

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update June 12, 2015*

## **Administration**

The City Manager will have the privilege to welcome shooters from around the world as they travel to Baker City to compete in the “Oregon Sniper Challenge”. The event will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Powder River Sportsman’s Club Range.



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## **Finance Department**

### **Message from Finance Director—**

A public meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. The 2015-16 approved budget is available online at [www.bakercity.com/government/budget](http://www.bakercity.com/government/budget).

**Accounts Payable—**The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Accounts Receivable—**Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent June 10<sup>th</sup>. The billings were as follows:

### **Utilities:**

- ◆ 8 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 4 customers disconnected service from June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 486 residential and 58 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 81 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 3 residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.
- ◆ 39 late notices were sent June 9<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	
Property & Weed Abatement	\$2,486
Cemetery	\$7,780
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fees	\$2,185
Lien Searches	\$1,040
Ambulance	\$284,075
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$4,868
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$1,870
Street Patching & Misc.	\$2,222
Miscellaneous	\$155
<b>Total Billed</b>	<b>\$306,681</b>

## *City Council*

### **Agenda Items:**

- \*Task Order: TO Engineers
- \*Water Facilities Master Plan Update
- \*Parks Master Plan
- \*Adoption of 2015-2016 Budget
- \*Police Sergeant Promotion
- \*Sam-O-Swim Ordinance 3339
- \*Sam-O-Swim Committee Appointments
- \*School Resource Officer MOU
- \*City/County Fire MOU





# **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](http://www.bakercity.com/departments/building)



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

## **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

No new commercial permits were issued this week.



## **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

Issued structural permit at 349 S Ibex in Sumpter to add an accessory storage building.

Issued structural permit at 1705 Main (Baker Tower) to complete 6<sup>th</sup> floor remodel.

Issued structural permit at 43383 Old Wingville Road, Baker, for a new residence.

## **Permits**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	2	8	2	9
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	N/A	4	N/A
MECHANICAL	2	2	2	3
PLUMBING	3	0	0	0
FENCE	1	N/A	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>

## **Compliance**

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

## **Historic District Design Review Commission**

No new information this week.



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

An application submitted by Landmar Construction to construct a new dwelling at 1325 F Street was approved on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The proposed dwelling is located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.

An application to construct a carport at 3155 Cedar Street, in the Medium Density Residential Zone, was approved on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

An application to construct a carport at 3010 5<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Medium Density Residential Zone, was approved on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning Department completed a Certificate of Occupancy review for Cascade Natural Gas at 3395 10<sup>th</sup> Street. All Conditions of Approval for the site have now been completed.

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>.

### Planning Commission Meeting:

On Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, the Baker City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on a proposed update to the Development Code. The public is invited to attend the hearing or submit testimony in writing.

The Baker City Development Code (BCDC) was last amended in 2009. Since then, public and staff feedback have noted typographical errors, inadvertent omissions, inconsistencies and other minor corrections needed. These types of housekeeping revisions are straightforward and do not materially alter the Code. It also has become apparent, in applying the code since 2009, that further clarification and/or additional regulation is also necessary for different land use applications. These types of revisions can be more complex and may have an impact on landowners. All changes can be viewed in PDF draft form at: <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/planning/123>.

## Public Works Advisory Committee Vacancy

The Public Works Advisory Committee was established to promote community participation in advising the City Council regarding matters in the public works area. This includes items such as street construction and maintenance, water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer line construction and maintenance. This is a partial term that would expire in January of 2016. The vacancy will be advertised until filled.



Anyone interested in volunteering for appointment to the commission may contact Luke Yeaton at City Hall, 541-524-2033 or [lyeaton@bakercity.com](mailto:lyeaton@bakercity.com). Applications may be submitted electronically through [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com).



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



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

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3

<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>3</b>
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- ◆ Fire False Alarm—17th Street
- ◆ Fire False Alarm—Valley Ave.
- ◆ Trash Fire—13th Street

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	9
City Calls	24
Patient Transported	26
No Patient Trip	7

<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>33</b>
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Out of Town Transfers	1
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	6

## TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **63** hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire – Ropes & knots, driver training, officer development
- EMS – Chart review, patient assessments

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

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

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- PPE fitting

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Station tour—19 children, 4 adults



**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on June 16<sup>th</sup>.**



# **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."*



★ BCPD handled over **220** incidents this past week, opening **40** new cases, to include **10** arrests for outstanding warrants. BCPD also arrested several subjects for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine.

