

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 21, 2015

Administration

Baker Rural Fire Chief Dan Weitz and Baker City Fire Chief Mark John were trained this week on how to suppress fire should a hard landing occur with any of the ten helicopters that were stationed at the Baker City Airport. This picture shows one of the Oregon National Guard's new Blackhawk helicopters.



City Council

August 25th Agenda Items:

**BIG DEAL Grant*

**Third Reading of Ordinance #3342 Prohibiting Marijuana Sales*

**FAA Airport Grant Assistance Program*

**Sam-O-Swim Center Committee Update*

**Budget Resolution*

Finance

LID Billings—LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.52%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

One 1997 Birch Street Improvement LIDs was billed August 13th. The original assessment from 1997 is for improvements on Birch Street (H to J and L to Park Street); it included 16 property owners and totaled \$63,281. The remaining balance outstanding is \$2,599.

Accounts Receivable—Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent August 11th. The billings were as follows:

Utilities

- ◆ 17 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 15 customers disconnected service from August 14th through August 20th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today which includes 546 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 104 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 84 late notices were sent August 18th.
- ◆ Nine residential customers (Zone 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable

Property and Weed Abatement	\$2,220
Cemetery	\$3,702
Wastewater Maintenance and Dumping Fees	\$30,132
Lien Searches	\$1,000
Ambulance	\$348,239
Airport Hangar Rent and Ground Lease	\$1,786
Street Patching and Misc.	\$3,267
Golf Equipment Lease Payment	\$5,039
Miscellaneous	\$173
Total Billed	\$395,558



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County. For more information please visit: www.bakercity.com/departments/building



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

No new commercial permits were issued this week.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued one new permit for 44790 Shawn Circle – Construction of new residence

Issued one new permit for 1950 Place Street – Addition to existing structure for residence

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	2	1	11
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	3	10	4
MECHANICAL	4	0	2	5
PLUMBING	4	4	1	3
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	14	9	14	23

Other:

The “electrical” component was included this week as we have kept current on inspection results.

Historic District Design Review Commission

No new information this week.



City/County Planning Department

The Baker County Planning Department is here to serve you with property services, technical assistance and information. The Planning Department is responsible for implementing Baker County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance as well as Oregon Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules when considering proposals to use or develop property.



Development Code Update

The third and final hearing for an Ordinance to update the Development Code was heard by City Council on August 11th, 2015 at 7:00pm and adopted. The next step will be to wait for approval from the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on August 19th at 7:00 PM to hear a Conditional Use Permit application for a new shop at 1500 Vista Heights Drive and unanimously approved the application. The proposed shop is approximately 2,500 sq. ft.

Projects and Approvals

Baker City is working with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker County to create an Interchange Area Management Plan for I-84 exits 302 and 306. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.



The Planning Department received two applications from Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, for two Conditional Use Permits to install two 100 feet high transmission towers in the Industrial Zone in Baker City. The Conditional Use Permit hearings are scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting on September 16.

Planning staff held a pre-application conference to discuss a proposal to change the use of a house on the corner of Main and Campbell from residence to office. The Conditional Use Permit hearing is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the regular Planning Commission meeting on September 16th.

An application to adjust a common property line between houses on 16th and 17th was approved.

A land use review application was submitted for a new manufactured home to be sited at 1320 D Street. The application is currently under review.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last week the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	2
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3



- ◆ Burn Complaint— 13th Street
- ◆ Grass Fire— 184 Milepost 309
- ◆ Grass Fire— General Alarm 184 Milepost 325

TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

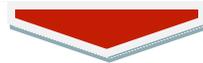
This week the BCFD completed 8 hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire - Wildland Strategies

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 33



Out of Town Transfers	3
Airport Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	3
Triple Calls	0



MAINTENANCE/OTHER

26 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Demolition Derby standby



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on August 25th.



