

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update January 12, 2018

**City Offices will be
closed on Monday,
January 15th in
observance of Martin
Luther King Jr. Day.**

Administration:

This week the City welcomed back Fire Chief Tom Wills who has been on extended medical leave. Also the three additional firefighter positions due to the SAFER Grant have started to work this week. There are a lot of new faces and energy at the Fire Department and we are really excited about our expanded ability to serve the citizens of Baker City and Baker County.

The City Council met this week and approved the purchase of pipe to be used to upgrade the water system in the Watershed. This summer we will be completing approximately .7 miles of pipeline which will enhance the water delivery system to the City.

It looks like we got some much needed moisture and snow in the mountains. I hope you get out and enjoy this balmy winter weather. Have a great weekend.

Finance:



Renew your dog license in
January or February and
save \$4.00 per license.

Utilities:

- ◆ Eight customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and seven customers disconnected service from January 5th thru January 11th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed January 9th and included 460 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 or 25% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 2 will be billed today and includes 456 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 95 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Eleven residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll: Draw checks were issued today.

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable runs for January was generated January 11th.

Accounts Receivable: Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent on January 10th. The billings were as follows:



Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,860
Property Rent	\$125
Cemetery	\$5,540
Wastewater Maintenance	\$1,147
Street Utility Maintenance Patching & Misc.	\$2,335
Water Line Hookups	\$178
Lien Searches	\$400
Ambulance	\$518,691
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$4,125
Comm. Dev. Support	\$14,667
Misc.	\$1,137
Total:	\$550,205



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	5	1	17
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	0	1	2
Mechanical	2	6	3	10
Plumbing	1	1	0	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	12	5	32

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 675 NW New Street, Sumpter— Detached accessory building.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is February 21, 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 17th, 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 & Projects

- ◆ An amended Land Use Review permit was approved for a single-family dwelling in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone at 2305 14th Street.
- ◆ An application for lot of record status was approved for a substandard lot in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone, at 1440 13th Street.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of January 2nd through January 8th the Fire Department responded to a total of **37** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

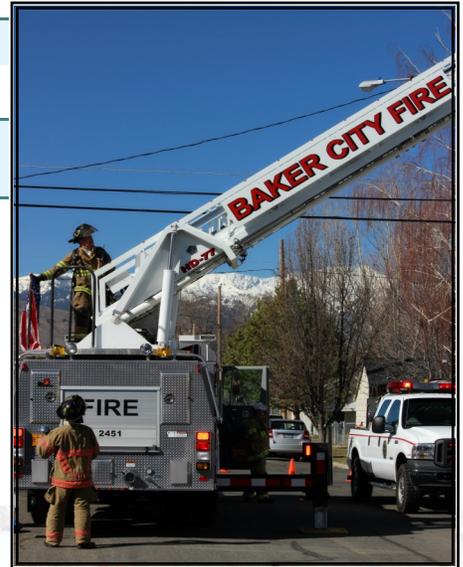
City Calls	26
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	9

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 33

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



Airport Transfers	4
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

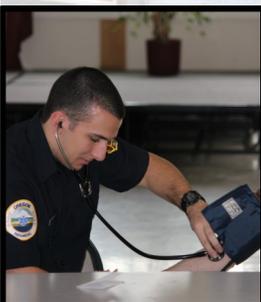


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Persons Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	6

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 62 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 46 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training



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 16th.



"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 200 incidents and opened 33 new cases this past week. Among those cases:
 - BCPD Officers arrested a Baker City man for a Measure II Kidnapping charge and Menacing, after he threatened his wife with a hammer and then locked her in a room.
 - BCPD began investigating a multi-state fraud case involving senior citizens, after a local business called us about a suspicious package with a large amount of cash inside.
 - BCPD Officers investigated two reported assaults, one of which was domestic related.
 - BCPD Officers investigated five reported thefts, one of which was Identity Theft.
 - BCPD Officers investigated another juvenile that ran away from home.

- ⊛ 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

- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance
- One pending case closed with compliance gained
- Followed up on 2 pending cases
- Started one new case

- Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle
- Issued multiple warnings

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 3 parking complaints
- Issued 10 parking citations
- Orange tagged 10 abandoned vehicles

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 2 barking complaints
- 1 animal welfare check
- Followed up on 2 problem pet owner cases
- 1 dog at large impounded
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- Followed up on 1 animal abandonment case



Public Works: Water Department

Preliminary work has begun on the Estes Street Waterline Project. The plan is to replace approximately 600 feet of undersized 4" C.I. line with 8" ductile iron pipe.

Exact locations of existing utilities had to be determined so that final design work can be completed.



The new Volvo loader with the "zipper" attached was used to grind through the asphalt on Estes Street.



Justin used the CAT backhoe to excavate down to both the Cascade Natural Gas line and the end of the existing 4" cast iron water line.



Existing concrete pipes leading into the Powder River were explored to determine why they were used in the past.

