

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 7 2019

Administration:

The City Manager met with the organizers of the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally this week to preview a painting that has been donated by David Uhl to benefit the Baker City Police Department. The painting will be auctioned off during the Motorcycle Rally which will be held July 12th through the 14th, and can be viewed in the Legacy Ford retail shop on Main Street. Stop and take a look.

Today is First Friday so head to the historic downtown area to shop and browse the many stores that will be open. Take a look at the various pieces of art scattered throughout the Main Street area, courtesy of the Art Roamers. They will be on display for the next two weeks.

It looks like we may have some moisture for a bit but then we will return to our summer weather. Have a great weekend!

City Council

Agenda

June 11th

- Budget Resolutions
- Budget Discussion
- Cost Recovery Ordinance

Finance:

Finance Director:

- ◆ The April financial summary is available on the Baker City website at www.bakercity.com.
- ◆ As of June 3rd the City had received current year property taxes of \$3,124,688 and prior year taxes of \$95,312.

Utilities:

- ◆ Twenty-seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty-three customers disconnected service from May 31st thru June 6th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Due to a staff vacation only Zone 1 was billed this week. Zone 1 was billed on June 4th and included 95 residential and 250 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 64 (19%) are signed up for direct payment and 14 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Eleven residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) all customers paid prior to having their service disconnected for non-pay.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	4	9	4	14
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	4	5	3	3
Mechanical	3	6	2	0
Plumbing	6	4	0	5
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20	24	9	22

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 46847 Puzzle Creek, Sparta—New cabin
- 18057 Western Heights Lane, Baker City—Detached accessory building
- 1345 Hughes Lane, Baker City—New residence
- 1345 Hughes Lane, Baker City—Detached accessory building
- 108 Main Street, Unity—Detached accessory building
- 1320 D Street, Baker City—Detached accessory Building

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3325 Pocahontas Road, Baker City—Fire Suppression Works
- 20 Washington Street, Huntington—Demolition of fire damaged building

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ◆ VAR-19-062 & RP-19-062: An application to partition one ±12,200 square foot parcel into two parcels smaller than the minimum parcel size in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) zone. The property is located at 1353 Washington Avenue.
- ◆ SDR-19-063 & VAR-19-064: An application to construct a ±21,890 square foot general office building with a ±10,000 square foot health facility (accessory structure), along with a Variance to the maximum parking spaces allowed for a “General Office Building.” The Baker City Development Code sets the maximum parking spaces for this type of development at ±64, but the applicant requests a total of ±141 parking spaces. The property is located at 3425 13th Street and is in the General Industrial (I) Zone.
- ◆ Work Session: A public work session for the continued discussion of revisions to the Development Code.

Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before June 12, 2019, at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street. 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

- ◆ A ±3,330 square foot single-family dwelling and ±1,018 square foot accessory structure were approved at 1345 Hughes Lane, in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A ±2,800 square foot single-family dwelling was approved east of the intersection of Birch and E Streets (no address yet assigned), located in the Residential - Low Density (R-LD) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 28th through June 3rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **37** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	13
No Patient Trip	15

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	28
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Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	6
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1



FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	9
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	9

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	9

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **38 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **11 hrs** of Fire Training
- **5 hrs** of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **4 hrs** of EMS Training
- **26 hrs** of Community Events
- **9** 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 June 11th.



"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 week, BCPD handled over 200 incidents and opened 39 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case investigated by BCPD staff led to the arrest of two Baker High School Freshmen on one count each of first-degree Criminal Mischief for allegedly causing thousands of dollars in damage to the Baker High School auditorium by spray painting obscene graffiti on the walls, floor and equipment on and around the stage. First-degree Criminal Mischief is a Class C Felony and upon their arrest, both individuals were transported to the Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility (NORCOR) Juvenile Detention Center in The Dalles, Oregon. The investigation is ongoing.
- ★ BCPD hosted the Haines Kindergarten and 1st Grade class fieldtrip at the Department to learn all about the different types of vehicles law enforcement agencies utilize in day-to-day operations! Included in the various types of vehicles was a side-by-side all-terrain vehicle brought over from the Sheriff's Office by Deputy Adam Robb; a large patrol boat brought over by Oregon State Police Lieutenant Sean Belding and one of BCPD's motorcycles, a BCPD patrol vehicle and the Dodge Challenger driven by BCPD School Resource Officer Lance Woodward. Many thanks to everyone who participated!
- ★ 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/>.



Baker County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Robb showing kids in and around the BCSO's side-by-side



Oregon State Police Lieutenant Sean Belding showing kids a large boat and allowing them to "board"



Baker City PD School Resource Office Lance Woodward taking questions from students

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Followed up on multiple pending cases

Parking violations

- Issued thirteen parking citations

Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded one dog running at large
- Responded and assisted with three animal complaints

Miscellaneous

- Three found items
- Responded to multiple contacts within the community



Public Works: Storm Water Department

"D" Street Storm Water Project: The "D" Street project was patched early this week. 64.66 tons of asphalt was hauled from LaGrande to create the patch on "D" and First streets.

