

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update January 30, 2015

Administration: This week work was completed on the City's website. Did you know that some of the City's first documents are available on the website? Below is a link to the page which includes a section titled "Book of Ordinances 1886". The Ordinances provide real insight to life in Baker City during the late 1800's.

On December 9, 1874 the City adopted Ordinance No. 5. Section 5 of that Ordinance made the following activity a misdemeanor: "Any person or persons who shall ride or drive a horse or horses, mule or mules, or any beast of burden within the corporate limits of Baker City, in a reckless, furious or violent manner, or at a greater speed than six miles an hour, shall, upon conviction thereof before the Recorder's court, be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars."

You can find the full text and more on the Baker City website: <http://www.bakercity.com/government/archives>



Photo Courtesy of Baker County Public Library

The picture to the left depicts a six horse team hauling a boiler to the Cornucopia Mines in the late 1800's. This picture is taken at the corner of Main and Broadway.

City Council

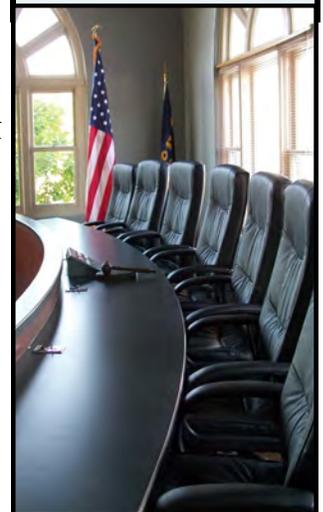
Agenda Items February 10th

**Report to Council
'Revitalize Main
Street Act'*

**Report to Council
Bandstand Project*

**Report to Council
Leo Adler Memorial
Parkway Trailhead*

**Recreational
Marijuana Ordinance*



For more historic pictures, the Baker City Library website offers a link to numerous pictures of early Baker City life: <http://www.bakeroregonhistory.info/>

