

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 11, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The City Council met this week with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the number of deer within the City limits. The Council had previously heard from residents in South Baker about several issues surrounding aggressive deer, citizens feeding deer and the fear of cougars and other predators moving into the area to feed on the wildlife. There was a lot of buzz on social media about the Council meeting and the Council will be looking at an ordinance to prohibit the feeding of deer within the City limits. This will be a time for the debate about all the issues surrounding the large number of deer within the City and to educate all involved on the pros and cons of this important issue.

City Council Agenda May 22nd

- Wildlife Ordinance
- First Responders Proclamation

The City will be holding their annual budget meetings next week starting at 6:00 pm on Monday in the Council Chambers. The meetings will be every night next week until the budget is approved by the Baker City Budget Committee.

Finance:

Finance Director: The first budget committee meeting will be May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There will be a public hearing at this meeting. The 2018-19 proposed budget is available online at <http://www.bakercity.com/2155/Finance>. As of May 2nd the City has received \$3,138,343 in current year property taxes and \$91,917 in prior year property taxes.

Utilities

- ◆ Nine customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from May 4th to May 10th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed May 9th which included 458 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 127 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today which includes 465 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 99 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 17 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Ten residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one was 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 May 10th.

Accounts Receivable: Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent May 10th. The billings were as follows:



Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,783
Cemetery	\$4,280
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fee	\$20,935
New Water Meter Installation & Misc.	\$327
Lien Searches	\$1,891
Ambulance	\$305,053
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$4,107
Community Development Support	\$22,220
County EMS Support (SAFER)	\$2,899
School District 5J SRO Billing	\$14,376
Street Patching & Misc.	\$2,426
Golf Course Concessionaire Lease Payments	\$5,412
Misc.	\$83
Total:	\$385,792



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	7	4	25
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	3
Electrical	4	5	8	18
Mechanical	0	2	2	5
Plumbing	0	3	1	5
Fence	4	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	9	17	15	56

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 46604 Cornucopia Hwy., Halfway—Residential addition.
- 277 Pine St., Halfway—Residential addition.
- 11122 Huckleberry Loop, Sumpter—Detached accessory structure.
- 44486 Deerhaven, Baker City—New residence.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1896 2nd St., Baker City—Structural door modification.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 23, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Notice of grant opportunity for structures in the Historic District: Every two years, due to our City's status as a "Certified Local Government", we have the opportunity to award funds to property owners for repair/maintenance on historic properties. This is a matching grant opportunity with specific guidelines, and the application window is now open. For more information, please visit the Baker City website, and go to the Historic District Design Review Committee page. You are also welcome to join us at any HDDRC meeting, or call the Building Dept. 541-524-2054.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

On May 16, 2018, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss two applications:

- ◆ **RP-18-003:** A request to partition a ±14.05-acre parcel into two (2) parcels. The property is described as Tax Lot 1401 on Assessor's Map 09s40e29ab (Ref. 16028) and is located in the Residential Low-Density (RL-D) Zone. Access to both proposed parcels is from Foothill Drive.
- ◆ **RP-18-034:** A request to partition a ±3.1-acre parcel into three (3) parcels. The property is described as Tax Lot 1403 on Assessor's Map 09s40e29ab (Ref. 18379) and is located in the Residential Low-Density (RL-D) Zone. Access to both proposed parcels is from Foothill Drive.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

The construction of a new single-family dwelling has been approved at 1440 13th Street, located in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 1st through May 7th the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	14

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 33



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

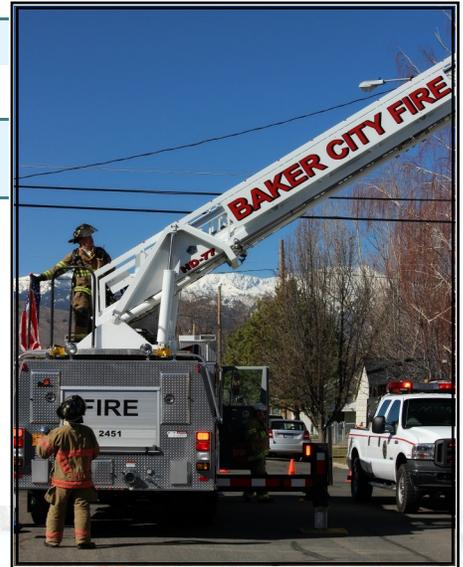
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2

16th Street: Burn complaint.

