

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 28, 2018

Administration:

The Christmas holidays have given City staff a short week. We trust that everyone had a great Christmas and were able to catch up with family and friends. We are looking forward to welcoming a few new City Councilors in the coming year. I would like to thank all of the citizens who put their names before the voters. The new Council will face many challenges in the new year and we look forward to the productive dialogue and plans for the future.

It looks like we will have a great weekend of cool weather. Enjoy the New Year festivities and don't forget those New Year Resolutions.

City Council

Agenda

January 8th

- Councilor Oath of Office
- Mayor/Vice Mayor
- Board/Commission Appointment
- Budget Resolution
- Amending Ordinance 3366
- Central Building Update and Contract

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ One customer signed up for new water/wastewater service and four customers disconnected service from December 21st thru December 27th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed December 24th which included 715 residential and 59 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 202 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 44 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today and included 455 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 94 or 20% are signed up for direct payment and 19 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ During the time period of December 24th through December 28th, 30 residential customers (Zones 4 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) eleven of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

Seventy-six employees were paid today including eight paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time inspector, and a temporary public works' administrative assistant. Of those 76 employees, 73 or 96% are signed up for direct deposit.

Accounts Payable

The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated December 24th.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	3	3	1
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	3	1	0
Mechanical	3	7	2	2
Plumbing	2	2	0	1
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	10	15	6	4

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 585 Sawmill Gulch Rd., Sumpter— Detached accessory building.
- 227 1st St., Richland—Detached accessory building.
- 38911 Pine Town Ln., Halfway— Interior alteration and remodel.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report.

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 January 16th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be a work session to continue the discussion about updates to the development code.



City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of December 18th through December 24th the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	29
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	12

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 35

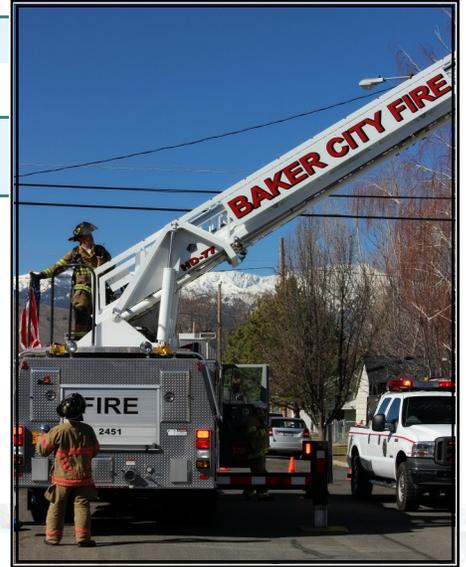


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	4
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	9
Incidents Not Covered	2

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 72 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 20 hrs of Fire Training.
- 6 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections.
- 14 hrs Community Events.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, January 1st at 11 a.m.



"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

- ★ During the past week, BCPD handled over 134 incidents and opened 33 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. In addition, officers were called to the scene of a vehicle fully engulfed in fire located in a vacant field. The investigation revealed that vehicle had been stolen from a local residence. The following press release was issued in relation to this case:

On December 23, 2018, at around 6:30AM, Baker City Fire Department personnel and Baker City Police Department personnel were dispatched to the sounds of multiple explosions in the area of 17th Street and H Street in Baker City, Oregon. When personnel arrived at the scene, they found a 2005 Ford Ranger in a vacant field fully engulfed in fire. The fire was found to be suspicious in nature and Baker City Police Officers started investigating the fire as arson.

During the initial course of the investigation, Officers discovered the vehicle had been stolen earlier in the night from Mr. David Gardner JR of 1517 Baker Street, Baker City, Oregon. Baker City Police Officers later arrested a 15-year-old male for the theft of the vehicle and subsequent arson and he was transported to The Dalles, Oregon, by the Baker County Juvenile Department.

Baker City Police Officers were assisted by the Baker Fire Department, Baker County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police (Patrol and Arson Investigation Divisions), and the Baker County Juvenile Department. The investigation is ongoing and further arrests are likely.

- ★ BCPD would like to remind everyone to be safe ringing in the New Year, by calling a cab, having a designated driver or calling a family member or friend to come get you. Enjoying the festivities responsibly ensures everyone gets home safely. Happy New Year from the Baker City Police Department.





Public Works: Street Department

Crew continues to replace substandard size (24") stop signs and other faded or damaged signs this week.

A new 30" stop sign and VIS-Z-SHIELD post reflector at the intersection of "K" and 13th Streets.

This sign was installed here for safety because emergency vehicles often travel this route to the hospital, Sheriff's Department and Department of Corrections.



Public Works: Street Lights



O.T.E.C. personnel assisted Public Works this week by installing two new L.E.D. street lights at previously determined locations.

Pictured here are photos of the locations on the night after installation.

← Intersection of 7th and Court. This is an especially dark and narrow intersection that gets quite a lot of traffic.



Public Works: Water Department



A logging crew is currently working in the Elk Creek drainage area below the Baker City intake. There will be no affect on the water quality from Elk Creek.

Jake and Scott have been in contact with the logging crew so they know to be careful when working around the buried water pipeline in the area.

← Jake and Scott marked an air relief valve location so the loggers will avoid damaging it.

Public Works: Water Department Continued



Jake, Scott and Craig performed maintenance work on one of the U.V. reactors this week.

The Public Works crew worked this week to reinforce and repair sections of the pipe hauling trailer that is used for the pipeline construction work in the watershed.



Justin and Blain moving steel beams into the equipment shed for fabrication work.

Blain using a small cutoff on one of the repairs.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Sewer lateral problems were encountered last week by a resident on 18th Street after a large C.M.P. was previously installed.

Public Works assisted Baker Valley Irrigation District to resolve the problem.

The lateral had been damaged during the installation of the pipe - but a proper repair had been performed.

Unfortunately the lateral was still plugging regularly.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued



Jacob and Riley video-inspected the main line.

Public Works inserted the push-cam into the lateral to attempt to determine the cause of the problem. It was discovered that when the line had been previously broken a large quantity of oversized rocks had washed down the 4" pipe - forced by the onrush of water flowing into the pipe from the ditch.

One of the rocks had turned sideways in the pipe and became lodged. Jeff, with the Baker Valley Irrigation District, had tried unsuccessfully for several hours to dislodge the rock using a rented sewer snake.



The push-cam image as seen on the computer screen. Here you can see that the rock is lodged sideways in the line.

Finally it was determined that the pipe would need to be breached to remove the blockage.

Blain, Jacob and Riley excavated down to the 4" pipe, cut out a section and then used a 5 foot long piece of very stiff wire with a hook on the end to retrieve the rock.

Riley performed the pipe repair work. →



Jeff plans to save the rock for posterity.



Public Works: Shop

Wes and Scott have been working on a problem with the cab and box heater on this ambulance. Ford manufacturing will be helping to determine and resolve the issue.



Wes and Scott are installing the beacon light and radio on this pickup. It will be back in service on Monday.



Pictured here, Nate is working to replace some of the joy stick parts for the six way blade.

