

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 24, 2019

Administration:

The Baker City Budget Board met for three nights this week to analyze and approve the 2019-20 budget. I would like to thank all the members who gave their time and energy to this important civic duty. The Mayor and City Manager attended the Mayor's Council meeting in Halfway this week and discussed items of interest with representatives of the small cities here in the county. We were all able to share ideas about how different entities handle the issues that need to be dealt with on a daily basis by elected officials and staff.

Memorial Weekend has arrived and as we go about the weekend let us remember our Veterans and their families for the sacrifice that they have given for our country. Have a great weekend.

City Council

Agenda

May 28th

- No Parking Resolution for Baker City Cycling Classic
- Resolution for Farmers Market in Court Plaza
- Discussion on Budget Meetings & Council Topics

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and three customers disconnected service from May 17th thru May 24th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed May 20th and included 558 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 169 (29%) are signed up for direct payment and 25 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and included 501 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 116 (45%) are signed up for direct payment and 32 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Eighteen customers (Zones 2, 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Five of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

***CITY OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 27TH
FOR MEMORIAL DAY***





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	4	12	10	16
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	17	11	19	10
Mechanical	9	5	5	4
Plumbing	6	11	5	5
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	38	39	39	36

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1 Iron Horse Loop, Sumpter—New residence, foundation only.
- 206 9th St., Baker City—New detached garage.
- 49788 Copperfield Rd., 44061 & 44055 River Rd., 44018 Gossi Rd., 44024 & 44022 Clark Rd., 49836 & 49824 Spur Rd., 49788 Juniper Rd., Oxbow—Interior remodel & attached garage expansion.
- 1907 Myrtle St., Baker City—Interior remodel.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2024 Main St., Baker City—2nd Story conversion to residential.
- 3205 10th St., Baker City—Structural rebuild on portion of bldg

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 29, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings: The Planning Commission held a public meeting on May 15, 2019, at 6:00pm, to discuss the following:

- VAR-19-020: Approval was granted to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling on a parcel that is smaller than the minimum lot size for the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) zone. The property is located at 601 Auburn Avenue.
- CU-19-046: Approval was granted to allow the construction of a ±960 square foot accessory structure with a ±14-foot eave height at 1320 D Street, Baker City, on property zoned Residential High-Density (R-HD).

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission date is June 19, 2019, at 6:00pm.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- A ±432 square foot accessory structure was approved at 3210 H Street, in the General-Industrial (I) Zone. This approval resolves a complaint for an unpermitted structure.
- A Type I Final Plat review was approved for RP-19-012, located at 2329 Miller Avenue in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A Type I Final Plat review was approved for MM-19-004 for RP-17-111, located on Hughes Lane in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- A minor modification of a partition plat was approved at 2445 Windmill Lane, reconfiguring the lines between two of the three parcels. The property is located within the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 14th through May 20th the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	13
Patient Transported	28
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 35



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

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	17
Persons Arrived for Cover	16



Battalion Chief David Blair, Lt. Ben Decker and Firefighters Cameron Kiyokawa and Steven Donaldson attended the ISFSI live fire instructor certification class May 9th through the 11th. This certification brings our "live burn" facility in compliance with NFPA 1403 standards.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **45hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **98 hrs** of Fire Training
- **2 hrs** of Community Events
- **12** Burn Permits Issued



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on May 28th.



“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 previous couple of weeks, BCPD handled over 391 incidents and opened 75 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved the arrest of an individual for robbery in the 2nd degree during an altercation where a victim was physically assaulted while another individual attempted to steal the victim’s backpack from upon the victim’s person.

⊛ BCPD Sergeant Chastain and K9 Capa attended the Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association (PNWK9) annual K9 Conference. This conference, held over five days, features classroom instruction, narcotics and explosive detection, practical exercises and Certification for Narcotic Teams, necessary for both Sergeant Chastain and K9 Capa in maintaining their certifications to work as a K9 team. Also during this event, K9 Capa won a 221B Tactical Air Breathing Vest! This vest allows for the insertion of ballistic panels. Thanks to PNWK9 and 221B Tactical!



⊛ BCPD Office Manager Phoebe Wachtel accompanied Baker County Sheriff’s staff to Huntington for the second annual *Walk and Bike to School* event which featured hot chocolate, a snack, bicycle helmet fitting, bicycle and pedestrian safety presentation and educational gift bags provided by Oregon Department of Transportation for school-aged participants. This year’s event boasted twice as many participants as the year before and is made possible by various community partners including Baker County Sheriff’s Office, ODOT, Huntington School and SNAP-Ed from OSU Extension Service. A special thank you goes to the Baker City Rotary Club who continues to graciously fund the bicycle helmet program, including those distributed during this event. Helmets for children are available at the Baker



City Police Department during regular business hours.

