

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## *Weekly Update January 26, 2018*

### **Administration:**

The City Manager attended a regional economic development meeting hosted by the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District. The plan is to work on a strategy to enhance efforts to attract business and work on workforce issues throughout Northeast Oregon.

The City Council met this week and approved funding for the Silvers Street Tree Grant Program. As many of you know, Anthony Silvers left the City of Baker City a large endowment for the purpose of enhancing street trees in our City. Applications for street trees in the Downtown area are taken in the Month of March and for individuals outside the Downtown core, the enrollment period is April 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the Silvers Tree grant program, stop in to City Hall and visit with the Public Works department.

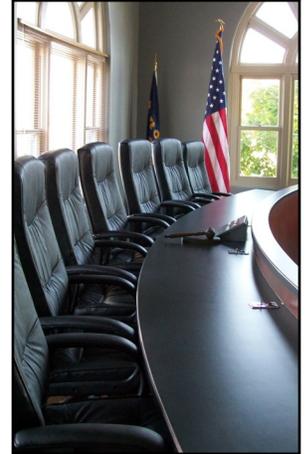
It looks like a winter storm warning is in effect for Friday night through Saturday. Let's hope for rain in the valley and snow in the mountains. The Chamber of Commerce is having their annual banquet at the Elks Club on Saturday night. For more information, contact the Chamber. Have a great weekend and drive carefully.

### **City Council**

#### **Agenda**

February 13th

TBD



### **Finance:**

#### **Utilities**

- ◆ Six customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and four customers disconnected service from January 19<sup>th</sup> thru January 25<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today which includes 709 residential and 58 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 187 or 24% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed January 23<sup>rd</sup> and included 546 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 137 or 24% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Thirty residential customers (Zones 3 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

#### **Payroll**

Seventy-three employees were paid today including five paid volunteer firefighters. This includes four new and one returning employee in the Fire Department and one new employee in the Public Works Department. Three of the Fire Department positions are due to an increase in staffing related to the SAFER grant. Of those 73 employees, 71 or 97% are signed up for direct deposit.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	3	4	3
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	9	4	9
Mechanical	3	3	4	5
Plumbing	1	1	1	1
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 622 Parkinson St., Sumpter— Detached accessory building.
- 14353 Pine Creek Rd., Baker City— Detached accessory building.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 129 E Austin St., Sumpter— Detached accessory building.
- 160 W Washington St., Huntington—New commercial 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 an addition to an existing single – family dwelling in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone, at 1740 Ash Street.
- ◆ An application was approved for recognition of lot-of-record status for 2210 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ An application was approved for a +256 square foot accessory building at 2210 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.



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 **32** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	10

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

**27**



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

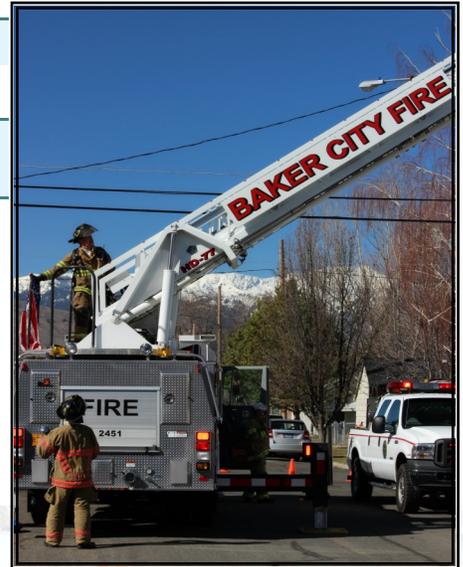
## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	4

<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>5</b>
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- D Street—Structure fire.
- Washington Street—False alarm.
- Campbell Street—Fuel spill.

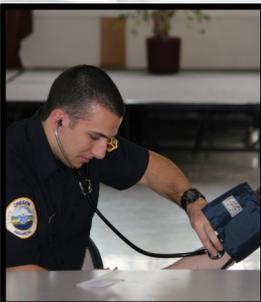


## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	1
Persons Arrived for Cover	1
Incidents Not Covered	0

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **42** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **183** 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 30th.



