

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update May 25, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The Memorial Weekend is upon us. This is a great time to honor all men and women who have served in our military and protected the freedom that we all enjoy.

Mt. Hope Cemetery will be extremely busy over the weekend and I look forward to seeing many families as they decorate for their family members. The official Memorial Day Ceremony put on by our veteran organizations will be at 11:00 a.m. with a flyover by two F-15 fighter jets at 11:15 a.m.. Come out and enjoy the festivities and help honor those that have preceded us.

I hope that you get out and enjoy the warm weather. Have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

June 12th

- Executive Session
Pursuant to ORS
192.610 (2)((i)) 6:30
pm
- Ordinance Prohibiting
Feeding the Deer
- Judge Williams
Presentation
- Ordinance Amending
the Vacation of Allen
Street

Finance:

Utilities:

- ◆ Zone 7 was billed on the 22nd and included 554 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 146 (25%) are signed up for direct payment and 20 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today and includes 719 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 199 (25%) are signed up for direct payment and 34 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Ten customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and five customers disconnected service from May 18th thru May 24th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Fifteen customers (Zone 7 and Zone 3) were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. Six customers had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll:

Seventy-five employees were paid today including six paid volunteer firefighters, the dangerous dog hearings officer, a temporary facilities specialist and one part-time public works employee. Of those 75 employees 69 or 92% are signed up for direct deposit.

LID Billings: LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 2.8%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date. Twenty-nine 2014 Resort Street Underground Utility LIDs were billed today. The original assessment for relocating the utilities on Resort Street underground included sixty-three property owners for a total of \$294,879. The remaining balance outstanding is \$136,542 (including current interest due).



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	5	6	2	11
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	0
Electrical	4	4	4	4
Mechanical	2	3	1	9
Plumbing	3	6	2	6
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	19	10	30

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2609 12th St., Baker City—Demolition of existing building.
- 3336 Campbell St., Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 45962 Slough Rd., Baker City—New residence.
- 0 Forest Service Road, Greenhorn—New residence.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1280 Washington St., Baker City—Structural door alteration.
- 297 Campbell St., Baker City—Installation of 7 new signs.
- 2355 Plum St., Baker City—Detached accessory structure.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 13th 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 June 20, 2018, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider five applications:

- ◆ **VAC-18-043**: A petition filed by Baker County to vacate a ±10-foot-wide by ±375-foot-long portion of F Street immediately abutting property addressed as 3050 F Street, also identified as Tax Lot 700 of Map 09s40e17ba. The abutting property is located in the Industrial (I) Zone and owned by Baker County.
- ◆ Four applications have been filed by Brian & Corrine Vetger on behalf of Churchill Baker, LLC for property located at 3451 Broadway Avenue. The property is also identified as Tax Lot 3101 of Assessor's Map 09s40e17cc (Ref. 17934) and is located in the Medium-Density Residential (R-MD) Zone.
 - **HOP-18-049**: A request for approval of a Home Occupation Permit to operate a personal art studio in an existing structure (Churchill School). The application also requests approval to create and lease ±13 art studio spaces in the same structure.
 - **SDR-18-050**: A request for Site Design Review approval for use of a portion of the existing structure (Churchill School) as two residences.
 - **CUP-18-051**: A request for a Conditional Use Permit to convert a portion of an existing structure (Churchill School) into a community event center, as well as permission to use a portion of the existing structure as a bike hostel.
 - **VAR-18-052**: A request for a variance to the maximum number of guests that can stay at a "Bed and Breakfast" at any one time. The Baker City Development Code limits this number to eight (8). The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a maximum of twenty (20) guests for special events, which are anticipated to occur 2-3 times per year.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application was submitted for a drive through espresso trailer at 515 Campbell Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) zone. Notices were mailed to nearby property owners, and a notice was posted at the property this week. Comments on the application can be submitted until June 7. Once the comment period is complete, the Planning Department will issue a decision on the application.
- ◆ An application request was submitted to partition a ±0.77-acre parcel into three parcels. The property is described as Tax Lot 6700 on Baker County Assessor's Map 09s40e20dc (Ref. 3907) and is in the Residential Medium-Density (RM-D) Zone. Notices were mailed to nearby property owners, and a notice was posted at the property this week. Comments on the application can be submitted until June 7. Once the comment period is complete, the Planning Department will issue a decision on the application.
- ◆ A carport was approved at 1215 Auburn Avenue in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A temporary use permit for a taco truck was approved at 2430 Balm Street in the General-Industrial (I) zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 15th through May 21st the Fire Department responded to a total of **26** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

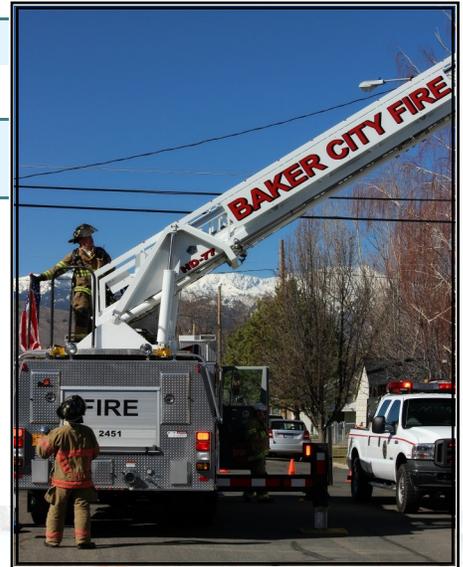
City Calls	24
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	26
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FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	0

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



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	6
Persons Arrived for Cover	5
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **103** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **28** 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 May 29th.



