

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 20, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development was in the City this week to brief the Planning Department and City Manager on the opportunity for the City and County to apply for funding for an Economic Opportunity Analysis grant. These resources will allow us a chance to gather input on target industries as well as begin to work on issues surrounding workforce, available lands and housing.

The Legislative Committee on Student Success will be in Baker City on Tuesday April 24th to hear from business and school leaders, parents, students and other stakeholders about the needs of our local school system and what the State of Oregon can do to improve the system. They will be holding a public hearing from 7-9 PM at the Baker High School Auditorium. There will be approximately fourteen legislators from around the State that want to hear from the public.

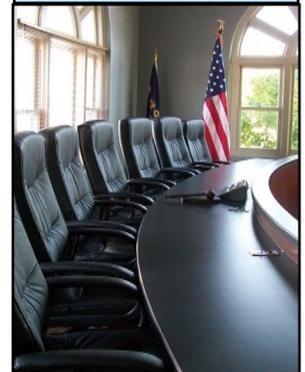
It looks like a great weather weekend. Arbor Day and Earth Day are Sunday the 22nd. There will be volunteers cleaning up the Powder River as well as activities in Geiser Pollman Park from 10 am-1pm. Come out and get a tree to plant and help beautify our City.

City Council

Agenda

April 24th

- Baker Co. Sheriff Presentation
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Adoption of 2018/19 Council Goals
- Sidewalk Utility Allocations
- ASR Well Report



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Ten customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eight customers disconnected service from April 13th to April 19th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed April 17th which included 461 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 99 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 17 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 549 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 144 (25%) are signed up for direct payment and 20 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Thirty residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	5	3	5
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	3	1	3	6
Mechanical	2	2	1	2
Plumbing	2	1	0	1
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	9	7	15

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 37044 Sullivan St., Richland—Detached accessory structure.
- 101 Vine St., Richland—New residence.
- 1531 2nd St., Baker City—Roof replacement/repair.
- 369 Auburn St., Sumpter—Detached accessory structure.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2500 E St., Baker City—Rehabilitation project.
- 2030 Main St., Baker City—Balcony addition.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 25, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

On April 18th, 2018, the Planning Commission held a public work session 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 was to create a scope for areas that could be considered for a future re-zone. The next step will be outreach to determine interest and concerns.

The Commission also discussed the development of standards and language for the proposed creation of a Residential-Professional District. This district is intended to allow larger signage in residential zones which abut commercial zones, providing a desirable mix of residential and light commercial land uses in the center of the city.

The next work session is scheduled at 7pm on May 16th, 2018 at City Hall. As always, the public is encouraged to attend and provide input.



Photo credit: Timothy Bishop, Basecamp Baker



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of April 10th through April 16th the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	13

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 30



Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	4
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6

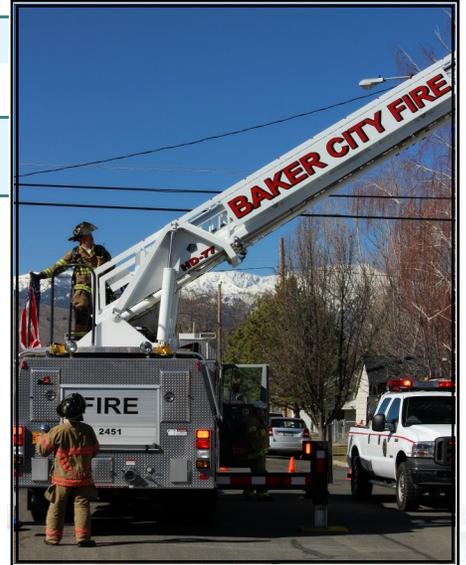
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 6



Resort Street—Fire Alarm.

14th Street—Debris Burning.

Main Street—False Alarm.



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	7
Persons Arrived for Cover	7
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **103** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **151.5** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- **5** 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 April 24th.



"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 180 incidents and opened 41 new cases this past week. Among those cases:
 - BCPD personnel investigated a domestic violence report where a shotgun was discharged during an argument.
 - BCPD personnel investigated eight reported thefts and frauds.
 - BCPD personnel investigated three reported burglaries.
 - BCPD personnel arrested three individuals for outstanding warrants and two for probation violations.
 - BCPD personnel arrested two individuals for DUII.
- ★ Chief Lohner attended the annual conference for the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, where he is now the Second Vice-President on the Executive Board.
- ★ Lt. Newman attended the monthly Elder Abuse and Community Risk Awareness meeting at DHS.
- ★ Lt. Newman and Officer Woodward attended a School Security meeting, along with members of the Sheriff's Office and OSP.
- ★ A Baker City Officer participated in the Literacy Program and spent time at Brooklyn School, reading to students.
- ★ 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 with 6 pending cases
- Closed out 1 case with compliance gained

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Issued 4 parking citations
- Followed up on 6 parking violations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Impounded 4 dogs at large
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large

- 1 dog at large returned to owner
- Followed up with 4 animal complaints
- Issued 1 citation for no dog license
- Issued 2 citations for dog waste
- Issued 1 dog bite citation
- Followed up on 3 animal complaints
- Assisted Officers with 1 dog bite-impound case
- Followed up with 2 problem pet owner complaints

Miscellaneous:

- 1 found bicycle



Public Works: Street Department

The repair parts for the Campbell Street light arrived this week. This is the light that was knocked over when a distracted driver drove across two travel lanes, over the concrete curb, knocked down the street light pole and then demolished the Maverik convenience store sign.

Concrete was poured Wednesday.



