Town of Encampment
Workshop Session
September 23, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Town of Encampment met in a workshop session at the Encampment Town Hall on Wednesday September 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Shannon Fagan presiding. Council members present were Stas Banach, Ashley McKinney, Susan Munson and Steve Reichert. Also present were Doreen Harvey, Clerk/Treasurer. Bill Acord, Public Works Supervisor, Clint Blake Maintenance/Operator, Ted Benedict of the Planning Commission and Kassey Westring and Jon Nelson of North Fork Engineering. Audience members were Wyatt Craig, Bob Kelley, Vicki Ward and Pat Lynch.

AGENDA

Water and Sewer Master Plan Update Review: Mayor Fagan opened the workshop and advised everyone present that the meeting was for discussion and review only. Mr. Nelson advised the audience that at the June workshop there had been review of the modeling and discussion about modeling for the future buildout based on the data gathered up to that point. All maps, tables and exhibits available at that time were reviewed.

Mr. Nelson provided a power point presentation of the draft plan. He noted that the future buildout was modeled for fifty blocks on the west side of town at four houses per block, with more concentration where there were multiple property owners. Crossings of Badger Creek were minimized to simplify matters and as a cost-effective measure. He covered proposed water main sizes and the reasoning behind it being effective pressure and fire flow. The growth area is modeled using collected data and sizing in order to meet service goals. He noted that serving the area is well within the water rights of the town. He pointed out areas of town that need maintenance and rehabilitation as well with undersized pipe and poor fire flows. Audience member Bob Kelley about upgrading if the existing system has needs. Mr. Nelson noted that the maps include a map that shows where ductal and cast-iron pipes were at, which are a replacement priority. He noted that the purpose of reserve funds collected from users is for the operation and maintenance of the system and it is a reasonable expectation that those funds be used for that as a priority. Other discussion ensued around the choices in the map having to do with water pressure and fire flows. Part of the discussion included a couple of suggestions for placing a possible highway crossing during the WYDOT overlay project. It could be done in advance of any project so that the Town was ready when the funding for a project is available.

Mr. Nelson proceeded on to the sewer modeling. Elevation for flow is an issue in certain areas. He explained how the calculations were made for the modeling. Again, there would be minimum crossing of Badger Creek due to elevation. Grade is an issue in certain spots. At least one lift station will be necessary. Depending on the plans for the Central Park area a second lift station could also be required. The seer pipe could be to shallow in spots to maintain necessary grade. Flow, age of existing sewer and the future buildout were discussed. Priority is rehabilitation of existing vitreous clay pipe and non-concrete manholes and the existing highway crossings where failure is imminent. Some of those items will be a part of the 2028 project. Others may be as alternate bids to the project to see what available funding will cover.

Also discussed was the irrigation system. Good GIS data and inventory was obtained. The system is not metered, so much of the modeling is based on assumption. The buildout was modeled with various sizes of pipes. It was noted that there may not be the ability to serve the

entire area. There could come a point where cooperation among neighbors becomes necessary so that everyone has some benefit. Pressures vary with the southern end having lower pressure and the northern end having the most pressure. Some elevated areas would be tough to serve at all. During the process they though a highway crossing to stabilize the pressure in the system might work, but it did not work at all in the model. Mr. Kelley expressed concern about expansion of the system and it running up costs. Mr. Nelson noted that the only concern at the moment was the line that crosses the highway through a culvert and the need to bury that line.

In summary Mr. Nelson noted that overall, the water and sewer systems in Encampment were in pretty good shape compared to some other towns. The irrigation is a unique and beneficial system, but it has its limitations. He thanked employees Bill Acord, Trevor Vorn and Clinton Blake for their help with digging up items for GIS and elevations and the Town Hall for information from the billing meter system. He noted that the project will be under budget and that he should have the final information by the October 8th council meeting.

With no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Doreen Harvey, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: October 08, 2026

Shannon Fagan, Mayor

Attest: Doreen Harvey
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Clerk/Treasurer