subjective or complex judgments and, as such, could be most subject to revision as new information becomes available.

Pages 26 - 30 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q provide management's analysis of the Company's allowance for loan losses and related provision. The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level that represents management's best estimate of probable losses in the loan portfolio. Management's determination of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based upon an evaluation of individual credits in the loan portfolio, historical loan loss experience, current economic conditions, and other relevant factors. This determination is inherently subjective as it requires material estimates including the amounts and timing of future cash flows expected to be received on impaired loans that may be susceptible to significant change. The allowance for loan losses related to loans considered to be impaired is generally evaluated based on the discounted cash flows using the impaired loan's initial effective interest rate or the fair value of the collateral for certain collateral dependent loans.

The Company is subject to federal and state income taxes in the jurisdictions in which it conducts business. In computing the provision for income taxes, management must make judgments regarding interpretation of laws in those jurisdictions. Because the application of tax laws and regulations for many types of transactions is susceptible to varying interpretations, amounts reported in the financial statements could be changed at a later date upon final determinations by taxing authorities. On a quarterly basis, the Company estimates its annual effective tax rate for the year and uses that rate to provide for income taxes on a year-to-date basis.

The Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement 109" ("FIN 48") effective January 1, 2007. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting and disclosure for uncertain tax positions by requiring that a tax position meet a "probable recognition threshold" for the benefit of the uncertain tax position to be recognized in the financial statements. A tax position that fails to meet the probable recognition threshold will result in either reduction of a current or deferred tax asset or receivable, or recording a current or deferred tax liability. FIN 48 also provides guidance on measurement, derecognition of tax benefits, classification, interim period accounting disclosure, and transition requirements in accounting for uncertain tax positions. The cumulative effect of adopting FIN 48 was an increase in tax reserves and a decrease of \$0.1 million to the January 1, 2007 retained earnings balance. The Company includes interest and penalties related to income tax liabilities in income tax expense. The amount of unrecognized tax benefits could change over the next twelve months as a result of various factors. However, management cannot currently estimate the range of possible change.

The Company is currently open to audit under the statute of limitations by the Internal Revenue Service for the years ended December 31, 2005 through 2007. The Company and its subsidiaries state income tax returns are open to audit under the statute of limitations for the year ended December 31, 2007. A tax examination by the State of West Virginia for the years 2004 through 2006 was completed during the third quarter of 2008. The final results of this examination did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

The Company's effective income tax rate is based upon the expected tax rate for the year ending December 31, 2008, excluding impairment losses and the realization of previously unrecognized tax positions. Excluding the impact of these items, the Company's effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was 33.4% and for the third quarter of 2008 was 33.9% compared to 33.8% for the year ended December 31 2007, and 33.4% for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

Note B, beginning on page 8 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and page 30 provide management's analysis of the Company's previously securitized loans. The carrying value of previously securitized loans is determined using assumptions with regard to loan prepayment and default rates. Using cash flow modeling techniques that incorporate these assumptions, the Company estimated total future cash collections expected to be received from these loans and determined the yield at which the resulting discount would be accreted into income. If, upon periodic evaluation, the estimate of the total probable collections is increased or decreased but is still greater than the sum of the original carrying amount less subsequent collections plus the discount accreted to date, and it is probable that collection will occur, the amount of the discount to be accreted is adjusted accordingly and the amount of periodic accretion is adjusted over the remaining lives of the loans. If, upon periodic evaluation, the discounted present value of estimated future cash flows declines below the recorded value of previously securitized loans, an impairment charge would be provided through the Company's provision for loan losses. Please refer to Note B of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, on pages 8 - 9 for further discussion.

