

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 8, 2019

Administration:

The City Council met this week for a couple of work sessions. On Tuesday they met with the Budget Board for an informal orientation to work through how the budget process works and the timelines. The Council also was briefed by staff on the upcoming Capital Plans for the different departments. The City's biggest challenge in the next couple of years is the reconstruction of our wastewater disposal system and the State's requirement that we land apply our treated water. The Council will continue the discussion and possibly approve the Capital Plans at the next Council meeting.

The Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally organizers held another public meeting this week to finalize the plans for this year's event. They have taken significant input from businesses and citizens and we look forward to a very successful event.

Winter just keeps hanging on but spring is not very far away. Let's hope that we have some sunshine this weekend. Have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

March 12th

- Update: Powder River Correctional Facility
- Update: Arts Commission
- 3rd Reading Ord. 3371
- State Park Resolution
- Capital Plans Approval
- Pipe Bid Award
- Elkhorn View Industrial Park Broadband Vendor Approval

Finance:

Finance Director: The budget committee met on Wednesday for an interim budget meeting. With nine of the fourteen budget committee members being new to Baker City's budget we spent the majority of the meeting reviewing the basics of Baker City budgeting and property taxes. This presentation may be viewed online at: https://prezi.com/tfe0hri_sj7g/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share

Just click the  at the bottom right of the presentation to make it full screen and then use the arrow keys to scroll through the presentation.

In addition, the budget committee reviewed the January 2019 year-to-date financial summary available online at: <http://bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81&Type=&ADID=>

As of March 5th the City had received current year property taxes of \$3,013,693 and prior year taxes of \$76,399.

Utilities

- ◆ 14 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from March 1st thru March 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed March 5th which included 462 residential and 16 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 132 (28%) are signed up for direct payment and 30 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 94 residential and 251 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 63 (18%) are signed up for direct payment and 13 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.

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



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Per-mits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	2	8	3	1
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	1	1	0
Electrical	3	6	4	16
Mechanical	4	9	2	1
Plumbing	3	2	0	2
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	26	10	20

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 224 1st St. Richland—New garage.
- 35369 Snake River Rd., Richland—Covered elevated deck/patio area.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3451 Broadway St., Baker City—Installation of fire suppression system
- 117 Main St., Halfway—Demolition of compromised roof and floor system.
- 978 Campbell St., Baker City—Construction and installation of ATM.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 13, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings: The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. and will include:

- SDR-19-014: A public hearing for a proposal to convert an existing, ±15,250-square-foot industrial building at 2345 11th Street to a mixed use building, with a ±6,180 square foot retail space, a ±1,642 square foot wood-working shop, a ±234 square foot office, a ±567 square foot warehouse, and a ±902 square foot caretaker’s unit.
- MM-19-017: A public hearing for a proposal to add ±17,168 square feet to an existing building used as a church and school, originally approved through Conditional Use Permit (90-C-2) at 3720 Birch Street.
- Work Session: A public work session for the continued discussion of revisions to the Site Design Review process. Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before March 13, 2019, at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street, and all materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost; digital versions can be e-mailed for free. Comments on the proposal may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. If you have questions, please contact the Planning Department at planning@bakercounty.org or 541-523-8219.

Land Use Decisions & Projects:

- An application request was submitted to reconfigure the boundary lines of five (5) partial lots into three (3) lots. These partial lots currently make up property described as Tax Lot 2900 on Baker County Assessor’s Map 09s40e20dc (Ref. 3925). The property is located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone. The site is addressed as 2329 Miller Avenue. Notices were mailed to nearby property owners, and a notice was posted at the property. Comments on the application can be submitted until March 20, 2019. Once the comment period is complete, the Planning Department will issue a decision on the application.
- A temporary use permit for temporary occupancy of an RV was approved at 3725 Kirkway Drive in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A new medical office was approved in an existing ±2,900 square foot building through a Site Design Review application. The property is addressed as 1928 Court Avenue and is located in the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone. Notice of the decision has been provided to nearby property owners, and the appeal period is open until March 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- A Land Use Compatibility Statement was completed for 1840 Resort Street.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 26th through March 4th the Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms. The breakdown for the responses are as follows:

