

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update February 9, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The Baker City Budget Board met this week to do some preplanning for the upcoming budget cycle. Finance Director Jeanie Dexter gave a presentation on the state of the 2017-18 City Budget and led a discussion on the forecast for revenues and expenses for the next three years. Kent Bailey from Guyer and Associates also gave a brief discussion of the upcoming City audit.

The City Manager and Community Development Director Robin Nudd met with officials from Business Oregon to discuss the recertification process for the Elkhorn View Industrial Park. Recertification will allow the City to have a shovel ready industrial site which makes the Park more attractive to prospective businesses.

The City Manager and Councilor Arvid Anderson also attended the American Forest Resource Council meeting in Pendleton. They made a presentation to the Council about the Baker City Watershed and got positive feedback from the Forest Service personnel in attendance as well as forest industry partners regarding our efforts to expedite forest health treatments in and surrounding the Baker City Watershed.

Enjoy the sunny weather and have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

February 13th

- BCD Update
- Golf Course Update & Cart Bid Approval
- Elkhorn View Industrial Park



Finance:

As of February 5th the City has received current year property taxes of \$3,013,540 and prior year taxes of \$72,642.

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 9th.

Utilities

- ◆ Nine customers signed up for new water/sewer service and eight customers disconnected service from February 2nd thru February 8th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed February 6th and included 458 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 or 25% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed February 8th and included 93 residential and 250 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 62 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today and includes 483 residential and 55 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 116 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Nine residential customers (Zones 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) all nine paid prior to having their service turned off.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	7	6	3
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	5	1	1
Mechanical	4	7	1	3
Plumbing	2	1	1	0
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	17	20	9	7

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 43813 Anthony Lakes Hwy, Haines—Multiple additions to residence.
- 187 Climax, Sumpter—New residence.
- 3318 Birch St., Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 2210 8th St., Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 2675 9th St., Baker City—Residential structural repairs.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 44985 Snake River Rd., Richland—Fire suppression system.
- 300 Oregon Trail, Huntington—Temporary building.
- 300 Oregon Trail, Huntington—Temporary building.
- 300 Oregon Trail, Huntington—Office structure.

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 meeting will hold a public work session on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 7:00 PM in City Hall to discuss the potential re-zoning of specific properties throughout the city which have existing structures and uses that are not consistent with the current zoning allowances. The purpose of this work session is to create a scope for areas that could be considered for a future re-zone.

The Commission will also discuss the development of standards and language for the possible creation of a Residential-Professional District. This district is intended to act as a buffer between the uses of the Central-Commercial Zone and surrounding residential zones, providing a desirable mix of residential and light commercial land uses in the center of the city.

Once a scope of potential areas is developed, the next step will be outreach to determine interest and concerns. The public is encouraged to attend this work session and provide input.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of January 30th through February 5th the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	32
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 37



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

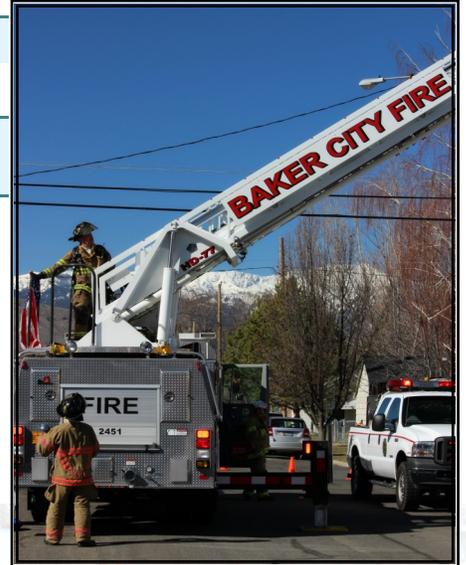
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 1



Vehicle Fire—I-84

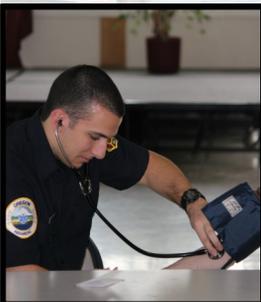


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Persons Arrived for Cover	5
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 109 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 101 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 February 13th.



"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 31 new cases this past week. Among those cases:

- BCPD personnel issued another citation for minor in possession of marijuana.
- BCPD personnel investigated twelve reported thefts and frauds.
- BCPD personnel arrested two individuals for outstanding warrants.