⊛ *Shop with a Hero* received a very generous surprise donation from the South Baker PTO! The second annual *Shop with a Hero* event is planned for some time in December. *Shop with a Hero* is a program where children spend one-on-one time shopping with a *Hero* for Christmas gifts for their families. Following the shopping children have lunch, participate in crafts, gift wrapping and playing games! Donations for this program can be dropped off at the Baker City Police Department during regular business hours.



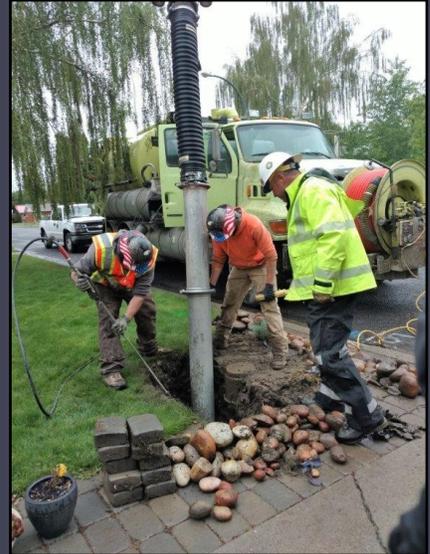
Public Works: Street Department

Public Works assisted O.T.E.C. this week by using the vector truck to hydro excavate to a buried electrical line needing repaired.



← The temporary repair conduit.

Tommy and Riley hydro excavating while Tony (OTEC) observes. →



Nate painted most of the crosswalks in town before it started raining.

Pictured right, he is working on "D" Street.



Dennis assisted the Baker City Fire Department by providing temporary traffic control during a fire two weeks ago.

Craig and Matt also brought out barricades to block streets for the safety of firefighters and to keep curious people from driving over fire hoses.



Public Works: Street Department Continued



An O.D.O.T. employee contacted Public Works last week to inform us that the wires that control the traffic light at Main and Campbell are embedded in the asphalt that is beginning to fail and will need to be repaired. You can see how the asphalt has rutted in this photo which has led to the problem. O.D.O.T. plans to begin performing repairs the morning of May 28th.

Public Works: Stormwater Department



A storm water catch basin wasn't draining properly this week. Upon investigating the problem it was determined that there was a rootball completely blocking flow.

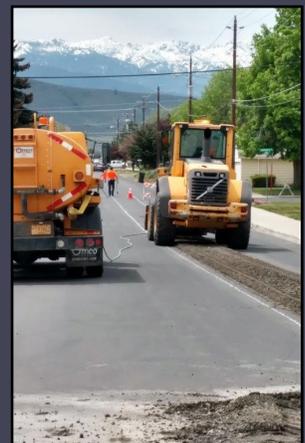
The roots could not be removed through conventional methods.

Karl built a "root ripper" on a piece of rebar. He and Jake were able to use the "root ripper" successfully and removed the blockage.



D STREET PROJECT: The "D" Street Stormwater Improvement Project has been one of the focuses for Public Works for the past two weeks.

The project is designed to reduce local flooding in the area. The existing 15" terra cotta line is being replaced by nearly 400 feet of 24" P.V.C. pipe. Two new manholes will be installed and four existing catch basins will also be reconnected onto the new 24" line.



Public Works: Stormwater Department Continued

D STREET PROJECT CONTINUED: Heavy rains made the job very difficult. Other utilities such as water, wastewater, buried electrical, and gas lines were in conflict with the new 24" line and had to be relocated.



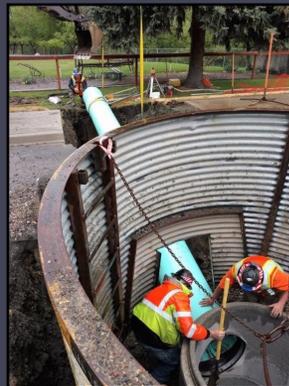
← Relocating a portion of the 8" water line.

Justin blowing off the water at a hydrant after relocating a waterline. →



← Blain working to relocate a wastewater service that was in conflict.

Three sections of the large 24" PVC pipe were put together before lowering into the trench and inserted into the precast manhole base.



← Blain and Brian placing the metal ring and lid on top of one of the new storm water manholes.



