

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 14, 2018

Administration:

The City Council met this week with a full agenda. The Council heard from a group of citizens with concerns about problem properties within the community. The Council had a good discussion around the topic and directed staff to look at our ordinances surrounding unsanitary households, refuse accumulation and how we can put teeth in our code to get people to comply in a timely fashion. This is a highly emotional topic that will take some time to get it right.

This past weekend the Police Department held a very successful event to raise resources for Capa, our Canine Drug Dog. These funds will be used to support Capa and our drug enforcement efforts in the community.

Winter is upon us and remember to slow down on the icy roads. Speed is a major factor in fender benders as we go through the winter months. Have a safe and wonderful weekend.

City Council Agenda January 8th

- TBD



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Eight customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and ten customers disconnected service from December 7th thru December 13th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed December 11th and it included 458 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 91 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 24 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today and includes 483 residential and 57 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 24 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty-nine residential customers (Zones 2 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Five of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent December 14th.
The billings were as follows:

Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated December 12th.

Property & Weed	\$1,627
Cemetery	\$5,462
Wastewater Maintenance	\$550
Lien Searches	\$800
Ambulance	\$368,872
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$3,306
Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment	\$5,477
Golf Cart Lease Payment	\$2,575
Community Development Support	\$7,333
Street Cuts &	\$4,886
Miscellaneous	\$227
Total	\$401,115





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	3	3	15
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	2	2	4	4
Mechanical	3	3	8	13
Plumbing	2	2	2	5
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	10	17	37

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 39065 Hwy 86, Halfway—Residential addition and new detached accessory structure.
- 37901 Boulder Flat Ln., Halfway—New residence certification.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 300 Oregon Trail, Huntington—Installation of commercial fire suppression system.
- 1829 Main Street, Baker—Interior demolition for remodel.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

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





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of December 4th through December 10th the Fire Department responded to a total of **37** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	11

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 33

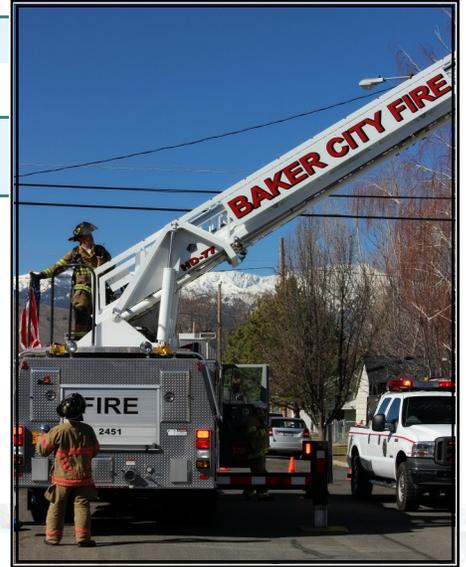


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	8
Triples (3 calls at once)	3
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	15
Persons Arrived for Cover	12
Incidents Not Covered	3

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 45 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 72 hrs of Fire Training.
- 2 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.



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 18th.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ★ During the past two weeks, BCPD handled over 334 incidents and opened 67 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. Several incidents became in-depth investigations. The following press releases were issued during this time period:

On December 7th, 2018 at approximately 5:15 pm, Miguel Angel Estudillo, DOB: 11/18/69, of 2625 Grove St., Baker City, OR was arrested by the Baker City Police Department on numerous charges relating to a child sex abuse investigation. Estudillo was lodged at the Baker County Jail and is currently being held on \$437,500.00 bail. The investigation is ongoing and further charges are possible. The Baker County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon Department of Human Services are assisting BCPD in the investigation. Charges: Rape I, Sodomy I, Unlawful Penetration I, Contributing to Sexual Delinquency of a Minor, Sexual Misconduct, and Strangulation of a Child Under 10.