On a quarterly basis, the Company performs a review of investment securities to determine if any unrealized losses are other than temporarily impaired. Management considers the following, amongst other things, in its determination of the nature of the unrealized losses, (i) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (ii) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (iii) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. As a result of this review and recent events regarding Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, the Company recognized \$27.5 million of other than temporary impairment charges during the quarter ended September 30, 2008. These impairment charges were related to agency preferreds (\$21.1 million compared to a book value of \$22.7 million), pooled bank trust preferreds (\$4.3 million compared to a book value of \$22.3 million), income notes (\$1.1 million compared to a book value of \$2.0 million), and corporate debt securities (\$1.0 million compared to a book value of \$24.6 million). At September 30, 2008, the Company's portfolio of perpetual callable preferred securities, preferred securities, and trust preferred securities primarily invested in regional banks have a total book value of \$134.2 million and unrealized losses of \$43.0 million. The Company continues to actively monitor the market values of these investments along with the financial strength of the issuers behind these securities, as well as our entire investment portfolio. Based on the market information available the Company believes that the recent declines in market value are temporary and that the Company has the ability and intent to hold these securities until the temporary losses recover or the securities are called or mature. The Company cannot guarantee that such securities will recover and if additional information becomes available in the future to suggest that the losses are other than temporary, the Company may need to record impairment charges in future periods.

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Financial Summary

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 vs. 2007

The Company reported consolidated net income of \$23.9 million, or \$1.47 per diluted common share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$38.3 million, or \$2.24 per diluted common share for the first nine months of 2007. Return on average assets ("ROA") was 1.27% and return on average equity ("ROE") was 10.3% for the first nine months of 2008, compared to 2.03% and 16.8%, respectively, for the first nine months of 2007.

The Company's net interest income for the first nine months of 2008 increased \$2.7 million compared to the first nine months of 2007 (see Net Interest Income). The Company recorded a provision for loan losses of \$5.1 million for the first nine months of 2008 while \$3.7 million was recorded for the first nine months of 2007 (see Allowance and Provision for Loan Losses). The Company recorded \$27.5 million of investment impairment losses in the first nine months of 2008 that were primarily related to actions taken by the federal government in relation to the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) (see Non-Interest Income and Expense). As further discussed under the caption Non-Interest Income and Expense, excluding investment impairment losses, non-interest income increased \$4.4 million from the nine months ended September 30, 2007, to the nine months ended September 30, 2008. During the first nine months of 2008, the Company recognized a gain of \$3.3 million in connection with Visa's successful initial public offering ("IPO"). During the first nine months of 2007, the Company recognized a gain of \$1.5 million from the sale of its existing merchant processing agreements (see Non-Interest Income). Non-interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased \$4.8 million from the nine months ended September 30, 2007. 2008 included a loss of \$1.2 million as a result of the Company fully redeeming \$16.0 million of 9.15% Trust Preferred Securities during 2008 that had been issued in 1998 (see Non-Interest Expense).

Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 vs. 2007

The Company reported consolidated net loss of \$(2.6) million, or \$(0.16) per diluted common share, for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to net income of \$12.7 million, or \$0.76 per diluted common share for the third quarter of 2007. Return on average assets ("ROA") was (0.41)% and return on average equity ("ROE") was (3.3)% for third quarter of 2008, compared to 2.03% and 17.2%, respectively, for the third quarter of 2007.

The Company's net interest income for the third quarter of 2008 increased \$2.1 million compared to the third quarter of 2007 (see Net Interest Income). The Company recorded a provision for loan losses of \$2.35 million for the third quarter of 2008 while \$1.2 million was recorded for the third quarter of 2007 (see Allowance and Provision for Loan Losses). As further discussed under the caption Non-Interest Income and Expense, the Company recorded \$27.5 million of investment impairment losses in the third quarter of 2008 that were primarily related to actions taken by the federal government in relation to FNMA and FHLMC. Excluding investment impairment losses, non-interest income increased \$0.9 million from quarter ended September 30, 2007, to the quarter ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to increases in service fees of \$0.8 million. Non-interest expenses increased \$1.2 million from the quarter ended September 30, 2007 (see Non-Interest Expense).

