

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update July 6, 2018*

Photo: Basecamp Baker

## **Administration:**

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July celebration. It looked like Haines had a great celebration and the crowds were large at the parade and the rodeo. I worked the Shriner's day at the rodeo on July 3rd and lots of folks came out to see the cowboys and raise money for the Portland Shrine Hospital.



Photo Courtesy of Baker County Tourism

The Council meets next Tuesday and will be finalizing the sidewalk ordinance and looking at a resolution re-establishing an Enterprise Zone to help prospective new businesses.

## **City Council**

### **Agenda**

### **July 10th**

- Amending Ordinance 3030 and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 3355 (Sidewalk Cafes)
- Enterprise Zone Resolution
- F Street Vacation Ordinance

The summer weather is heating up. Enjoy the weekend!!!

## **Finance:**

### Utilities

- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 252 residential and 95 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 63 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twelve customers signed up for new water/sewer service and eight customers disconnected service from June 29th thru July 5th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Seven customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. Three had their water service disconnected until their past due balance was paid.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	9	6	6
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	7	6	3	2
Mechanical	4	4	1	3
Plumbing	2	2	1	2
Fence	5	NA	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 15871 High Country Lane, Baker City – Detached accessory building
- 1150 Columbia Street, Baker City – Detached accessory building
- 1110 H Street, Baker City – New residence
- 32369 Rice Road, Unity – New residence
- 810 Amy Street, Haines – Detached accessory building
- 46282 Schoolhouse Road, Haines – new residence
- 42880 Hudson Road, Baker City – Detached accessory building

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 140 Fairgrounds Road, Halfway –

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 11th 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. at 541-524-2054.



## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

- CUP-18-064: The Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 2nd, 2018, at 7:00 pm in City Hall, to consider a modification to an existing Conditional Use Permit at 2500 E Street. The applicant, Baker 5J School District, requested approval to install four new 60-foot-tall light poles at an existing soccer field at the Baker Sport Complex. The Baker Sports Complex was originally approved through a Conditional Use Permit in 1996. The Planning Commission approved the request.
- SUB-18-071 & SDR-18-072: The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 18th, 2018, at 7:00pm in City Hall, to consider a request to subdivide a  $\pm 2.83$ -acre parcel in the Residential Medium-Density (RM-D) Zone. The applicants request approval to create twenty-eight (28) parcels and construct twenty-eight (28) townhomes in a phased development. The subject property is addressed as 615 Baker Street. Access to all parcels is proposed to be provided from a newly-created public street, which is proposed to connect Baker and Church Streets.
- Work Session: The Planning Commission will hold a public work session on July 18th, 2018, at 7:00 pm in City Hall to review materials for proposed updates to the Baker City Development Code, including revisions/additions relating to accessory dwelling units, mobile food units, hostels and accessory structure height standards in residential zones.
- VAC-18-043: On June 20th, 2018, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to City Council to approve a petition to vacate a  $\pm 10$ -foot-wide by  $\pm 375$ -foot-long portion of F Street immediately abutting property addressed as 3050 F Street. The petition was submitted by Baker County, the owner of the property at 3050 F Street. The City Council will hear the matter during their regular meetings on July 10th, July 24th, and August 14th at 7:00 pm in City Hall.

### **Land Use Decisions & Projects**

- A  $\pm 336$  square foot office structure was approved at 2814 10th Street. The property is located in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone. Notice of the decision was provided on July 3rd, 2018. The decision can be appealed until 5:00 pm on July 17th, 2018.
- A  $\pm 160$  square foot espresso trailer was approved at 515 Campbell Street. The property is located in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone. Notice of the decision was provided on June 29th, 2018. The decision can be appealed until 5:00 pm on July 12th, 2018.