Foothill Road: Burn complaint.



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	2
Persons Arrived for Cover	1
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 95 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 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 May 15th.



"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 193 incidents and opened 34 new cases this past week. One case involved the arrest of a subject for Attempting to Elude, Reckless Driving and Reckless Endangering when he failed to yield to police officers attempting to initiate a traffic stop. The following press release was issued following this incident:

On 05/06/2018 at about 5:17 PM Baker City Police were flagged down while on routine patrol by a citizen near Papa Murphy's (Campbell near Main Street) where a citizen lodged a driving complaint about a black car with California plates. This vehicle matched the description of a car that was reported earlier to OSP as driving on I-84 towards Baker City at excessive Speeds.

Baker City Police attempted to stop the black 2015 Infinity with California plates at Campbell and Main Street, the vehicle continued northbound and then onto 1st Street. The car did not yield and accelerated to speeds the pursuing officer did not feel were safe to continue pursuing and therefore, the pursuing officer terminated the pursuit.

After the pursuit was terminated, another Baker City Police Officer found the car stopped in the area of Grandview and 2nd Street. The second officer issued commands to the driver, the driver then drove off again at a high rate of speed. The second officer did not pursue due to the reckless speed the driver drove off at.

After the second contact with the suspect vehicle, officers in the area were flagged down by multiple citizens that complained and pointed to the direction last seen by this vehicle. One citizen described this vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, with no police cars in pursuit, heading south on 10th Street past Broadway Avenue.

Officer Coleton Smith, upon hearing the last location update, located the suspect and vehicle at Jackson Street near 8th Street. As an additional Baker City Officer arrived, the suspect gave up and complied with the officer's commands. He was taken into custody without a struggle and identified as 28 year old Brian Heredia (09/14/89).

- ✪ In another case, Officer Rand Weaver arrested a subject following a reported crash into the wood piled directly in front of Maverik on Campbell Street. The subject was found to have a BAC level of .31, nearly four times the legal limit and was subsequently arrested for DUII.
- ✪ Administrative Assistant Phoebe Wachtel assisted the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Community Connections and the Oregon Department of Transportation with the first bike to school event in Huntington. School-aged participants received hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookies, courtesy of Sweet Wife Bakery, and a short lesson on bicycle safety and a bicycle helmet. Helmets for outreach events such as the one in Huntington are donated by the Baker City Rotary Club. Many thanks to everyone who participated and Baker City Rotary for their continued support.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance
- Followed up on 3 pending cases

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 1 dog at large returned to owner
- 3 dogs at large impounded
- Followed up with 1 livestock case
- Followed up with 4 animal complaints

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles
- 2 written warnings for violations

Miscellaneous:

- 2 found Items
- Followed up on 1 TUP violation
- Followed up on 4 grass and weed violations



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Fibrous materials called wet wipe wipes continue to plague Baker City's wastewater collection system. This week the number two pump at the Wastewater Treatment Plant had to be taken "off line" and disassembled to remove the blockage. The number one pump was able to keep up with the flow of wastewater while work on the number two was being performed. Material that was plugging the pump had to be pried, cut and pulled from the unit. Pump number one is beginning to plug and will need to be cleaned within the next few weeks.



Public Works: Lagoon

The 100 acres of surface water at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is a magnet for migrating waterfowl.

Here you can see lots of waterfowl including several Wilson's Phalarope in the foreground.



Public Works: Street Department



Volunteer members of the Baker City Tree Board trimmed overhanging limbs from a section of "H" Street this week. As you can see this will greatly improve access so that the street sweeper will be better able to clean debris all the way to the curb. Thank you contributing Tree Board Members!