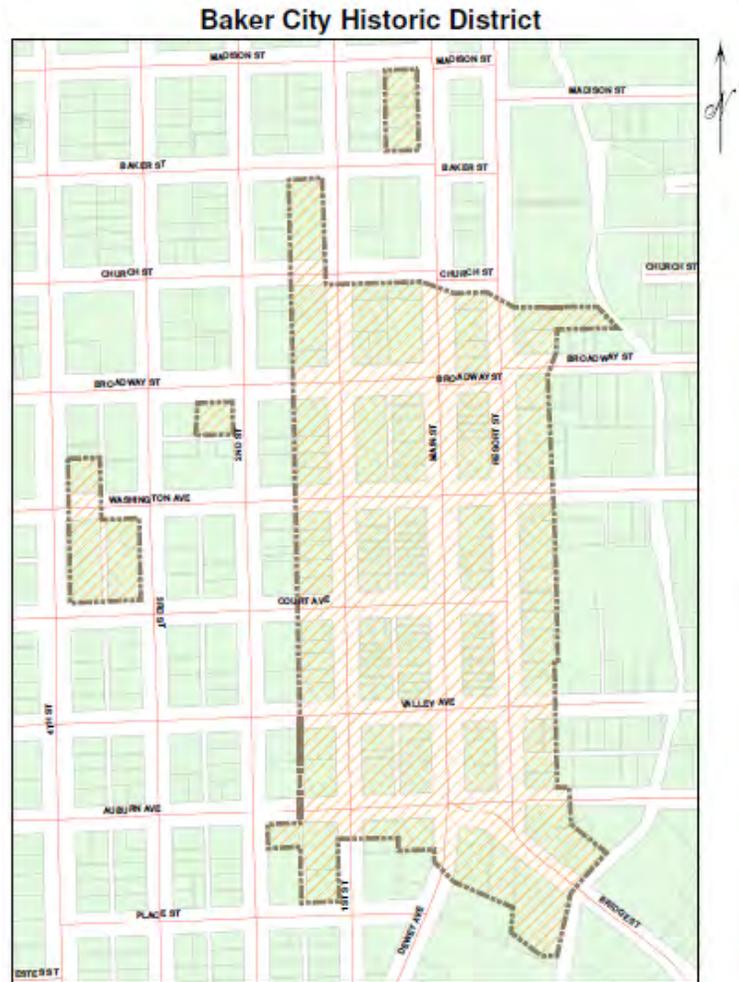


Boards and Commissions

Vacancies: If you are interested in volunteering to improve this community or know someone who would be interested, there is still one vacancy on the Historic District Design Review Commission!

The Historic District Design Review Commission was created to promote the community participation in reviewing and approving applications submitted by the property owners wanting to alter structures within the Historic District. This Commission consists of seven members, three-year terms.

Applications are available by visiting: <http://bakercity.com/government/boards-a-commissions> or by contacting the City Recorder, Luke Yeaton at (541) 524-2033 or lyeaton@bakercity.com.



Finance Department

Payroll

Eighty employees were paid today including fifteen paid volunteer firefighters and the dangerous dog hearings officer. Of those 80 employees, 68 or 85% are signed up for direct deposit.

Utilities



- Five customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from January 23rd through January 39th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 4 was billed today which includes 707 residential and 59 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 155 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- 75 late notices were sent January 27th.
- Seven residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due); five of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



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 for a basement remodel was issued for 1743 Madison Street.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

A re-roof permit was issued for 2998 8th Street.

A permit for a canopy, reroof and wall repair was issued for 281 S. Main Street in Halfway.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING*	2	3	1	4
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	9	N/A	2	N/A
MECHANICAL	3	2	4	1
PLUMBING	1	2	0	0
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	16	7	7	5

Historic District Design Review Commission

Applicants of the Certified Local Government Pass-Through Grant for historic preservation were sent notices verifying whether their project meets the eligibility requirements to continue in the grant request process.

Other:

The Building Official performed 3 pre-construction consultations.

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.



Planning Department

The next Baker City Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm at Baker City Hall. The agenda will include:

- *A Conditional Use Permit application requesting approval to build a bandstand in Geiser-Pollman Park, submitted by Bandstand Committee chair David Hunsaker. The park is located at the corner of Campbell and Grove Streets.*
- *A Conditional Use Permit application requesting approval to build a trailhead and parking area for an extension of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway. The trailhead is proposed to be located at 945 Resort Street.*
- *Election of the Planning Commission Chair and Vice-chair.*



Leo Adler Memorial Parkway area

- Notice of the Conditional Use Permit hearings will be posted in the January 30 edition of the Baker City Herald. Notices were mailed this week to property owners within 100 feet.
 - On Thursday, January 29, a public workshop was held at City Hall to discuss and gather input on developing Interchange Area Management Plans for the interchanges at Exits 302 & 306. Representatives from Baker City, Baker County, Oregon Department of Transportation were there to discuss ideas and concerns with landowners and others who were interested in the project.
 - An application to partition a parcel into two parcels was submitted by Mark Landavazo. The parcel is currently vacant, and adjoins 1340 D Street. Notices were sent to property owners within 100 feet notifying them of the application and providing an opportunity to comment. Comments are due by February 7, 2015.
 - A map was provided to the Baker City Police Department to assist with notifications for a kennel application.
- The Department of Land Conservation and Development in conjunction with the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association plan to host a Planners Network Meeting in April in Baker City. The Planning Director participated in an organizing meeting this week. The meeting will include professional development opportunities for planners across the region as well as Planning Commissioner training. It has been years since the last Planners Network Meeting was held, and it's a huge honor for Baker City to get to host the event!



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 **22** emergency alarms.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3

AMBULANCE

Rural Calls	14
City Calls	5
Patient Transported	13
No Patient Trip	6

Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	1
Triple Calls	0

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 19



- ❑ CO investigation – Court
- ❑ Flue fire – 9th
- ❑ Structure fire – Miller

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **65** hours of in-house training during the week.