Steel reinforcing rebar and 1" diameter bolts 42" in length will provide the necessary strength to support the new light pole.

Blain, Scott and Brian are shown here working to repair the street light pole.

The Baker City Public Works Department assisted the 5J School District Thursday by hydro-excavating material from around a broken water valve located inside a control building next to the Baker High School Football Field.

Tommy operated the high pressure wand while Jacob maneuvered the special 6" flexible suction tube.





Public Works: Wastewater Department

Building Department personnel were concerned about a wastewater lateral that was recently installed in an alley near the Courthouse. The 4" ABS pipe was inserted into the 6" terra cotta lateral and pushed to refusal.

Karl and Jacob video-inspected the main line to assure that the 4" ABS pipe did not extend into the main line possibly causing a blockage. The installation was found to be done well.



A resident living on 3rd Street called Thursday to report that he had wastewater coming up in his basement. Whenever Public Works receives a report like this - it is given top priority no matter what other public works jobs are being worked on.

Karl and Tom responded to the residence. Karl cleaned the main line located in the alley while Tom checked the upstream manhole and talked to the property owner. The mainline was found to be in excellent condition. This section of 8" line was re-lined using the CIPP process in 2013.

Public Works: Water Department



Work continued on the Estes Street water line this week. The tie-in on Resort is now complete. Additional pipe work will be done next week along with disinfection of the lines. Extensive asphalt patching work on Estes Street will be done during May.

Blain and Brian worked to tie in the Resort Street connection Thursday.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

Justin worked Wednesday to clear an area of ground in preparation for the arrival of ten truckloads of pipe which will be arriving the middle of next week. Craig and Nate worked to haul base rock to the site to form a firm base for stockpiling the 20" ductile iron pipe.

This is the pipe that will be installed on the Mountain Pipeline project later this summer. A local rancher allowed the City to use a portion of his property for the pipe staging area. We are grateful to him for his generosity as it allows us to have the pipe delivered in much closer proximity to the job site than if we had to take delivery at the Public Works yard.



Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department

The Partner for Paws Dog Park is nearing completion. The fencing project was completed yesterday. Public Works employees installed rubber stripping along the bottom of two equipment gates to make a safeguard against pets escaping under them.

Fence guard has been installed along the area that is in close proximity to the skate ramp to assist in making the fence more visible to skaters. Irrigation has been installed in the small dog area, and efforts are underway to establish the turf in that enclosure. This portion of the park will be closed for several weeks while the turf work is underway.



All remaining amenities will be added in the near future to complete the installation of all essential elements of the park. Efforts are still underway to raise funds for the purchase of trees and other park items. This project has been funded with a generous contribution from the Pet-Safe "Bark for Your Park" grant program, in addition to private donations and the Dog Jog fun run/walk held last fall.

Watch for information regarding the official opening of the park, scheduled for May 5. The opening will coincide with National Dog Park Day. Plans are underway to celebrate this **MONUMENTAL SUCCESS** and welcome addition to the Baker City Parks system!

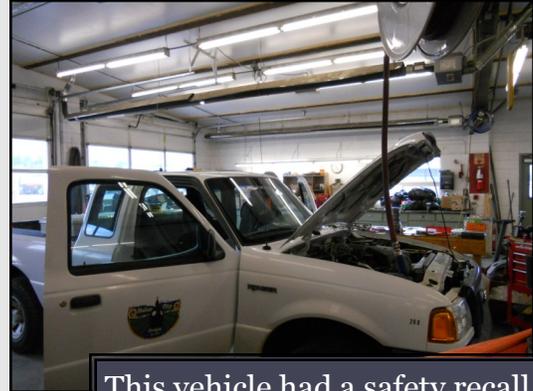




Public Works: Shop



The bumper was falling off of this police cruiser. After replacing bolts and tightening things down this cruiser is back in service.



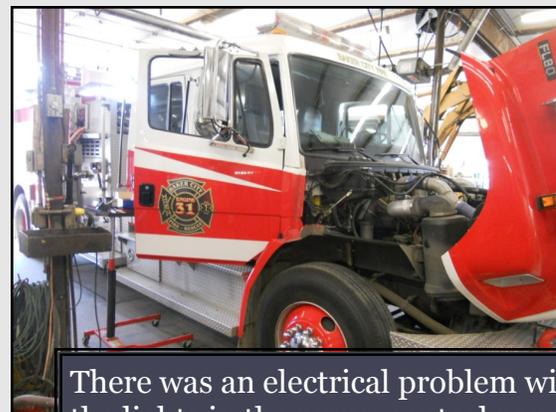
This vehicle had a safety recall with the air bags. It was taken to La Grande for repair and it is back in service.



Wes and Scott are performing the "thousand hour" service on the sweeper. This includes changing the hydraulic fluid, filter and servicing the upper and chassis motors. The sweeper should be back in service on Monday.



The pump panel on this fire engine had a bad plug to the control panel. Wes and Scott repaired it and it is working fine now.



There was an electrical problem with the lights in the pump control panel. They have been repaired and it is back to work.



Announcements:



Celebrate Arbor Day!

In cooperation with the *Powder Basin Watershed Council, Baker City Tree Board, Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Baker City Rotary Club*

Sunday April 22nd, 2018, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Geiser Pollman Park—Campbell Street

Events Include:

-  EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
-  ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
-  POWDER BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL POWDER RIVER CLEANUP
-  ROTARY CLUB SAPLING GIVEAWAY—1ST 50 PARTICPANTS
-  REFRESHMENTS



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