

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 11, 2019

Administration:

The Council met this week with a full agenda. Three new Councilors and one sitting Councilor were sworn in and immediately started tending to the business of the City. They are Lynette Perry, Ken Gross, Doni Bruland and Randy Schiewe.

The City Council elected Loran Joseph as the new Mayor and Mike Downing as the Vice-Mayor. Thanks to Councilor Downing for his service the last two years as our City's Mayor.

The Council also met on Thursday for a Council orientation to familiarize all Councilors with the various departments within the City and a primer on how the City operates. Welcome aboard to all the new Councilors and a thank you to all of the Council for their service to the community.

Try to get out this weekend and enjoy the warmish winter weather. Have a great weekend.



City Council Agenda January 22nd

- Chronic Nuisance Properties
- Board/Commission Appointments
- Budget Resolution
- Amending Ordinance 3366-3rd Reading
- Fire Cost Recovery Ordinance



Boards & Commissions:

Baker City is looking to fill vacancies on several committees: Historic District Design Review Committee, Budget Board, Airport Commission, Public Works Advisory Committee, Tree Board and Planning Commission. For summaries of board operations please visit: <http://www.bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>.

Anyone interested in volunteering for appointment to the above board may contact Julie Smith at City Hall, 541-524-2033 or juliesmith@bakercity.com. Applications may be submitted electronically through www.bakercity.com by clicking on the Boards and Commissions page.

Baker City operates under an equal opportunity policy and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Finance Department:

Finance Director

The November financial summary is available on the Baker City website at www.bakercity.com. The City has received current year property taxes of \$2,890,683 and prior year taxes of \$66,674.

Utilities

Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and seven customers disconnected service from January 4th thru January 10th. This includes all service changes.

Zone 5 was billed January 8th and included 457 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 128 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 27 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.

Zone 2 was billed today and includes 456 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 91 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 25 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.

Eighteen residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Cemetery	\$8,860
Street Cuts & Misc. Street Reimb.	\$2,914
Lien Searches	\$880
Ambulance	\$295,605
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$2,864
Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,610
Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment	\$5,558
Golf Cart Lease Payment	\$2,613
Baker County Economic Development Support	\$14,667
Wallowa Co. Building Official Reimb.	\$807
Miscellaneous	\$376
Total Billed:	\$336,754

Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated today.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent January 9th. The billings were as follows:



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.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

A land use review to allow McDonald's to replace their menu boards was approved at 760 Campbell Street, in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of January 1st through January 7th the Fire Department responded to a total of **37** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	19
Rural Calls	15
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 34

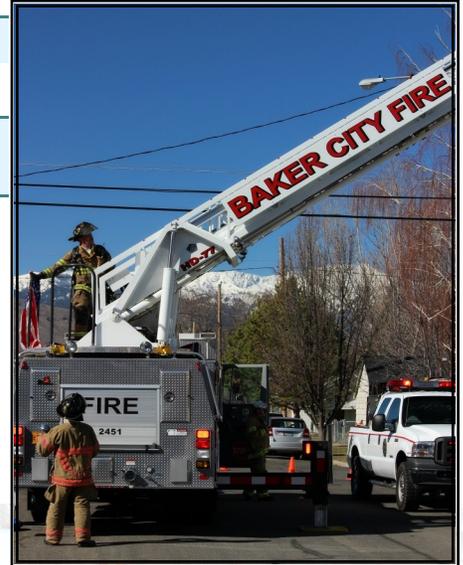


Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	6
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	6
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	3

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 74 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance.
- 33 hrs of Fire Training.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, January 15th 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 was very busy, handling over 199 incidents and opening 44 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. In addition, BCPD officers, collaboration with the Baker County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police, executed a search warrant at local residence, resulting in three arrests. The following press release was issued in response to this incident:

On January 9, 2019, officers with the Baker City Police Department received information regarding criminal activity taking place at 2787 3rd Street, Baker City, Oregon. BCPD officers, Oregon State Police, and the Baker County Sheriff's Office worked together on the case and were able to secure a search warrant for the residence as a result of the investigation. The search warrant resulted in the arrest of the following people from the home:

James Edward Grove DOB: 06/08/1977 Address: transient. Post Prison Violation, Probation Violation, Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree, Escape in the Third Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree-Warrant, - Interfering with Police Officer – Warrant, Reckless Driving – Warrant, Reckless Endangering – Warrant, Misdemeanor Driving While Suspended – Warrant.

Melissa Marian Carey DOB: 08/29/1986 Address: 2787 3rd Street, Baker City, Oregon. Hindering Prosecution, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.

