

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 7, 2018

Administration:

Today is the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor that brought our country into WWII. As a younger person this Day did not always have a great deal of significance. But as I have become older it has truly increased in prominence for me. My 92 year old father was in the Pacific Theater and these last few years I have met many of these wonderful men and women who served our country and the stories and hardships that they endured are fascinating and many times heart wrenching. Our WWII veterans are slowly leaving us and it is with sorrow that the last of the Great Generation is fading into the past. Let's all remember their sacrifice for us.

The City Council will be meeting for the last time this year on next Tuesday. The City will be using a new meeting management system with an updated audio system. The meeting will be live streamed on the City website and also Spectrum Channel 195. We are hopeful that the sound quality and new features will allow for better public access and information about the business of the City.

Tonight is First Friday in downtown Baker City. Many of the businesses will be open extended hours so come on downtown and join the holiday festivities. Please remember to shop local as these businesses are a key part of all the wonderful things that happen with our youth, schools, events and virtually everything else that goes on in our community.

It looks like snow is on the way for next week. Have a great weekend and holiday season.

City Council Agenda December 11th

- St. Alphonsus Update
- Res.3827 Revenue Bonds for Trinity Health
- Chronic Residential Nuisance
- Police Vehicle Discussion
- Proposed Fire Gear Donation
- Red Cross Building Lease
- CIPP Bid Award
- Certification of Election Results
- Councilor Vacancy
- Councilor Recognition





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	6	0	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	4	4	7	10
Mechanical	3	1	2	3
Plumbing	1	2	1	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	9	13	10	25

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- None to report.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3720 10th Street, Baker City— Commercial re-roof.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be a work session on December 19th at 7:00pm. The agenda will include continued discussion on updates to the Development Code, including site design review criteria.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±200 square foot shed, a ±338 square foot shed, and a ±800 square foot greenhouse was approved at 2185 and 2185 1/2 14th 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 November 27th through December 3rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	20
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	9

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26

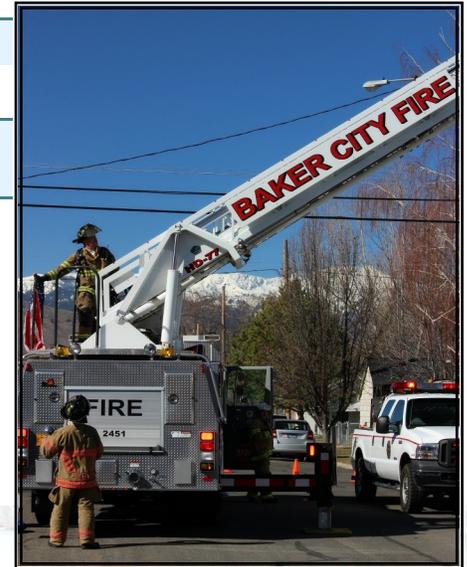
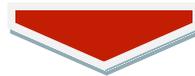


Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	3

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	14
Persons Arrived for Cover	11
Incidents Not Covered	3

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 32 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 2 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- 0 Burn Permits Issued.
- 16 hrs of Fire Training.
- 60 hrs of EMS Training.
- 8 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 December 11th.



Public Works: Snow Removal



With the relatively light snowfall over the weekend Craig and Matt sanded and salted slick Baker City Streets beginning at 4:00 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

The 4-wheeler, with the new undercarriage framework and attached motor and front broom, does a good job keeping the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway clear of leaves and snow. Pictured here, it made quick work of a light snowfall. Hopefully it will also be effective removing heavier snow as we go into the winter season.



Pictured here, Blain and Brian are performing some slight modifications to the huge volvo loader bucket which is used to load snow into trucks when snow berms are hauled off. This will improve visibility for the loader operator and improve safety.



Public Works personnel met with O.D.O.T. operators Wednesday to discuss operation and use of the O.D.O.T. grader. This grader will be staged at the base of Dooley Mountain so that it will be readily accessible for O.D.O.T.'s use on Oregon Hwy. 245. If and when Public Works needs to use the O.D.O.T. grader for midnight plow work in Baker City, there will be extra time and cost incurred to travel to the base of Dooley Mountain, take off the tire chains, remove the front "V" plow, drive the grader to town, reinstall the tire chains and then begin plowing snow on city streets. At this time this appears to be the best option.

