

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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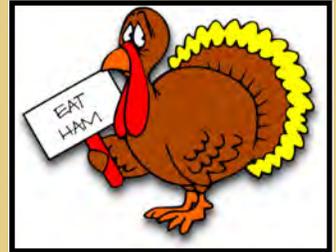
Happy Thanksgiving

Weekly Update November 22, 2019

## Administration:

The Economic Development Council met this week to tour the Baker Technical Institute at Baker High School. This was very informative and showcased their efforts around workforce training. We also heard from the principal of the Baker Charter School that encompasses the Baker Web Academy and Baker Early College. This innovative program has over 2500 students and has allowed Baker 5J School District to offer a good suite of programs for our local students as well as students from around the State. If you would like more information about these new approaches to educating our students, check in with the School District and take a tour.

Next week is a short week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will not be producing a weekly report so we at the City would like to wish you a great Thanksgiving week. If you are traveling, stay safe as it looks like winter weather will be with us. Happy Thanksgiving!!!



## Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	7	2	2	10
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	2	10	6
Mechanical	3	2	5	4
Plumbing	2	1	3	2
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>

### **COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2345 11th Street, Baker City—Interior alterations
- 3425 13th Street, Baker City—New commercial building
- 1735 Main Street, Baker City—Remodel
- 818 Front Street, Haines—Reroof
- 1813 Main Street, Baker City—Reroof

### **RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 1605 Auburn Street, Baker City—Remodel
- 2650 5th Street, Baker City—Carport addition
- 20234 Medical Springs, Baker City—Foundation only for sunroom addition
- 895 Park Street, Baker City—Carport addition

### **HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

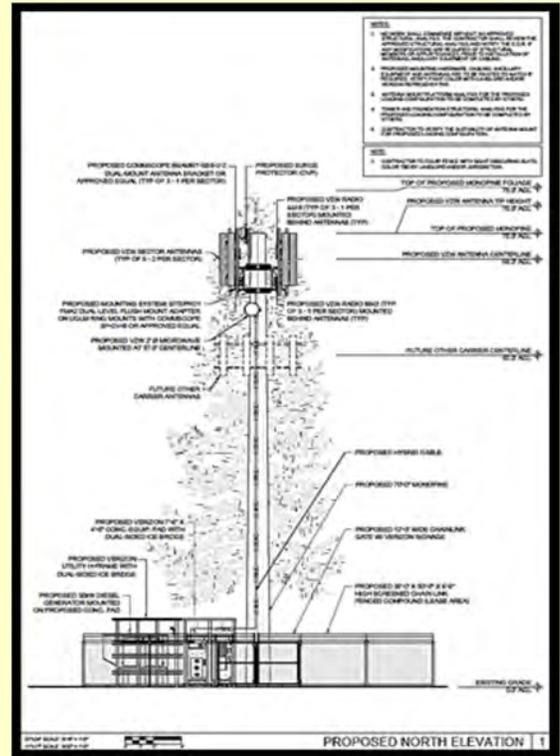
Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.



## Planning Department:

### Public Meetings

◆ The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 4, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall to continue deliberations for Conditional Use Permit request CUP-19-101, an application submitted by Verizon Wireless requesting approval for a ±70-foot-tall cell tower within the 1400 Block of D Street. A request was made during the last public hearing for additional time to review an alternative tower design (mono-pine) proposed by the applicant. The Planning Commission granted this request and new testimony relating to the mono-pine design was accepted by the Planning Department until 5:00PM on November 20, 2019. A 7-day rebuttal period is now open available to the applicant, ending at 5:00pm on November 27, 2019. The Planning Commission will reconvene on **December 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm** in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall to make a final decision on the application. Everyone is invited to attend this hearing; however, no additional written or oral testimony will be accepted during the hearing. Only testimony relating to relevant approval criteria are considered by the Planning Commission in the decision-making process.



### Land Use Applications

- ◆ A Land Use Review was approved for a ±315 square foot attached carport at 895 Park Street in the Residential Low-Density Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review was approved for a ±288 square foot carport addition to an existing single-family dwelling at 2610 Indiana Avenue, located in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.



## Boards, Commissions and Committees:

### The City of Baker City is seeking volunteers for the following:

- ⇒ Tree Board—2 positions available
- ⇒ Golf Board—3 positions available

Most positions are for a 3-year term. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email [admin@bakercity.com](mailto:admin@bakercity.com) or call 524-2033 for more information. The direct link to the volunteer form page is: <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>



## **Finance:**

### **Finance Director**

As of November 13<sup>th</sup> the City had received current year property taxes of \$1,219,846 and prior year taxes of \$49,881.

### **Utilities**

- ◆ Sixteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty customers disconnected service from November 15<sup>th</sup> thru November 21<sup>st</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed November 19<sup>th</sup>; this billing included 540 residential and 25 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 165 (29%) are signed up for direct payment and 36 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today; this billing included 500 residential and 49 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 113 or 21% are signed up for direct payment and 41 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ This week 36 residential customers (Zones 2, 6 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) nine of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

### **Accounts Payable**

The second of two accounts payable check runs for November was generated November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **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 3.66%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime with interest charged through the payoff date.

- ◆ Twenty-five 2014 Resort Street Underground Utility LIDs were billed today. The original assessment for relocating the utilities on Resort Street underground included sixty-three property owners for a total of \$294,879. The remaining balance outstanding is \$114,405 (including current interest due).



