

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update May 18, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The Baker City Budget Board met this week to consider the budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Over two nights, they discussed the operations of the City and worked to determine the resources needed to accomplish the essential services. In the end, they approved a budget that will allow the City to continue to deliver the services that we can afford and our citizens expect.

The City Manager attended the Mayor's Council meeting in Halfway. Mayor's from several cities as well as County officials talked about individual City issues as well as shared interests by all the entities. Some of the issues discussed were water and wastewater challenges, ambulance service to Baker County, 911/ Consolidated Dispatch and economic development.

City Council

Agenda

May 22nd

- Wildlife Ordinance
- First Responders Proclamation



Finance:

Finance Director: The Budget Committee approved the 2018-19 budget on May 15th. The approved budget is available on the City's website at <http://www.bakercity.com/2155/Finance>.

Utilities:

- ◆ Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and five customers disconnected service from May 11th to May 17th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed May 16th which included 489 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 18 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 499 residential and 50 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 113 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 22 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Fourteen residential customers (Zones 1 and 6) 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: Draw checks were issued May 15th.

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.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	5	2	3	7
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	0	0	2
Electrical	6	6	4	7
Mechanical	4	2	4	4
Plumbing	2	2	3	4
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	19	12	14	24

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 13378 Bulger Flat Lane, Haines – New residence.
- 52250 Hwy 86, Richland – New residence.
- 3515 Carter Street, Baker City – Addition of two metal carports.
- 4025 Court Avenue, Baker City – Enlarge framing and size of garage door.
- 3445 9th Drive, Baker City – Enlarge/convert two existing small garage doors to one large door.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

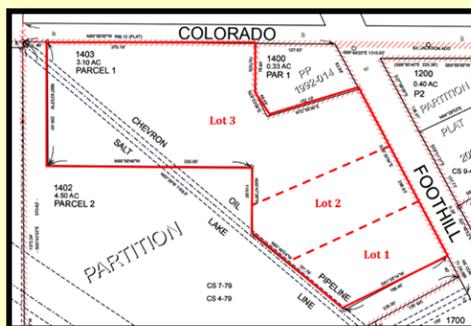
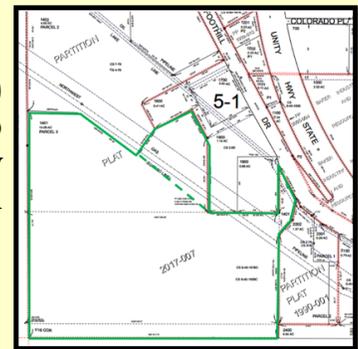
- 1350 Washington Street, Baker City – Seismic retrofit.
- 209 Main Street, Richland – Replace 1 exterior wall on commercial building.
- 2005 10th Street, Baker City – Enlarge framing and size of garage door.

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

Planning Department:

Public Meetings: On May 16, 2018, the Planning Commission held two public hearings and approved 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 will be provided 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 will be provided from Foothill Drive.

Land Use Decisions & Projects: A storage shed was approved at 3336 Campbell Street 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 8th through May 14th the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	5

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25



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

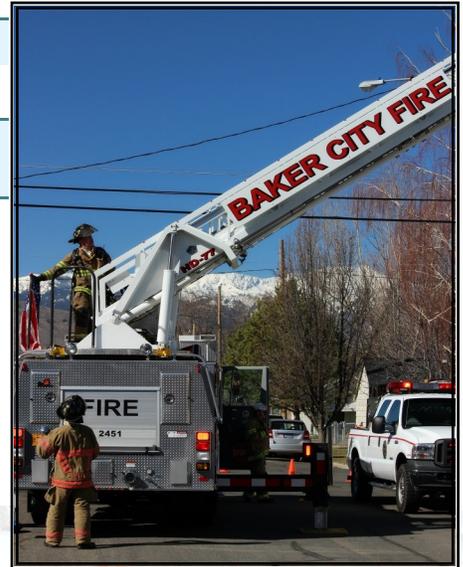
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



- 17th Street: Burn complaint.
- Broadway: Burn complaint.
- Campbell Street: False alarm.
- Washington Street: False alarm.



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	3
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 68 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 43.5 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- 3 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 6 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 22nd.



