

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 21, 2020

Administration:

The Coronavirus Relief Fund Committee will be meeting on Wednesday August 26th in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 5:30 pm. The Committee will interview organizations that have the capacity to help individuals, businesses and other entities who have been financially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As soon as the Committee awards funding to each of these organizations, then individuals, businesses and other entities will apply to them. They will all have their own unique intake form that will need to furnish the proper documentation to show that it is a COVID-19 related issue. As we are still in the COVID protocols, we will only allow 5 people in the Chambers at once and as soon as an organization presents, they will exit and allow for others to enter. Remember, the Committee will only be granting funds to organizations that presently work with individuals, businesses or other entities and have the ability to track COVID expenses to each entity or individual that receives resources.

In last week's Report, I inadvertently got the name wrong on the donation to our first responders. It was actually the Baker Valley Pool and Shuffleboard League that donated \$1000.00 to our police and fire departments for worthwhile projects. A big thank you to all the citizens who participated in their fundraisers.

The dog days of August are upon us. The weather will be hot but remember those five or six months of cold that are coming and enjoy the outdoors while we can. Have a great weekend.

Accepting Applications for 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, 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>

**Only a
few days
left to
apply!**

****Applicants now have the option of paying a \$25 filing fee in lieu of collecting signatures.**



Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The regularly scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting for August 19, 2020, was cancelled.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will hold their first public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 to discuss recommended revisions to the following items:

- the Baker City Comprehensive Plan - Goal 9 Economic Element, based on an Economic Opportunity Analysis Report completed for Baker City;
- the Baker City Development Code; and
- the Baker City zoning map for select properties in the City

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 3rd 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>. Please contact the Baker City Planning Department at 541-523-8219 with any questions.

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

- ⇒ 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 to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email 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>



City Council Agenda

August 25th

- Ambulance Discussion
- CIPP Bid Award
- Hearing: Development Code, Comprehensive plan and zoning map

For COVID-19 Updates:

[Www.bakercountycovid19.com](http://www.bakercountycovid19.com)



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ★ BCPD opened 36 new cases this past week and made numerous arrests.
- ★ On Monday, August 17th, BCPD and the Major Crime Team investigated a stabbing at the Geiser Pollman Park. One male was stabbed numerous times and was transported to St. Alphonsus Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The 19 year-old suspect was arrested for Assault II and lodged at the Baker County Jail.
- ★ BCPD/OSP are investigating a crime of Arson, as an unknown suspect attempted to set fire to a Baker City resident's truck. The fire was extinguished by Patrol Officers prior to BCFD arrival.
- ★ BCPD is receiving numerous complaints of bicycle thefts in the community, a reminder to all residents to have their bicycles secured and have the serial number available. BCPD can register the bicycles for free.

Weed Complaint and Abatement

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

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Responded to five new complaints
- Followed up on fifteen previous complaints
- Opened one new case
- Closed two cases

Parking violations

- Issued three orange tags
- Responded to thirteen new complaints
- Followed up on two previous complaints
- Issued one citation
- Issued seven warning citations

Animal violations and complaints

- Responded to nine animals running at large
- Followed up on three previous complaints
- Impounded five dogs
- Responded to two dangerous dog cases

Miscellaneous

- Thirty-one miscellaneous community contacts
- Five community service stops
- Two officer assists
- Three park checks
- Eleven court hearings
- SIX FOUND ITEMS



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of August 11th through August 17th the Fire Department responded to a total of **42** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	25	Request for Cover	7	General Alarms	2
Rural Calls	8	Arrived for Cover	4	Dispatched Alarms	7
Patient Transported	19			TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	9
No Patient Trip	14				

TOTAL MEDIC	33
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Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	3

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **42 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **21 hrs** of Fire Training
- **12 hrs** of EMS Training
- **0** Burn Permits Issued—**BURN BAN IN EFFECT**

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: Wastewater Department



A professional drain cleaner reported an issue with a wastewater lateral in an alley south of Auburn Avenue. The owner had excavated down to the lateral and a plumber had installed a cleanout. The line was still unable to be opened. Public Works will inspect the main line early Friday morning and determine the cause of blockage.

