

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 16, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The City Council met this week and heard updates from Baker City Downtown, the new organization which represents businesses in the Historic Baker City Corridor. Jenny Joseph, proprietor of Sweet Wife Baking gave the presentation. The Council also heard from Mike Brooks, the contractor who runs Quail Ridge Golf Course, for the City. Mike updated the Council on the Junior Golf program, gave a financial update and thanked the numerous volunteers and staff.

The Transient Lodging Tax Committee met this week. They are beginning the process to develop a new tourism master plan. This process will involve all stakeholders and the public. Stay tuned for more information and details.

It appears that winter is still with us. Have a great weekend and Presidents Day.

City Council

Agenda

February 27

- 2017 Financial Audit
- Budget Resolution
- 2018 Council Goals



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Ten customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and ten customers disconnected service from February 9th to February 15th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed February 13th which included 456 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 547 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 137 or 24% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twenty-nine residential customers (Zones 1, 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) six were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 12th.

Payroll: Draw checks were issued February 15th.

Accounts Receivable: Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent February 9th. The billings were as follows:



Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,843
Cemetery	\$797
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fee	\$20,643
New Water Meter Installation	\$284
Lien Searches	\$1,160
Ambulance	\$530,077
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$4,641
Community Development Support	\$22,110
School District 5J SRO Billing	\$12,715
OTEC Tree Replacement Program	\$500
Street Patching & Misc.	\$1,649
Misc.	\$1,152
Total	\$597,571



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	4	5	0	2
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	3	3	0
Mechanical	6	2	1	2
Plumbing	0	1	0	0
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	11	4	4

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1911 Main Street, Baker City— Converting 1411 sq.ft. on 2nd story to residential living space.
- 650 L Loop, Baker City—New residence.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2470 Grove Street, Baker City— Fairgrounds grandstand structural repair.
- 500 Campbell Street, Baker City—Roof replacement.

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.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

An application was approved for a ±170 square foot addition to an existing single-family dwelling at 775 ‘L’ Loop in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.

The appeal period has ended for a Class C Variance for an increase in height and area for a proposed free-standing sign in the Commercial – General (C-G) Zone. No appeals were filed. The subject property is located at 175 Campbell Street.

The appeal period has ended for a Site Design Review application to construct Grocery Outlet, as well as a Class B Variance requesting additional parking for Grocery Outlet. The subject property is located in the Commercial – General (C-G) Zone and Freeway Overlay Zone (FOZ). No appeals were filed. The subject property is located at 175 Campbell Street.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 6th through February 12th the Fire Department responded to a total of **22** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	15
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	15
No Patient Trip	5

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 20



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

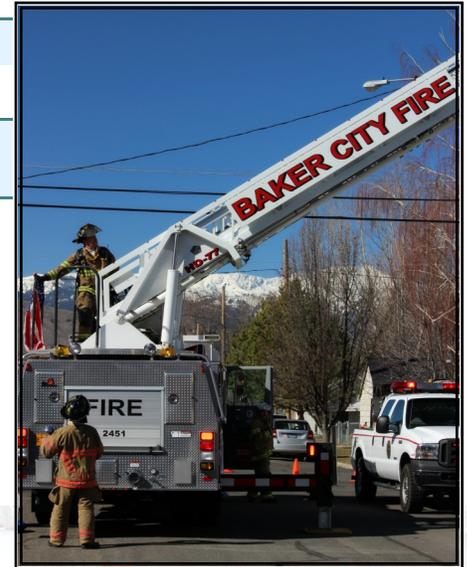
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



10th Street—False alarm.
14th Street—Burn complaint.

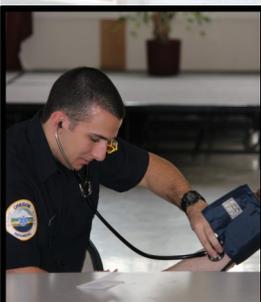


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	2

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 68 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 106 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- 8 hrs of Community Events



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 20th.



"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."

❋ BCPD handled over 159 incidents and opened 30 new cases this past week. One case involved the following arrest for narcotic-related offense:

Incident: Drug Canine Alert / Narcotics & Weapon Seizure

On February 13, 2018 at about 4:45 pm, a Baker City Police Department Officer stopped a 2007 Ford Mustang for a traffic violation in the 1600 block of Madison Avenue in Baker City. During the stop, drug detection canine "Capa" was deployed on the vehicle and alerted to the odor of illegal narcotics in the car. Subsequently, BCPD Officers searched the vehicle and located approximately 3 grams of methamphetamine, .6 grams of heroin, one handgun that was concealed in the vehicle and other drug paraphernalia.

