

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 28, 2015

Administration

Today the City Manager is in Salem assisting with booth information for Baker County during the State Fair. This booth increases community awareness and can assist with economic development goals. Many visitors have already stopped by the booth to gain knowledge about Baker City and Baker County.



City Council

September 8th Agenda

Items:

**GIS Services Contract*

**Tree Board Modification Ordinance*



Finance

Payroll - Eighty-two employees were paid today including fourteen paid volunteer firefighters, the hearings officer, one part-time inspector and two seasonal public works employees. Of those 82 employees 76 or 93% are signed up for direct deposit.

Utilities

- ◆ 15 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 17 customers disconnected service from August 21st through August 27th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 466 residential and 21 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 82 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 113 late notices were sent August 25th.
- ◆ 1 residential customer (Zone 7) was scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) however it was not turned off as their past due balance was paid.



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:

Issued one new permit for 14939 Profit Loop – 40 x 60 shop
Issued one new permit for 2331 11th Street – 16 x 18 Shed Roof

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

No new residential permits were issued this week.



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	12	1	6
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	1	1	1	1
ELECTRICAL	1	7	6	13
MECHANICAL	0	2	0	0
PLUMBING	2	4	0	6
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	6	26	8	26

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 Department

A land use review application for the addition of an awning to an existing garage at 2368 15th Street was approved.

A land use review application for a new, single-family dwelling at D Street was approved.

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 16th at 7pm.

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.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of August 9th-15th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **33** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Still Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES

7



- Burn complaint – Cherry
- Burn complaint – Carter
- Trash fire – Baker
- Grass fire – Wade Williams
- Burn complaint – 10th Street
- Grass fire – **General Alarm** – Task force for Cornet fire
- Grass fire – **General Alarm** – Cornet fire

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

26



Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	1
Triple Calls	0



TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 24 hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire - Wildland Strategies

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

24 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.
- Company inspections
- Pack test
- Resource fair



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am.

Don't miss the next check on September 1st.



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 240 incidents and opened 34 new cases. Seven of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants. Two cases resulted in responses to attempted suicides.

★ BCPD completed the process for selection a new drug dog handler and **Officer Coleton Smith was selected. Officer Smith will attend a two week handler's course in Florida at the end of October.**

★ 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 3 old cases
Closed out 2 cases (property in compliance)

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 case

Animal Complaints

Followed up on 1 barking dog complaint
Followed up on 1 new dog bite case
Issued 1 citation for no dog license
Issued 1 citation for dog at large

Parking Violations

Issued 1 parking citation
Followed up on 6 parking violations

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 2 weed complaints

Found Item

1 found wallet returned to owner
1 found purse returned to owner

Kennel Permit

Followed up on one application

Abandoned Vehicle

Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle

Dangerous Building

Followed up on 1 case
Attended 1 Abatement hearing





Quail Ridge Golf Course



With the end of the golf season fast approaching it is almost time to aerify the greens again. This year we will be aerifying greens on Monday, September 14th. The golf course will be closed all day on Monday and will be open for regular play on Tuesday, September 15th.



What is aeration? Aeration is the process by which holes are put into the greens to allow for air to be able to get into the soil beneath the green. Aeration is needed when the soil beneath the surface of the green becomes compacted. When the soil is compacted, the grass roots struggle to breathe.

Quail Ridge Golf Course would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while our maintenance staff performs this labor intensive and crucial task that will ensure our greens continue to be in excellent shape for years to come.





Public Works - Water

A major water leak occurred just at around 1 a.m. Thursday morning. Data from the Water Treatment Plant showed that the leak rate was approximately 2000 GPM. **Crews had the 6” line repaired before 11am** and spent the remainder of the day rebuilding the road base that the water destroyed.



On Monday, the Auburn Ave. waterline replacement started between 4th and 7th Street. **To the left a 6” cast iron waterline is being replaced with a 16” ductile iron waterline.** The project is expected to last a total of three weeks.

Doug S. flew the Watershed this morning with Troy from Baker Aircraft and was pleased to report there were no cattle observed within the watershed. Additional fence monitoring was done earlier this week in the vicinity of Elk Creek to keep the area secure.





PUBLIC WORKS



Crews continue to work to preserve and maintain Baker City Streets. To the left, crew of Steve (Tip), Clay and Riley work to seal cracks on Valley Street between Resort and East Streets.

Baker City assisted Dan of Baker County on a water service line repair at the Baker County Sheriff's Office. Karl and Tom used the Vactor Truck to remove overburden from around a broken PVC fitting.



An accident three weeks ago damaged the railing. The guardrail performed properly by preventing the vehicle (driver fell asleep at the wheel) from going into the slough and causing bodily harm to the driver. Repairs were made to the guardrail located on the Truck Route. A company (CRC Inc.) which specializes in guardrail installation and repair performed the repair work Wednesday.



PUBLIC WORKS



Doug and Wes had to cut out an old fitting that was rusted out and leaking then weld in a new two inch adaptor.



Wes and Doug worked on a golf cart used for maintenance at the golf course. They pulled the rear end and replaced an input shaft bearing and seal.



Wes and Doug also performed a safety check on the class 6 vehicle on loan from Medical Springs Rural Fire Department.



Due to current fire restrictions, the Baker City Watershed is closed to all hunters at this time and hunting access permits are not being issued.

The Watershed will remain closed until the fire danger is classified as “[Low](#)” or “[Moderate](#)”. Please call (541) 524-2047 if you have any questions.