

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 31, 2020

Administration:

The City Council met this week and heard from a group of downtown folks about their hopes to revisit the plans for Court Plaza. Because of lack of resources to construct improvements and with a number of new faces within the City, the Council agreed that a fresh look at various designs for Court Plaza would be in order. The group will report back to the Council on ideas and then the City will take citizen comments.

The City held a public meeting to review and take input on the efforts to create a Railroad Quiet Zone within the City. A large group of citizens turned out and gained valuable information and gave staff many great comments on potential ways to implement a quiet zone and reduce the costs of the project. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming months.

It appears that we might have a couple of days of false spring, so get out and enjoy the weather and have a great Super Bowl weekend.

2020 CENSUS

The US Census is hiring!!!

The US Census is looking for people to help get an accurate count for Baker County. Starting pay is \$16-\$17.50 an hour + mileage. Training starts mid-March.

If interested, please contact WorkSource Oregon, 1575 Dewey Avenue, Baker City. 541-523-6331

Railroad Quiet Zone

The Railroad Quiet Zone had an open house on Thursday, January 30 from 5—7pm.

Proposed Figures and rules can be found at: www.bakercity.com

Please email your comments and feedback to Admin@bakercity.com by February 7, 2020.



Planning Department:

Planning Commission Public Meeting

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020**, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon, to consider the following:

- ◆ Two applications submitted by Simplot:
 - ◇ SDR-20-008: A Site Design Review application to construct a new Simplot Grower Solutions facility, including an office, truck scale, maintenance shop, package warehouse, fertilizer storage area, and rail spur; and
 - ◇ CUP-20-009: A Conditional Use Permit request to construct an ±85-foot-tall fertilizer elevator with leg transfer equipment.



- ◆ The Planning Commission will also complete their review of materials for proposed revisions to the Baker City Development Code, as well as potential re-zoning of select areas in the city.

Applications

- ◆ A single-family dwelling was approved at 1685 Balm Street in the Residential Medium-Density Zone.
- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved between properties addressed as 1635 4th Street and 2219 11th Street in the General Commercial Zone.
- ◆ A lot of record determination was approved for property addressed as 1685 Balm Street in the Residential Medium-Density Zone.

City Council Public Meeting

The Baker City Council upheld the Baker City Planning Commission's decision to deny the construction of a cell tower in the 1400 block of D Street. Those with standing are eligible to appeal the final decision to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) within 21-days of when the decision was made. The final decision was signed on January 22, 2020. If there is no appeal within this time period, then the decision is final. It is the responsibility of the appellant to file a "Notice of Intent to Appeal" with the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals, as defined in ORS 197.830.



"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 opened 26 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

- ✪ Thanks to wonderful community support from the entire region, the Baker City Police Department's new 2020 Chevy Tahoe K9 specialty vehicle has been ordered, was delivered to a dealership in Oregon and is currently in Meridian, Idaho, for installation of special equipment needed for K9 Capa. This vehicle, which will replace the 2009 Chevy Tahoe currently in service, was made entirely possible through donations from wonderful community members both in Baker City and surrounding areas. The BCPD K9 program is operated completely on donations and proceeds raised from the annual BCPD K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser and we are greatly appreciative of everyone's support!

- ✪ 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.



*****It is legal to salvage road killed deer and elk.*****

If you are interested in salvaging the meat from road kill deer, please call 541-524-2047 and we will put you on a call list.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **January 21st** through **January 27th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **21** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	15
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	12
No Patient Trip	6
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	18



FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	2
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	none
Persons Arrived for Cover	none

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

The Baker City Fire Department was lucky enough to receive one donation and a grant this week!

We were awarded the 30th Anniversary Trauma System Grant from Oregon Trauma System and OHSU to help with our medical supplies and equipment!

As well we were given a donation of 10 Explorer Cadet fire helmets from The Kevin Woyjeck Explorers for Life Association, for our Cadet program with the Baker High School.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

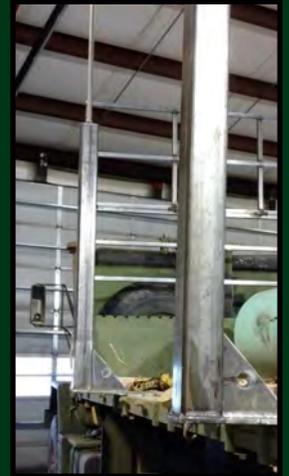
INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **52 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **38 hrs** of EMS Training
- **7 hrs** of Fire Training
- **15** 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 February 4th.



Public Works: Water Department



Brian worked this week to complete the side racks on the military vehicle that will be used to transport PVC pipe during the mountain pipeline project.

Public Works: Street Department



Tommy and Riley used 1 1/2" crushed rock to fill potholes in gravel streets.

Left: It was reported that a section of curb on Main Street has broken free and will need to be repaired as the weather moderates.

Dennis and Craig worked to replace 18 LED lightbulbs on Windmill Lane. The older LED bulbs had a fan integrated into them allowing bugs to enter the vents and die. The dead bugs would plug the vents causing the bulbs to overheat and burn out. Hopefully the new bulbs will not have the same problem.





Public Works: Wastewater Department



A Public Works crew excavated, then constructed a wastewater manhole base at the intersection of two main lines on Tracy Street.



First, crews zipped the street surface. The location was then excavated and steel protective shoring was installed.



Tree roots were able to penetrate right through the concrete grout on the pipe to create the blockage found last week.

Justin, Blain and Brian carefully placed concrete inside the forms and around the pipes.

After the concrete cured, the tops of the pipes were cut to allow access for root cutting and other necessary maintenance.



Karl and Tom performed a dye test for a house on 6th Street. Here Rick assisted by cleaning sediment from an alley line so that the sewer camera could travel down the line without becoming stuck.

It was determined that the house was connected onto the lateral belonging to the house next door.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



A newly constructed house on Auburn had wastewater problems. Records showed that this house and the house next door both connected to the wastewater line located within the alley. It was not shown which house connected to which location. As it turned out, the laterals crossed each other before connecting to the alley line. A new 4" PVC lateral was installed for the house with the problem.



When working in Alleys, space is at a premium.

Jake is shown delivering the trench shoring to Blain so that he can set it in the trench.



Below: Karl using the hammer drill to make the hole for the new lateral. The new pipe was installed and covered with free draining rock.

Above: Here you can see where the new line crosses under the line from the house next door and the old line has been abandoned.