*Arrested at the scene was: **Cailan Nicole Sherman** (04/22/1997), 3520 Kirkway Drive, Baker City, Oregon 97814. Sherman was charged with: Possession of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine, Manufacture of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine, Delivery of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance Heroin. This investigation will be continuing and additional charges and/or arrests are likely.*



Sergeant Wayne Chastain and Administrative Assistant Phoebe Wachtel spent some time presenting special supporters of the BCPD K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser with special metal certificates of appreciation given in recognition of their support of the K9 program and drug prevention efforts in our community.



Pictured right, from top to bottom, is Top Sponsors Pattie Vanderwiele from Triple C Redi-Mix, Tori Brown from Barley Browns, and Kip Farmer from Cliff's Saws and Cycles.



Pictured left, from top to bottom, is Platinum Sponsor Rick Toubeaux from Oregon Trail Sports, and Top Sponsors DeeDee Clarke from J. Tabor Jewelers, and Jim Bjork from D&B Supply.



Other top sponsors include: Elkhorn Media, Patton Ex. and Oregon Trail Bison. (A special thank you to Oregon Sign Company for making these special custom-built plaques.)



Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 4 pending cases

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Issued 1 citation for no kennel permit
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- 1 dog at large returned to owner and followed up on one complaint
- 1 dog at large impounded
- 1 verbal warning for no dog license
- Followed up on 2 animal complaints
- Followed up with 1 problem pet owner

- 1 animal welfare check
- Followed up on 1 animal abandonment case
- Followed up with 2 dangerous dog cases
- Followed up with 1 livestock case

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 2 complaints

Miscellaneous:

- 2 found Items, 1 returned to owner
- Assisted with 1 search warrant



Public Works: Water Department

Jake filled out a required “Hot Work Permit” and commenced burning weeds at specific locations near the Water Treatment Facility.



Jake is currently injecting surplus surface water into the groundwater aquifer. In order to adjust water flows from the watershed to the reservoir access needs to be maintained throughout the watershed.



Previously, access roads were cleared to Elk, Salmon and Marble Creeks.

Two days were spent this week clearing snow to maintain access into Little Mill, Big Mill and Goodrich Creek Diversion points.

Justin and Scott worked to clear the access roads.



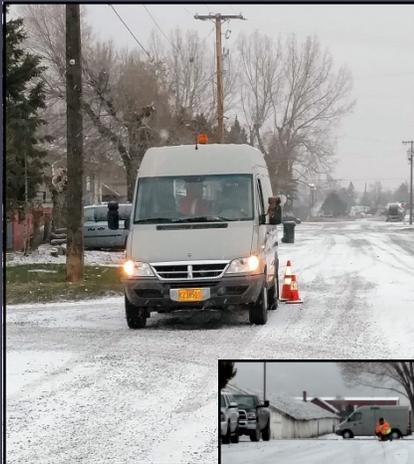
← Even with a dozer available to pull out a stuck pick-up sometimes it’s best to simply chain-up.





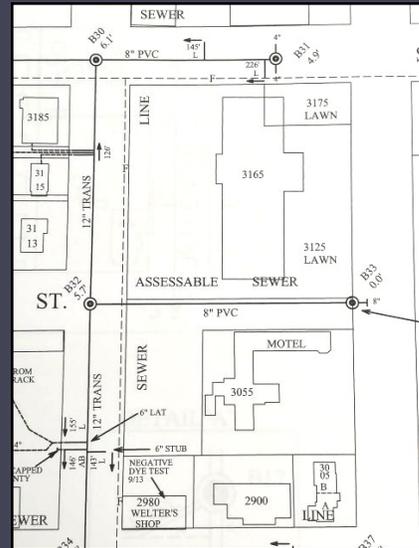
Public Works: Wastewater Department

Information was needed on an existing wastewater line running between 10th and 11th Streets so that underground utilities could be accurately marked.



Karl and Jacob uncovered a manhole on 11th Street and video-inspected the line.

Karl and Tom measured the distance from the video-inspection.



At the measured point a manhole was located and found to be buried under a layer of asphalt on the west edge of 10th Street.

Work is planned this week to raise the manhole lid to the street surface.

A wastewater problem was reported to Public Works Wednesday by a resident living on Plum Street.

The City main line was promptly cleaned and video-inspected. The cause of the problem was not determined.

The resident had not had any sewer problems during the past dozen or so years in which they have lived there.

They will try to clear the blockage again using different means Thursday morning. If they are unsuccessful an emergency repair in the street may be necessary.





