

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 23, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The City Manager attended the NRCS Work Group meeting and discussed potential projects surrounding sustainability of our resources. The group had a good discussion about the Watershed and the interface surrounding it. We will be putting together a working group of all interested stakeholders to brainstorm ideas and resources.

The City also attended a One Stop Meeting with state and federal agencies to discuss funding for our upcoming wastewater treatment rehabilitation and expansion. We will use the information gleaned from this meeting to present options to the Council for capital plans and rates.

Tomorrow is the annual "Night at old Auburn" at the Heritage Museum. Come down and enjoy the festivities. The sun is shining and hopefully the north wind will let up. Enjoy your weekend.

City Council Agenda

February 27

- 2017 Financial Audit
- Budget Resolution
- 2018 Council Goals
- Golf Course Resolution for Grant Application
- Tree Ordinance



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Eight customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from February 16th thru February 22nd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 457 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed February 20th and included 495 residential and 47 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Fifteen residential customers (Zones 3 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

Seventy-nine employees were paid today including ten paid volunteer firefighters and the dangerous dog hearings officer. Of those 79 employees, 73 or 92% are signed up for direct deposit.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	1	3	0	7
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	1	0	0
Electrical	5	8	1	4
Mechanical	1	5	2	2
Plumbing	1	2	1	2
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	19	4	15

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 775 L Loop, Baker City—Addition to dwelling.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission held a public work session on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 7:00 PM in City Hall to discuss potentially re-zoning 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 was to create a scope for areas that could be considered for a future re-zone. 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 future work sessions and hearings and provide input. The next work session is planned for March 21st, 2018.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application was approved for a ±1,026 square foot addition and attached garage to an existing single-family dwelling at 1300 4th Street in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ An application was approved for a home occupation in an existing single-family dwelling at 419 Washington Avenue in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ An application for a storage shed was approved at 1920 Cliff Street in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A Floodplain Determination letter was completed for 3410 K Street showing the property is not included within a flood hazard area according to FEMA flood maps.
- ◆ Senior Planner Eva Henes attended a 4-day Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts course at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Emergency Management Institute covered the cost of the course, lodging and transportation. The course was open only to Certified Floodplain Managers and focused on floodway standards, disconnects between the National Flood Insurance Program regulations and insurance standards, and substantial improvement/substantial damage claims. The information gained from the course will help the Planning Department assist landowners with properties within the flood zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 13th through the 19th the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31



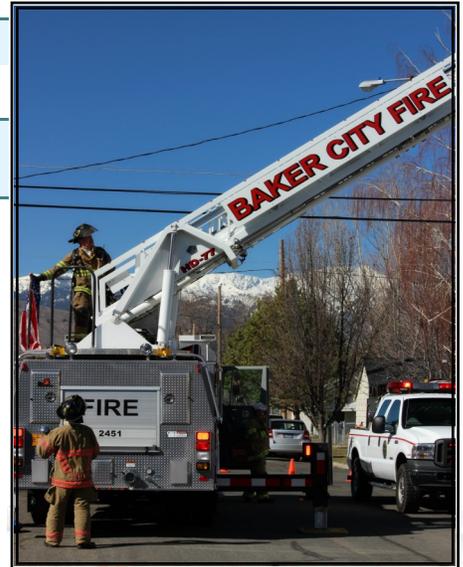
Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	0
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE	4



- 7th Street—Structure Fire
- Grove Street—Burn Complaint
- 5th Street—Faulty Smoke Detector
- East Street—CO Alarm

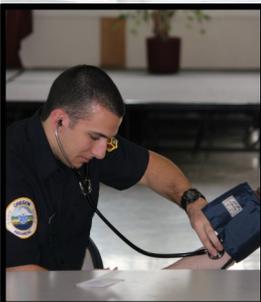


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

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

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 74 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 81 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 27th.



"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 160 incidents and opened 40 new cases this past week. Among those cases:

- BCPD personnel found additional drugs (heroin) in a search of items seized during a previous traffic stop. An additional arrest was also made in that case.
- BCPD personnel investigated six reported thefts and frauds.
- BCPD personnel arrested five individuals for outstanding warrants and another for a probation violation.
- BCPD personnel investigated another runaway, this one a 12 year old who left her home and was later located.
- BCPD learned that La Grande PD recovered a pickup that had been stolen from Baker City by three juvenile runaways. One of them was arrested and the other two are still at large.
- ★ BCPD personnel began work on a project to help with the safety of developmentally delayed people in our community. The "Take Me Home" program is currently used in various areas of our nation.
- ★ BCPD Reserve Officers completed multiple mandatory trainings, required by OSHA and/or policy.
- ★ 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
- Issued 5 citations for non-compliance
- Started 1 new case

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 2 parking citations
- Followed up on 3 parking complaints

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 1 livestock permit
- 1 problem pet owner hearing
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- 2 dogs at large impounded
- Followed up with 3 animal complaints

Miscellaneous:

- Followed up on 2 TUP violations
- 2 found items returned to owner
- Followed up with one development code case