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 31

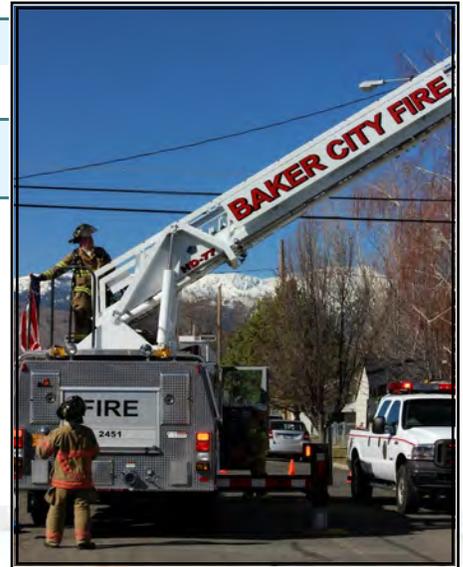


Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	2

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	0

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 0



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	0
Persons Arrived for Cover	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 52 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 5 Burn Permits Issued
- 46 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 12 hrs of EMS Training
- 18 hrs of Fire Training
- 2 hrs Community Events



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center. Don't miss the next check on Tuesday, March 12th at 11 a.m.



"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

★ During the past week, BCPD handled over 153 incidents and opened 38 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

★ March is National Development Disabilities Awareness Month! BCPD received a visit from some of our friends at Step Forward who were handing out yellow ribbons to help raise awareness and support. Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition advocates wore yellow and/or yellow ribbons at the Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Day held in Salem on March 6th.



★ SRO Officer Lance Woodward attended the (TMEC) Teen Marijuana Education Course in Redmond this past week. This course, developed by Clear Alliance, is curriculum that teaches the facts about marijuana to youth in middle and high school. Officer Woodward is a current instructor of the TMEC curriculum and during this most recent training, received updated and revised curriculum materials which will be used to teach upcoming classes at the high school. The training and materials are made available to the Department at a very low cost due to generous scholarships offered by Clear Alliance. More information about Clear Alliance and the TMEC course is available by going to the following link: <https://clearalliance.org/teen-marijuana-education-course/>.

★ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.

★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.



Public Works: Street Department



This time of year Public Works crews can be putting sanding rock on the roads in the early morning and sweeping it up in the afternoon. Because of the cold morning temperatures water can't be used to control dust as pumps and water supply lines on the sweeper would freeze and break.

Public Works assisted the Police Department last Friday by clearing snow from the grassy area across from the Museum where Governor Brown was speaking. This was an area designated for protestors to express their opinions concerning Governor Brown and her policies.



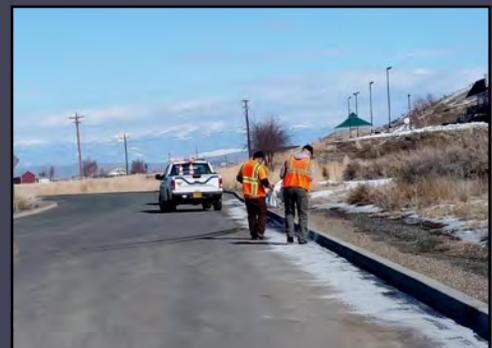
Jay at Public Works received a call from a truck repair shop concerning a fuel spill on Windmill Road on Monday. A quick response is critical when containing a fuel spill.

This photo shows that liquid which runs into the catch basin flows Northeasterly to a "drainage basin" where the water either soaks into the ground, gets used by surrounding vegetation or evaporates into the atmosphere.



Quick response by Craig, Tommy and Matt kept the fuel from entering the drainage pond.

They plugged the outlet pipe, installed fuel absorbing "booms" into the catch basin and adjacent manhole and applied fuel absorbent granular material onto any visible fuel along the concrete gutter line.





Public Works: Street Department Continued



O.T.E.C. requested that South Bridge Street be closed temporarily Thursday while they performed training exercises in conjunction with local emergency service providers. The scene of the "staged" accident.



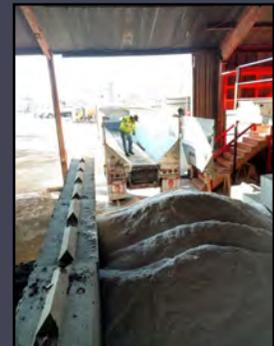
Public Works: Snow & Ice Control

As the winter season winds down it's always a guess as to how much sanding rock and salt will be needed as we slide into spring.

Public Works decided to order a load of salt in case the March weather is more like a lion than a lamb.



The semi delivery truck backed into the salt storage bay in the equipment shed to deposit the bulk salt. The salt is kept segregated by using walls of concrete eco-blocks. It's important to use the salt before its expiration date.



