

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 11, 2019

Administration:

The Economic Development Council had a productive meeting to talk about the future structure of economic development in Baker County. Hopefully they will be finalizing a work plan in the next couple of months that will set up a structure to coordinate the many entities that are involved in business development, as well as tourism enhancement.

The Fire Department is having an open house this Saturday at the Fire Station on Second Street from 1-4 pm. Be sure to come out and enjoy the festivities, see the fire trucks and ambulances up close and meet our dedicated staff. See Page 3 for more details.

This week has seen some record low temperatures. It looks to warm up some for the weekend and the leaves are starting to turn and to fall. Enjoy the great fall weather.

Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	14	6	22
Manufactured Dwelling	0	2	0	1
Electrical	12	13	9	25
Mechanical	6	17	1	4
Plumbing	2	8	1	5
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	23	54	17	57

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1726 Campbell Street, Baker City—Foundation only for commercial addition
- 1726 Campbell Street, Baker City—Balance of permit for commercial addition
- 41384 Hwy 30, Baker City—Commercial roof replacement

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 46054 Slaughterhouse Road, Halfway—Addition and carport
- 3960 Kirkway Road, Baker City—Garage addition
- 42008 Salmon Creek Road, Baker City—Addition
- 43736 Pocahontas Road, Baker City—Remodel and deck addition
- 45824 Heritage Ranch Road, County—Addition
- 36477 Snake River Road, County—Garage addition

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 16, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Thirteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eighteen customers disconnected service from October 4th thru October 10th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed October 8th and included 95 residential and 252 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 65 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 18 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today and includes 485 residential and 61 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 116 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 40 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Ten residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent October 10th. The billings were as follows:

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| • Cemetery - \$3,451 | • Property and Weed Abatement - \$1,215 |
| • Wastewater Maintenance - \$3,290 | • Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment – \$10,900 |
| • Water Construction and Meters - \$805 | • Golf Cart Lease Payment - \$2,500 |
| • Street Cuts and Miscellaneous - \$5,792 | • Baker County Economic Development Support - \$15,770 |
| • Lien Searches - \$2,204 | • Miscellaneous - \$1,308 |
| • Ambulance - \$365,730 | |
| • Fire Cost Recovery and EMS Standby - \$24,964 | Total Billed \$ 443,017 |
| • Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease - \$5,088 | |

Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated October 9th.

LID Billings

LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 3.7%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime with interest charged through the payoff date.

- ◆ Four 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed October 9th. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$17,760.
- ◆ Two 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDS were billed October 10th. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$1,647.



Fire Prevention week is here!

October 6th through the 12th

Kids fire hose challenge!!

Kids obstacle course with hose carry and rescue!!

The Baker City Fire Department is doing something special this year that you won't want to miss! We will be having a Fire Station Open House with tons of Fun for the Kids and Adults! Learn a little about the exciting stuff we get to do every day.

Antique fire trucks!

What: Fire Station Open House

When: October 12th from 1-4 pm

Where: Baker City Fire Station

1616 2nd Street, Baker City

Hot Dogs and Chips!

Come learn about fire safety and have some fun!

Auto extrication demo at 1:30 & 3:30



Come check out the Lifflight helicopter!!

Not every hero wears a cape.
PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!TM

firepreventionweek.org





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of October 1st through October 7th the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	8
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	26

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on October 15.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	4
Persons Arrived for Cover	4

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	4

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **65 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **17 hrs** of Fire Training
- **17 hrs** of EMS Training
- **42 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **9** Burn Permits Issued

On Friday, Chief Clark and City Councilor Mike Downing travelled to Wilton, Connecticut to take delivery of the Baker City Fire Department's newest fleet additions: a 2012 ambulance and a 2012 command SUV. Both have low mileage and are in excellent mechanical condition. They will be replacing the 1997 ambulance and the 2000 command SUV. The 36+ hour drive back was uneventful and they arrived back in Baker City early Monday afternoon.

Both rigs need radio installation and re-lettering, and should be in service later this month.





Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The next Planning Commission meeting is set for October 16, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider:

- ◆ A Conditional Use Permit application for a +70-foot-tall wireless communication tower (cell tower) within the 1400 Block of D Street (the property does not have an assigned address at this time).

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and submit testimony, either in writing or orally at the hearing. Only comments on the relevant approval criteria are considered evidence. Contact the Planning Department for information about approval criteria.

Land Use Applications

- ◆ A Re-Plat approval was issued to divide one (1) parcel into three (3) parcels at as 3780 10th Street in General Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ An Extension of Time approval was issued for a 2016 Re-Plat at 3925 Grace Street in the Residential Medium Density (R-MD).
- ◆ An application has been submitted for a Lot of Record determination to site a single family dwelling at 1855 Ash Street in the Residential Medium Density (R-MD).
- ◆ An application has been submitted for a new manufactured single-family dwelling at 231 2nd Street in the Residential Low-Density Zone.
- ◆ An application has been submitted for a new wall sign at 781 Campbell Street in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A Conditional Use Permit application has been submitted for a new 1,920 square foot accessory structure with a 14-foot eave height at 505 Valley Avenue in the Residential High Density (R-HD) Zone. The corresponding Planning Commission meeting is set for November 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm, in the Chambers at Baker City Hall.

