

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 15, 2019

Administration:

The Council met this week and adopted their goals for the coming budget year. They continued work on the Property Maintenance Ordinance changes and passed the first reading of the updated ordinance. They will have further discussion at a work session on the 19th.

Baker City citizens will have the opportunity to attend a video meeting with the Legislative committee that is looking at implementing a Carbon bill which may greatly affect residents of our state and particularly Eastern Oregon. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25th at 5:00 pm. The location is still being established. Look for additional information as it becomes available. Ash Grove Cement in Durkee could see a large carbon bill as a result of this legislation. It is important that our voices are heard as jobs and cost of fuel will likely be affected by this bill.

The City had a very productive meeting this week with the Forest Service over plans to work in the Baker City Watershed to protect our water supply from fire risk. We are continuing these discussions and are hopeful that we can accomplish meaningful work to protect this valuable resource. Have a great weekend and enjoy the Presidents Day Holiday.

City Council Agenda February 26th

- BSCSS Toolkit
- Chronic Nuisance Property Ordinance

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Five customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 3 customers disconnected service from February 8th thru February 14th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed February 12th and included 479 residential and 56 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 121 (23%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed February 13th and included 455 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 90 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 26 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today and includes 546 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 151 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 25 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Fourteen residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) 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 February 12th. The billings were as follows:

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month were generated February 11th.

Payroll: February draw checks were issued today.

Cemetery	\$1,477
Wastewater Maintenance	\$849
Street Cuts & Misc.	\$2,879
Lien Searches	\$1,560
Ambulance	\$337,590
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$4,161
Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,593
Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment	\$5,737
Golf Cart Lease Payment	\$2,650
Baker Co. Economic Development Support	\$22,110
Baker County EMS Support	\$3,699
Baker 5J Resource Officer	\$17,587
Misc.	\$575
Total Billed:	\$402,467



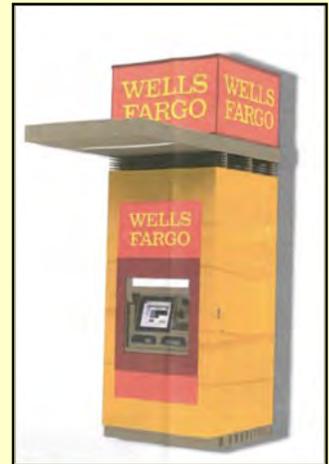
Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting will be on February 20th at 7:00pm to continue the discussion about updates to the site design review chapter of the Development Code.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±5,000 square foot warehouse and freight movement facility was approved through a Site Design Review application. The building will be located in the Elkhorn View Industrial Park, zoned General Industrial (I) Zone. Notice of the decision has been provided to nearby property owners, and the appeal period is open until February 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ A ±16-square-foot Wells Fargo ATM was approved at 975 Campbell Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A ±864 square foot accessory structure was approved at 3645 Cedar Street, in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.



Announcements:



Baker City is ***THRILLED*** being one of three Oregon cities selected to compete for a new all-access playground with an ASSIST from the Portland Trail Blazers and Moda Health! For every assist made on the court during the regular season, the Trail Blazers and Moda donate \$20 to support building an all abilities playground in the greater Oregon community.

LET'S DO THIS!

The community that will receive this year's Moda Assist funds is determined by a friendly, four-week online voting contest, which takes place Feb. 20 to March 20. The contest rules are simple: the city with the most votes at the end of the voting period, wins. Voting is limited to one vote per person per day. Baker City has an outstanding history of supporting our kids and the things that are most beneficial for them....Let's all pitch in and ***VOTE*** for this great cause! Go to trailblazers.com/assist daily to vote...and...Stay tuned to the Baker City Facebook page, bakercity.com, and right here for more information!



