Town of Encampment
Public Meeting
October 08, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Town of Encampment held a Public Meeting at the Encampment Town Hall on Thursday October 08, 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 and Bill Acord, Public Works Supervisor and Jon Nelson of North Fork Engineering. Audience members were Eric Russell, Bob Herring, Ros Herring and Ted Benedict.

AGENDA

2027-2028 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Jon Nelson, PE of North Fork Engineering was present to provide the overview of the 2027-2028 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. He advised the audience that the Town of Encampment has submitted a 304-page application through the State Revolving Fund and the State Loan and Investment Board. He noted that the Public Meeting is a part of the process. There were workshops prior to the meeting and that a preliminary plan of improvements is in place. He distributed an agenda and opinion of probable construction cost to the audience.

Mr. Nelson began by identifying the project needs for the audience. He noted that there are deteriorating sewer mains, sewer manholes that are ancient, not concrete and are deteriorating involving corrugated metal pipe, cinderblock and other materials lacking water tight construction. There are leaks both with the infiltration of groundwater and the potential of exfiltration and cross contamination. There are two critical highway crossings with a high potential of failure. The maintenance costs of the existing system are increasing and unpredictable.

The preliminary plan and scope of improvements were discussed. He advised the audience that there would be a base bid of approximately 2,260 lineal feet of existing vitrified clay pipe replaced at two primary locations. The alley between Winchell Avenue and MacFarlane Avenue from the north side of Sixth Street to Ninth Street and the alley between McCaffrey Avenue and Freeman Avenue from the North Side of Sixth Street to Eighth Street. He noted that if the funding allows there are two other blocks that have the most maintenance problems and are also at risk for failure. There is approximately 390 lineal feet at one of the locations. The alley between Jackson Avenue and Wiley Avenue from Fourth Street to Fifth Street or the alley between Dickinson Avenue and Wiley Avenue from Fourth Street to Fifth Street. He noted that the preliminary project schedule would continue with the ongoing SRF application and necessary components, meetings and award schedule. The design phase would run through December of 2027. Permitting, going out to bid, pre-bid meeting and bid opening would go through December of 2027 with the project award in January of 2028. He estimated substantial completion by the end of 2028.

Mr. Nelson proceeded to advise the audience that the cost estimate of the project was based on unit pricing from a similar project in the area within recent months, with a 10% contingency. Engineering costs for preliminary design, final design and construction phase are estimated at $236,000.00; the base project is estimated at $1,008,000.00 with an alternate scope of $141,090.00 and a 10% contingency of $114,910.00 for a total project cost of $1,500,000.00.

Mr. Nelson advised the audience of the potential funding source for the 2027-2028 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. He noted that the Town of Encampment has applied for a $1,500,000.00 Clean Water SRF Loan with 75% principal forgiveness. The interest rate is 1.5% and the loan term for 20 years. There is an anticipated $375,000.00 in unforgiven CWSRF principal which Specific Purpose Tax Revenue and Sewer Reserves will cover. There is a 0.5% loan origination fee of $7,500.00. The Town of Encampment will also be responsible for the interested accrued over the life of the loan. User rates will not increase as a result of the project. He noted that rates may increase for operation and maintenance of existing sewer infrastructure, but that they would not increase as a result of the project. Clerk/Treasurer Harvey noted that the Council evaluates rates for the general operations and maintenance on an annual basis.

Mr. Nelson asked the audience if they had any questions about the project. Mr. Herring asked if there was a provision on the project for inspection of the work. Mr. Nelson noted that it was built into the construction phase of the engineering fees. Mr. Herring also asked about the timing of the project with respect to the WYDOT road project. Mr. Nelson noted that An ARS for surface restoration may be possible with WYDOT if the project timelines end up overlapping. This might allow additional cost savings. Mr. Herring also asked about manholes. Mr. Nelson noted that replacement of existing manholes will be included in the project. Information from the recent water and sewer master plan will be used for the project.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Doreen Harvey, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: November 12, 2026

Shannon Fagan, Mayor

Attest: Doreen Harvey CMC
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