*"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 42 new cases this past week. Among those cases:

- BCPD utilized numerous resources and spent a large portion of two days this week investigating a reported stabbing. Ultimately, investigators found no evidence to support the claim, but found extensive evidence to disprove the claim.
- BCPD also utilized numerous resources, and were aided by numerous resources from the Baker County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police to investigate a reported threat against our local schools. The threat was proven to not be an imminent threat, as the suspect was not in Baker City at the time.
- BCPD personnel investigated nine reported thefts.
- BCPD personnel arrested two individuals for outstanding warrants.
- BCPD personnel investigated two more reports of juvenile runaways, one of which was from a local treatment facility.

- ★ Lt. Newman met with other law enforcement entities, ODOT and media to discuss an upcoming traffic safety operation.
- ★ BCPD completed routine policy updates to our policy manual.
- ★ 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 5 citations for non compliance.

#### **Parking Violations and Complaints:**

- Followed up with 4 parking violations.
- Issued 3 parking citations.
- 1 verbal parking warning.
- Orange tagged 6 abandoned vehicles.

#### **Animal Violations and Complaints:**

- 3 dogs at large returned to owner.
- Issued 3 citations for no dog license.

- Impounded 1 dog at large.
- Issued 2 citations for dog at large.
- 1 problem pet owner hearing, and followed up on 1 pending case.
- Issued 1 citation for no kennel permit.
- Issued 1 citation for keeping and pasturing animals.
- Issued 1 citation for Animal Facilities violation.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- Followed up on 1 Temporary Use permit violation.
- Issued 1 citation for DWS violation.



## Public Works: Wastewater Department



Tommy and Jacob worked to raise buried manholes up to the ground surface elevation.



A steel fencepost and sign marker was installed to mark the manhole location.

While excavating around the manhole it was evident that the moisture in the soil didn't penetrate very deep.

Here you can see that the soil is damp to a depth of about 12 inches.



## Public Works: Water Department



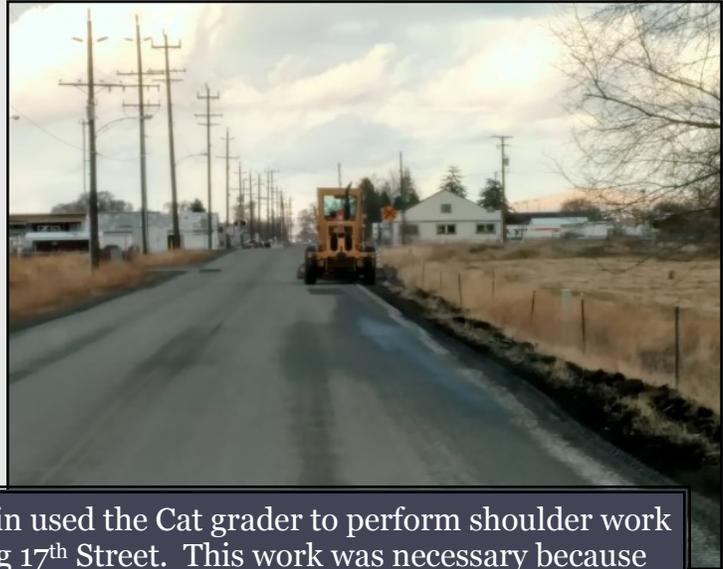
The hydro plant was shut down temporarily for quarterly service and repairs. The oil in the governor was changed and the generator, pelican wheel and arrow electric were greased.

While on site Public Works personnel also received training.