Rhiannon Elizabeth Smithhart DOB: 10/30/1991 Address: transient. Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer.

This investigation and resulting arrests were a direct result of the great working relationships our law enforcement agencies in Baker County share.

- ★ BCPD personnel assisted with a standoff situation that took place at the Baker City Municipal Airport. Officer Shannon Regan and Sergeant Mike Regan responded to this incident as members of the Northeast Oregon Regional SWAT Team.

- ★ Chief Newman received a special thank you from the Brooklyn Bulldog Club for his time spent reading with students during the afterschool program back in December. →



- ★ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information is about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.

- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.



Public Works: Street Department

One of the projects worked on this winter is the "quick attachment" unit for the asphalt zipper. Pictured right, Brian is welding 1" steel plate for the system.

The completed "quick attachment" unit has the asphalt zipper attached.



The new attachment system will improve visibility and safety when driving the loader with the "zipper" attached and when operating it while performing street work.



Justin is hauling the newly made Rock Screener, commonly called a "Grizzly" to the Equipment Shed for completion .



Public Works: Water Department



Kris and Tommy are installing the new drinking fountain at City Hall.



Public Works: Water Department Continued

Main Street Water Leak Repair: Public Works has been working with O.D.O.T. on the details for the concrete repair on Main Street due to last weeks' water leak. O.D.O.T. specifications required that the backfill of the trench be CLSM as was completed last week. O.D.O.T. specifications for the concrete required that the entrained air percentage be between 4.0 and 7.0% by volume. The water cement ratio was not to exceed 0.48. Strength of the concrete needed to meet or exceed 4,000 P.S.I. after curing for 28 days.

Specifications also necessitated drilling 18" into the existing concrete slab and using epoxy to secure 5/8" diameter rebar in place.

Approximately 55 holes were drilled into the existing slab. Tommy and Kris both performed the drilling.



← The rebar was placed on 6" centers on the transverse joints and 36" centers on the longitudinal joints.

Both Northbound lanes were blocked and the traffic detoured for the hour it took to place the concrete. Here, Blain and Riley are setting up traffic control for the temporary closure. →



← Blain and Kris doing some of the finish work.

The edges of the pour were carefully finished to match the existing street grade.



A fine toothed rake with a distance of 3/4" between each tang was used to match the existing concrete on Main Street.

Concrete slump and air entrainment tests were performed and concrete cylinders were cast for later testing. Four cylinders will be tested for P.S.I. compression strength. Once the strength is sufficient the lane will be reopened for normal traffic.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

Public Works met with logging contractors near Elk Creek today to inform them of the location of the water transmission line lying in the vicinity. As you can see in this photo the snowpack is fairly light so far this winter.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

A resident living on Place Street had been having wastewater problems this week. Public Works attempted to clean and the video-inspect the line this week to determine the cause of the problem. Tree roots were discovered in the main line. Those roots were cut out and then the crew attempted to video-inspect the line a second time. Unfortunately a lateral from a house on the other side of the line protruded too far into the main line so that the regular inspection camera could not pass. The next step was to utilize the "push-cam" to inspect the line. When using the "push-cam" it was discovered that there was a root mass right at the end of the main line. Karl and Jacob used a spring blade root saw to cut through the roots near the end of the line. Once that work was complete the lateral from the house began flowing freely. Public works plans to install an access manhole at the lateral connection this spring.



← Karl and Jacob using the jetter and T.V. van in combination to remove the tree roots.

Tree roots in the main line a short distance up the line. →



← Using the "push-cam" to inspect the line because the regular camera could not pass.

Here you can see the line is completely plugged near the end of the line.

→ The root saw with spring blades attached was used to cut the roots from the line.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

Occasionally rocks get into wastewater collection lines this one was removed from a line on Campbell Street this week.



Public Works: Community

As the holidays have come to an end the Christmas Tree, candy canes, wreaths and Main Street garland were removed for the year. The snow flakes will remain on poles for another week or two.



A light snowfall this week provided an opportunity for Matt to train Riley to sweep snow from the pathway. Even a skiff of snow left in place will melt in the mid-day sun and then freeze overnight creating a slick surface for pedestrians.



Public Works: Shop



The hydraulic water pump was repaired on this vehicle.
Brian built a rear bumper to protect the pump and it is back in service.

Pictured right, Nate is decommissioning this police car so it can be sold on GovDeals.com next week.



This engine had a short in the wiring for the lights and the gauges. It has been repaired and is back in service.

Wes and Scott are pulling the transfer case on this ambulance and replacing it.