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 5th through February 11th the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **28**

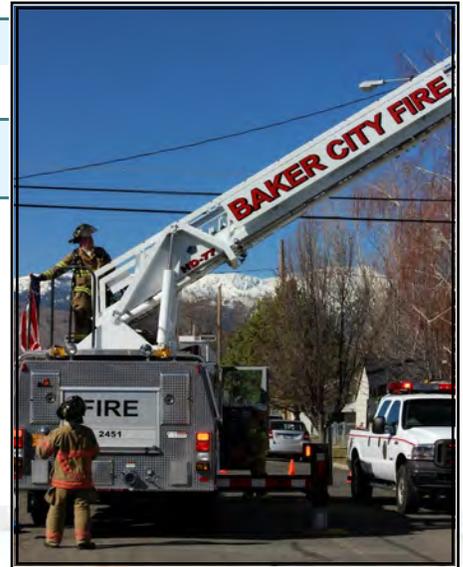


Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES **2**



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	2

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **36** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **4** Burn Permits Issued
- **139** hrs of Fire Training
- **30** hrs of EMS Training
- **54** hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **7** hrs Community Events



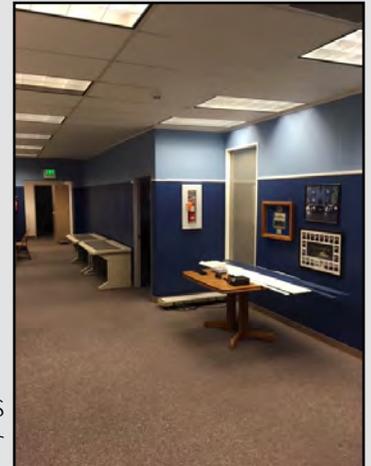
The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. **Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, February 19th at 11 a.m.**



"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

- ✪ This past week BCPD responded to 188 incidents and opened 42 new cases. Ten of these cases resulted in arrests for various reasons. Numerous other cases are still under investigation and criminal charges will possibly follow.
- ✪ Officers made three arrests for unlawful possession of controlled substances. K9 Capa was utilized in two of the three cases to assist the officers in making the arrests.
- ✪ BCPD COPS volunteers continue to be active, giving of their own time, to help make changes to the Police Department. COPS members Evelyn Spivey and Marlene Rogers did some painting to liven up the PD.
- ✪ BCPD officers remained busy during the week responding to numerous crashes due to weather conditions.
- ✪ BCPD SRO Officer Lance Woodward has completed his training and is now a certified Drivers Education instructor. BCPD hopes to partner with the school district to provide this training to students in the Baker County area.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.
- ✪ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.



Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Issued 2 citations for property maintenance violations
- Issued 1 citation for an unsafe building violation
- Followed up on 4 pending property cases
- Started 1 new property case
- Followed up on 1 land use complaint

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Responded to a dog at large call
- Responded to a barking dog complaint
- Followed up with an animal violation case

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Issued 3 parking citations
- Followed up on multiple parking complaints
- Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle



Public Works: Auction

The first round of the GOVDEALS.COM auction was completed earlier this month. Most of the items have been picked up. Sales from the auction totaled \$6,746.50.

Pictured right is the old merry-go-round from the Geiser-Pollman Park, loaded and being hauled away. The winning bidders plan to incorporate it into an art feature, which will be exhibited near the intersection of 17th and Broadway Avenue.



Public Works: Street Department

At the beginning of the week the weather forecast showed that winter was here to stay for the rest of the month. Temperatures raised slightly and the heavy snows fell in the mountains but for the most part spared Baker City.

Relatively heavy snow, accumulation of 4", fell Sunday evening and Monday prompting Public Works to begin snow plow work. It was apparent that the downtown areas would need to be plowed starting at midnight Monday. To complete midnight snow plow work in the downtown corridor of Baker City two motor graders are needed. A second grader was rented from Eastern Oregon Rental for the work.



Starting at midnight Monday night the crew of Justin, Tommy, Dennis and Jay came in and plowed the streets in the downtown corridor.

← Here they are fueling up the two graders early Tuesday morning at the end of their "graveyard shift".

A second crew (Jake, Craig, Rick & Brian) started at 1:00 A.M. Tuesday morning to haul away the graded snow berms from the centerlines of city streets.



Trucks hauled snow to property owned by the Ellingson's and Baker County. A "thank you" is in order to both of them for allowing the placement of snow transported from Baker City streets.



Public Works: Water Department

On Wednesday Justin and Blain traveled to Elk Creek, Salmon and Marble Creek to check diversions. They reported that there was at least 4 feet of snow at the elevation of the Pipeline Road.



← Here you can see the heavy accumulation of snow at the Salmon Creek diversion structure.

Pictured here is the top of the metal gate near the Marble Creek diversion.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

Karl and Jacob were forced to use the root cutting saw to cut the grease from the inside of a line serving houses and a restaurant on Campbell Street.



