

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 26, 2018

Administration:

The City Manager met with John Fields, the new Vice President of Instruction for Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC). The discussion centered around the services to students provided by BMCC, the search for a replacement for outgoing President Cam Preus and the investment in facilities in Baker City. We look forward to continuing these important discussions.

The search for a new Fire Chief for Baker City is down to two candidates who visited Baker City this week. Both candidates bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. The department held a meet and greet for both candidates at the Fire Station. Both candidates spent a good deal of time interfacing with the fire staff. We hope to have a new Chief in the near future.

It looks like we may have a bit of moisture for the weekend. Just in time to weigh down all the leaves. Have a great weekend.

City Council Agenda

October 30th

- Authorization to Accept a COAR Grant
- Resolution 3825 Modifying Parking Downtown
- Resolution 3823 Creating a Special Revenue Fund for Proceeds of Land Sales in Industrial Park

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Two customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and four customers disconnected service from October 19th thru October 25th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed October 23rd which included 500 residential and 50 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 118 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 28 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today and includes 466 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 101 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 17 (3%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Sixteen residential customers (Zones 7 and 3) 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.

Payroll

Seventy-six employees were paid today including eight paid volunteer firefighters, one part-time inspector, and the dangerous dog hearings officer. Of those 76 employees, 71 or 93% are signed up for direct deposit.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	9	2	7
Manufactured Dwelling	0	2	0	0
Electrical	3	5	6	2
Mechanical	3	3	6	10
Plumbing	0	3	2	13
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	12	22	16	32

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 920 Cole St., Haines—Residential addition.
- 1805 Balm St., Baker City—New residence.
- 38911 Pine Town Ln., Halfway—Covered deck/porch addition.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2600 East St., Baker City—New fire system installation.
- 2445 Windmill Rd., Baker City—New commercial structure.
- 2805 Broadway St., Baker City—Commercial reroof.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 14th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

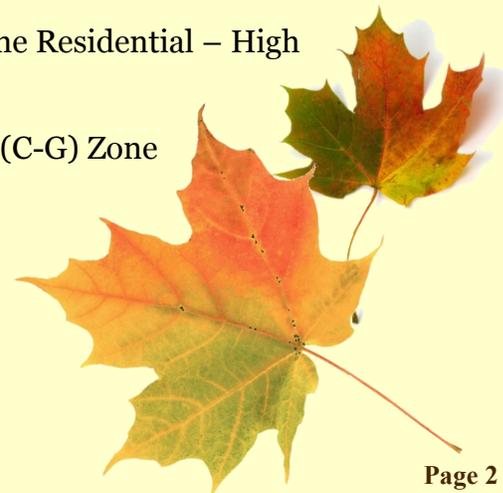
Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting for October has been cancelled. The Planning Commission’s next meeting will be on November 7, 2018.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application for a lot of record status was approved for a substandard lot in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone, at 2336 Auburn Avenue.
- ◆ A ±1,064 square foot single-family dwelling was approved in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone, at 2336 Auburn Avenue.
- ◆ A letter describing permitted uses in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone was issued for an existing home at 2560 Clark Street.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 16th** through **October 23rd** the Fire Department responded to a total of **46** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

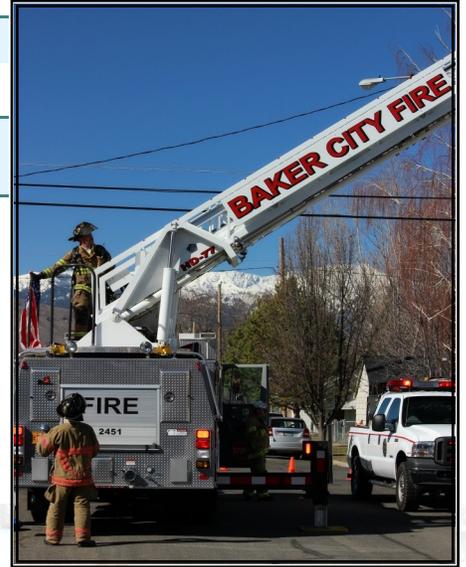
City Calls	30
Rural Calls	12
Patient Transported	27
No Patient Trip	15

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 42

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	4
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Doubles (2 calls at once)	7
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	8