"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

- ✪ In a very busy week, BCPD handled over 198 incidents and opened 52 new cases. Arrests were made in the following cases and/or incidents:
 - Criminal trespass in the second degree involving an individual returning to a business where he had previously been formally trespassed.
 - False information to a police officer involving the arrest of two subjects in two separate incidents and unrelated cases.
 - Outstanding warrants for four individual subjects.
 - Kidnapping in the second degree involving an altercation in which the suspect would not allow another person to leave a residence. Subsequent to this report, and during the ongoing investigation, another individual was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and was also arrested.
 - Assault in the fourth degree in presence of minors following a report of a domestic violence incident.
 - Attempt to elude police whereas a suspect failed to stop for a police officer during a traffic stop. The suspect was subsequently arrested for eluding and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.
- ✪ D&J's Taco Shop held a benefit day, contributing 15% of all sales to the benefit of the BCPD K9 Fund, raising \$265.00! Thank you to D&J's Taco Shop for their support of the K9 program! Support from local businesses and community members helps with training costs necessary for both Capa and his handler in maintaining their certification, food and medical care for Capa and other associated program costs. Thank you!
- ✪ Sergeant Chastain's patrol team completed First Aid /CPR and firearms training and a review of OSHA related safety topics.
- ✪ 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 Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 3 pending cases
- Followed up with 3 grass and weed violations
- Followed up on 1 building code violation
- Followed up on 1 right-of-way complaint

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 1 dog at large impounded
- Followed up on 1 animal complaint
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large

- 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- Gave 2 warnings for no dog licenses
- Followed up on 1 barking complaint

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 2 parking violations
- Issued 1 parking citation

Miscellaneous:

- Assisted Officers with 1 search warrant
- Followed up on a taxi license violation



Public Works: Street Department

Matt continues to operate the Elgin Crosswind sweeper to keep Baker City streets clean.



After the hopper becomes full of debris it is driven back to the warehouse and emptied to make room for another load.



← This load appears to be mostly leaves, tree blossoms and grass clippings.



Sweeping Campbell Street.



Pictured above a member of our summer crew, Ryan, is busy making 12 custom object markers.

These markers will be welded onto previously unmarked railings on Estes, Washington, and Valley Street bridges.

A sinkhole was spotted by Matt on Thursday as he was sweeping Campbell Street. The material under the asphalt, which had served as support, has fallen away. The area has been identified as a hazard with a flashing barricade and is scheduled to be repaired.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

Chip rock was delivered to the City's stockpile site this week. The rock is from a different source this year and will have more of a beige brown color than the gray used in previous years.



← A load is being delivered via a side dump truck bed.

Craig uses the volvo loader to push the pile high to conserve space at the surge pond stockpile site. →



← Here you can see the different colors in this year's chip seal rock.



Hot asphalt was hauled from LaGrande on Thursday to begin patching Baker City streets. Tommy and Nate dug out crushed rock from a portion of the water line trench on Estes Street. Craig, Jake, Rick and Jacob placed and compacted the new asphalt.



Public Works: Water Department Continued

Good progress continued to be made on the Watershed Pipeline Project this week.

Here's a portion of an old steel waterline which was in use from around the early 1900's. →



← Here you can see the existing line which is still in use today.



A weathered wooden structure surrounds an old measuring device on the active line.

The material being excavated appears to be reddish brown soil material but it is solid and very difficult to dig. →



Blain is using the hydraulic hammer to pulverize the sandstone rock while Justin removes it from the trench.



A new permanent steel gate was installed on the property line between private property and BLM (Public) ownership.



Public Works: Water Department Continued



Goodrich Reservoir: The snow has receded significantly this week as shown in these photos.



Goodrich Reservoir and the receding snow line.



The historic cabin was used as a "line shack" many years ago.

Public Works: Wastewater Department



The wastewater lining contractor (P.E.C.) began work this week in Baker City.

They are preparing to line several domestic wastewater lines in town using the CIPP process.

Pictured right, they are working on a terra cotta line at the intersection of 7th and Campbell Streets.





Public Works: Shop

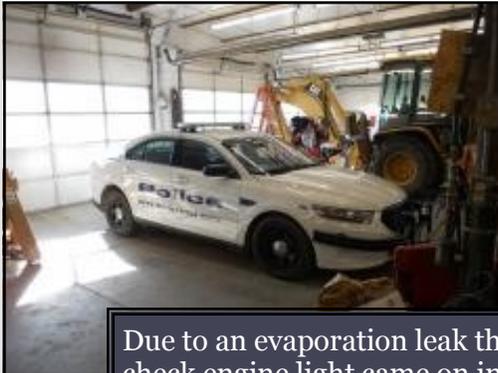
Wes serviced and performed a safety check on this vehicle.



Wes and Nate are working on a short in the park light system on this sweeper. Repairs will be finished next week.



This service vehicle had the tires replaced and it is back in service.



Due to an evaporation leak the check engine light came on in this vehicle. The fill spout was cleaned and it is back in service.



A short in a relay caused this roller to find its way to the Shop. Repairs were made and it is back in service.



The end gate was leaking on this sweeper. The stops were adjusted and it is back in service.



Wes ordered a gear box and replaced the step motor on this ambulance.