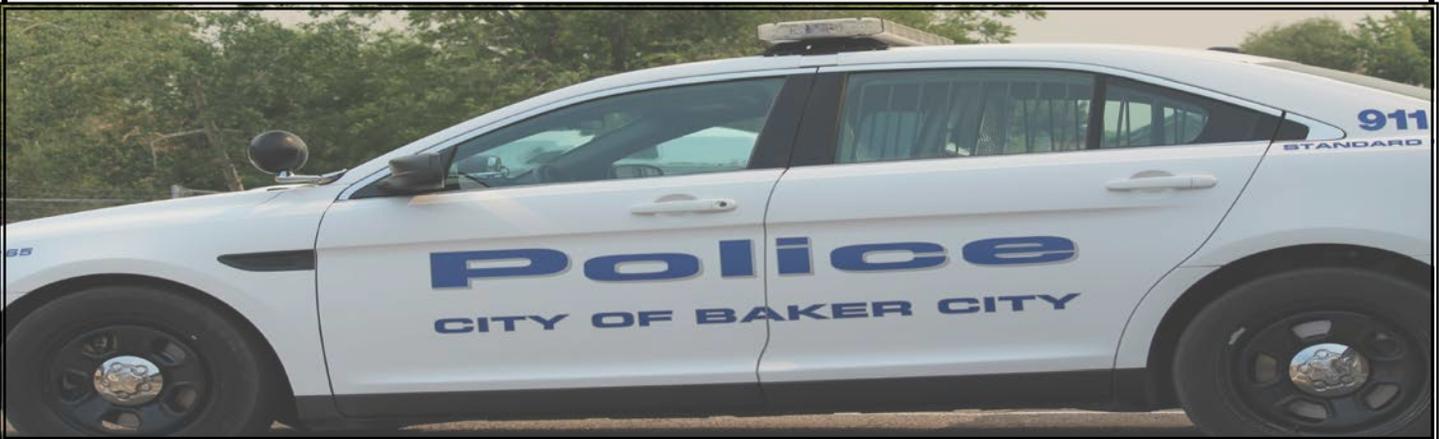
POLICE DEPARTMENT

"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."



★ This past week BCPD handled over 214 incidents and opened 42 new cases. Nine of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants. An arrest was made for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants–Alcohol. Upon administering of a breath test, the subject was found to have had a BAC of .23%. This is considered almost three times the legal limit.

- ★ Chief Lohner attended a Baker City Lions’ meeting, where marijuana laws and regulations were discussed.
- ★ Lieutenant Newman attended various operational meetings regarding the wildfires in our area. **This included assisting the Baker County Sheriff’s Office with on-the-ground collection of information in and around the Stices Gulch 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.



Weekly Code Enforcement Activity:

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 2 old cases
Started 2 new cases
Closed out 2 old cases

Dangerous Dog

Issued 1 citation for non-compliance
Started one new case

Animal Complaints

Followed up on 1 barking dog complaint
1 diseased cat euthanized
Followed up on 1 animal complaint

Parking Violations

Issued 2 parking citations
Followed up on 2 parking complaints

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 8 weed complaints

Found Item

1 found item
1 found bicycle returned to owner

Kennel Permit

Followed up on 1 application

Vehicle Impound

Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle



Public Works - Water

To the right is Goodrich Reservoir pictured August 11, 2015. To the bottom of the picture is a small stream, which is the only visible water source flowing into Goodrich Reservoir. This **stream's flow is estimated at 20 GPM.**



Several miles of fence were patrolled this week by City personnel. The only break found was where a small tree had fallen across the fence in the Elk Creek area. The damage was reported to the grazing allotment permittee, who planned to repair the fence the following morning. There was no sign of cattle entering through the damaged fence. At this time there is a lot of cattle activity at the higher elevations along the Stovepipe Allotment boundary.

Doug and Jake searched the Watershed last week for cattle using the helicopter services of Baker Aviation. All the cattle spotted were on the grazing allotment side of the fence.