- ❑ Chart reviews.
- ❑ EMS – MCI review, CPR review, Diabetes Endocrine System
- ❑ Fire-command procedure
- ❑ SWAT training

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- ❑ Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance including:
- ❑ Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- ❑ Station maintenance
- ❑ SCBA flow testing
- ❑ SCBA fit testing
- ❑ Hose maintenance

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 February 3rd.





"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 160 incidents this past week, opening 36 new cases. A few of those cases included were:



- Multiple reports of vandalism, where the suspect(s) tampered and/or damaged mailboxes and the contents throughout Baker City
Three reports of "Hit and Run" incidents where property was damaged
One case involved a sting operation to obtain stolen items from a suspect who had advertised the stolen items on the internet. A subsequent search after arrest led to the discovery of illegal narcotics

- Chief Lohner attended a parole hearing in Salem, to support efforts of keeping Sydney Dean Porter in prison. Porter was convicted of killing John Day Police Officer Frank Ward in 1992.
Chief Lohner attended a meeting facilitated by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, regarding recreational Marijuana regulation.
BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.
BCPD would like to remind citizens of three animal related ordinances, which have been the subject of recent discussions and subsequent complaints. Listed below are only partial descriptions. Complete language can be found on the city website: (http://www.bakercity.com/government/ordinances) In the City Ordinances (Chapter 90) and the Development Code (Section 2.2 - L. Agriculture and Horticulture).

- 1). Livestock Permits—No person shall cause or allow the keeping of any livestock, fowl, or bees on real property without a current, valid livestock permit.
2). Dog Licensing—Every dog within the city that has a set of permanent canine teeth, and whose owner or caretaker resides within the city, shall be licensed. The license tag shall be attached to a collar worn by the dog.
3). Kennel Permits-It is unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor more than four dogs or four cats that are to be kept at the same address or on the same premises, that are six months of age or older, without first obtaining a special kennel permit from the Baker City Police Department.

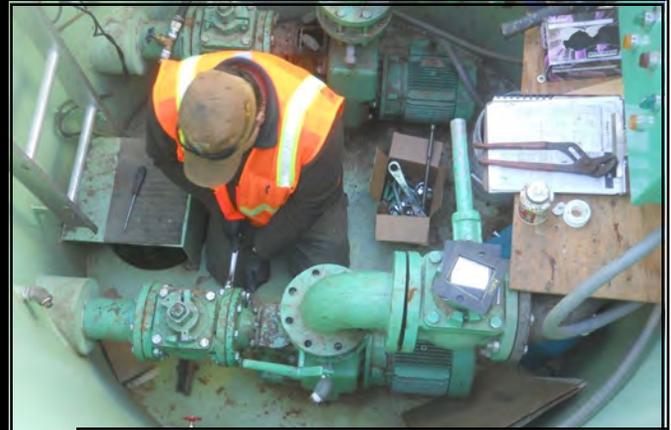
CODE ENFORCEMENT
Property Maintenance
Followed up on 5 old cases
Closed out 1 case
Animal complaints
Follow up on 4 complaints
Dog License
Started 2 new no dog license cases
Followed up on 1 old case
Dog at Large
1 Dog at large returned to owner
1 Dog at large impounded
Parking Violations
Followed up on 15 parking violations
Issued 7 parking citations
Dangerous Dog
Followed up on 1 case
Kennel Permit
Followed up on 2 permits
Livestock permit
Followed up on 2 old permits
Temporary Use Permit
Served 2 citations for Temporary Use Permit violation
Vehicle Impound
1 vehicle impounded



PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department: Work continued on the sign Retro-reflectivity project this week. Approximately 40% of the street signs in the city have been inspected. Those signs which have been rated and found to be substandard will be scheduled for replacement (some have already been replaced). Streets are also being swept each weekday. A special effort was made by the Serviceman to have parked vehicles removed from Resort Street so that the entire curblin could be swept Thursday morning.

