

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update July 10, 2020*

## **Administration:**

The City held its first meeting with State officials to kick off a Housing Needs Assessment to look at available housing and lands inventory within Baker City. The study will drill down on what our current and twenty year supply of available lands are. The study will also assess what our housing needs are at the present time and help us determine strategies to fill the needs.

Though the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally was officially cancelled, it appears that we will have a lot of riders in town and throughout the County enjoying the summer weather. Let's welcome them to our tourist facilities and keep up the social distancing and the use of facemasks to protect all our citizens.

Have a great weekend.

### **City Council Agenda July 14th**

- TLT Appointment
- Declaration Filing Fee

## **Building Department:**

|                       | Permits Issued City | Inspections City | Permits Issued County | Inspections County |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Building              | 2                   | 14               | 4                     | 16                 |
| Manufactured Dwelling | 1                   | 0                | 0                     | 0                  |
| Electrical            | 7                   | 4                | 11                    | 11                 |
| Mechanical            | 6                   | 8                | 3                     | 6                  |
| Plumbing              | 6                   | 6                | 4                     | 3                  |
| Fence                 | 1                   | NA               | N/A                   | N/A                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>23</b>           | <b>32</b>        | <b>22</b>             | <b>36</b>          |

### **RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 1615 6th Street, Baker City—Demolish existing structure
- 43132 Sunnyslope Road, Baker City—New garage
- 43846 Wingville Cemetery Road, Baker City—Foundation only for new residence
- 2260 Mitchell Avenue, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 12 Mountain View Estates, Sumpter—Foundation only for new residence
- 815 Robert Street, Haines—Conversion of existing building into residence

### **COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

None at this time

### **HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is **July 22, 2020 at 8am** in the Building Department offices



## **Planning Department:**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020**, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Baker City, Oregon, to consider **ZT-20-013**, which contains multiple items for review at the following specified times:

- **6:00pm** – Proposed Updates to Comprehensive Plan Goal 9 Economic Element and Review of the Economic Opportunity Analysis Report
- **6:30pm** – Select Properties within Baker City to be Considered for Re-Zoning
- **7:00pm** – Proposed Revisions to the Baker City Development Code

This hearing is a continuance of the public hearing originally scheduled for March 25, 2020, which was cancelled due to health concerns relating to COVID-19. The proposed revisions could affect all properties in Baker City.

Copies of the staff report and all materials are available for inspection at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. All materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost. Digital versions can be e-mailed for free or are available online at <http://bakercity.com/2157/Planning-Department>.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- Storage of equipment and materials, in conjunction with a construction business, was approved to occupy an existing building at 3325 K Street, located in the General Industrial (I) Zone.
- An accessory structure was approved for an existing business at 1726 Campbell Street, located in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- A residential addition at 2549 7<sup>th</sup> Street was approved. The property is located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.

## **Have you ever considered being on City Council?**

**The Baker City Council will have six positions on the November ballot.**

If you are interested in applying, please contact the City Recorder, Katie LaFavor at [klafavor@bakercity.com](mailto:klafavor@bakercity.com), or at 541-524-2033.

**Applications are being accepted now through August 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm.**

You can find the application and other related information on our website:

<http://bakercity.com/2248/City-Council-Elections>



*"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 this past two weeks, BCPD was particularly busy, opening 82 new cases, resulting in several arrests.
- ★ BCPD Officers responded to a report of a robbery. The incident took place at a local residence known for high-crime and drug activity. This residence was also the focus of a Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team investigation in which 13 people were interviewed and four people were arrested at this location on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The victim in the crime reported walking in the location of this residence with another local transient known to frequent this location, when two unknown male subjects punched him and dragged him onto the property. The two suspects forcibly took the victim's wallet, his watch and cellphone valued at \$720.00. The investigation is ongoing.
- ★ Face coverings, shields and/or masks are required in the front entrance of the Baker City Police Department which is open to the public. This policy is in response to Governor Kate Brown's order requiring face coverings be worn in public indoor spaces by anyone 12 years of age and older.
- ★ Sergeant Regan's patrol team attended an arrest and control hold training presented by Ben Klecker of DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training). This training also featured a question and answer session.

**Masks, Face Shields,  
Face Coverings are required.**

Everyone 12 years of age and older is required to wear a mask, face shield or face covering at this location. Individuals can request an accommodation to enable full and equal access to services, transportation, and facilities open to the public. Children between two (2) and 12 years of age are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, face shield or face covering.