Public Works: Street Department Continued



Cattle guard ends were made and installed this week for the airport and up Elk Creek to help keep cows on the correct side of the fences.



Although not a Public Works Project - the New Grocery Outlet Store is coming along quickly as seen in this photo.

Public Works: Water Department

Installation of 20" diameter ductile iron pipe began this week. 7,760 feet of pipe is planned to be installed this year as part of the Mountain Pipeline Replacement Project.

An on-site safety meeting was performed Thursday for those workers who will be involved in the construction project.

U.S. Pipe manufacturer representative Jeff from Seattle and pipe salesman Dan provided instructions as to proper installation of the ductile iron pipe, gaskets, locking keeper rings and other job specifics.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

Here is how the project is proceeding—this is typically a three man construction crew operation.

Pipe that was delivered to the staging area over the last two weeks is loaded onto the pipe trailer which is pulled by the Cat grader to the construction site. Brian is pictured on the right loading pipe onto the trailer.



Special tailgates were constructed to keep the pieces of pipe from sliding too far forward or backward.

The pipe is then offloaded near where each piece will be installed.



Construction stakes are installed by Jay and Steve as designed by Doug. What do all these numbers mean? The top number is the horizontal distance from the pink hub to the centerline of the new designed pipeline.

The "C" represents the work "CUT" which means the bottom of the new pipe needs to be 3.57 feet in elevation below the top of the hub. "PVI" means this location is a "Point of Vertical Intersection" (where the grade or slope of the pipe changes).

The grade to the right is 10.96% slope and the grade to the left is 10.13% slope. You can safely deflect each joint of pipe up to 3.5 degrees.



Public Works: Water Department Continued



The trench is excavated to the proper depth and slope (here Justin is changing from the ripper tooth barely visible to the digging bucket).



The pipe ends are coated with approved lubricant and assembled using locking rings.

The grade of the pipe is checked for accuracy using an automatic laser level and receiver.



Two electrical conduits, a trace wire and red warning tape is being installed full length above the 20" pipe.

Finally a second track hoe is used to backfill the trench line. Pictured to the right, Blain has backfilled using the Volvo track hoe and then smoothed the surface with the Cat Dozer.



Public Works: Sam-O Swim Center



"Out with the old and in with the new!" Two leaking valves were replaced this week by maintenance contractor Matt from Grant Mechanical. A third small leak was also repaired leaving the Mechanical Room in great shape.





Public Works: Parks and Recreation



Gail Duman, the driving force behind this project shares the ribbon cutting duties with Parks Supervisor, Joyce Bornstedt.

The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Parks Department celebrated National Dog Park Day with a celebration and dedication of Baker City's newest park! The celebration was enjoyed by many community members and most importantly even move of our 4-legged friends!



This project was identified as a top 4 priority in a community survey conducted in 2012. As a result, this project was identified as a parks system goal in the 2015 Parks Master Plan. The dog park dream took a significant turn toward reality when Baker City was identified as one

of five cities in the United States to receive a PetSafe "Bark for Your Park" grant award in the amount of \$25,000. This grant program is very competitive, and the 2017 award marked the 5th consecutive year that Baker City had participated in the program trying to secure funding. We are fortunate as well to live in a community that supports projects such as this which help to improve the quality of life we have all come to enjoy. Many individuals either made a donation to the project or participated in the "Dog Jog" fundraiser held last October.



The pups took a play break to get a drink from the new pet fountain!

Participants at the Partners for Paws Dog Park opening were entered into a drawing for one of 4 very cool pup prizes as well as treated to many free pet related freebies, all courtesy of PetSafe! We would have to say that the canine participants had the best time of all...WOOF!



Thank you PetSafe!



Public Works: Shop



Nate is pictured here changing the tie rods for the front end of this pickup.

While in the shop, the truck also received new tires.



Wes and Scott serviced and performed a safety check on this ambulance. It is now back in service.

The pinion seal was replaced on this pickup. After the differential was filled and tested everything checked out fine and this vehicle is back in service.



Pictured above, Brian is building a headache rack for the trailer that will be used to carry pipe.