On December 7, 2018, at around 11:45 pm, Officer Zach Thatcher, a patrol officer with the Baker City Police Department, attempted to stop a 2007 Chevy Coupe for driving recklessly in the downtown area of Baker City, Oregon. The driver of the vehicle, Mr. Joseph Gonzalez of Baker City, failed to yield to Officer Thatcher and attempted to flee. Officer Thatcher pursued Mr. Gonzalez until he yielded after about two minutes of being pursued. Once stopped, Mr. Gonzalez failed to obey commands from Officer Thatcher. Once other officers arrived on scene, officers placed Mr. Gonzalez under arrest and Mr. Gonzalez resisted but was quickly taken into custody. Mr. Gonzalez was arrested and transported to the Baker County Jail where a DUII investigation occurred. Mr. Gonzalez submitted to a breath test and rendered a breath sample over the legal limit. The following person was arrested as a result of the multi-agency effort: Joseph Nichalos Gonzalez, DOB: 01/02/1984, was charged with Attempt to Elude Police in a Vehicle, Interfering with a Police Officer, Reckless Driving, Resisting Arrest, and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

On December 10, 2018, at approximately 10:40 am, BCPD Officers responded to 2380 18th St., Baker City, OR on a disturbance call. During the investigation, officers were able to gather enough information to be granted a search warrant. The search warrant was executed at approximately 6:15 pm and during the search, approximately 2 grams of methamphetamine was located. The suspect Mr. Gerald Melton Jr., DOB 06/23/1967, 2380 18th St., Baker City, Oregon, 97814, was arrested on 12/11/18 at approximately 3:10 pm and transported and lodged at the Baker County Jail for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, (Methamphetamine). Mr. Gerald Melton Jr. was additionally charged with Assault IV (domestic) and harassment surrounding the initial response to the location by BCPD.

- ★ The third annual BCPD Drug Prevention K9 Fundraiser was another tremendous success! We are grateful and humbled by the amount of support the good folks of Baker City, Baker County and visitors have shown this fundraising effort which is reflective of their generosity and overall support, and not just for this event, but also of drug prevention efforts taking place in our community. This year's event grossed over \$40,000.00, making it the most successful event yet! The BCPD K9 program would not be possible without the generous donations of time, talent and items given by local community businesses and individuals. Thank you again for your support.
- ★ This year the BCPD K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser had thirty-six sponsors and of these sponsors, eleven were top sponsors and three were gold sponsors. Please take time to visit the local businesses that supported this event.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

BCPD Drug Prevention K9 Fundraiser Top Sponsors!

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BCPD Drug Prevention K9 Fundraiser Gold Sponsors!



BCPD Drug Prevention K9 Fundraiser Silver Sponsors!

AJ's Corner Brick and Grill

York's Park Grocery

Oregon Trail Livestock Supply

O'Reilly's Automotive

Superior Towing

Sunfire Real Estate

Baker Truck Corral

BCPD Drug Prevention K9 Fundraiser Bronze Sponsors!

D&J Taco Shop

Tri-County Equipment

Charley's Deli and Ice Cream

Farm and Industrial Service

Crunchy Mamas

The Bow Shop

Five Star Towing

Baker Sanitary Service

Ragsdale Mobile Glass

Grumpy's Repair

The 41 Club

Lane Parry Forestry

Main Event Sports Bar

Consulting



Public Works: Cemetery

The Mt. Hope Cemetery supervisor was called out on Sunday in response to a report of damage to a monument. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a father and his 14-year-old son were involved in an accident while the son was learning how to drive. The father is planning to pay for damages. Due to current weather conditions, the monument cannot be reset until spring.

The roads at the cemetery are only one lane width wide, and due to the terrain, the shoulders often slope considerably. Parked and passing vehicles as well as other obstacles, like monuments, often make maneuvering on these narrow roadways difficult.



Public Works: Airport

After the snowfall on Wednesday morning Troy, the Airport Operator, called to report that one of the snowplows they use had broken down and that the main airport runway was only partially plowed and was not safe to use.



Wes immediately sent Scott out to repair the broken plow while Justin drove the CAT grader to the airport to help plow off the remaining snow.