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	15
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **56** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- **72.5** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training: Hose load and deployment, FLAG (flammable liquid and gas hands on training with DPSST) medication reviews, stroke 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 October 30th.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ This past week, BCPD handled over 171 incidents and opened 30 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved the arrest of a subject who, when officers arrived on scene, was standing naked at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and 2nd Street. The following press release was issued in response to the incident:

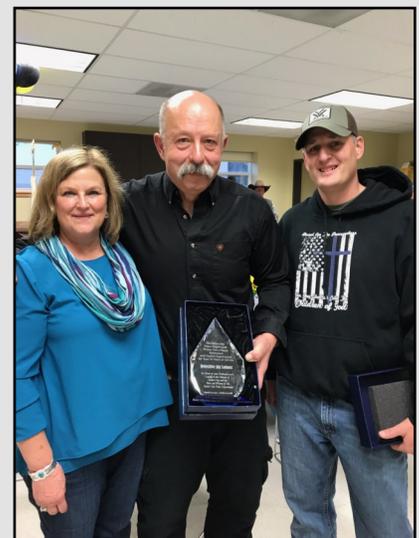
On October 22, 2018, at approximately 1:26 PM, Baker City Police Officers assisted by Baker County Sheriff's Office Deputies and the Baker City Fire Department responded to numerous calls of a naked man standing in the middle of the road near the intersection of Broadway and 2nd Street in Baker City. The male was identified as Mr. Eric Lee Cavyell.

Upon arrival, law enforcement officers on scene noted Cavyell was suffering from what appeared to be drug induced hallucinations. The involved officers attempted to calmly talk with Cavyell whom was displaying cyclic behavior.

Baker City Fire personnel attempted to evaluate Cavyell, which turned confrontational and forced law enforcement officers on scene to physically engage with Cavyell and restrain him in handcuffs. During the physical struggle, Cavyell damaged a heart monitor by biting the lead wires. Cavyell was transported to St. Alphonsus Medical Center for an evaluation. No one was injured during the incident.

Cavyell was initially taken into custody on a Police Officer Hold due to the officers on scene determining he was a danger to himself. As the investigation continued, officers learned Cavyell had failed to register as a sex offender as required by law and was also in violation of a court ordered release agreement. Cavyell was charged with Failing to Register as a Sex Offender, Criminal Mischief II and Violation of a Release Agreement. After Cavyell's release from St. Alphonsus, he was lodged at the Baker County Jail.

- ✪ BCPD said goodbye to Detective Jay Lohner last week. Detective Lohner is retiring after serving our community for over 18 years! Last Thursday friends, family and coworkers gathered to honor Detective Lohner and present him with a retirement plaque. Thank you for your service!



Pictured left to right: Connie Lohner, Detective Jay Lohner and Chief Newman

- ✪ BCPD welcomes back Detective Sharon Bass!



Pictured left to right: Detective Sharon Bass and Chief Newman

Bass was sworn in on Friday, October 19th as a Reserve Officer and will assist in covering shifts as an on-needed basis while the department continues to work through staffing shortages.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

- ★ The next Drug Take Back event is scheduled for this Saturday, October 27th at the Baker City Police Department, 1768 Auburn Avenue, from 10:00am- 2:00pm. Mark your calendars! Hope to see everyone there!

DON'T BE THE DEALER

STOLEN
LOST
MISUSED

Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.

Saturday, October 27
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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TAKEBACK

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Started 1 new case
- Followed up on 4 pending cases
- Followed up on 8 grass and weed complaints
- Followed up on 1 alley complaint

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 7 parking violations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 3 animal complaints
- 2 dog bite cases

- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- Followed up on 1 barking complaint

Miscellaneous:

- 1 report of a stolen bicycle theft II case
- 1 report of a stolen purse theft III case
- 2 found bicycles
- 1 found ID returned to owner
- 1 found cell phone returned to owner



Public Works: Street Department

Public Works crews worked this week on several different street related projects. Several locations were patched Tuesday using hot asphalt. The Baker County Road Department's truck was utilized to help perform the work.



Under ADA requirements the new asphalt was placed carefully so as to have a smooth transition from the street to the new concrete ramp.

Asphalt was placed in a narrow trench at the intersection of 4th and Valley where Public Works has been working in partnership with a property owner to construct a new ADA compliant curb and concrete ramp.