★ Twelve members of the Baker City Police Department attended a three hour training seminar in Baker City entitled, Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement. The presenter, Dr. Kevin Gilmartin is a retired police officer who is nationally recognized for this presentation regarding the emotional and health hazards of a law enforcement career. Spouses and significant others of our area law enforcement personnel also attended.



★ 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.

### **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.

### **Code Enforcement Weekly Activity**

#### Property Maintenance

Followed up on 2 new complaints  
Followed up on 3 old cases

#### Dangerous Dog

2 Dangerous dog hearings  
Followed up on 1 old case

#### Dog Bite

1 new dog bite case

#### Animal Complaints

1 Peacock at large impounded  
Conducted 1 animal welfare check  
1 dog in custody impounded

#### Noise Complaint

Followed up on 1 animal noise complaint  
Followed up on 1 loud music complaint

#### Dog License

Issued 1 citation for no dog license

#### Parking Violations

Issued 2 parking citations  
Followed up on 4 parking complaints

#### Weed Complaint

Followed up on 5 new weed complaints

#### Found Item

1 found bicycle



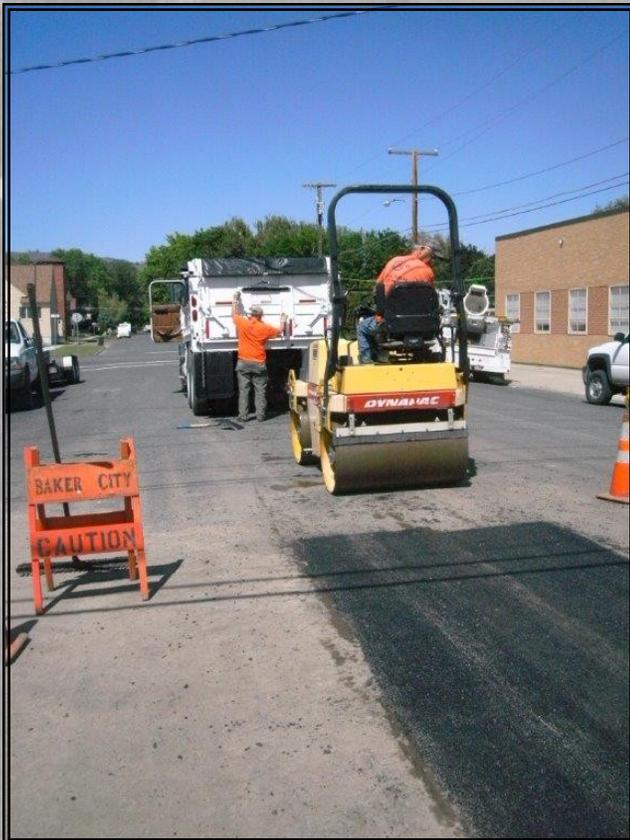
# PUBLIC WORKS Street Dept.



All the railroad crossings and nearly all the crosswalks in town have been painted within the last two weeks. Above, Tim is working on a crosswalk located on the north side of "D" Street.



A new street light was fabricated this week. 7 Sack pea gravel mix was carefully placed into a metal form and vibrated to form a smooth surface. Tim and Stephen (summer worker) removed the form from the concrete. The pole will be installed on one of the street corners near the Baker County Court-house.



Hot asphalt patching began Friday of last week. 12.51 ton of "C" mix was used to patch storm line repairs, water leak repairs, wastewater line repairs, alley approach ramps and gas company street repairs. To the left, the patching crew has placed hot asphalt to repair a storm water excavation on Valley Street.



# PUBLIC WORKS Water Department

A water service line was damaged Thursday by a contractor. City Crew responded immediately to perform the repair. Dennis used the Vactor Truck to induct water from the hole and determine necessary repairs (pictured to the right).

The main line was excavated and the service line turned off at the Corp Stop Valve. Pictured below, Tommy operated the backhoe while Dennis uncovered the service and water main lines.



Tom, City Surveyor, is pictured to the right setting a property boundary corner for City owned property near Goodrich Creek as part of improving watershed security.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Wastewater Department**

Dye testing in the 2500 block of Main Street Friday determined the locations of wastewater lateral connections. A new access vault (small manhole) was installed so that the line could be cleaned easily in the future.



To the left, Blain used a hydraulic chainsaw with a concrete cutting chain to widen a "notch" so that it will fit successfully over the 6" diameter terra cotta pipe.