Net Interest Income

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 vs. 2007

The Company's tax equivalent net interest income increased \$2.6 million, or 3.5%, from \$73.7 million during the first nine months of 2007 to \$76.3 million during the first nine months of 2008. This increase is primarily attributable to interest expense on deposits and other interest bearing liabilities decreasing more quickly than interest income from loans and investments as a result of rate declines in the Federal Funds rate during 2008. As a result of the Company's positioning of its balance sheet, interest sensitive liabilities have repriced to lower levels at a faster rate than interest sensitive assets. Additionally, the Company's interest rate floors with a total notional value of \$500 million have diminished the impact of falling rates on the Company's interest income from variable rate loans. Partially offsetting the reduction in interest expense from falling market rates was a decrease of \$1.2 million in interest income from Previously Securitized Loans from the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as the balances of these loans have decreased 52.3%. The decrease in average balances was partially mitigated by an increase in the yield on these loans from 63.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 to 105.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The yield on the previously securitized loans has increased due to improved cash flows as net default rates have been less than previously estimated. The default rates have decreased as a result of the Company's assumption of the servicing of all of the pool balances during the second quarter of 2005. Subsequent to our assumption of the servicing of these loans, the Company has averaged net recoveries, but does not believe that continued net recoveries can be sustained indefinitely. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company sold an interest rate floor with a notional value of \$100 million that matured in June 2011 in order to mitigate its risk associated with the counterparty of this interest rate floor. The gain from this sale will be recognized over the remaining life of the hedged loans.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 vs. 2007

The Company's tax equivalent net interest income increased \$2.0 million, or 8.3%, from \$24.5 million during the third quarter of 2007 to \$26.5 million during the third quarter of 2008. This increase is primarily attributable to interest expense on deposits and other interest bearing liabilities decreasing more quickly than interest income from loans and investments as a result of rate declines in the Federal Funds rate during 2008. As a result of the Company's positioning of its balance sheet, interest sensitive liabilities have repriced to lower levels at a faster rate than interest sensitive assets. Additionally, the Company's interest rate floors with a total notional value of \$500 million during the quarter diminished the impact of falling rates on the Company's interest income from variable rate loans. Partially offsetting these increases from falling market rates was a decrease of \$0.6 million in interest income from Previously Securitized Loans from the third quarter of 2007, as the balances of these loans have decreased 48.2%. The decrease in average balances was partially mitigated by an increase in the yield on these loans to 110.3% for the third quarter of 2008 from 82.9% for the third guarter of 2007 and 93.2% for the three months ended December 31, 2007. The yield on the previously securitized loans has increased due to improved cash flows, as net default rates have been less than previously estimated. The default rates have decreased as a result of the Company's assumption of the servicing of all of the pool balances during the third quarter of 2005. Subsequent to our assumption of the servicing of these loans, the Company has averaged net recoveries, but does not believe that continued net recoveries can be sustained indefinitely. During the quarter, the Company sold an interest rate floor with a notional value of \$100 million that matured in June 2011 in order to mitigate its risk associated with the counterparty of this interest rate floor. The gain from this sale will be recognized over the remaining life of the hedged loans.

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Table One

Average Balance Sheets and Net Interest Income (in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30,							
	Average	2008	Yield/	Average	2007	Yield/		
	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate		
Assets								
Loan portfolio (1):								
Residential real estate	\$ 604,798	\$ 28,187	6.23%	\$ 596,585	\$ 27,144	6.08%		
Home equity	359,101	19,520	7.26	328,036	19,091	7.78		
Commercial, financial, and								
agriculture	705,819	35,563	6.73	672,331	38,119	7.58		
Loans to depository institutions	1,551	35	3.01	56,410	2,271	5.38		
Installment loans to individuals	52,277	4,014	10.26	45,596	3,967	11.63		
Previously securitized loans	5,521	4,343	105.08	11,583	5,539	63.94		
Total loans	1,729,067	91,662	7.08	1,710,541	96,131	7.51		
Securities:								
Taxable	436,440	18,034	5.52	482,484	19,709	5.46		
Tax-exempt (2)	36,253	1,771	6.53	39,789	1,954	6.57		
Total securities	472,693	19,805	5.60	522,273	21,663	5.55		
Deposits in depository								
institutions	8,981	163	2.42	12,823	401	4.18		
Federal funds sold	-	-	-	20,832	814	5.22		
Total interest-earning assets	2,210,741	111,630	6.74	2,266,469	119,009	7.02		
Cash and due from banks	58,293			50,668				
Bank premises and equipment	56,217			47,555				
Other assets	191,625			170,137				
Less: allowance for loan losses	(18,240)			(16,114)				
Total assets	\$ 2,498,636			\$ 2,518,715				
Liabilities								
Interest-bearing demand								
deposits	\$ 412,417	\$ 1,979	0.64%	\$ 423,222	\$ 3,777	1.19%		
Savings deposits	361,465	2,796	1.03	340,490	4,259	1.67		
Time deposits	910,187	27,204	3.99	922,958	30,942	4.48		
Short-term borrowings	136,644	2,286	2.23	158,250	4,965	4.19		
Long-term debt	21,663	1,070	6.60	25,368	1,383	7.29		
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,842,376	35,335	2.56	1,870,288	45,326	3.24		
Noninterest-bearing demand								
deposits	322,344			314,744				
Other liabilities	26,213			29,803				
Stockholders' equity	307,703			303,880				
Total liabilities and								
stockholders' equity	\$ 2,498,636			\$ 2,518,715				
Net interest income		\$ 76,295			\$ 73,683			
Net yield on earning assets			4.61%			4.35%		