Two asphalt driveway approaches were patched Tuesday - this one on "L" Loop.



An extension to the existing asphalt shoot on the truck was fabricated to facilitate trench line patches.

Pictured right, Blain is digging out gravel on 9th Street for one of the locations that was repaired.





Public Works: Street Department Continued



Widening the steep section of Indiana Avenue is essential for the safe passage of vehicular and commercial vehicles. One of the obstacles along this section of road was a large telephone pedestal which was located midway up on the south side of the road.

A natural gas line was originally installed in very close proximity, and directly below, the phone line. Through excellent cooperation with Century Link and Cascade Gas personnel the above ground telephone pedestal was eliminated.

Public Works, Cascade Gas and Century Link personnel are working together to lower the phone junction box.

Pictured below, Brian used the hydraulic chainsaw to cut two notches from the bottom of a concrete vault which was used to set over the Century Link communication lines.



Cascade Gas personnel prefabricated a special length of plastic pipe to reroute their supply line around the new concrete vault.

Their governing rules do not allow them to have natural gas lines located inside vaults for safety reasons.

The concrete vault is in place with the Century Link fully protected and the Cascade Gas line rerouted around the vault.



The voids created where the 4" PVC conduit was removed were filled simply by using a spray foam sealant.

Here you can see the concrete top has been placed on the vault and the roadside hazard has been completely eliminated.



The phone lines are also better protected from damage being located inside the concrete vault. Once the road is widened it will be a huge benefit having removed the above ground pedestal.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

Additional road improvements were made on Indiana Avenue to improve safety.



← Brian is spreading a layer of crushed rock over the surface after he and Justin widened the road and constructed a much needed storm water drainage ditch.

Justin and Brian are re-sloping the bank between Indiana Avenue and the water reservoir access road. →



At approximately midnight on Monday Public Works received a call about a semi truck which had struck a concrete curb and ruptured its fuel tank.

A local private contractor was on the scene and had begun cleanup of the spill. A quick check of facility maps verified that the catch basin, where some of the fuel had traveled, was privately owned and not part of the Baker City storm water collection system.



Fortunately the catch basin was plugged with debris so that the spilled fuel was relatively easy to clean-up.

Public Works supplied a concrete street light pole to the Baker County Courthouse earlier this fall.

Pictured right, the light pole has been installed at the Courthouse property.





Public Works: Wastewater Department



A sewer problem was reported by a resident on 5th Street on Tuesday. Karl and Jacob attempted to video-inspect the main line in 5th Street but the inspection camera did not respond properly. After phone calls and "troubleshooting" with the camera's manufacturer it was determined that the unit needed to be repaired. The camera was mailed out Tuesday afternoon. The line on 5th street couldn't be inspected so it was cleaned using the jetter to assure that there was not a problem with the main line.

Public Works: Water Department

Jake and Scott worked to lay down cattle fencing in the watershed.

Laying the fences down on the ground helps maintain them through the winter months from snow and wildlife damage.



Public Works: Airport



The Baker City Airport called to report that all three toilets inside the FBO (Fixed Base Operator) building weren't operating properly. Upon inspection of the inside of the existing septic tank it was determined that the inlet line was plugged. The blockage was removed and proper flow restored.

However it was decided to have the septic tank pumped this week before the "Pumpkin Drop" which is expected to draw a large number of spectators this Saturday.

A new airplane hanger is currently being constructed at the south end of the Airport. →





Public Works: Shop



Occasionally Baker City vehicles become disabled - this can be especially bad if it is an ambulance. Pictured left, Wes and Scott are moving an ambulance from the warehouse parking lot to the shop for transfer case repair work.

The brake wheel cylinders started leaking on this truck. Wes and Scott will be replacing all of the rear wheel cylinders and shoes. This vehicle will be back in service next week.



The door lock on the driver's side was not working. Parts have been ordered and it should be back in service today.

After completing a safety inspection on this vehicle it was found that the front brakes needed to be replaced. It will be back in service today.

Wes and Scott serviced and replaced some running lights and performed a safety check on this vehicle and it is back in service.

The right front "maxi can" or air brake can started leaking on this truck. It was replaced, the brakes were adjusted and one tire was repaired.