Pictured above, Justin is leaving the City yard in route to the airport.

Justin plowing Runway 13-31. →



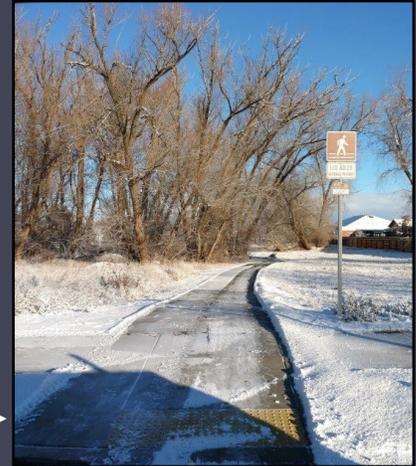


Public Works: Snow/Ice Control



With the relatively light snow that fell early Wednesday morning Craig and Matt were out before 4 a.m. spreading sanding rock and a sanding rock/salt blend onto Baker City streets to improve traction for driving citizens.

The picture on the right shows some of the salt thawing the snow which fell on Reservoir Road near its intersection with Grace Street.



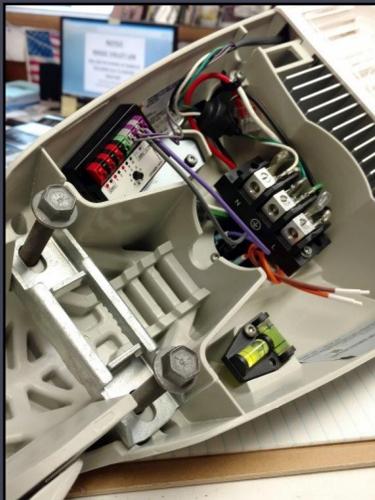
After spreading the sanding rock/salt blend onto city street intersections Matt changed equipment and used the 4-wheeler ATV with the undercarriage broom attachment to sweep snow from the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway.

Here you can see where he has swept snow off of the pathway just north of "D" Street. →

Public Works: Street Lights

A shipment of new LED street light heads arrived this week.

When existing street light heads burn out they will be replaced with these new LED heads. These lights are adjustable to control the amount of lumens emitted.



This 50 watt LED light head is adjustable to emit the light equivalent between a 70 watt and 100 watt high pressure sodium bulb with less energy used.

← The inside of the head shows the small adjustment dial which controls brightness.





Public Works: Street Department

Fifty new steel and composite barricades which were recently ordered arrived this week. They are a little heavier and more stable than the wooden barricades typically seen on Baker City streets.

The surface of these barricades are also reflective so they will be easier to be seen when used at work zones after dark.



The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) no longer allows stop signs to be 24" in diameter. The minimum size allowed is now 30". Baker City has begun replacing 24" stop signs with 30" ones.

Pictured here, Tommy and Riley are working to replace 24" stop signs at the intersection of 8th and Washington with 30" signs.



Public Works: Water Department

Jake and Scott traveled to the Goodrich diversion Thursday to verify that it flushed sufficiently and was filling properly.





Public Works: Wastewater Department

Karl and Jacob have been working this week to clean and video-inspect wastewater lines located under Washington Street. A portion of Washington Street is scheduled to be overlaid next year - so it is important that the underground infrastructure is in good condition prior to performing any surface street improvement work.

Prior to performing any video-inspection work lines have to be cleaned. Any gravel, sand, silt and other debris is removed from the line.



← Here the truck is parked over a manhole on Plum Street where material from Washington Street is being extracted.



When there is expected to be only a moderate amount of material to be removed from the line it is simply removed using a couple of specialized long handled shovels. The material is loaded into buckets and disposed. →



High water pressure (1,000+ P.S.I.) concentrated through precisely designed ports is used to blast debris into the manhole so that it can be removed.

Some of the items removed from the line included loose change, aquarium rocks, steak bones, jewelry, silverware, a piece of rebar, sticks, fingernail clippers, marbles etc.