- (1) For purposes of this table, non-accruing loans have been included in average balances and loan fees, which are immaterial, have been included in interest income.
- (2) Computed on a fully federal tax-equivalent basis assuming a tax rate of approximately 35%.

Table Two Rate Volume Analysis of Changes in Interest Income and Interest Expense (in thousands)

Nine months ended September 30, 2008 vs. 2007 Increase (Decrease) Due to Change In: Volume Rate Net Interest-earning assets: Loan portfolio Residential real estate \$ 373 \$ 670 \$ 1,043 429 Home equity 1,811 (1,382)Commercial, financial, and agriculture 1,900 (4,456)(2,556)Loans to depository institutions (2,236)(2,211)(25)Installment loans to individuals 582 (535)47 Previously securitized loans (1,196)(2,902)1,706 Total loans (4,022)(4,469)(447)Securities: Taxable 206 (1,881)(1,675)Tax-exempt (1) (9) (174)(183)197 (1,858)Total securities (2,055)Deposits in depository institutions (120)(118)(238)Federal funds sold (814)(815)\$ Total interest-earning assets (3,437)\$ (3,942)\$ (7,379)Interest-bearing liabilities: \$ Demand deposits (97)\$ (1,701)\$ (1,798)Savings deposits 263 (1,726)(1,463)Time deposits (429)(3,309)(3,738)Short-term borrowings (678)(2,001)(2,679)Long-term debt (313)(202)(111)Total interest-bearing liabilities \$ (1,143)\$ \$ (8,848)(9,991)

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(2,294)

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2,612

4,906

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Net Interest Income

⁽¹⁾ Fully federal taxable equivalent using a tax rate of 35%.

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Table Three

Average Balance Sheets and Net Interest Income (in thousands)

	Three months ended September 30, 2008 2007							
	Average	T., 4 4	V: -1.1/ D - 4 -	Average	T., 4 4	Yield/		
Assets	Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate		
Loan portfolio (3):								
Residential real estate	\$ 613,771	\$ 9,393	6.09%	\$ 598,954	\$ 9,272	6.14%		
Home equity	373,445	6,644	7.08	334,363	6,547	7.77		
Commercial, financial, and	373,443	0,044	7.00	334,303	0,547	7.77		
agriculture	708,665	11,622	6.52	679,104	12,776	7.46		
Loans to depository institutions	· ·	11,022	0.32	60,000	820	5.42		
Installment loans to individuals		1,270	9.44		1,379	11.49		
		1,270		47,626	·			
Previously securitized loans	4,781		110.25	9,220	1,927	82.92		
Total loans Securities:	1,754,183	30,254	6.86	1,729,267	32,721	7.51		
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Taxable	407,754	5,850	5.71	442,696	6,024	5.40		
Tax-exempt (4)	34,653	571	6.56	38,810	639	6.53		
Total securities	442,407	6,421	5.77	481,506	6,663	5.49		
Deposits in depository	0.001	4.77	2.00	15 104	171	4 47		
institutions	8,981	47	2.08	15,184	171	4.47		
Federal funds sold	-	-	-	20,870	266	5.06		
Total interest-earning assets	2,205,571	36,722	6.62	2,246,827	39,821	7.03		
Cash and due from banks	54,572			51,149				
Bank premises and equipment	57,923			50,333				
Other assets	195,217			171,478				
Less: allowance for loan losses	(18,158)			(16,563)				
Total assets	\$ 2,495,125			\$ 2,503,224				
Liabilities								
Interest-bearing demand								
deposits	\$ 414,022	\$ 654	0.63%	\$ 410,907	\$ 1,136	1.10%		
Savings deposits	362,550	862	0.95	347,055	1,523	1.74		
Time deposits	887,884	7,929	3.55	923,937	10,530	4.52		
Short-term borrowings	142,290	477	1.33	165,965	1,758	4.20		
Long-term debt	21,089	316	5.96	21,871	426	7.73		
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,827,835	10,238	2.23	1,869,735	15,373	3.26		
Noninterest-bearing demand								
deposits	331,919			309,553				
Other liabilities	24,677			28,092				
Stockholders' equity	310,694			295,844				
Total liabilities and								
stockholders' equity	\$ 2,495,125			\$ 2,503,224				
Net interest income		\$ 26,484			\$ 24,448			
Net yield on earning assets			4.78%			4.32%		

