

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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***Weekly Update January 5, 2018***

## **Administration:**

Welcome everyone to 2018. I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. What a difference a year can make. At this time last year we had feet of snow and it was extremely cold. Today we have a sheet of ice and the temperature all winter has seldom gone into single digits. City staff is busy working on capital plans for the coming fiscal year. Our goal is to keep our infrastructure up to date while working with the resources that are available.

Remember that tonight is the First Friday Art Walk. Many of our businesses are open extended hours. Come on downtown and celebrate the art that showcases local and regional artists. Have a great weekend and watch out for the icy conditions.

## **City Council**

### **Agenda**

#### **January 9th**

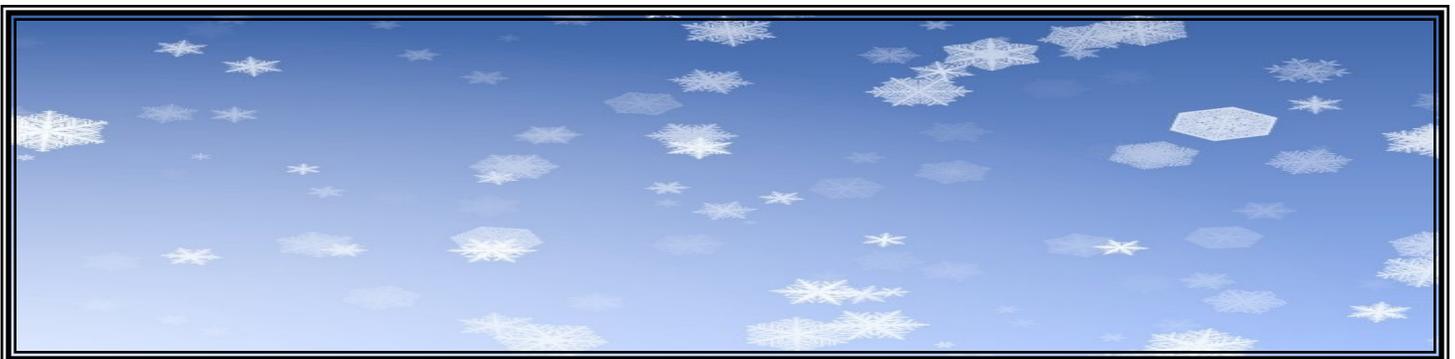
- Board/Committee Appointments
- Pipe Bid Award
- Annual Salary Schedule Review



## **Finance:**

### **Utilities**

- ◆ Nine customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and nine customers disconnected service from December 29<sup>th</sup> thru January 4<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 92 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 60 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Seven residential customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.





**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	3	3	1
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	1	3	2	1
Mechanical	0	2	3	9
Plumbing	0	3	0	1
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 44045 River Road, Oxbow—Interior remodel and garage expansion.
- 44073 River Road, Oxbow—Interior remodel and garage expansion.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 36507 Bonanza Ave, Sumpter—9’ structural addition to existing cell tower.

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 10, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

**Planning Department:**

**Public Meetings**

- ◆ The next Planning Commission hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM in City Hall to consider a request by applicant, MMCO GO, Baker City, LLC, on behalf of property owners DKW, Inc. and Hat Brand Land & Livestock, LLC, for the following applications:
  - Site Design Review application to construct a ±18,919 square foot grocery store
  - Class B Variance for additional parking for the grocery store
  - Class C Variance for an increase in height and area for a proposed free-standing sign

Notice of the hearing has been mailed to property owners within 100 ft. of the property, and notice signs were posted at the subject property.

**Land Use Decisions & Project**

- ◆ The appeal period has ended for an approval of a three (3) parcel partition in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone, and no appeals were received, so the decision is now final. The property is located south of Hughes Lane, between Cedar and Kirkway Streets.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of December 17th through December 23rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	12

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 28



Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Triples (3 calls at once)	2
Public Assists	2

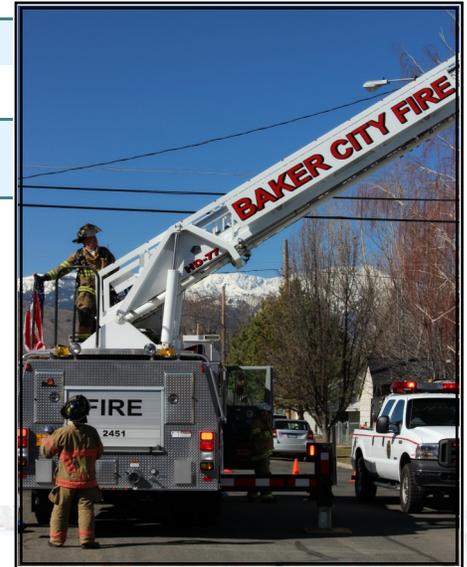
## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



Auburn Street—Gas odor.
16th Street—Structure fire.
17th Street—Sprinkler activation, no fire.



## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	8
Persons Arrived for Cover	2
Incidents Not Covered	6

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

- **34** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **46** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—FFI Training, Pharmacology, Mapping, IV Pumps, Ventilators
- **8** hrs Community Events—BP Checks, Public CPR Class



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on January 9th.



*"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**

- ★ BCPD handled over 180 incidents and opened 33 new cases this past week. Amongst those cases were:
  - BCPD Officers arrested an Elgin woman for refusing to get off the railroad tracks. During that arrest the woman began fighting and was also charged with Resisting Arrest and Assaulting an Officer.
  - Two individuals were arrested for outstanding warrants and a third was arrested for a probation violation.
  - BCPD Officers investigated two reported assaults, one of which was domestic related.
  - BCPD Officers investigated eight reported thefts.
  - BCPD Officers investigated two juveniles that ran away from home.
  - BCPD Officers cited a local 14 year old for Minor in Possession of Tobacco.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.

### **Code Enforcement Weekly Activity**

#### **Property Maintenance:**

- Followed up on 2 pending cases
- Followed up on 1 new complaint
- 1 case closed (compliance gained)

#### **Animal Violations and Complaints:**

- Issued 7 parking citations
- 1 abandoned vehicle impounded
- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle
- Followed up on 9 parking complaints

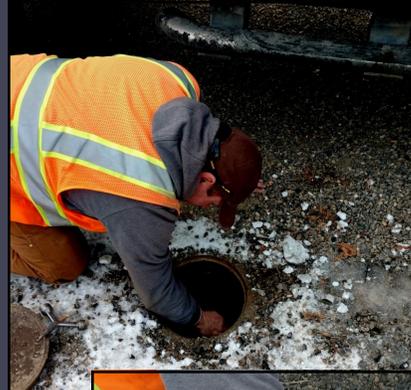
#### **Animal Violations and Complaints:**

- Followed up with 1 livestock permit
- Followed up with 1 kennel permit
- Followed up with 1 animal complaint
- 1 dog at large returned to owner



### Public Works: Water Department

Special closed cell foam insulation blankets were used this week to insulate several water meters that froze last winter. Pictured below, Tommy is installing one of the insulating blankets.



### Public Works: Reservoir



Scott worked on installing two small sampling pumps in a vault at the reservoir.

These pumps will be used to monitor the turbidity of the water going into the reservoir for treatment and distribution.





## Public Works: Wastewater Department

Several wastewater collection manholes were inspected this week along Hughes Lane. Metal manhole lids were heated with a torch to loosen chip seal oil and rock. Because of the relatively heavy traffic on Hughes Lane, advance warning signs and flaggers were used for workers safety. Inspection of the manholes also included recording their depths.



Late last Friday Public Works received a call from a professional drain cleaner about a sewer problem on Baker Street. Jacob and Dennis responded to the site and cleaned the line which cured the problem.



This week Karl and Jacob used the City's video-inspection camera to check the line for problems. The lateral appeared to have a rough surface and a slight offset which may have led to Fridays problem.

Roots were discovered in the 9<sup>th</sup> Street line. The 9<sup>th</sup> street line was lined several years ago using the CIPP process. Roots can still intrude into the collection system where laterals from houses connect onto the CIPP lined main line. Thursday the crew used the special "bulldog" jetter nozzle to blast the roots from the inside of the main line.





## Public Works: Street Department

Streets were slick Friday morning as a light frozen rain fell. Matt used both the salter and the sander to help vehicular traffic negotiate the conditions.

Brian and Justin worked making improvements on one of the Public Work's pick-up trucks.

When improvements are completed R-216 will be used primarily as a service vehicle for water and wastewater repairs.

Pictured right, Brian is welding on some of the framework of the truck.



The Baker County Road Department worked with Public Works to transport the Road Department's grid roller from Goodrich Creek Road to the Public Works warehouse. The grid roller is used to process and compact road base material. Public Works used the County's grid roller extensively when installing the new water pipeline and improving the pipeline road between Little Mill Creek and Big Mill Creek in the Baker City Watershed. It was brought to the City's warehouse for routine maintenance in preparation for work scheduled this spring.

Pictured below, Justin and Brodie (Baker County) work to unload the grid roller at the Public Works facility.





## Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott are repairing the head light bucket assembly and hood on this dump truck. A new bumper will also be added.



Repair work continues on the loader and it should be back in service early next week.



Wes and Scott have also been working on repairs to the wiring, driving lights and flashers on the grader.

Pictured here, Matt is organizing the chain inventory and back supply room. He has been a huge help this week and has a great sense of humor!

