

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 19, 2018

Administration:

Some of the most exciting times for a City is when a local business announces they are expanding and when progress continues on a new development. Baker City is fortunate to have had both happen this week.

Radford Trucking, which has called Baker City its home for 33 years, will be adding 10 family wage jobs within the next month! This is very exciting news and a positive sign for our economy.

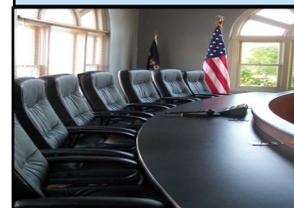
Our Baker City Planning Commission met on Wednesday night and approved the site design and variance requests from Grocery Outlet. This action will allow Grocery Outlet to continue on their path to open a brand new facility in Baker City.

We are very thankful for all of the investments that are happening in our community and appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that it requires. Keep up the great work and enjoy the weekend.

City Council Agenda

January 23rd

- Board/Committee Appointments
- Justice Court Update
- Anthony Silvers Tree Resolution
- School Choice Week Proclamation



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Twelve customers signed up for new water/sewer service and eleven customers disconnected service from January 12th thru January 18th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed January 16th and included 482 residential and 54 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 115 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and includes 498 residential and 47 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 116 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twenty-nine residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) nine were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

2018 Dog Licenses

January & February Rates:

Spayed/Neutered	\$4.50
Un-Altered	\$6.00

March-December Rates:

Spayed/Neutered	\$8.50
Un-Altered	\$10.00



Ask about
multi-year
licenses



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	11	0	13
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	5	5	1	4
Mechanical	2	2	1	10
Plumbing	0	1	0	5
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	10	19	2	33

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1440 13th St., Baker City—Residential demolition.
- 1790 Washington St., Baker City—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.

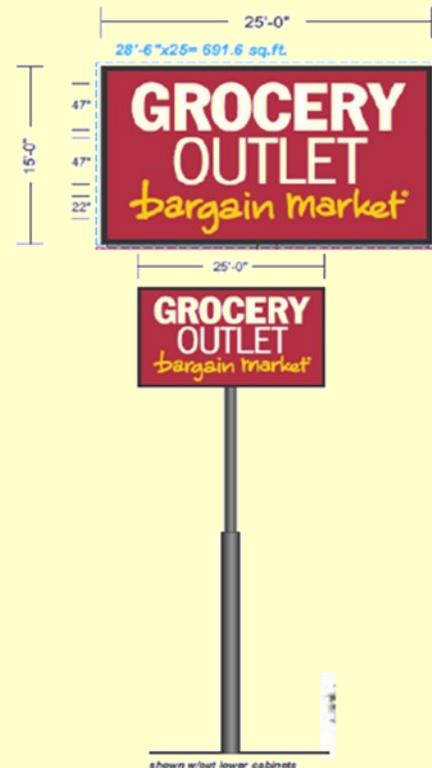
Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission held a hearing on Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in City Hall and approved 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

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application for lot of record status and single – family dwelling was approved for a substandard lot in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone, at 1990 Chestnut Street.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of January 9th through January 15th the Fire Department responded to a total of **26** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 24



Airport Transfers	1
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)	0
Public Assists	0

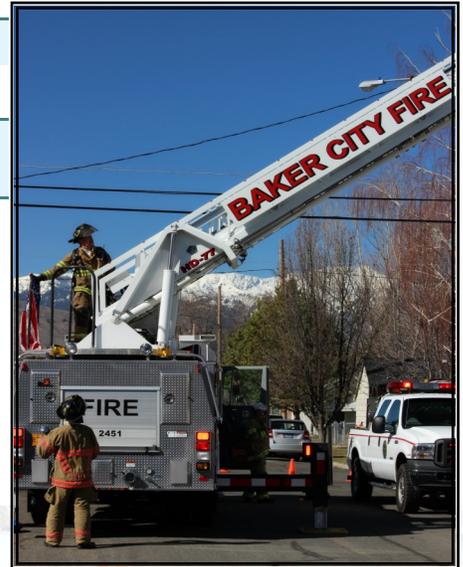
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



Midway Drive—Alarm activation.
Plum Street—Electrical fire.

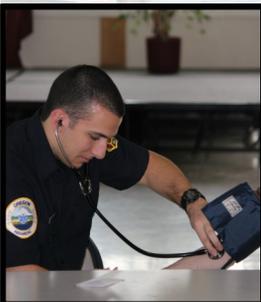


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	4
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 58 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 142 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 23rd.



"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 150 incidents and opened 33 new cases this past week. Among those cases:

- BCPD Officers arrested two individuals for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, in unrelated cases.
- BCPD continued to investigate 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 harassments, and one domestic related assault.
- BCPD Officers investigated four reported thefts, one of which was a mail theft.
- BCPD Officers cited two juveniles for Minor in Possession of Tobacco and one for Minor in Possession of Marijuana.

★ Chief Lohner & Lt. Newman met with other law enforcement entities and social service agencies to discuss elder abuse and other community concerns.