### **Did you know....**

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

- ⇒ Public Arts Commission—1 positions available
- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission—2 positions available
- ⇒ Tree Board—2 positions available

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>



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 1st through July 6th the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| City Calls          | 22        |
| Rural Calls         | 10        |
| Patient Transported | 21        |
| No Patient Trip     | 11        |
| <b>TOTAL MEDIC</b>  | <b>32</b> |

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

### INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **42 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **18 hrs** of Fire Training
- **12 hrs** of Community Events
- **2** Burn Permits Issued

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



## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Request for Cover | 8 |
| Arrived for Cover | 6 |

## FIRE REPORTS

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| General Alarms              | 2        |
| Dispatched Alarms           | 1        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b> | <b>3</b> |

**Did you know...**  
Weed Complaints or yard maintenance concerns should be reported to the Fire Department at 541-523-3711 x 508 or emailed to [sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com](mailto:sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fire Department is POSTPONING the free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.  
We will resume once social distancing is not required.



## Public Works: Street Department



Left: Public Works responded to a report that a 5-gallon container of hydraulic oil had been spilled on Campbell Street. Response was quick and the liquid was successfully contained.



Right: Dispatch reported that a stop sign had been unscrewed and taken away from an intersection. Dennis was able to re-thread and reinstall the sign at its proper location.



Crack fill and mastic patchwork with the new Cyline machine continued on several streets this week.



A new ADA compliant wheelchair ramp and sidewalk is planned to be installed along College Street.



Blain excavated the old section of curb so Kris and Matt could construct the new ADA compliant curb.



On Thursday, Blain and Nate placed concrete into steel forms to construct another vault so one would be available for future use.

College workers pulled invasive "goat head" weeds from the Sam-o Swim playground area.



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For COVID-19 Updates: [www.bakercountycovid19.com](http://www.bakercountycovid19.com)



## Public Works: Geiser Pollman Park



The concrete work at Geiser Pollman Park, including the dumpster pad and adjacent sidewalk on Madison Street is progressing well.

## Public Works: Water Department



Justin and Brian installed a new fire hydrant to replace a broken hydrant near the intersection of Hwy 7 and Colorado Avenue.



Left: Summer college workers began painting the poorest looking fire hydrants this past week. Refreshing the paint makes them more visible for the Fire Department in an emergency.

Right: Blain and Nate worked to repair a leaking water main line on Estes Street between 9th and 10th Streets. Since the 6.5 earthquake occurred in Idaho back in March, there have been several minor water leaks in the area. Minor leaks often take weeks, even months to show on the ground surface.



## Public Works: Wastewater Department



A wastewater lateral problem occurred on 4th Street, where laterals from two homes were connected together (this is no longer allowed). Karl and Jake video-inspected the lateral and main line connection. The property owner hired a local contractor to install a clean-out between the curb and the sidewalk so the plugged line could be cleaned.

## Public Works: Wastewater Department continued



A wastewater lateral was relocated for a house on 2nd Street earlier this week. Here, Karl is taking the steps for the installation of the new lateral by installing an Inserta-T connection.



A resident on Second Street reported that their wastewater line was plugged. An emergency underground locate was called in immediately. Public Works used the push cam to locate where the lateral goes from a cleanout near the house with the plugged line.

The line was found to be located between two neighboring houses directly under where the locator is sitting.

The non-dedicated alley was difficult to work with due to it's width, and the Vactor truck barely fit. After a portion of the line was located, excavation began.

The wastewater lateral bypassed an old brick lined cesspool structure which may date back as far as 1900!

The line was then cut in two to provide access for cleaning and inspection.



An access vault was customized and placed over the repaired, exposed line.





## Public Works: Pipeline Project



Several truckloads of 24" heavy duty PVC pipe were delivered and unloaded. It is scheduled to have this entire stockpile installed and in operation before winter weather begins.



Specific fittings are bolted together to provide the necessary deflection for proper alignment. Trace wire and electrical conduit are installed for future use. A rotating laser level helps the crew maintain proper grade. A big THANK YOU to the Baker County Road Department for the use of their CAT dozer to help with the installation of the project.



## Public Works: Shop



Left: We re-welded a new pin mount for the C-frame on this dozer.



Right: We serviced this truck and performed a safety check.



This vehicle is currently receiving a tune-up.



This vehicle received a tune-up and is back in service.



We fabricated a chunk of plastic to stop gravel from coming out while operating.