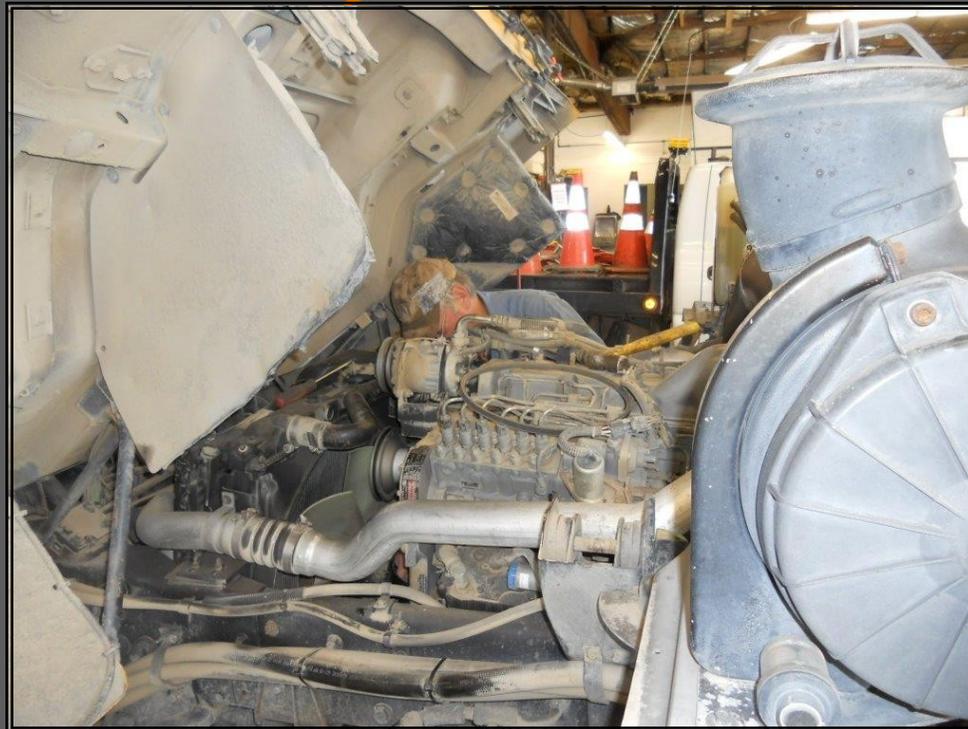
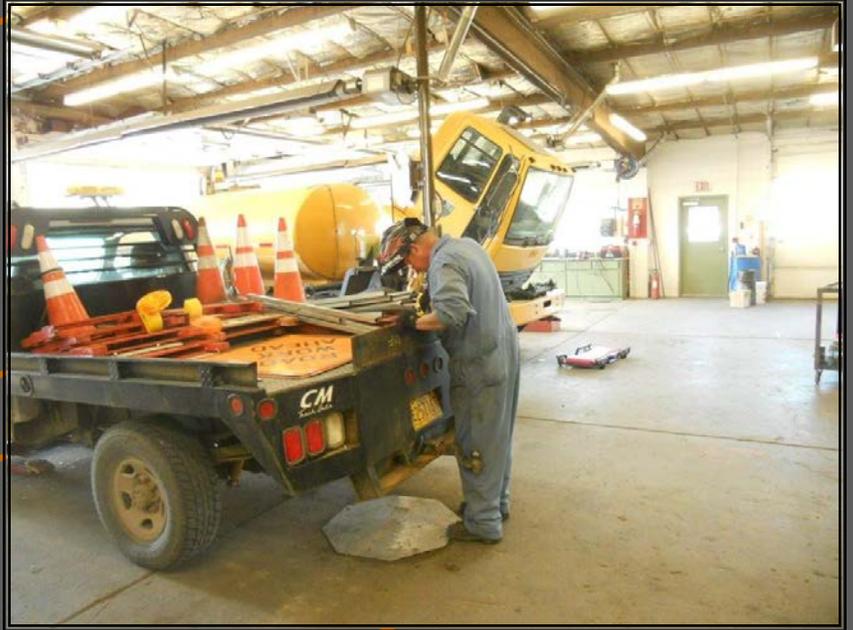
Fresh concrete was placed under and around the existing pipe to seal and support the line. After the concrete had cured, the top of the pipe was cut away to provide access into the line for cleaning. The black strips on the top of the vault is a mastic material which is used to make a water tight seal once the lid is placed.





## **PUBLIC WORKS City Shop**

Wes was busy installing new rear sideboards on one of the flat beds. This will help prevent items from possibly sliding off the back of the bed.



Doug was servicing the water truck and discovered one of the fan belts was bad. He will replace it before it will be put back in service.