Public Works: Stormwater Department Continued

D STREET PROJECT CONTINUED: Pictured below, the crew is working to reconnect existing catch basin pipes to the new line.



Justin and Craig used the vactor truck to help suck-up storm water in the area while concrete was poured around the manhole.

Dryer weather this week allowed for better working conditions and better progress.



Kris poured a new section of sidewalk on the north side of "D" Street where the new pipe was installed. The finished product looks much better than seen in this photo!





Public Works: Water Department

The Washington Street Bore Project was successfully completed this week. A three man crew from the company called Ground Piercing, Inc. performed the specialized work. The bore was over 200 feet long and passed ten feet below the bottom of the Powder River. The pipe is very thick walled HDPE pipe which has been fused together into one long section. A steel headed directional controlled auger head does the initial bore hole then a reamer head is attached once the bore comes up out of the ground.



The 200 foot long HDPE pipe is then attached to the reamer end and pulled back through the bore hole. It's quite a process. The bore auger and reamer are lubricated using a bentonite slurry so the new pipe can slip easily through the freshly bored hole.



The auger head. →

The fusing machine. →



← Tommy and Karl digging down to find the auger head on the west side of the Powder River.



The auger head on the west side of the river.



← Preparing to pull the 200 foot long pipe back through the bore hole.



Pictured right, the HDPE pipe has been successfully pulled from the west side of the river all the way to the east side! This new line will allow for a circulating water line and superior flows to the fire hydrants in the area. Both ends of the new HDPE line will be connected to existing water lines within the next two weeks.



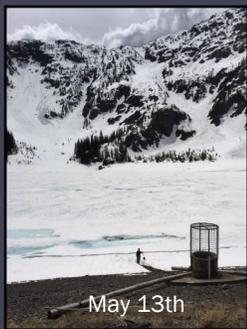


Public Works: Water Department Continued

The Clifford Street water project was completed last week except for the street patching portion.



Pictured right, Jay is preparing to connect onto a meter and trace the location of the service line on Clifford.



May 13th

Snow continues to melt slowly and the level of the reservoir continues to climb.



May 20th



← Water flow at Little Mill Creek. The old "line shack" at Goodrich showing the snow level on May 20th. →

While adjusting water flows Scott had to cut trees which had recently fallen across the pipeline road.





Public Works: Wastewater Department

A contractor from Montana (P.E.C.) has been in town the past two weeks lining old sanitary and storm water lines using the CIPP process.



The CIPP contractors have the capability to line sewer lines as small as 6" but their equipment isn't small enough to fit inside and cut out the laterals from the inside of the pipe.



One section of pipe on Hillcrest was in need of being lined to keep roots from blocking the line. Unfortunately it is 6" in diameter. The crew of Tommy, Karl and Jake had to reinstate the lateral as shown.



← The 4 workers on the left are PEC employees working on a manhole. The three on the right are Tommy, Karl and Jake.

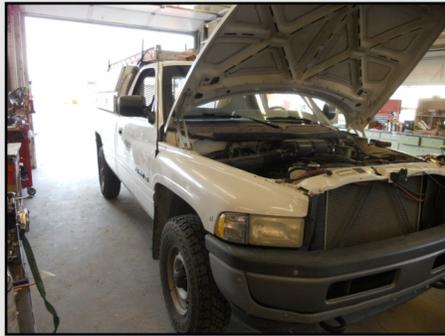


The completed connection. →





Public Works: Shop

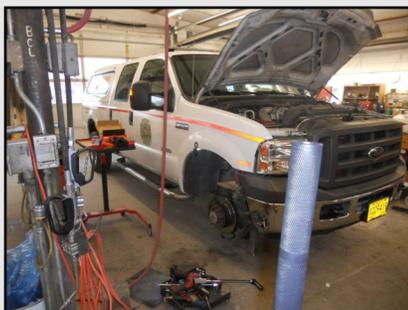


Scott is servicing and replacing the front rotors and brake pads on this Facilities vehicle.

CAT is coming over today to work on the hydraulics on the R150 and the brakes on the R299.



The throttle went out on this truck. Parts have been ordered and repairs will be finished next week.



This fire response vehicle was losing the left front hub bearings and needed a front brake job. Wes and Scott replaced the bearing, rotors and pads and it is back in service.



Scott replaced the lock actuator on the driver's door and it is back in service.



We were having numerous wiring issues and chassis issues so the sweeper was taken to Mentoquip for some repairs. It should be back next week.