Public Works: Street Department



Street sweeping work continued this week. Pictured left, Matt is washing the new Elgin sweeper after a day of sweeping.



Intersection of Washington & Ash

High visible sign post reflectors made specifically for school crossings were installed this week on Washington Avenue near Brooklyn School and at the intersection of 7th and “D” Streets.

Karl and Jacob did the installation work.



Intersection of 7th & D

Public Works: Stormwater



Heavy truck traffic across a stormwater utility lid caused it to become dislodged. Jake put a traffic cone on the lid to warning of the hazard.

An underground utility locate was requested. Repair work is scheduled for this Friday. This 24” x 36” squash pipe carries both storm runoff water and irrigation water to properties lying north of “H” Street.



Public Works: Parks Department

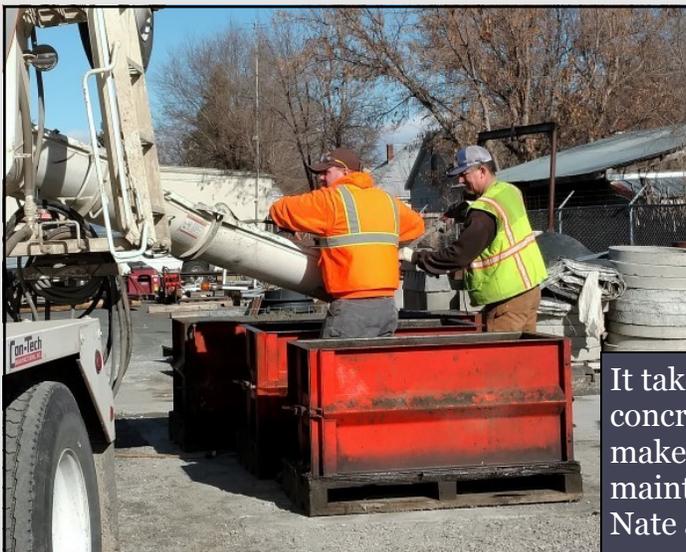
Fifteen of the 18 concrete steps for the Central Park Amphitheater project have been poured.

Each step measures 7 1/2" thick, 24" long and 5 feet wide. The steps have been textured on the top to provide traction for safety. They also have a decorative rock pattern on the face on each step.



Pictured above, Justin and Scott are finishing the tops of five of the steps.

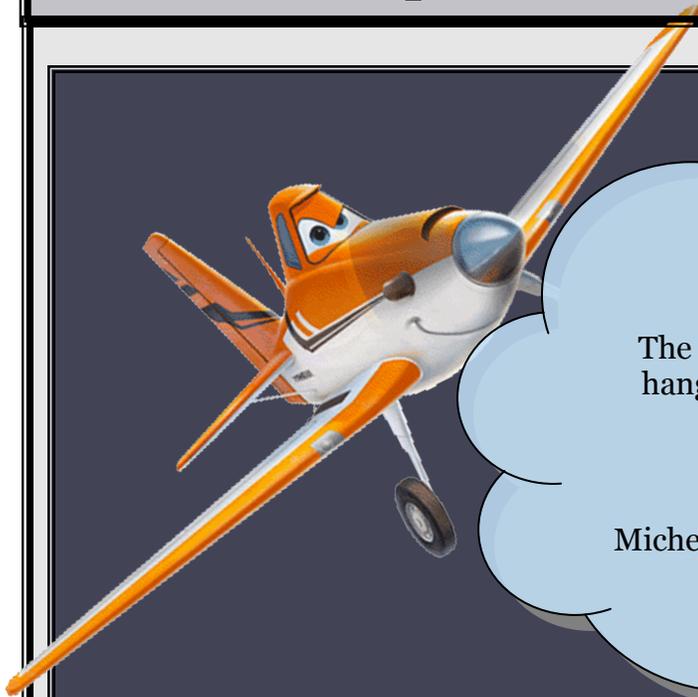
Stencil material is used to provide the brick pattern on the top of the steps.



It takes 1.15 cubic yards to pour five of the concrete steps. The excess concrete is used to make manhole lift rings and eco-blocks for future maintenance projects. Pictured left, Blain and Nate are using some of the excess concrete.



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.



Announcements:

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY
19TH FOR**

*President's
Day*





Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott pulled the hot box off of the truck and installed the tail gate in preparation for work in the park.

This ambulance blew a turbo hose. New hoses were installed and it is back in service.



The finished bumper has been installed

Pictured below, Brian is building valve keys. He is scheduled to build a half dozen.



The driver's side seat belt was frayed and needed to be replaced. A new one was installed and it is back in service.



Work continues on this backhoe. Wes and Scott are now installing the remand injection pump.