- (3) For purposes of this table, non-accruing loans have been included in average balances and loan fees, which are immaterial, have been included in interest income.
- (4) Computed on a fully federal tax-equivalent basis assuming a tax rate of approximately 35%.

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Table Four Rate Volume Analysis of Changes in Interest Income and Interest Expense (in thousands)

	Three months ended September 30, 2008 vs. 2007 Increase (Decrease) Due to Change In:							
	Volume Rate					Net		
Interest-earning assets:								
Loan portfolio								
Residential real estate	\$	226	\$	(105)	\$	121		
Home equity		756		(659)		97		
Commercial, financial, and agriculture		549		(1,703)		(1,154)		
Loans to depository institutions		(809)		(11)		(820)		
Installment loans to individuals		168		(277)		(109)		
Previously securitized loans		(915)		313		(602)		
Total loans		(25)		(2,442)		(2,467)		
Securities:								
Taxable		(467)		293		(174)		
Tax-exempt (1)		(68)		-		(68)		
Total securities		(535)		293		(242)		
Deposits in depository institutions		(69)		(55)		(124)		
Federal funds sold		(262)		(4)		(266)		
Total interest-earning assets	\$	(891)	\$	(2,208)	\$	(3,099)		
Interest-bearing liabilities:								
Demand deposits	\$	8	\$	(490)	\$	(482)		
Savings deposits		67		(728)		(661)		
Time deposits		(405)		(2,196)		(2,601)		
Short-term borrowings		(247)		(1,034)		(1,281)		
Long-term debt		(15)		(95)		(110)		
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$	(592)	\$	(4,543)	\$	(5,135)		
Net Interest Income	\$	(299)	\$	2,335	\$	2,036		

(1) Fully federal taxable equivalent using a tax rate of 35%.

Allowance and Provision for Loan Losses

Management systematically monitors the loan portfolio and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses ("ALLL") on a quarterly basis to provide for probable losses inherent in the portfolio. Management assesses the risk in each loan type based on historical trends, the general economic environment of its local markets, individual loan performance, and other relevant factors. Individual credits are selected throughout the year for detailed loan reviews, which are utilized by management to assess the risk in the portfolio and the adequacy of the allowance. Due to the nature of commercial lending, evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance as it relates to these loan types is often based more upon specific credit review, with consideration given to the potential impairment of certain credits and historical loss rates, adjusted for general economic conditions and other inherent risk factors. Conversely, due to the homogeneous nature of the real estate and installment portfolios, the portions of the allowance allocated to those portfolios are primarily based on prior loss history of each portfolio, adjusted for general economic conditions and other inherent risk factors.

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In evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, management considers both quantitative and qualitative factors. Quantitative factors include actual repayment characteristics and loan performance, cash flow analyses, and estimated fair values of underlying collateral. Qualitative factors generally include overall trends within the portfolio, composition of the portfolio, changes in pricing or underwriting, seasoning of the portfolio, and general economic conditions.

The allowance not specifically allocated to individual credits is generally determined by analyzing potential exposure and other qualitative factors that could negatively impact the adequacy of the allowance. Loans not individually evaluated for impairment are grouped by pools with similar risk characteristics and the related historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current inherent risk factors, such as unemployment, overall economic conditions, concentrations of credit, loan growth, classified and impaired loan trends, staffing, adherence to lending policies, and loss trends.

Determination of the allowance for loan losses is subjective in nature and requires management to periodically reassess the validity of its assumptions. Differences between actual losses and estimated losses are assessed such that management can timely modify its evaluation model to ensure that adequate provision has been made for risk in the total loan portfolio.