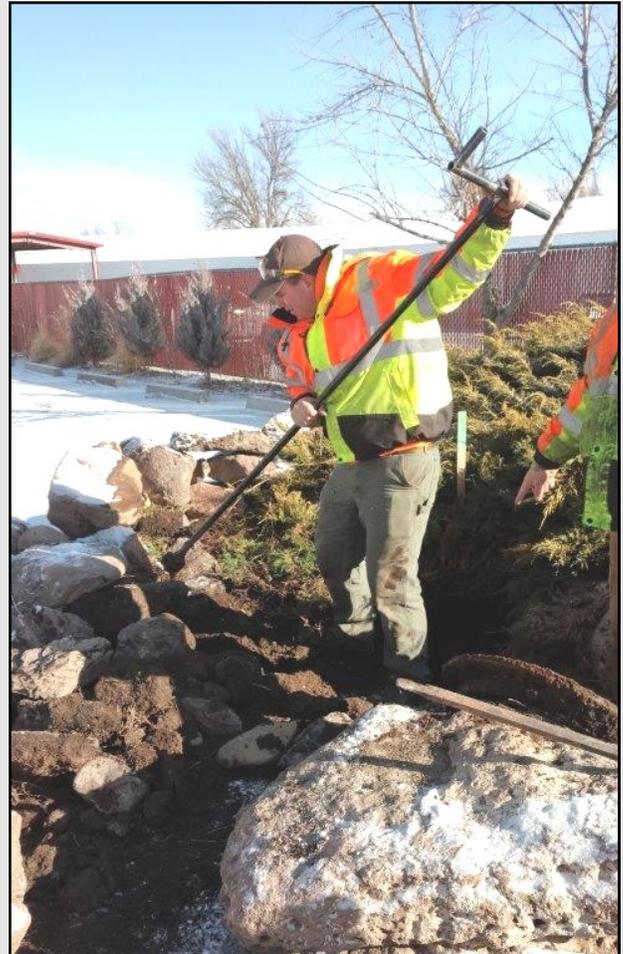
Public Works: Water Department

A water meter on Eldon Street needed to be replaced. A rock wall had been constructed around the meter and over a control valve.

Pictured right, Tommy and Nate have removed a portion of the rock wall and have made preparations to replace the meter.

Residents of the Brookside Manor Apartments, who will be affected, have been notified that they will be without water between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon on Friday.

The rock wall will be reconstructed after the water meter work has been completed.



This week Jake continued adjusting specific flows of water from the Elkhorn Mountains to meet customer demands and allow for injection into the Aquifer Storage Recharge System. Here is a photo of the Goodrich Creek Diversion after a light snowfall.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

The crew of Karl and Jacob have been busy this week on several different collection system projects.

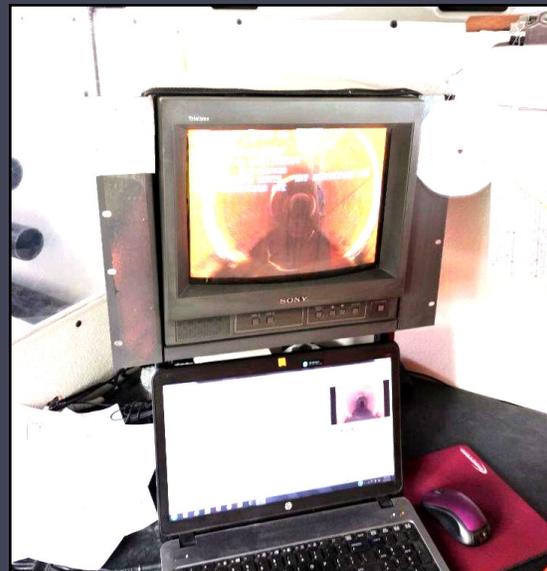


A property owner on 19th Street requested that their lateral be inspected. Public Works used the push-cam unit to inspect the line. This service is available through plumbers, licensed contractors and/or drain cleaning professionals for a set fee.

Lines along Estes Street were video-inspected.



A wastewater problem was reported Wednesday for a house on Washington Street. The main line was cleaned and the lateral connection inspected. The 8" terra cotta main line was found to be in good condition.

