

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 13, 2015

Administration

This week city staff met with the Forest Service and Anderson Perry Engineering. The meeting was to measure the progress of an environmental assessment that the City has contracted with Anderson Perry concerning the mountain line right of way. The project is expected to be completed and available for public comment later this summer. The assessment is necessary in order for the City to rebuild the mountain line.

City Council will be holding a Special Meeting (open to the public) March 21, 2015 at 9 a.m. to discuss upcoming goals for the year.

Finance Department

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 1.520%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date. One 2007 G Street Wastewater Extension LID was billed March 11th. The original assessment in 2007 included one property owner for a total of \$69,541. The remaining balance outstanding is \$45,545.

Accounts Payable-The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated March 10th.

Accounts Receivable-Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent today. The billings were as follows:

Cemetery	\$5,593
Wastewater Maintenance and Incidental Sales	\$2,018
Wastewater Land Lease	\$3,782
Lien Searches	\$760
Ambulance	\$305,604
Airport Hangar Rent&Ground Lease	\$1,623
Propety&Weed Abatement	\$3,013
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$4,868
Miscellaneous	\$4,057
Total Billed	\$331,318

Utilities

- ◆ 11 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 15 customers disconnected service from March 6th through March 12th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today, which includes 447 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 65 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 66 late notices were sent March 10th.

City Council

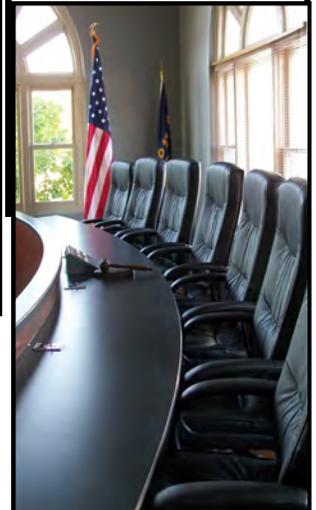
Agenda Items March 24th

**Capital Plan/
Pavement Plan*

**3rd Reading of
Ordinance #3336*

**Crossroads
Presentation*

**Resolution 3743
Concerning Interest
in County Property*





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

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

Issued a permit for two-story addition at 46288 Slaughterhouse Road, Baker City

Issued a permit for a pole type cover at 35418 Whitnah Lane, Baker City

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS CONTD:

Issued a permit for an equipment canopy at 0 Sumpter Valley Hwy, Baker City

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

Issued a permit for additional sprinkler heads at 1217 Campbell Street, Baker City

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING*	2	0	2	12
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	11	N/A	1	N/A
MECHANICAL	6	0	1	3
PLUMBING	3	2	1	1
FENCE	3	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	25	2	5	16

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Other:

No new information this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

On Tuesday March 10th, the City Council appointed Kayla Young to the Historic District Design Review Commission.



Tree Board Vacancy

The Tree Board currently has one partial term vacancy expiring July 2017. The Tree Board has many duties:

- To study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the urban forestry program. The urban forest consists of vegetation within public parks and land as well as within the public right-of-way area.
- Upon request of City Council shall consider, investigate, make findings and report upon any special matter or question within the board's scope.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Tree Board please visit <http://bakercity.com/boardscommissions-volunteer-form> or contact Luke Yeaton at (541) 524-2033 or lyeaton@bakercity.com

Planning Department

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- A proposed expansion of an existing warehouse at 2219 11th Street, owned by Northwest **Properties and operating as Sorbenot's Coffee Company, was approved. The proposed extension** measures ±2,160ft² and will be used primarily for the manufacturing of baked goods and the processing of coffee beans.
- A temporary use permit to site a mobile food truck was issued to Javier Barajas, who proposes to open a taco truck at the empty parking lot at 3240 10th Street.

The second open house for the I-84 Exit 302 and 306 Interchange Area Management Plans will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7th at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene at 1250 Hughes Lane. The project team has planned this open house to be held at the Church of the Nazarene since it is within the Exit 302 project area. Please visit the website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>, to review information presented at the first open house and make additional comments. A link to the website is also available at the City of Baker City homepage, 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 43 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	29	Out of Town Transfers	0
City Calls	5	Airport Transfers	1
Patient Transported	23	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
No Patient Trip	11	Simultaneous Calls	2
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES		Triple Calls	0
34			

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	8

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	9
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- Structure Fire – 5th St.
- Burn investigation – Myrtle
- False alarm – Elm St.
- Burn investigation – Failing
- False alarm – 17th St.
- Burn investigation – Failing
- Burn investigation – Myrtle
- Smoke investigation – Main St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 16 hours of in-house training during the week.