The crew filled the side trenches with hot asphalt first—before using the Layton Box to patch the main trench.



Matt using the vibra-plate to compact around one of the new storm water manholes.



After the asphalt cooled sufficiently, "D" Street was flushed, swept and opened for traffic.

Public Works: Watershed



Good water flow was observed at Little Mill Creek

Scott and Dennis hiked into Goodrich Reservoir to check on the level. The water level has come up substantially over the last week.



Typically there are several trees which fall across the pipeline road. This one had to be cut out of the road on Monday.



Public Works: Street Department



With dry weather forecasted, Nate came in extra early to paint some of the very busy crosswalks. Here he is painting the crosswalk at 4th and Washington near the Baker County Courthouse.



Kris and Tommy installed a new ADA compliant curb for a new house at the corner of Balm and Valley Streets last Friday



A driveway approach on Idlewood Drive was also patched Thursday in the rain using the Baker County Road Department 's patching truck.



A rare red rhino and silver elephant were seen roaming the west side of Main Street this week. More art pieces made in Africa are scheduled to be exhibited on Valley Street between Resort and Main Street starting this Friday. This is part of the "ART ROAMER" exhibit which runs through Sunday.





Public Works: Water Department



Tommy and Riley used the Vector truck to remove water and debris from a water meter box on Valley Street to see if there was a leak in the plumbing from within the box. It was determined that there was no leak in the vicinity.

Public Works: Wastewater Department

As soon as this year's portion of the "D" Street Storm Water Project was completed, the crew of Justin, Blain and Brian began to work on constructing a wastewater main line crossing a portion of Hughes Lane.

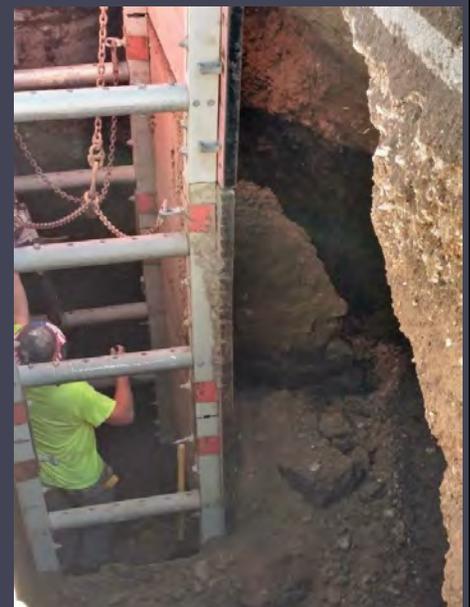
Hughes Lane is maintained by the Baker County Road Department. A proper construction application permit was applied for and granted so the work could begin. The line was approximately 13 feet deep and the soil mostly sandy gravel. This type of soil is very difficult to dig a trench because it is not cohesive and keeps caving off from the sides. Trench shielding was used to protect workers during the construction work.



Above: Karl and Scott installed a new jetter hose on R-44. The previous hose had developed a split and had to be replaced.



Upper Left: Preparing to set the trench shielding in place.



Right: Here a large section of soil had fallen against the side of the shielding.



Lower Left: Shielding in place

Public Works: Wastewater Department continued



The crew is installing the first piece of the 8" PVC pipe into the existing manhole. Karl worked inside the shielding to pack grout around the pipe, while Kris packed grout on the outside.



As the trench extraction continued, cave-ins got worse. In the photo on the left, a short section of shielding had been placed over the pipe to keep it from being buried and inaccessible. No one was ever in this piece of shielding, but you can see how the side of the trench had given away substantially.

Because of the unstable soil conditions, a material called CSM/CLSM, which is a weak sand and cement mixture, was used to fill the trench line.



A concrete vibrator unit was used to assure that the CLSM filled all of the voids under the asphalt to eliminate future settlement.



The next part of the project was to construct a manhole within the 30ft utility easement. On the far left, Justin is setting the protective manhole shielding while the picture on the right shows Karl keeping it in proper alignment.

Once the manhole is formed, Kris and Karl plumb fittings in preparation for the concrete which will be poured Friday.

Baker County Road Department loaned their specialized asphalt truck to help patch the surface of Hughes Lane. Craig and Nate worked hard to lay the asphalt in less than ideal conditions.





Public Works: Shop



This truck came to the shop not running. The engine was repaired and this truck is back in service.



The drivers side door lock was not working, so parts were ordered and replaced.



The Baker City Airport's fuel truck came in for servicing. Parts have been ordered and repairs are expected to be completed next week.



The crew repaired an exhaust leak and checked the a/c on this medic unit.

Wes and Scott brought the D5H to Hughes Lane to help with the job