Public Works: Chip Seal



Monday started off with what appeared to be a serious mechanical problem with the 2002 Bearcat Chip Spreader. It had worked well the previous week when taken out for test runs, but failed to operate properly on the first street. After performing some checks and making some adjustments, the spreader was up and running throughout the duration of the 4-day project.



Above left: Blain and Brian had a few extra minutes available on Wednesday to weld a shovel bracket on the city's newly purchased 1999 Kenworth Dump Truck.

Above right: East Street between Church and Campbell Streets was chip sealed on Thursday.

The most difficult street to ship seal this week was "H" Street between Cedar and Kirkway. There were several residences which have no other access on which to drive to and from their homes except by driving that section of "H" Street. Special accommodations were made for vehicles to exit from Ash Street before the remaining work on "H" Street was completed. The other challenge was the sharp corner where "H" turns north and joins Kirkway.





Public Works: Chip Seal continued



The last street of the day was 9th Street from Hughes Lane going towards "L" Street. The remaining oil in the distributor's truck was used on this stretch of road to preserve the asphalt grinding base.



Above: Covering the oil on "A" Street.



"G" Street between 5th and College.



Left three: "G" Street between 8th and 9th.



Left: "B" Street between "D" and "E" was chip sealed on Wednesday

Right: When some chip seal rock is spilled, everyone pitches in and helps clean-up.



Right: Washington Avenue between Main and 2nd Streets was chip sealed on Tuesday. Special accommodations were made so that "drive-thru" access would remain open for Umpqua and Banner banks during regular hours.



Bottom three: Reservoir Road was chip sealed Wednesday morning. It is a steep road and special attention must be taken so that tires do not "spin out" on the slick oil and rock mixture.





Finance Department:

Utilities

- ◆ Six customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eleven customers disconnected service from August 14th thru August 20th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 which includes 504 residential and 54 commercial accounts was billed August 18th. Of those accounts 118 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 34 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 7 which includes 564 residential and 29 commercial accounts was billed today. Of those accounts 170 (29%) are signed up for direct payment and 29 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ In the past week, twenty-eight residential customers (Zones 3 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and eight were actually turned off. Of the eight turned off, five have paid and their service has been reinstated and three have not yet contacted the City.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent August 18th. The billings were as follows:

- ◆ Lien Search Fees - \$280
- ◆ Cemetery - \$3,401
- ◆ Street Cuts and Miscellaneous - \$394
- ◆ Wastewater Service and Miscellaneous - \$7,377
- ◆ Water Service and Miscellaneous - \$1,456
- ◆ Ambulance - \$466,639
- ◆ Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease - \$7,238
- ◆ Baker County Economic Development Support - \$7,500
- ◆ Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment – \$5,421
- ◆ Golf Cart Lease Payment - \$1,250
- ◆ Miscellaneous - \$3,140

Total Billed \$ 504,096

Did you know....

*****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.



Public Works: Watershed Hunting Access Permits

Baker City Watershed Hunting Access Permits



Permits are available at the Baker City Public Works Department at City Hall front entrance

- Hours to request a permit are: **Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM—12:30 PM and 4:00 PM—5:00 PM.** A mask is required.
- Outside of the above hours permits can be requested through email at bakercitywatershedhunting@gmail.com. The required items listed below will need to be sent in along with the request. This process may take 1-2 business days to complete.

The following information will be required when applying for a permit (either in person or via email):

1. Hunter's name, address and phone number
2. Hunting ID #
3. Hunting tags (will need to see electronic tags)
4. Vehicle make/model and plate number you will be driving to the watershed
5. If you will have a non-hunting companion – that individual's name, address and driver's license #

Permits will not be issued until Forest Service fire classification is no longer at high or extreme. If you have questions please call (541) 524-2047. Permits will be issued no sooner than 3 business days prior to your hunt.