

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 9, 2015

Administration: Next Tuesday, the City will welcome the incoming City Councilors at the first City Council meeting of the year. After the incoming City Councilors are sworn in, Council as a whole will vote to determine the new mayor (as per City Charter).

The City of Baker City currently has the following vacancies: Airport Commission three vacancies, Planning Commission four vacancies, Historic District Design and Review Commission one vacancy and the Public Works Advisory Committee two vacancies. The length of term varies by the committee. Please contact the City Recorder for additional information.

Finance Department

A Message from the Director: As of January 5th the City has received \$2,658,878 in current year property taxes and \$63,742 in prior year property taxes.

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

Accounts

Receivable:

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent today.

The billings were as follows:

Cemetery	\$ 6,360
Wastewater Maintenance	\$ 1,725
Lien Searches	\$ 880
Ambulance	\$ 309,264
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$ 2,132
Property and Weed Abatement	\$ 3,034
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,155
Total Billed:	\$ 325,550

Utilities

- ◆ 22 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 21 customers disconnected service from January 2nd through December 8th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 88 residential and 247 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 45 or 13% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 95 late notices were sent January 6th.

City Council

Agenda Items January 13th

**2014 Watershed
Management Plan Approval*

**Appointing New City
Council & Mayor*

**Water Facility Plan
Contract Award*

**Fund Exchange Agreement*

**Liquor License Application*

**Boards and Commissions
Volunteers*





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, 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

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

A permit was issued for an interior remodel of the existing structure at 2740 12th Street.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

A permit was issued to construct a walk in cooler at 1934 Broadway Street.

Permits

Permits issued for...	CITY	COUNTY
BUILDING	2	0
ELECTRICAL	4	1
MECHANICAL	2	1
PLUMBING	0	0
FENCE	0	0
TOTAL	8	2

Inspections

Last week, 24 inspections (plumbing, building, and mechanical) were completed within Baker County.

Historic District Design Review

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 8am in the Council Chambers. CLG grant applications will be due Thursday January 15th.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Other - No new information this week.



Planning Department

Planning Actions:

The Planning Director is processing an application for a partition plat submitted by Mark Landavazo to divide a parcel at 1340 D Street into two separate parcels.

A home occupation permit application was accepted by the Planning Department for Eric Arntz at 1918 18th Street.

Updates:

The Planning Department attended an open house on Thursday evening held by The Bureau of Land Management for the Boardman to Hemmingway 500kV transmission line project.

PacifiCorp, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Idaho Power jointly propose to design, construct, operate and maintain a new 500 kilovolt, single-circuit electric transmission line from a proposed substation near Boardman, Oregon to the Hemingway Substation near Melba, Idaho—known as the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project or B2H Project. Idaho Power is leading the permitting process for the Project. The B2H Project would provide additional capacity for exchanging energy between the Pacific Northwest and the Intermountain West, depending on which region is experiencing the highest demand. The Project would also serve load, improve reliability, interconnect resources, and take advantage of seasonal and near-term load and generation diversity between regions.

More information can be found on the project website, boardmantohemmingway.com.

Quail Ridge Golf Course:

Quail Ridge will be hosting the National Championship Party on Monday, January 12th to watch Oregon take on Ohio State. The bar will open at 4pm, kick off is at 5:30. There will be bar snacks provided and everyone is welcome to bring food to share.





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



FIRE DEPARTMENT

This week the Fire Department responded to a total of 48 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	15
City Calls	28
Patient Transported	34
No Patient Trip	9

Out of Town Transfers	0
Airport Transfers	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	3
Triple Calls	0

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 43

- General alarm structure fire- Campbell Street
- General alarm-vehicle extrication- Hwy 7
- False alarm- 21st Street
- Electrical short- 10th Street
- Sprinkler malfunction- Campbell Street

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 40 hours of in-house training during the week.

- Chart reviews.
- Dist. 13 Firefighter I academy

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

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 - Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
 - Monthly drug inventory
 - Cleaned equipment from general alarm fire

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on January 13th.



"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



BCPD handled over 140 incidents this past week, opening 32 new cases which resulted in multiple arrests.