- ★ Chief Lohner attended the U.S. Attorney's Summit on Marijuana, which was held at the Federal Courthouse in Portland. The Summit was an information gathering mission on behalf of the U.S. Attorney's Office to help decide the direction of their efforts to enforce federal marijuana laws in Oregon.
- ★ Lt. Newman attended a quarterly Major Crime Team meeting in Baker City.
- ★ Chief Lohner and School Resource Officer Woodward attended a school safety meeting where the recent false alarm and reported school threat were discussed.
- ★ Officer Coleton Smith attended a 3 day training in Spokane, sponsored by the Concerns of Police Survivors' organization, with a focus on the traumas in law enforcement.
- ★ Lieutenant Dustin Newman attended a peer support training that will enable him to complete the peer support program he has been developing for our department and several other departments in our region.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 2 pending cases.
- Attended 1 abatement hearing.

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Issued 2 parking citations.
- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles.
- 1 verbal warning.
- Followed up on 4 complaints.

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 1 kennel complaint.
- Followed up on livestock permit.
- Followed up on 2 barking complaints.
- Followed up on 3 animal complaints.
- Followed up on 1 problem pet owner case and attended one related hearing.
- 1 dog at large impounded.



Public Works: Water Department

In preparation for a major water distribution improvement project on Estes Street a new water valve was installed Tuesday.

With the installation of this water valve it will allow for 37 households to be supplied with water from the Resort Street line while the Estes Street line is being replaced.



If this valve did not exist those 37 residents would be without water while some of the Estes Street line was being installed.

Justin and Scott are pictured here on Monday afternoon preparing to install the valve.

A 4-man crew of Justin, Blain, Scott and Nate came into work at 4 a.m. to actually install the valve.

Installation was complete and water turned back on by 5:30 a.m.





Public Works: Wastewater Department



Work up in the Hillcrest Neighborhood was completed this week. The Public Works jetter truck was not able to clear the roots from the 6" Orangeburg mainline because the line is too steep and the roots were too far from the downstream manhole.

A professional drain cleaner was hired to cut the roots from the upstream manhole using a drain cleaning cable and root cutter head. Public Works could have jetted the line from the uphill manhole – but that sometimes will force water into houses.



Unrelated to the mainline problem was a lateral repair that was also done this week directly across from the mainline root problem.

In this case a lateral repair from 15 – 20 years ago had settled and may have led to a blockage.

Here you can see on the computer screen where the 4" p.v.c. repair had settled.



The location was excavated and promptly repaired by the crew of Blain, Karl and Nate.





Public Works: Street Department

The weather has warmed enough so that Public Works Crews could patch streets. The only problem is that none of the asphalt plants in the area are making asphalt until the end of March.

Areas that need patching (like this one on Kirkway) are typically marked with white paint, written down in the Patching Book and then repaired once hot asphalt is available.



Tom assisted the Police Department to determine the location of the Cedar Street right of way for an issue in the area.

The new heavy duty and durable utility service bed was completed this week. It will serve the Public Works Crews for decades to come.





Public Works: Street Lights



Dennis is seen here working on a street light along the gravel portion of Carter Street in the early morning hours.