Code Enforcement

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 3 previous complaints
- Responded to 4 new complaints
- 1 Preventative contact
- Opened 1 case

Miscellaneous:

- 7 Found items
- 4 Community service stops
- 21 Miscellaneous community contacts
- 1 Park check

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Responded to 13 complaints
- Followed up on 7 previous complaints
- Issued 10 citations
- Issued 3 written warnings
- Orange-tagged 2 vehicles
- Responded to 1 new camping complaint

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Impounded 3 dogs
- 10 Animal at large calls
- 1 Animal welfare checks



“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 previous week, BCPD responded to over 165 incidents and opened 27 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ The Baker County Major Crime Team was activated in response to a shooting. The following press release was issued following this incident which remains under investigation:

On October 7, 2019 at approximately 0130 hours, a shooting occurred in the 1500 block of Indiana Avenue, Baker City, Oregon. One victim identified as Juan Anthony Martinez, 25 years of age, was taken to St. Alphonsus Hospital, Baker City with a gunshot wound and later transferred to a Boise area hospital.

Martinez’s condition is not known at this time. A person of interest has been identified, but has not been located at the time of this press release.

The Baker County Major Crime Team has been activated and the investigation is ongoing. There is no danger to the community, as Detectives believe this was an isolated incident.

The Baker County Major Crime Team consists of personnel from the Baker City Police Department, Baker County Sheriff’s Office, Oregon State Police and the Baker County District Attorney’s Office.

- ✪ BCPD staff attended SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) training held in Baker City.
- ✪ 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.

There are Deals to be had at Govdeals.com!!!



This pile of 4x4 posts can be yours!

Public Works is currently listing multiple items for auction on govdeals.com!

The bidding window for the first item will close beginning at 6pm (Pacific Time) on Friday, October 18th. Most of the items have starting bids of \$5-\$20. You will need to create an account for the website, and first-time users are limited to 3 items. All winning bidders will pick up their items at the Public Works warehouse at 2551 Place St.

Both the Police and Fire Departments have items listed as well. Check it out!!



Public Works: Street Department



Several Streets in town were patched Thursday. Temperatures dropped well below freezing overnight. When the ambient temperatures are around or below freezing, it is difficult to keep asphalt hot enough to complete the patchwork. The Baker County Road Department graciously allowed us to use their special heated asphalt truck.



Thank you Baker County Road Department!!

Far Right: A significant amount of gravel was spilled at the intersection of Campbell and 4th Streets. Matt responded to the site and made quick work of cleaning up the mess from the unknown assailant.



Public Works: Water / Mountain Line



Water parts arrived for the mountain line connections.



A larger hole had to be cut into the Elk Creek settling tank wall for installation of the new 20" ductile iron pipe.



Once the hole was cut and the pipe penetration complete, pre-mix bags of concrete were used to seal the connection.





Public Works: Water / Mountain Line continued



The 20" valve weighing approximately 1,500 pounds was successfully installed Thursday along with the remaining pipe necessary to connect to the 20" ductile iron line.

Right: Justin and the consulting engineer discuss design options for upstream valving.



Right: The completed pipe connection.

Public Works: Wastewater

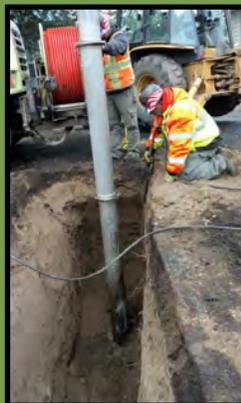


The owner of a rental property on 12th Street had been having wastewater problems recently. The report was received after regular working hours on Tuesday. Rick responded to the call and cleaned the line after 5pm.

Wednesday morning Karl and Jake video-inspected the line to determine the cause of the problem. The lateral was open at the main line connection, but tree roots were observed in other lateral connections.



A house on 9th Street has also been having problems with their lateral. The owner decided to have the later replaced from the property line to the main line deep under the 9th Street asphalt surface. Blain, Karl and Jake performed the work.





Public Works: Wastewater continued



Roots were the cause of a blockage. A special insert-a-tee connection was used to attach into the 10" CIPP lined pipe.

The repair was completed the same day and the asphalt was patched Thursday.



Public Works: Shop



We replaced the flipper blades and a hydraulic line on this rig. We also mounted the sander.



Scott serviced the ladder truck and performed a safety check.

Scott serviced and performed a safety check on this ambulance. He replaced a solenoid that supplied power to the ambulance box



Left: We installed a new set of tires on this service truck.
Right: We mounted the salter and installed a new set of tires.