- EMS – Chart Review
- Fire – Basement fires/tactics

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

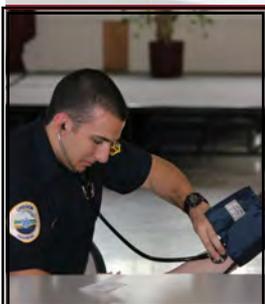
44 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Fire inspection safety-Baker County Library

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Station tours – 112 children with adult chaperones



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on March 17th.



"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



BCPD handled over 180 incidents this past week, opening 26 new cases.



BCPD officers continued to follow up on the drug investigation related to Jose Padilla-Albrido and seized an additional \$6,000 in cash.

- ★ Sergeant Newman's patrol squad completed firearms training, along with Lt. McCormick and Chief Lohner.
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant Phoebe Wachtel attended OSHA training in Portland.
- ★ 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 3 old cases
Requested 1 abatement hearing

Animal complaints

Followed up on 2 complaints

Dog License

Followed up on 1 old cases

Dog at Large

1 dog at large returned to owner

Parking Violations

Followed up on 5 parking violations
Followed up on 2 parking complaints
Issued 2 parking citations

Temporary Use Permit

Investigated 1 new case

Found Items

Found 1 bicycle that was reported stolen

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 old case

Dog Bite

1 new dog bite case

Assisted with processing evidence from P201500155

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.



PUBLIC WORKS Water Department

Every water valve in town has been exercised recently. It is important that all valves be regularly turned to prevent them from ceasing.

When a main line breaks, and we have some every year, it is critical that only a small segment of water be turned off while the repair is made.

This minimizes inconvenience to customers.



Above, Blain is pictured closing and then opening a main line valve on Place Street. The amount of revolutions is counted and recorded so that we know valves are left in fully open positions.

Sidewalk Construction Season is Almost Upon Us!

There are still grant dollars available through the 2014/2015 grant cycle.

- ✓ \$2,521 in grant funding is still available!
- ✓ 3,659 sq. ft. of new sidewalks have been constructed just through the 2014 grant!
- ✓ 2,275 sq. ft of pending sidewalk improvement projects are still anticipated to be accomplished by June 30th of this year through this grant!

Questions? Please contact Jennifer at (541) 524-2063 or via email at jmurphy@bakercity.com. Grant applications are available at the City website at www.bakercity.com or in the Public Works Department in City Hall.



PUBLIC WORKS

This week crews worked to eliminate four ground water injection wells in Baker City. Oregon D.E.Q. encourages the elimination of as many of these facilities as possible. In the past these facilities (also called dry wells, french drains, ground water injection wells etc.) were constructed to allow storm water from streets and parking lots to enter and then dissipate into the ground water system. This is no longer a "best management practice" for the environment.



Above, Blain and Tim are inducting the catchbasins at the intersection of 3rd and "A" Streets. Catchbasins at the southeast and southwest corners of that intersection were filled with C.D.F. and eliminated.



Catchbasins on Valley Street were also eliminated. Once hot mix asphalt is available, both street locations will be patched and the storm water will run down to the next catch basin and into the storm water collection system.



PUBLIC WORKS Wastewater Dept.

Keith and Karl worked with a local plumber and property owner to inspect and locate a sewer lateral on College Street. The lateral was found to be in good condition. On 5th Street a house and its residents suffered from intermittent sewer problems. It had been thought that the house connected to the sewer line which runs in front of the house. However, it was discovered through dye testing, duct hunter tracing work, push-cam work and the regular video-inspection camera that the house is actually connected to a line which is 200 feet north on Washington Street.

To the right, you can see Keith (in van) and Karl video-inspecting the line after using the push-cam and duct-hunter to inspect another line through an access port. An additional investigation will be done Friday to determine if there are any other houses connected into this line.



A property owner on Hwy. 30 may be connecting to the 36" diameter concrete trunk line. To the left, Keith and Karl are using the jetter to clean a parallel line which is located 25 feet from the edge of Chico Road.



PUBLIC City Shop

Doug and Wes were busy re-installing the conveyor belt in one of the street sweepers. They worked on shortening the belt because there was no adjustment left and the belt could not be tightened anymore causing it to slip.



Doug serviced and checked over the small steel wheel roller in order to prepare for street patching season.

This week Wes also prepared to paint new engine cover panels that go on the portable Onan generator trailer.