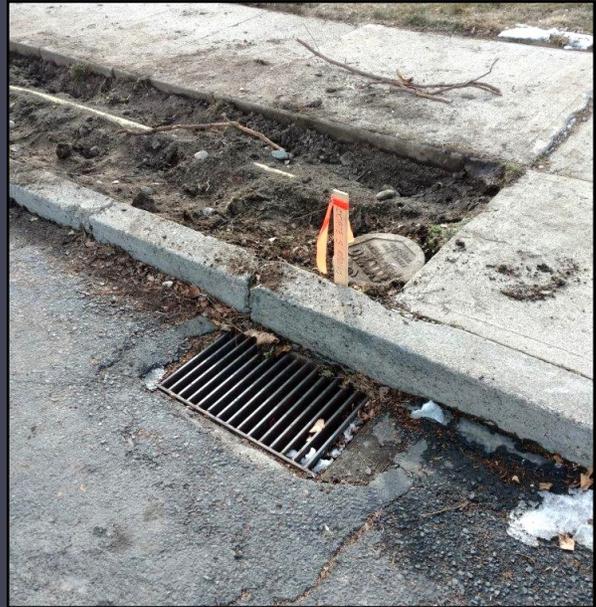




Public Works: Storm Water

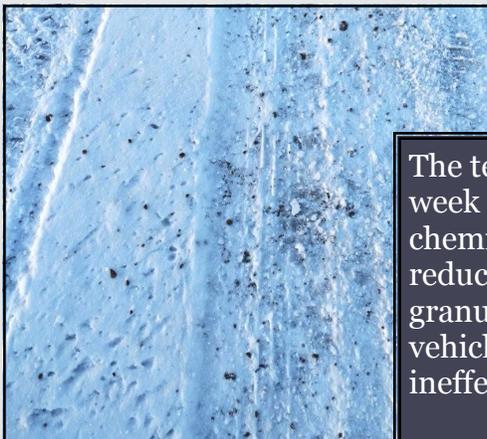
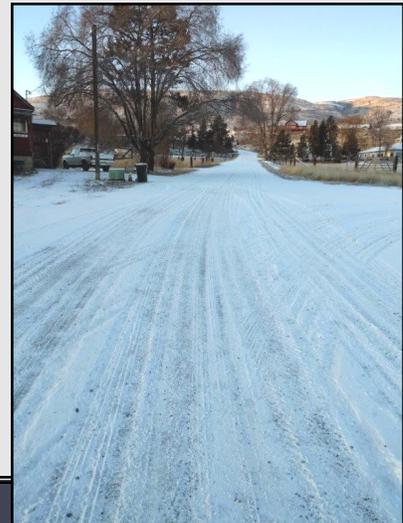
A storm water drain will be reconstructed along 9th Drive this spring. The area will be hydro excavated and refurbished using washed drain rock and a new drain pipe. The work is scheduled to be completed after Cascade Gas Company performs maintenance work on their gas line which is located between the curb and the sidewalk.

As shown in the upper left corner of this photo - it is always important to request an underground utility locate when performing any excavation work. Often phone lines and occasionally even gas lines are less than a foot below the ground surface. Cascade Gas plans to lower this section of gas line to a safer depth.



Public Works: Street Department

A light snow has been falling each evening it seems. When that occurs a two man crew of usually Matt (in the salter truck) and Craig (in the sanding truck) apply sanding rock and some salt to steep sections in town and major intersections. They usually start salting and sanding around 4 a.m. while the traffic is light.



The temperatures earlier this week were so cold that the chemical reaction of the salt to the snow/ice was greatly reduced. That is one of the reasons that we mix gravel with the granulated salt crystals. This way traction is improved for vehicles even when temperatures are so cold that the salt is ineffective.



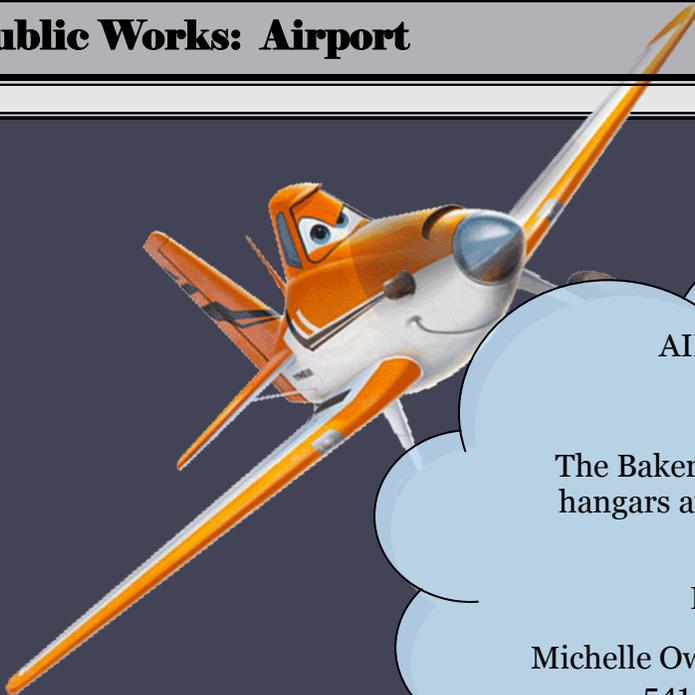
Public Works: Street Department Continued



A new sign warning drivers about reduced visibility was recently installed on Indiana Avenue.

Vehicles are warned to slow down as they approach the vertical curve just below Hillcrest Drive.

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.



Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott replaced an air cylinder and air switch on the jetter hose brake and it is back in service.



The ambulance had coolant leaking. A control valve was replaced and it is back in service.



Wes and Scott rebuilt the air horns on the fire engine and it is back in service.



Pictured above, Blain and Scott F. are helping to replace the right front wheel seal.



The siren control box went out in this police cruiser. A new one has been ordered.



Scott F. is pictured here installing a window in the break room door for higher visibility and safety.