The cutting edges installed on the O.D.O.T. grader are relatively new to the industry. Manufacturers of this blade state "these aren't just a trendy looking blade designed to catch your eye; they are Olofsfors' Sharq cutting edges for graders. Although these blades look like they should be weak and should never last, they are designed to last 3 to 4 times longer than the average grader cutting edges. The blue blades cut straight through gravel and ice like no other blade on the market". One concern about using these cutting bits is that they may also peel off any chipseal surface they encounter.





Public Works: Street Department

Pieces of concrete that would otherwise be considered useless, were crushed and recycled this week at the City's stockpile site. Chunks of concrete fill the "crusher bucket".



← Justin is using the "crusher bucket" and its incredible hydraulic force to pulverize the chunks into smaller pieces.



The 1 1/2" crushed concrete is then stockpiled for use on future city street projects. →



Public Works: Water Department



Jake and Scott traveled into Little Mill Creek to clean out debris from the diversion structures.

Pictured left is a road cam picture of the snow depth along the pipeline road on Monday.

Blain and Riley are shown here performing maintenance work on water mainline control valves. These valves must be operated on a regular basis to assure that they will be in operational condition when they are needing to be turned off at a specific section of waterline (such as when there is a water leak to repair). If the valves aren't opened and closed to keep them operational they will seize and no longer work.





Public Works: Storm Water Department

Public Works personnel were seen cutting asphalt in the middle of "D" Street Wednesday. Why would they be doing such a thing in this bitter cold weather?

The crew was excavating down to determine the exact elevation of an existing sewer lateral serving a home on the north side of "D" Street. The elevation of the lateral is critical because it must not be in conflict with the new 24 inch storm sewer line which is planned to be installed next summer.

"D" Street was closed Thursday afternoon while the work was being accomplished.



Asphalt was cut and removed from the "D" Street surface.

Steve is preparing the robotic total station to measure and record the horizontal and vertical data.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Many loads of bedding rock were hauled and stockpiled for future storm sewer and sanitary sewer work this past week.



Pictured left, Craig is operating the Cat dozer to push the bedding rock into a high pile to make the best use of the available area for storage of construction materials.

All of the hauling of washed rock is complete and the pile is ready to be measured and quantities calculated.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

Baker City Public Works personnel worked in conjunction with Anderson & Perry engineers and soil experts to sample existing soils where the new proposed wastewater pond is planned to be constructed. Precise hole locations are identified, soil is removed to create the holes, and samples are taken at varying depths. Finally, measurements are taken and the holes are filled.



A resident called this week to report a sewer problem at her house on 4th Street. The sewer lateral from this house is connected onto the alley main line. This main line was replaced in 2017 through the pipe bursting process.



Karl and Jacob video-inspected the line and later push-cammed the lateral to determine that the problem in the lateral was caused by a low spot a few feet beyond the house foundation. The owner plans to hire a contractor to repair the problem.

← Karl and Jacob on Place Street performing video-inspection work.



A "tigertail" unit is inserted into the manhole to protect the sharp plastic edge from cutting into the video control cable. →

The 8" H.D.P.E. pipe that was installed in 2017 is extremely slick which is great for moving materials "down the line". Sometimes it is so slick that the video-inspection camera loses traction and needs assistance to make headway down the pipe.



Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks Supervisor participated in a meeting this week along with the Powder Basin Watershed Council, Baker County, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, and other interested community partners to begin exploration of possible fish habitat restoration and enhanced fishing opportunities along the Powder River through Baker City.

Public Works: Community Events

The Twilight Christmas Parade was very well attended this year. It seemed as if everyone was in the Christmas spirit!

A picture of the crowd around the Christmas Tree as a light snow fell before the tree was lit.



The tree is beautiful this year!



Thank you to everyone that participated in the float decorating and parade. Thank you to all of the Rudolfs. You looked amazing!



Public Works: Shop

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





Public Works: Shop Continued



Brian and Blain removed about twelve inches from the top of the bucket for visibility reasons. This piece of equipment was purchased from a dairy that had an extension on the bucket for loading silage.

Nate pulled apart the dash to replace the Jake brake solenoid and is building a new mounting bracket. These repairs will be done later today.



This is the newest addition to our fleet and will be used by Public Works for meter reads and service calls.

This past week Wes and Scott have been working hard to winterize air systems on trucks. Pictured right are two that have been completed.