Public Works: Storm Water

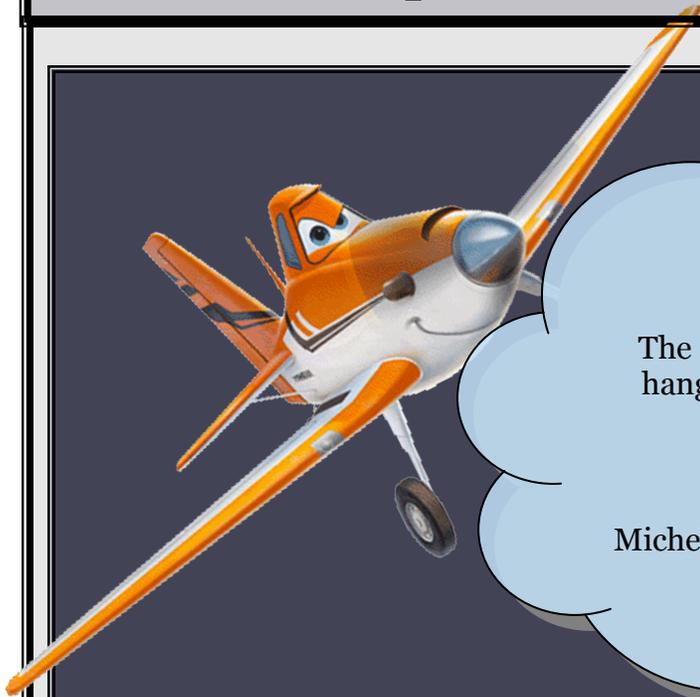


Blain and Nate continue to clean catchbasins throughout town this week. With the early Spring the crew has been able to catch-up on many of the catchbasins that were not cleaned last year.

Pictured here they are cleaning vaults and catchbasins where the Public Works street sweeper deposits its debris.



Public Works: Airport



AIRPLANE HANGARS

AVAILABLE

The Baker City Municipal Airport has hangars available for lease beginning February 1, 2018.

Please call contact

Michelle Owen, Public Works Director at 541-524-2031 for details.

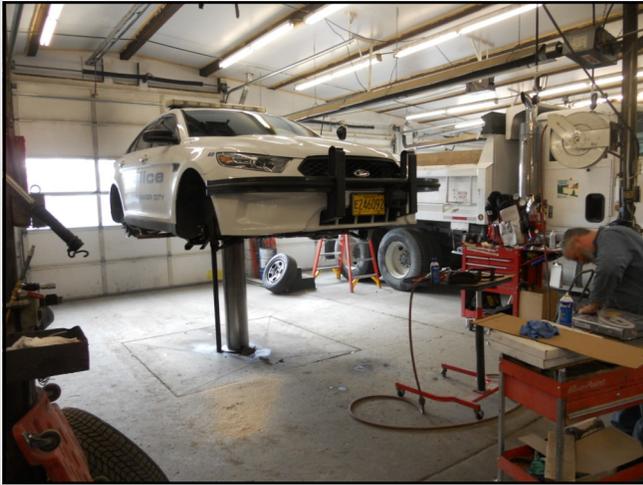


Pictured left, is a photo of one of the available hangars.

The Public Works Crew spent time this week cleaning and preparing it for a new tenant.



Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott replaced both the front and rear brake pads and rotors on this police vehicle. It is now back in service.

Brian finished the front bumper build. This piece is currently at Natural Structures being powder coated.



Wes and Scott have started taking the front end apart to replace the injection pump and front cover gasket on this backhoe. It should be back in service next week.



Wes and Scott updated the old shop air compressor to a new Ingersoll Rand Rotary Screw Compressor. This compressor will be able to keep up with the demands of the shop.



Announcements:

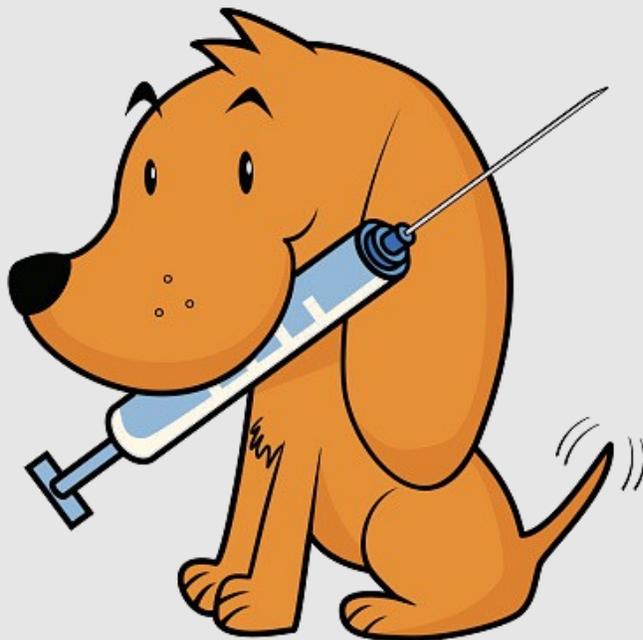


2018 Dog Licenses

Available in February at a reduced cost:

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

Current Rabies Vaccination Required



Low-Cost Rabies Clinic

**Wed., February 14th
from**

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**At the Baker City
Events Center**