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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **June 26th** through **July 2nd** the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	16
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	15
No Patient Trip	7

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 22

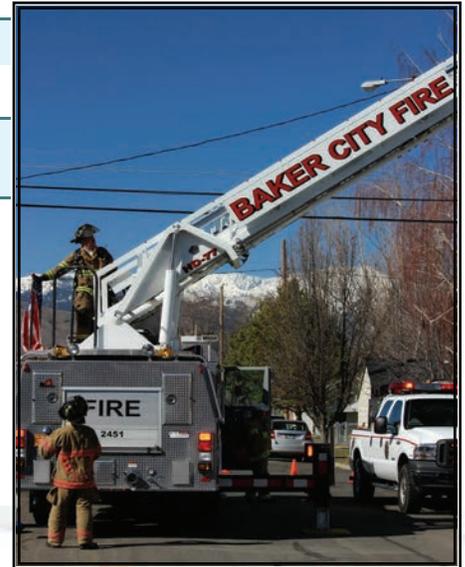


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Doubles (2 calls at once)	2
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	6

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 7



## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	3
Persons Arrived for Cover	5
Incidents Not Covered	0

# TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **76** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **96** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- **3** Burn Permits Issued



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on July 10th.



*"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 226 incidents and opened 34 new cases during the previous week, including multiple arrests for outstanding warrants and/or detainers. Officers noted no major altercations or incidents during the 4th of July holiday. Of note, are the following incidents that were investigated during the previous week:

An arrest was made in the case involving the theft of a bicycle valued at \$4,700.00.

Two individuals, one with an outstanding warrant and during separate incidents, were arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine.

- ❖ Sergeant Mike Regan, aided by Brian Ratliff of ODFW, assisted in the rescue of a Great Horned Owl spotted at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. The owl, first seen atop of the Mausoleum, was noted to have an animal trap with chain attached to its foot. Both Sergeant Regan and Ratliff were able to remove the trap and chain and noting no serious injuries to the bird's extremity, was able to release the bird who subsequently, took flight. (Pictures provided courtesy of E. Suzen Spivey who reported the injured owl.)



- ❖ Administrative Assistant Phoebe Wachtel attended a Hazard Identification training presented by SAIF. Following the training, Wachtel participated in onsite inspections of selected work sites with other safety committee members. This training was intended to improve onsite safety inspections completed on a quarterly basis by improving hazard identification and also provided an opportunity to brainstorm possible solutions, reducing the risk of work-related injuries.

- ❖ 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.





## Public Works: Water Department



The Mountain Line Replacement Project is progressing ahead of schedule. Here Brian is inspecting one of the angle fittings of the angle fittings of the 20" ductile Iron Pipe making sure the seal gap is correct before it is installed permanently.

Scott and Jake inspected all the air relief valves to make sure they operating correctly.



The 8" overflow line was inspected for any blockages.



## Public Works: Street Department

Streets were swept this week. There typically is a lot of firework debris in the streets following 4th of July celebrations. Below, Matt is thoroughly cleaning the Elgin Sweeper following a full day of sweeping streets.



Work was done to clean up the Labyrinth site North of Valley Street this week. Left over Welded Tuff Stone was hauled to the surge pond where it will be stored until it is ready to be used.



Each street scheduled for Chip Seal Treatment is walked and checked for oversized cracks and trench settlements. Those locations which are to be repaired using "D" Mix asphalt are marked with white paint and their locations recorded for when that patching work is scheduled. Typically 60 or so of those repairs are done in a day with a load of asphalt from LaGrande.



Work continued this week to prepare Baker City Streets for the August Chip Seal Project. Above Jacob and Cayn are using "weed eaters" to clean weeds and dirt from cracks on 6th Street so they can be successfully crack filled.



## Public Works: Wastewater

An emergency locate was requested by a homeowner on East Street Thursday. Public Works Personnel worked with a local Drain Cleaning Professional to push-cam the line and determine the location of the blockage. It was then discovered that the neighboring house on the South is connected onto this same lateral. Details of how or why two houses share a common lateral are unknown by the current owners. The blockage was expelled from the line by the drain cleaner and flow restored. The property owners may request that each house have a separate Wastewater service line in the very near future.

Rick and Jenn video inspected the main line to determine which line was blocked.



Tom used the push-cam to inspect the orangeburg lateral and then traced the camera to locate the exact location of the block in the street.