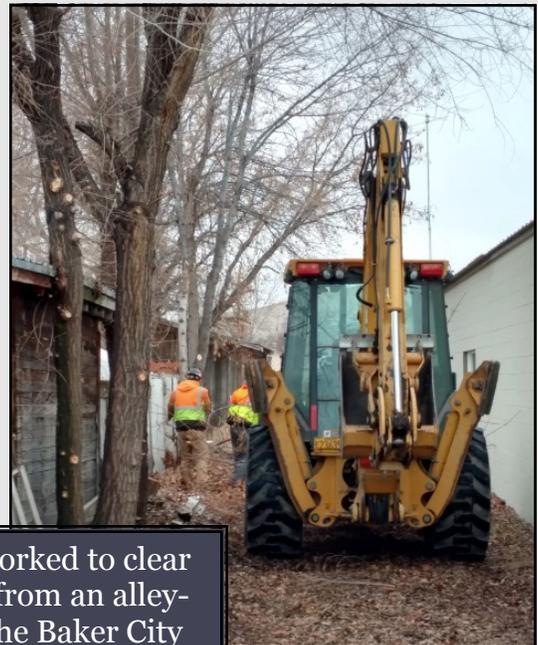
## Public Works: Street Department

Light snowfall this week made road surfaces slick. Matt and Craig salted and sanded roads at 4:00 a.m. Monday morning.



Justin used the Cat grader to perform shoulder work along 17<sup>th</sup> Street. This work was necessary because the shoulder of the road was actually higher than the asphalt surface. Road shoulders should slope away from the edge of the asphalt so that rain water and snow melt can flow away from the asphalt. If allowed to stay next to or on the asphalt it will accelerate deterioration of the asphalt and potholes will develop.

Dennis continues to replace photocells and light globes whenever they quit working. Here he is working on Indiana Avenue installing a 150 watt light.



Blain and Nate worked to clear brush and limbs from an alleyway adjacent to the Baker City Public Warehouse Facility.



## Public Works: Street Department Continued

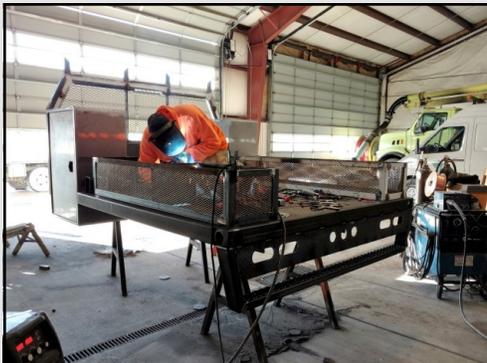


Conditions were just a little too wet to grade gravel streets this week. However, Justin used the grader to cut a drainage ditch on "E" Street between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets.



The owner of a commercial property in town hired Public Works to induct a failing catch basin and drywell drainage system.

Several feet of silt sediment was removed from the drywell and catch basin. The pond was eliminated.



Fabrication work was completed on the utility bed that will be installed onto Equipment R-216 (3/4 ton Ford Pickup). This utility bed is especially constructed for utility repair work and will be used on R-216 and future pickup chassis.



## Public Works: Airport



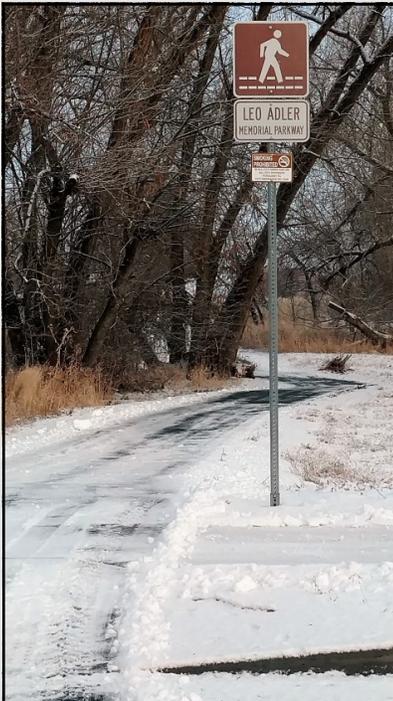
**\*\*\*AIRPLANE HANGARS AVAILABLE\*\*\***

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: Parks and Recreation



Whenever there is a significant snowfall Jake takes the City's ATV early in the morning and plows the entire length of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway.

Pedestrians appreciate having a relatively clear pathway upon which to walk.



## Public Works: Shop



Justin wired and mounted the inverter on the new utility truck.

After the flat bed is powder coated, the truck will be put back together and will be in service.



Brian is pictured here, helping to fabricate a new bumper.



Check engine lights brought this vehicle into the shop. Wes and Scott will be replacing the battery and servicing the camera battery pack as well.

Wes and Scott are servicing and performing a safety check on this vehicle. It will be back in service Friday afternoon.