★ Lt. Newman met with the Sheriff's Lieutenant and State Police Lieutenant in a bi-monthly information sharing meeting.

★ 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 3 pending cases

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 1 chicken impounded
- 3 dogs at large impounded
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- Followed up on 1 barking complaint
- Followed up on 1 animal complaint

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Issued 2 parking citations
- Followed up on 2 parking violations
- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles
- 1 parking warning

Miscellaneous:

- 2 found item reports
- Assisted Officers with 2 search warrants



Public Works: Water Department

All three reactors at the UV Plant were serviced this week for routine cleaning and maintenance.

As part of this work, the entire wiper assembly had to be pulled from reactor #3 to perform a minor repair.

Jake and Craig are shown here working to remove the wiper assembly from the reactor.

All 40 UV lamps had to be removed from the reactor so that the wiper assembly could be removed.



The maintenance and service work was completed successfully and all three reactors are now back in operation.

Public Works: Street Department



Street sweeping work continued this week with the relatively warm and wet weather. Matt is pictured here sweeping a section of Campbell Street near Exit 304.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

There have been a rash of wastewater issues this week. Problems were reported in several areas. None of the problems were attributed to main line blockages.

A wastewater problem was reported Monday morning by a resident on Cedar Street. Public Works responded to the site and cleaned the line.

Later in the week the main line was video-inspected.



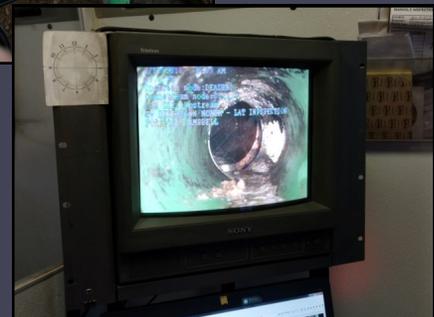
On Thursday Public Works was hired by a drain cleaning professional to perform a video-inspection of the privately owned sewer lateral.



A hole in the lateral was discovered near its connection onto the City's main line. The hole is scheduled to be repaired next week.

Another wastewater problem was reported Tuesday concerning residences along Campbell Street. Dennis and Tom responded to the site and determined that there was a plugged line.

Justin brought out the jetter and cleaned the main lines in the area. This work did not solve the problem. Additional video-inspection work was done before it was determined that the problem was the result of roots plugging a lateral causing wastewater to come up in a remote cleanout. The owner hired a drain cleaning professional to clear the blockage.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued



Another wastewater problem was reported by a resident on N. 3rd Street. Karl and Jacob worked to clean the 8" PVC line.

Here you can see the jetter nozzle entering the upstream manhole (lines are always cleaned "upstream").



No blockage was found to be in the line.

The lateral was inspected in 2012 when Public Works installed the new 8" main line.



At that time the lateral was found to be terra cotta (clay) pipe and had major grade problems.



Work continues to locate buried wastewater manholes throughout town and raise them near to the ground surface elevation.

In this photo, a manhole located in the backyard of a Lund Lane residence was found to be 19" deep.

Karl and Jacob worked to raise the manhole lid to the grass surface.

It is important that manholes are easily accessible and readily found so they can be inspected when there are wastewater emergencies.



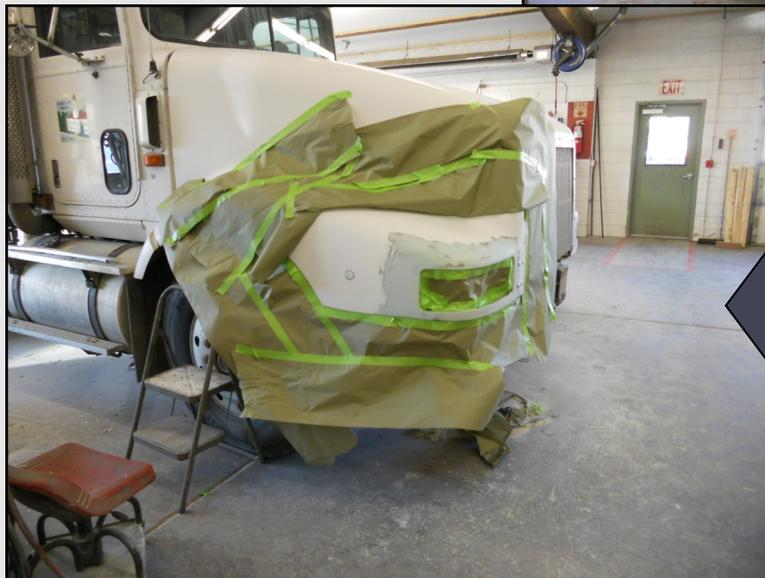


Public Works: Shop



A faulty fuel pump was causing this loader to leak fuel. The parts have been ordered and it will be repaired within a week.

Wes and Scott adjusted the dirt shoes and repaired the head lights on this sweeper.



Work continues on repairing the front end of this truck. Repairs to the bumper have been scheduled for next week.