Karl and Jacob are shown here accessing the ends of the concrete pipes. The lines may have been used several decades ago to drain ground water from lower areas of town.



The pipes are broken and in total disrepair.

Public Works: Water Department Continued



Steve is pictured above setting up a tripod. He made exact measurements to the buried utilities for design purposes.

An inordinate amount of water was found flowing from a storm water line at Estes Street.

Dennis performed a quick chlorine test on the water to determine if it could be from a broken water line. The test was negative.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Karl and Jacob worked to improve the access in a manhole within the Hillcrest neighborhood this week. The top of the terra cotta pipe was never removed by the original contractor back in the 1950's or 60's when the line was originally installed. Access into the pipes is critical so that the pipes can be cleaned and inspected.



Public Works was hired through a professional drain cleaner to inspect a private lateral located on Chestnut Street. A blockage was discovered near where the lateral enters the street. Karl is operating the push-cam unit while Jacob uses the locator to mark the location of the blockage. Cause of the blockage could not be determined because of the backed up liquid in the line.



Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A resident on N. 3rd street experienced wastewater problems this week.



Public Works responded to the site and cleaned the main collection line running within N. 3rd Street. No problems were discovered in the main line. The owner had the lateral cleaned and the problem was cured.



Karl and Jacob video-inspected several lines this week.



Public Works: Street Department



Winter seems to especially hard on street signs as shown in these photos from this week.

The stop sign at Park and Cedar Streets was hit and knocked down Thursday when roads were slick.



The Christmas Tree and most of the holiday decorations were removed from downtown streets this week.



One crew removed the Old Candy Canes from power poles along 10th Street while a second crew came behind to pick them up.

Wreaths were removed by Karl and Jacob – they had to abandon that job momentarily to respond to a plugged wastewater line on N. 3rd Street.

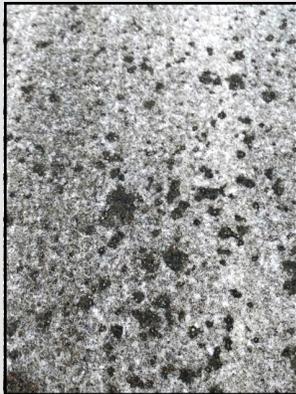




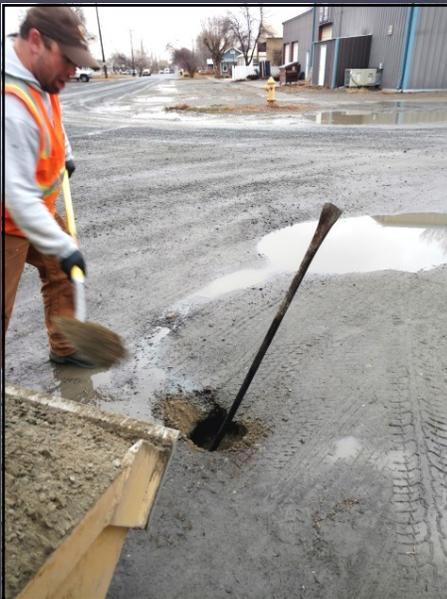
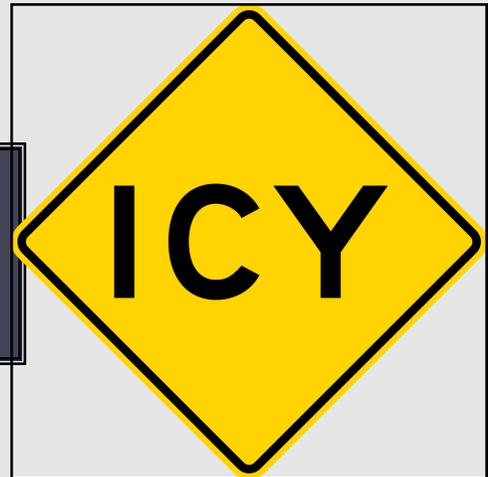
Public Works: Street Department Continued

An inch or so of snow fell in the Baker Valley Thursday morning. Matt performed salting duties while Craig operated the sander on Downtown Streets.

Here you can see where Matt had salted near the intersection of Grace Street and Reservoir Road.



In this close-up photo you can see where the small particles of salt slowly dissolve causing the snow to melt.



With the warm weather thawing the previously frozen ground some small sinkholes are beginning to show up within the right of ways.

A sinkhole on 11th Street was filled using 3/4" crushed rock.

The rock was tamped into the muddy hole and then additional rock was used to fill some of the low area at the radius of the corner.





Public Works: Shop



Batteries were charged on this piece of equipment and it is now back in service.



Wes and Scott adjusted the driver's side door and replaced the safety latch on the bucket door.



A "check engine light" caused this vehicle to come into the shop. The codes were pulled, adjustments made and it is back in service.



Work continues on the hood of this truck. It is currently being fiber glassed.



Two pieces of equipment are still available via govdeals.com.
Be sure to check them out!
BUCKET TRUCK
SANDER