- ★ Four of these cases were arrests for outstanding warrants
- ★ Five cases were initiated for property maintenance issues
- ★ Two cases were arrests for probation violations

- ★ BCPD personnel, along with deputies from the Sheriff's Office and Troopers from the State Police, responded to a false panic alarm at Brooklyn School.
- ★ BCPD personnel began a review of dozens of new case law decisions. These decisions, when made by our higher courts, change how existing laws are interpreted and enforced.
- ★ 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

Property Maintenance

- Followed up on 5 old cases
- Started 5 new cases
- Closed out 2 cases
- Cited 1 case

Animal complaint

- Followed up on 3 complaints

Dog License

- Started 3 new no dog license cases
- Followed up on 2 old cases
- Cited 1 for no dog license

Parking Violations

- Followed up on 6 parking complaints

Dog at Large

- 5 dogs at large returned to owners
- Cited 4 for dogs at large

Dangerous Dog

- Followed up on 1 case

Prescription Drug Drop Box

Since December 2013, a prescription drug drop box has been installed in the lobby at the Baker City Police Department, allowing citizens to drop off outdated or unneeded prescription drugs at any time. This new option is in addition to the BCPD bi-annual prescription drug take back program, initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.



Water Department

Monday, Jake and Larry drove into the Elk Creek Diversion to turn some water in to town. They were able to get within 300 ft. of the diversion before the snow became too deep for the machine. The side-by-side has been a good means of transportation in the Watershed, saving wear and tear on expensive pickups.



The Fire Department found the hydrant at 12th and Campbell in a non-working condition when they attempted to connect to it to fight a house fire this last weekend. The lugs that hold the top barrel to the bottom barrel had broken, allowing the two halves to separate. City personnel fixed the hydrant on Monday using improved lugs. The lugs attaching the two halves are designed to break-away in the event the hydrant is struck by a vehicle. The valve stem inside the hydrant is also designed to break off which allows the hydrant to be severely damaged without leaking a drop of water. It is unknown what caused the lugs to break, as there was no evidence of the hydrant being recently damaged from an impact.

This week, Jason made a few final adjustments to the automatic gate for the access road to the new UV facility.





PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater

On "H" Street a resident reported that their wastewater line was not flowing. The main line was cleaned and video-inspected. To the right Rick and Karl are video-inspecting the main line. The main line was found to be in good condition. The lateral could not be opened by the drain cleaner so the resident decided to replace their lateral.



Justin, Blain, and Tim installed an eight foot section of the new lateral. The line was over ten feet deep and required trench shoring to work safely. The City portion of the lateral work was completed Wednesday morning and the plumbing was reconnected and back in service by the end of the day. To the left, Justin is breaking up a few frozen chunks of bedding rock which was used as selected backfill around the four inches of PVC pipe.

A building on Washington Street has been experiencing wastewater problems recently. The mainline was cleaned and found to be flowing unimpeded. A drain cleaner hired Public Works to use the push-camera to video-inspect the lateral within the building. A backflow device was encountered in the line, which is simply a flapper that allows flow only in one direction. It was surmised that the mechanism deteriorated and no longer moved freely to allow material to pass.





Public Works

<p>Interchange Area Management Plans Public Workshop</p>	<p>Thursday, January 29, 2015 Time: 4:00-6:00 PM</p>
<p>Baker City, Baker County, and ODOT are beginning to revisit and update previous planning efforts for Exit 302 & Exit 306 interchanges. Please join us for this public workshop to discuss plans, completed work, and to identify future decisions.</p>	<p>Baker City City Hall 1655 1st Street Baker City, OR 97814 For More Information: Patrick Knight, ODOT william.p.knight@odot.or.us</p>

Street/Stormwater Department

A partially plugged culvert pipe was cleaned to improve flow and prevent water damage in the area. To the right, Tommy is pictured digging out the upstream culvert end on corral ditch #2. Much of the stormwater from the East side of town travels down this ditch.



With continued cold weather, street crews stayed busy sanding slick intersections and steep roads to help keep travelers safe.



PUBLIC WORKS

City Shop

This week Wes replaced the engine turbo on one of the Fire Department's ambulances. The oil seal in the turbo was leaking and needed to be changed. The ambulance was only down for one day and is now back in service.



Wes also worked on the transmission of one of the City's dump trucks, which needed to have the transmission rebuilt.

While Wes worked on rebuilding the transmission, Doug performed routine servicing on the same dump truck.





SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2014-2015