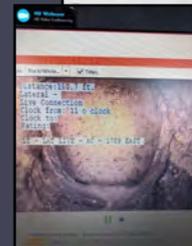
Two residents on East Street have been suffering from plugged laterals this week. It is uncommon when two houses directly across the street from each other simultaneously have sewer problems—unless the main line is plugged. In this case the main line was flowing properly.



Nate assisted by heavily sanding the snow covered area on Auburn Avenue so that Jacob could safely park in the center of the street and inspect the two lateral connections.



Here you can see that both laterals are open at the main line.



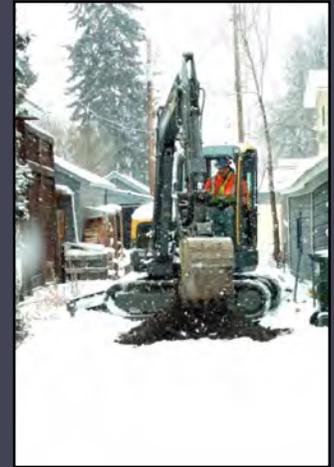
Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

On Tuesday the crew of Blain, Karl and Jacob worked to repair a lateral for a resident on 1st Street. The locate stake was placed last week. →



← Underground utilities in the area were marked with the appropriate color of paint.

The crews weren't affected by the falling snow as they began the repair process. →



As the excavation deepened and they got closer to the main wastewater line the vector truck was brought in to hydro excavate the last foot or two of material to reduce the chance of damaging the main line.



Careful measurements were taken so as to make a near perfect connection. →



Two fernco connectors, two angled fittings (one 22 1/2 degree and one 45 degree) and two short sections of 6" P.V.C. pipe were used to complete the repair.

The successful repair project was completed Tuesday and cost slightly less than the estimated amount.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A property owner living on 5th Street was suffering from a plugged sewer lateral late last week.

A local drain cleaning professional was hired and Baker City used the ViVax push-cam to video inspect the line. The line was plugged with at least three items which should never go down "the drain". The items consisted of a metal wire-like tool about 15" long which is used to clean sink drains, a fiber cloth and a broken threaded black plastic cleanout plug.

In talking with the owners - the items must have been introduced into the lateral before they bought the house. The drain cleaning professional had to reinsert his cleaning "snake" into the lateral and force the items further down and through the complete length of the lateral to clear the blockage.



While forcing the items out of the lateral the inside of the P.V.C. lateral was damaged as seen in this photo of the ViVax push-cam screen. There was only one choice as to the next course of action.....repair the damaged section of pipe.

An underground utility locate was requested and the area marked for repair. →



Karl operated the Volvo loader with the "asphalt zipper" attached to pulverize the asphalt. Blain performed the excavation using the Volvo mini excavator.



Here is the broken part of the P.V.C. pipe that was located very near the main line. →

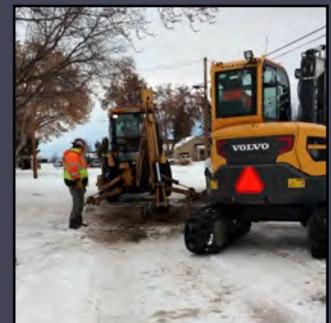


Pictured below is the completed connection which is bedded with washed rock and ready to be "backfilled" and compacted.



Riley operated the 1995 John Deere backhoe with compactor attachment to backfill the repair. →

Asphalt will be placed to complete the surface repair when available this spring.





Public Works: Shop



Scott is pictured here performing a safety check and replacing the alternator belt on this vehicle.

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



The P.T.O. shaft and carburetor were repaired on this truck. Wes and Scott also adjusted the plow blade and it is now back in service.

Wes and Scott repaired a short in the electrical system on this back hoe and replaced the front lights.





Announcements:

Heartsaver CPR/First Aid Class February 21, 2019

Baker City Fire Department Will be offering
American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR, First
Aid Classes...

Cost for the Adult, Child, Infant CPR and First Aid Class
will be \$47.00 (8-hour class) includes the cost of the
Heartsaver® First Aid CPR/AED Card

Classes are designed to meet OSHA requirements.

To sign up for classes call Baker City Fire Dept. 541-523-3711
Or Text Lt. Alan Blair 541-519-6337 for **Heartsaver** classes.

Class will start at 8:00 AM at the Baker City Fire Station.

For more Information
Call Lt. Alan Blair 541-519-6337

