

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 8, 2019

Administration:

The City Council met this week to work on goals for the 2019-20 fiscal year. City staff and the Council had a great discussion about ongoing projects and discussed the direction that the Council would like to pursue. The Council will continue this discussion at the Council meeting next week as well as take another look at the property maintenance ordinance.

As most of you know, the state legislature is in session for the next few months. That means that all citizens should be watching for legislation that may significantly impact our area. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting weekly remote video conferences with our local legislators. Check the Chamber website for times.

The forecast for the next week or so is for snow. Let's make sure we all bundle up and drive safely.

City Council Agenda February 12th

- Ordinance 3371: Chronic Nuisance Properties
- Appointments to Boards/Committees
- Review 2019-2020 Goals
- Tree Board Appeal

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Fifteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eighteen customers disconnected service from February 1st thru February 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed February 4th and it included 93 residential and 251 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 63 (18%) are signed up for direct payment and 13 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Due to a staff vacation Zone 6 will be billed on Monday, February 11th.
- ◆ Three residential customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) all three customers paid before their water was turned off.





Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be on February 20th at 7:00pm to continue the discussion about updates to the site design review chapter of the Development Code.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±25-square-foot wall sign was approved at Jackson’s Chevron, located at 1702 Main Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A ±9,000-square-foot accessory structure was approved at 3050 E Street in the General – Industrial (I) Zone.



Announcements:

Don’t forget your 2019 dog license!

Dog licenses can be purchased at City Hall in the Water/Finance Department.

Licenses will also be available for purchase at the February 13th vaccination clinic beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Events Center
2600 East Street, Baker City

January & February Rates:

Spayed/Neutered \$4.50

Un-Altered \$6.00

March-December Rates:

Spayed/Neutered \$8.50

Un-Altered \$10.00



Ask about multi-year licenses



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of January 29th through February 4th the Fire Department responded to a total of **44** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	28
Rural Calls	12
Patient Transported	30
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 40

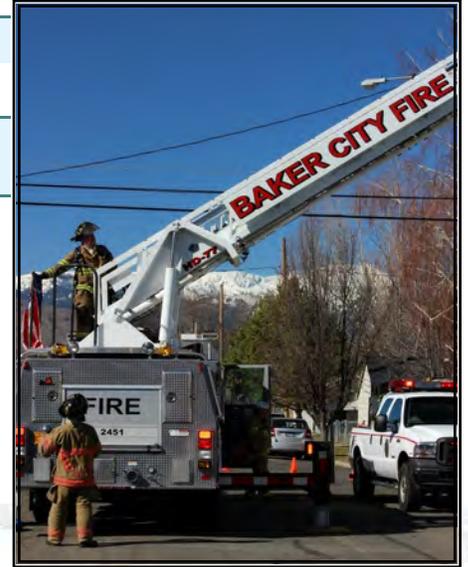


Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	6
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	17
Persons Arrived for Cover	13
Incidents Not Covered	4

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 50 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 14 Burn Permits Issued
- 50 hrs of EMS Training
- 24 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 7 hrs Community Events



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, February 12th at 11 a.m.



"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ★ During the past week, BCPD handled over 138 incidents and opened 41 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One incident involved a subject who was arrested for DUII after striking several parked vehicles. It was later determined that this individual had a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of 0.22%, nearly three times the legal limit.
- ★ Another arrest was made following a short pursuit whereas a subject, riding a motorized bicycle, refused to yield to an officer during an attempted traffic stop. The subject was witnessed to have violated several traffic laws, including riding on the wrong side of the street and failure to yield to a traffic control device, in this case, several stop signs. The pursuit ended when the subject ran into a patrol vehicle attempting to block the direction of travel and effectively apprehend the subject. The subject was arrested for Attempt to Elude. Rules governing the use of motorized bicycles, and other modes of transportation such as mopeds and segways, can be found at the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Forms/DMV/6619.pdf>.
- ★ It was discovered during the course of investigating a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles that were towed from the scene, that one of the parties, an elderly couple from Imbler, had no way to return home and it appeared that it would be several hours before someone would be able to pick them up from Baker City. Sergeant Chastain suggested that a department member transport the couple to their home in hopes of improving an already difficult day for this couple visiting Baker City. Chief Newman agreed with this plan and transported the couple to their home in Imbler.

- ★ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.



- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.



Public Works: Auction

The surplus auction at govdeals.com ended this week and some of the items which have been purchased have already been picked up.

Pictured here a local rancher purchased a headbox and culvert pipe for his use. Justin loaded the unit for the successful bidder and down the road it went.

Additional items have been added to the bid site this week and more will be added soon for the next sale.



Public Works: Water Department



Annual valve maintenance work was completed for the year. Pictured here, Blain is exercising a valve on 7th Street.

In a little over two days the entire 740 feet of 8" ductile iron water line was installed on East Street.

Pictured below, Blain is setting some thrust blocking at the valve which will supply water to a new hydrant.





Public Works: Street Department

Craig, Matt and Kris worked this week to improve the safety for the storage area in the equipment shed. Here they have installed strong floor sheathing and are replacing some of the items to be stored.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Sewer Bowl, oops, we mean Super Bowl Sunday, was interrupted around half time with a sewer problem call from dispatch.

Rick and Tom responded to the call and were able to determine that the City's main line running under Grove Street was operating correctly and that the problem was located in the homeowners lateral.



The following Monday Karl and Jacob responded to the location and video-inspected the lateral connection. It was found to be in good condition. The homeowner then hired a local drain cleaner who was able to clear the blockage.



A different scenario occurred for a resident living on Campbell Street. An 8" main line was plugged and the upstream manhole was found to be in a "surcharged" condition.

← The line was cleaned to temporarily relieve the problem. The manhole in the foreground was surcharged within 3 feet of the road surface. →



These photos show some of the residue left in the manhole and downstream pipe after the line was cleaned six times. Substantial man hours will be spent on this line to thoroughly clean it. The upstream manhole and inlet piping will be closely monitored in the future.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

Blain, Karl and Riley worked to install a new lateral for a house on Balm Street. High groundwater at the site necessitated the use of the vacor truck to keep the water pumped from the hole.



Karl and Riley working to remove a portion of the old concrete lateral and install a permanent plug so roots and ground water will be kept out.



Riley operating the Backhoe with attached compactor to complete the backfill process.



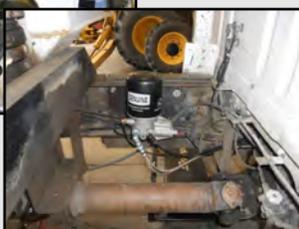
A resident on 5th Street developed sewer problems Thursday. Karl and Riley cleaned the main line in the street and determined that it was flowing well.

A resident on 1st Street requested that his lateral connection be repaired. The estimated cost of the repair was paid and the location marked on the ground. If the weather allows, the work will be done next Monday.



Public Works: Shop

Nate installed a new air dryer in this truck and welded the tail gate. It is now back in service.



Pictured above, Nate is building light brackets for the Fire Department's Type III fire truck. These brackets will be mounted at a later date.

The zipper's storage box was broken to pieces so Wes and Scott replaced it with this black trailer box and extended the control box wire loom ten feet to accommodate the front end loader.