PUBLIC WORKS

The Parks Department would like to thank the family of Dave Banta for donating this bench in his memory. The bench has been placed along the new section of Leo Adler Memorial Parkway near Wade Williams field.



A new LED light was installed along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway at Kirkway and 'H' this week. The Baker City Lions Club has purchased exercise equipment that will be installed at this location in the new Lions Fitness Zone. The club also planted two trees earlier this summer in preparation for the equipment installation.



Look for these signs next week along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway, in Baker City parks, and at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Grass Master, the lawn care contractor for Baker City Parks and Cemetery Departments, will be applying herbicides in these areas to control the spread of broadleaf.



Starting Monday, Auburn Avenue will be closed for west bound traffic between 4th and 7th Streets, for the next two to three weeks, as water crews will be installing a 16” ductile iron pipeline. The project will replace an old undersized 6” cast iron pipe.

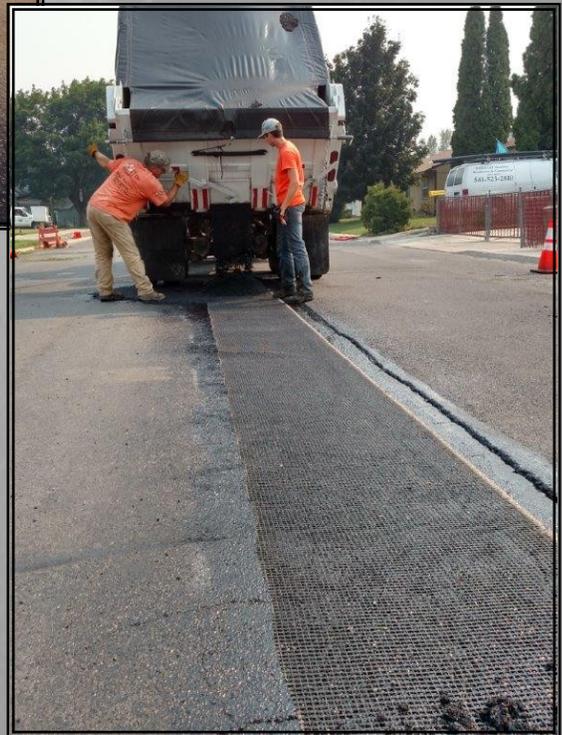


PUBLIC WORKS



This week crew worked on assisting a contractor with fog sealing a few streets around town. To the left, Justin is sanding the intersection at Resort and Valley Street so that the intersection could be opened to vehicular traffic. The distributor truck driver (AI) is examining the new surface.

On Wednesday 9.96 tons of "D" mix asphalt was used to patch several streets in town (3 blocks on Broadway Avenue, 3 blocks on Cherry Street, and one block each on Plum Street, Resort Street and Valley Streets. Where there is severe surface failure of the asphalt, Glasgrid is incorporated into the repair. To the right, Blain is pictured spreading hot asphalt over a strip of Glasgrid on Resort Street just North of Indiana Avenue.



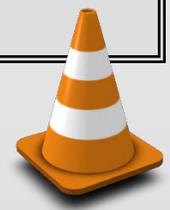
To the left, Blain and Steve (Tip) are shoveling asphalt onto patch locations on Cherry Street. Filling sunken sections of asphalt improves the ride quality for vehicles and helps prevent water from pooling and penetrating into the street base which can lead to base failure .



PUBLIC WORKS



This week Doug and Wes worked on prepping the zipper for next week's water project on Auburn Ave. Doug and Wes tightened the drive belts and replaced a few broken bolts.



Doug and Wes also installed the sander on Monday for the fog seal project. The sander was removed on Thursday so that it may be used for patching.



Doug is pictured to the left repairing the footage counter on the ramjet. The Ramjet water jetter effectively breaks up blockages in sanitary lines, flushes out debris and scours wastewater lines clean.