As a result of the Company's quarterly analysis of the adequacy of the ALLL, the Company recorded a provision for loan losses of \$5.1 million in the first nine months of 2008 and \$3.7 million in the first nine months of 2007. The provision for loan losses recorded during the first nine months of 2008 reflects the difficulties of certain commercial borrowers of the Company during the year, the downgrade of their related credits, and management's assessment of the impact of these difficulties on the ultimate collectability of the loans. Changes in the amount of the provision and related allowance are based on the Company's detailed methodology and are directionally consistent with changes in the growth, composition, and quality of the Company's loan portfolio. The Company believes its methodology for determining its ALLL adequately provides for probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio at September 30, 2008.

The Company had net charge-offs of \$3.8 million for the first nine months of 2008. Net charge-offs on commercial and residential loans were \$2.0 and \$0.8 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Charge-offs for commercial and residential loans were primarily related to five specific credits that had been appropriately considered in establishing the allowance for loan losses in prior periods. In addition, depository accounts net charge-offs were \$1.0 million for the first nine months of 2008. While charge-offs on depository accounts are appropriately taken against the ALLL, the revenue associated with depository accounts is reflected in service charges.

The Company's ratio of non-performing assets to total loans and other real estate owned improved slightly from 1.20% at June 30, 2008 to 0.99% at September 30, 2008. This decrease was due to the sale of an upscale residence in Southern West Virginia during the quarter that had previously been reported as other real estate owned. Based on our analysis, the Company believes that the allowance allocated to impaired loans, after considering the value of the collateral securing such loans, is adequate to cover losses that may result from these loans at September 30, 2008. The Company's ratio of non-performing assets to total loans and other real estate owned is 92 basis points lower than that of our peer group (bank holding companies with total assets between \$1 and \$5 billion), which reported average non-performing assets as a percentage of loans and other real estate owned of 1.91% for the most recently reported quarter ended June 30, 2008.

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The allowance allocated to the commercial loan portfolio (see Table Seven) increased \$1.2 million, or 11.2% from \$11.1 million at December 31, 2007 to \$12.3 at September 30, 2008. This increase was attributable to recent trends in the quality of the Company's commercial portfolio.

The allowance allocated to the residential real estate portfolio (see Table Seven) increased \$0.5 million, or 13.7% from \$3.6 million at December 31, 2007 to \$4.1 million at September 30, 2008. This increase was primarily due to difficulties experienced by a specific residential real estate loan customer during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The allowance allocated to the consumer loan portfolio (see Table Seven) decreased \$0.1 million, or 40.3% from \$0.3 million at December 31, 2007 to \$0.2 million at September 30, 2008. This decline was primarily due to a modest decline in losses experienced during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The allowance allocated to overdraft deposit accounts (see Table Seven) decreased \$0.3 million, or 11.9% from \$2.5 million at December 31, 2007 to \$2.2 million at September 30, 2008. This decline was attributable to declines in losses experienced during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

As previously discussed, the carrying value of the previously securitized loans incorporates an assumption for expected cash flows to be received over the life of these loans. To the extent that the present value of expected cash flows is less than the carrying value of these loans, the Company would provide for such losses through the provision for loan losses.

Based on the Company's analysis of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and in consideration of the known factors utilized in computing the allowance, management believes that the allowance for loan losses as of September 30, 2008, is adequate to provide for probable losses inherent in the Company's loan portfolio. Future provisions for loan losses will be dependent upon trends in loan balances including the composition of the loan portfolio, changes in loan quality and loss experience trends, and recoveries of previously charged-off loans, among other factors.

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Table Five Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses

	Nine months ended September 30,					Year ended December 31,	
(in thousands)	2008			2007		2007	
Balance at beginning of period	\$	17,581	\$	15,405	\$	15,405	
Charge-offs:							
Commercial, financial, and agricultural		(1,991)		(155)		(514)	
Real estate-mortgage		(987)		(803)		(1,006)	
Installment loans to individuals		(214)		(235)		(343)	
Overdraft deposit accounts		(2,372)		(2,851)		(3,789)	
Total charge-offs		(5,564)		(4,044)		(5,652)	
Recoveries:							