Public Works: Water Department

A call was received Thursday about water running into a water meter box. Normally when there is water associated with a water meter box the water is running out of the box! Upon closer inspection it was determined that water from snow melt was running into a hole next to the concrete encased water meter box.



Using the camera on a cell phone you can see how the water flowing into the area had eroded material resulting in a void under the concrete. The area was coned off to discourage traffic from driving directly over the area until the weather warms sufficiently so that the ground thaws and the void can be filled with grout.





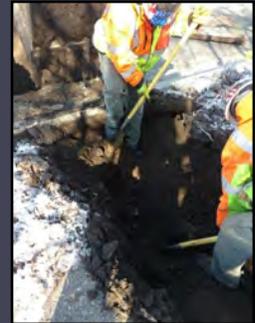
Public Works: Wastewater Department

Clark Street Lateral: Residents on Valley Street has been suffering from sewer lateral problems recently and decided to have their lateral replaced this week. Justin, Karl and Jacob performed the bulk of the work on the project. The existing line in the street consisted of Orangeburg pipe. As Orangeburg pipe ages it typically will delaminate, deform and eventually collapse completely.



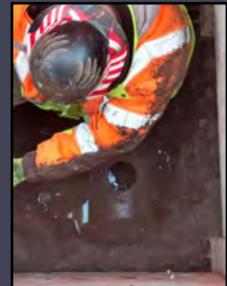
← Here Justin is operating the track hoe while Blain watches carefully for buried utilities.

Utility marks showed that there were buried phone lines directly in the way of the trench. Pictured right, Justin is helping Blain hand dig to uncover the buried phone line. If a marked phone or fiber optics line were to be damaged or severed there can be substantial repair costs involved. Public Works crews take special care when working around buried utilities.



← This cable (which could be confused for a tree root) was carefully uncovered and kept from damage throughout the duration of the sewer line repair work.

Karl removed the old failed Orangeburg pipe from it's connection onto the 10" concrete main line. A Romac saddle tee was used to connect the new 4" P.V.C. pipe to the City main line.



← Pictured here is a manufactured 90 degree Orangeburg fitting. This fitting was found to be in excellent condition, however the rest of the pipe was in poor condition.

Justin is placing bedding rock over the newly installed P.V.C. pipe. Karl is directing the placement while Jacob remains in the trench compacting the bedding rock around the pipe. Once the new pipe was installed the trench was backfilled and compacted.



Early the next day the entire work site was cleaned up and open for traffic. The asphalt surface will be replaced as soon as asphalt is available.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

East Street Lateral: A local plumber and excavation contractor worked to replace the portion of an Orangeburg lateral between the house and the curb. The line remaining between the curb and the City main line under East Street was still plugged and unusable.



Before the entire lateral was to be replaced the crew of Karl & Jacob used the Vactor truck to jet the lateral and then induct (vacuum) the corresponding debris. Next the push-cam was used to examine the lateral lying under the street.



It was then discovered that the old Orangeburg portion of the line extended only 3 to 4 feet past the curb. At that point the pipe material changed to a more durable transite material that was found to be in good condition. All were in agreement that the majority portion of the pipe did not need to be replaced.



Tommy, Karl and Jacob used the Vactor truck to hydro excavate around the existing lateral, remove the short section of Orangeburg pipe and replaced it with a piece of H.D.P.E. pipe which the plumber supplied.

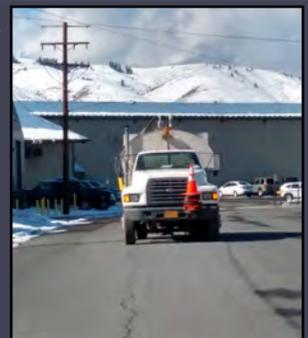
Here you can see one of the sections of Orangeburg pipe that is somewhat curved and "egg shaped".



Several wastewater lines were cleaned this week.

← Here Jacob and Riley are cleaning a line on Cedar Street which plugs if not cleaned regularly.

Karl and Jacob cleaning a line on Washington Street.



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Public Works: Shop



Wes and Scott took the forks off of the forklift and Brian is welding a crack in the front end. Repairs are also being made to the drive axle and the bushing on the front fork carriage.

Matt noticed a noise on the sweeper. Wes and Scott found that the a/c compressor's mounting bracket had broken. Repairs have been made and it is back in service.



The four wheel drive wasn't working on this Fire Department vehicle. The transfer case motor had failed. It has been replaced and is back in service.

Wes and Scott serviced the grader and performed a safety check.