"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 175 incidents and opened 40 new cases this past week including:
 - The arrest of a suspect for burglary 1st degree who was found to have broken into a condemned house currently owned by Baker County.
 - The arrest of another suspect on suspicion of DUII.
 - Arrests of two subjects with valid warrants and/or detainers.
 - The arrest of a suspect for assault in the 2nd degree following a domestic altercation between siblings.
 - A report of reckless burning was investigated when a fire was intentionally set along the Leo Alder pathway. The fire was extinguished by the Fire Department and no injuries were reported.
- ✪ The Baker City Police Department hosted the Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association Conference this past week. This conference took place at various locations within Baker City. There were 46 dog teams in Baker City from all around the Pacific Northwest. The conference featured classroom training and field application exercises performed with the dogs and included warehouse, residential, commercial motor vehicles, passenger vehicles and open-field searches. The Pacific Northwest K9 Association consists of teams from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and occasionally, teams from Canada. K9 Handler Sergeant Chastain and K9 Capa attend annually and are able to recertify during this week-long training conference.
- ✪ 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.

Admit One

Coming Soon:
Movies In Central Park
It's a fun and safe
activity for
all families!





Public Works: Street Department



A representative from Albina Asphalt (supplier of chip seal oil) came to Baker City this week to sample this year's chip seal rock and examine some of last year's chip seal streets.

Pictured left, Andy is taking a look at 2nd Street which was chip sealed in 2017.

The Public Works crew continued to patch Estes Street on Tuesday. Three truckloads of hot asphalt was placed and then spread using the Cat grader.



37.38 tons of hot asphalt from LaGrande was placed and compacted!

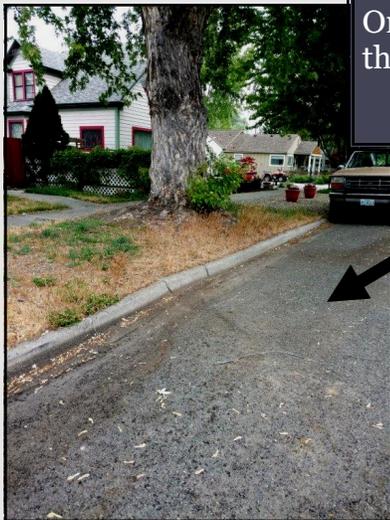
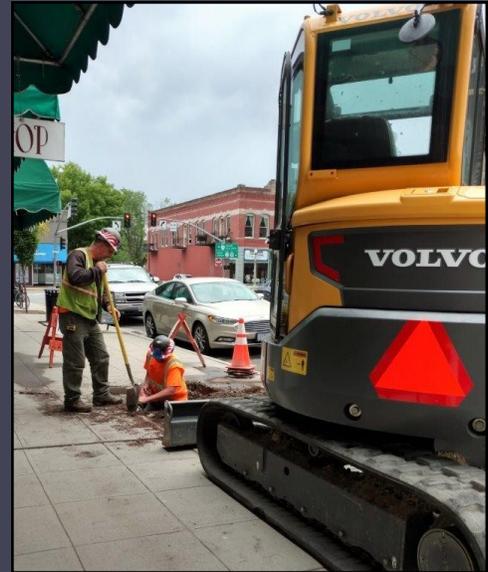




Public Works: Street Department Continued

On Thursday, Blain and Nate worked to prepare a location for a new tree downtown on Broadway Avenue.

Even though the old tree had been dead for quite a long time the stump and roots were very solid and difficult to remove. Michelle and Clair planted the tree.



On 8th Street a tree root has raised the surface of the street creating a bump for vehicular traffic.



Sweeper debris is regularly hauled to the Baker Sanitary Service Landfill. Here Craig is loading a truck load for the trip.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

A local drain cleaning professional called Public Works early this week concerning a plugged lateral line on Ash Street.

This lateral was replaced in 2009. Public Works responded to the site and promptly cleaned and video-inspected the main line in the street.



The main line and connecting lateral were found to be in excellent condition.

A plumber requested that the line within the private property be located.

Karl and Jacob used the push-cam with the Sonde unit to locate the line (the City charges a fee for this service). The plumber plans to excavate and install a clean-out access pipe in the lateral.



A local carwash was having some drainage issues this week. Because of the busy location (10th & Broadway) Karl and Jacob came into work at 5:30 a.m. to clean, induct and video-inspect the line.

Other than silt build up in the line (which they removed) it was in good condition.

Underground locate requests were made for the Hillcrest and Carter Street areas this week. Laterals in these locations will be reinstalled manually after CIPP work is completed by the contractor.





Public Works: Water Department



A property owner on Colorado Avenue requested an additional water service be installed. After appropriate fees were paid the meter work was completed Thursday.



Maintenance work on the turbidity meters which are located on the control room walls was completed this week.

Fence repair work was done in the Baker City Watershed this week. Trees that fall down over the winter need to be removed each spring. A tree had fallen on the access route to the famous "Section 6" area in the watershed. Scott checked oil and fuel levels and then cut and removed the fallen tree.



← Goodrich Reservoir has filled. As you can see in this photo the reservoir is full and water is flowing into the "Glory Hole" and then through the conduit exiting into the stream bed at the bottom of the dam.



Public Works: Shop



Wes has been in contact with Elgin and they are working through the system to find the short.



The electric rear door lock quit working. The lock is being replaced and it will be back in service today.

The air line to the compressor had a hole in it causing loss of pressure. The air line will be replaced as well as the seals on the output shaft on the p.t.o. These repairs will be completed early next week. →



Fluids were checked and a new battery was installed on this mower. It is now ready for work at the Lagoon.



Scott Tritt is pictured above. Scott has been working on organizing files and updating the hazardous materials database.