Stormwater Department: With the mild winter weather a crew continued to clean catchbasins this week. To the right, Blain and Tip (Steve) are cleaning a catchbasin on Grandview Drive. Some culverts in town have been inspected for blockages. An easy way to take a look in a pipe is simply by taking photo with a digital camera. To the far right, in this case, you can see that this culvert pipe is almost entirely free of debris.



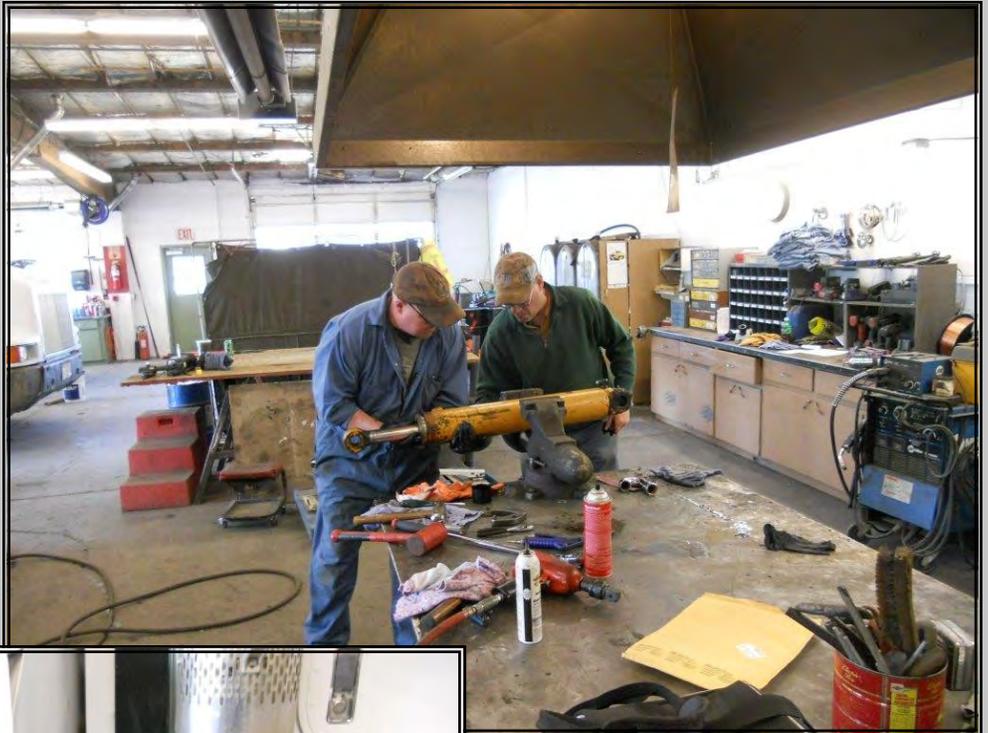
Wastewater: Crews cleaned and video inspected lines in town. Lines which have been video-inspected and cleaned over the past year are currently being entered into a computer database. Once that information is entered into a database it is a easy task to check on any specific line as to how often it has been cleaned. Work also continued on the "H" St. lift Station. Above, Karl is pictured reconnecting the rebuilt pump and motor (pump #2) to the existing plumbing in the "dry" side of the pump station. The pump is currently operating properly.





PUBLIC WORKS *City Shop*

Doug and Wes are in the process of rebuilding a hydraulic cylinder off one of the backhoes. This particular cylinder is a stabilizer cylinder used when digging with the rear bucket.



Wes did some final touches on one of the 10 yard dump trucks; he has finished rebuilding the transmission and is now putting things back together.

Wes moved an engine fan shroud that was hitting the engine cooling fan which caused a lot of noise.