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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

⊛ During the previous week, BCPD responded to over 177 incidents and opened 39 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved the arrest of a suspect sought in the investigation of multiple person crimes committed in the City. The following press release was issued in response to this incident:

*On November 19, 2019, Baker City Police Department arrested Juan Anthony Martinez-Moschella, 25 years of age, a transient, after receiving information he was near the Baker Truck Corral. When officers approached Martinez-Moschella, he ran and entered a motorhome and attempted to hide a handgun and drug evidence.*

*Martinez-Moschella is a person of interest in a number of other person crimes in the City and those investigations are ongoing. Baker County Sheriff's Office, Baker County Parole and Probation and Oregon State Police have assisted in numerous investigations involving Martinez-Moschella. With this arrest, Martinez-Moschella's crime spree has come to an end. Additional information will be presented to the Baker County District Attorney's Office for possible further Grand Jury indictments. Martinez-Moschella was arrested today on the following charges:*

- *Felon in Possession of a Firearm x3*
- *Felon in Possession of a Short Barrel Shotgun*
- *Pointing a Firearm at Another*
- *Burglary I*
- *PCS/DCS Methamphetamine*
- *Interfering with Police Officer*
- *Tampering with Evidence*

*Further information regarding Martinez-Moschella and his crimes will be limited as additional investigations are on-going.*

⊛ The Baker City Police Department is hosting their second annual Shop with a Hero event on December 6, 2019! This event is organized by the Baker City Police Department for children that are selected through Brooklyn Elementary School and South Baker Primary School.

Children get to shop with a Hero buying Christmas gifts for their immediate family members! Twenty children were selected for this year's event and each child will be paired with a Hero. Our Hero's this year are Baker City Police Department Officers, Baker County Sheriff's Deputies, Oregon State Police Troopers and Baker City Fire Department Fire Fighters!

The Baker City Police Department is partnering with Bi-Mart for local shopping; Blue Mountain Baptist Church is providing lunch during the event; Ace Hardware for generous donation of gift wrapping; Community Connections for transportation; and the Nazarene Church for donating space for the venue.

We are appreciative to the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Baker City Police Association, Baker Fire Department Association and several individual financial contributions that have helped make this event possible!

If you would like to donate, please feel free to contact the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue, Baker City, Oregon or contact us at 541-523-3644 and ask for Detective Shannon Regan, event coordinator.





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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT continued**

- ★ Tickets for the 4th Annual Baker City Police Department K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser coming up on December 14, 2019 at the Baker County Event Center are available at the [Baker City Police Department](#), Barley Brown's Tap House and Thatcher's Ace Hardware. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for kids 12-6 and under 6 are free. One featured auction item is this awesome Wine Country Getaway in Amity, Oregon. You don't want to miss this great event for a great cause!
- ★ 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.



### **Code Enforcement**

#### **ANIMALS:**

- Impounded 3 dogs
- 10 animal at large calls
- 3 animal welfare checks
- Followed up on 1 dog bite
- 1 kennel permit request/complaint
- Followed up on 2 dangerous dog issues

#### **PARKING:**

- Responded to 12 complaints
- Followed up on 7 previous complaints
- Issued 5 citations
- Issued 5 orange tags
- Towed 1 vehicle

#### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

- Followed up on 13 previous complaints
- Responded to 3 new complaints
- Opened 3 new cases
- 1 Preventative contact

#### **FOUND ITEMS:**

- 2 items founds

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 4 community service stops
- 21 misc. community contacts



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of November 12th through November 18th the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	16
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	8
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>25</b>



## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	4
Dispatched Alarms	3
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>7</b>

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Persons Arrived for	7

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



## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **31 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **20 hrs** of Fire Training
- **2 hrs** Safety Training
- **4 hrs** Community events
- **8** Burn Permits Issued

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.  
 Don't miss the next check on November 26th.



## Fire Department



Above are pictures from the fire training on 11/13/19 with the “off-set H”



Pictures from the structure fire on 11/16/2019



## Public Works: Water Department



Left: Justin and Brian completed the access route along the east side of the City's water reservoir property.

Right: Justin and Brian installed a new 6" water valve on Baker Street that will serve the new Park Springs housing development. This 6" ductile iron water line was installed around 1981.





### Public Works: Street Department



Besides keeping Baker City streets clean, Matt also blew off leaves from the entire length of the Leo Adler Parkway. The weather was perfect for blowing the dry leaves off the asphalt surface before the wet weather makes them stick to the ground.



The recent rains created optimum conditions for grading the gravel streets in town.

Here Blain is grading 15th Street north of Campbell Street.



### Public Works: Wastewater Department



A phone call was received to report a wastewater problem at a residence. Karl and Jake responded and immediately cleaned the line to temporarily restore the flow. The next morning, Karl, Rick and Jake attacked the problem.

Left: The upstream manhole was located in the neighbor's yard, complicating the situation.



Above right: Video inspection revealed heavy root intrusions entering thru the joints in the 8" concrete pipe.



Karl and Rick operated the jetter with the root saw attached to cut the roots from inside the pipe.

The root saw had to be cleaned 3 times to remove roots hindering the progress.



Karl and Jake video-inspected the line after the roots were cut. These roots will eventually grow back, so a plan is set to line the pipe within the next two years. Lining the pipe will prevent the roots from entering the pipe.





## Public Works: Shop



This truck is getting a tune up and a new thermostat. It should be back on the road today.



The drive belt and motor sprocket came apart. We replaced the sprocket and tightened the chain. This truck is back in service.



This truck received a servicing and a safety check.



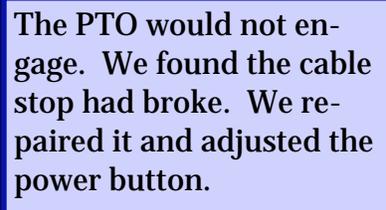
We replaced the valve covers and finished both upper and lower intake manifold gaskets.



Scott serviced the final drives and this rig is back to work.



This police vehicle had a tail light replaced.



The PTO would not engage. We found the cable stop had broke. We repaired it and adjusted the power button.



We replaced the right front maxi can on this rig.