

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 28, 2020

Administration:

The City Council met this week and worked on an ordinance to update our Development Code, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Maps. They also had a discussion on the purchase of a new ambulance and postponed a decision till our next meeting.

The Coronavirus Relief Fund Committee met on Wednesday and heard presentations from nine community groups. They allocated resources to eight of the groups and the City is working on getting the various contracts out to the organizations.

The County is working with our Cities, businesses and citizens this week to stress the things that need to happen so that we can get our kids back into the classrooms and get control over the COVID-19 virus. They are recommending that people with underlying conditions remain ever vigilant, maintain the social distancing, keep any social functions outdoors with adequate spacing and wear your facemasks indoors. If we can bring our numbers down, schools can open and businesses can begin to attract people that have been reluctant to visit their establishments. We are all in this together and lets help our neighbors and businesses get through these trying times.

Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	16	5	21
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	0
Electrical	6	22	7	7
Mechanical	11	18	6	8
Plumbing	6	8	2	8
Fence	10	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	37	64	21	44

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 990 Badger Street, Sumpter—Detached accessory structure
- 120 Granite Street, Halfway—New residence
- 39117 Last Chance Drive, Sumpter—New residence, detached accessory building
- 20884 Hwy 86, Baker City—New garage, roof replacement, adding covered entry, decks and a porch
- 2456 East Street, Baker City—Structural alteration to entry access

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 695 Campbell Street, Baker City—Commercial reroof
- 975 Campbell Street, Baker City—Internal alterations
- 1630 Campbell Street, Baker City—Commercial reroof

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is
September 2, at 8am
in the Building Department offices



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 held 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 first and second readings of Ordinance #3380 were approved during the public hearing. 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 next public hearing and third reading of Ordinance #3380 is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

APPLICATIONS

- A new single family home and accessory structures were approved for 1390 D Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A home addition and new accessory structure were approved at 625 Broadway Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- Two additions totaling ±1,305 square feet were approved for an existing commercial building located at 3110 10th Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.
- An accessory structure was approved at 3032 Birch Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A property line adjustment was approved between properties addressed as 650 and 730 Highway 7 in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- An accessory structure was approved at 2336 Auburn Avenue in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A wall sign was approved at 1325 Campbell Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.
- A home occupation permit for a dog grooming business was approved at 3510 Cedar Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- A site design review application at 3110 10th Street was approved for the conversion of an existing structure to a new commercial use. The appeal period for this application ends on September 9th, 2020.
- A land division was approved at 1380 D Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone, to create one additional parcel.
- A temporary use permit was approved for 1390 D Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A land division was approved at 730 H Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone, to create one additional parcel.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of August 18th through August 24th the Fire Department responded to a total of **47** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	31
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	15

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

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

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Request for Cover	7
Arrived for Cover	5

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 47 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- 22 hrs of Fire Training
- 8 hrs of EMS Training
- 1 hr of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 1 hr of Community Events
- 0 Burn Permits Issued—**BURN BAN IN EFFECT**

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	12
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	12



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.



Firefighter/Paramedics David Van Dyke, Casey Husk and Roman Chavez were sworn in this week.



"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

- ✦ Last week, BCPD opened 51 new cases and responded to 232 calls, making several arrests.
- ✦ BCPD investigated a reported robbery of a local resident. Forrest Lee Entermille, 41, and Margaret Samantha Lacey, 33, were both arrested and charged with 2nd Degree Robbery, 1st Degree Burglary, 2nd Degree Theft, Criminal Mischief, Harassment and Interfering with Making a Police Report in relation to this incident. The suspects are accused of entering Sidney Cruikshank's apartment at 2211 2nd Street and taking his wallet, cell phone and home phone. Cruikshank's wallet contained \$160.00 in cash, credit cards and personal items. The victim's wallet and both phones were recovered in the course of the investigation.
- ✦ Following a pursuit that led officers from BCPD and the US Forest Service on a chase that concluded on Hwy 7 just south of Hwy 245, Jeremy Clawson, 31, was arrested for Driving While Suspended Felony Revoked, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Attempt to Elude Police and Reckless Driving. In addition, Clawson was cited for multiple traffic infractions and for Refusal of a Breath Test.
- ✦ 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 5 years of age and older.

Public Works: Shop



We repaired wires that were causing a short and are waiting for a new light assembly to come in.



We replaced the leaky rear axle and installed a Speedy Sleeve. This rig is back in service.



We are preparing the chipper for next year and are replacing the gear box on the front gravel gates.



Public Works: Lagoon



Electrical power was lost at the Lagoon early Wednesday morning when a “short” caused a transformer pole to catch fire. OTEC was immediately notified and responded to the emergency. The power lines were de-energized and the lineman used a fire extinguisher to battle the blaze.

Power is used continuously at the site to pump wastewater from the wet well up and into pond “A”. With the power out, a diesel powered back up pump was automatically triggered to continue pumping wastewater into the pond until the back-up generator could be manually operated.

A big thank you to OTEC for their quick response to the emergency and for installing a new pole and restoring power on Thursday.

Public Works: Street Department

Chip sealed streets are currently being swept to remove loose rock.

Brady has begun the task of painting railroad crossings and crosswalks.



Public Works: Water Department



Left: A broken sleeve was discovered in the #3 UV Vessel at the reservoir on Friday. It was removed and replaced, along with wiper blades.

Right: This photo shows where a fire had started burning on the edge of the Baker City Watershed Pipeline Road. All indications show that the USFS Personnel constructed an isolation trench around the fire and was successful in stopping the spread.



THANK YOU to the USFS and to Logan for reporting the fire. The cause of the fire is suspected to be “man-caused”.



Public Works: Water Department continued

Right two: A water meter was replaced and set to proper grade on the south side of Campbell Street this week.



Left: A water leak on 9th Drive was repaired using the Vector truck.



Right two: New water and wastewater services were installed in the 1600 block of Balm Street on Thursday. Asphalt was cut and both services were completed by the end of the day.



The 4-person crew made excellent progress this week installing the new 24" PVC water line along the "Pipeline Road". Nearly 500ft of line was installed Thursday including three ductile iron angle fittings.



Public Works: Water Department continued

A resident on Cherry Street requested that their wastewater lateral be replaced because it had stopped working. The location was excavated and a portion of the pipe removed to reveal tree roots and a small shoe were blocking the line. The matching shoe was never recovered. New 4" PVC pipe was used to replace the old concrete line.



Left: Karl and Jake video inspected several lines in town during the week. Here, Karl is inspecting a lateral connection south of Auburn Avenue.



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.