

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 21, 2019

Administration:

The City Council met a couple of times this week. They went on a road trip to the Marble Creek area of the Baker City Watershed. They looked at our Marble Springs outlet and saw the condition of the road which traverses the Watershed. They asked a lot of great questions of staff and came away with a better understanding of the challenges in bringing our wonderful water into the City. They also had a work session where they discussed development charges and time-lines and discussed goals for the Council.

Todd Godfrey from Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally held a final public meeting to answer any questions that the public or businesses had concerning the Rally. It was well attended and all in attendance were very excited about the event which will take place July 11-14.



Summer officially begins today but it might not really start until Saturday, according to the forecast.

City Council Agenda June 25th

- PriorityONE Contract
- Cybersecurity Policy Discussion
- Samo Swim Center Contract
- Budget Items
- Audit Services
- Cost Recovery
- Wastewater Land Application

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 6:00pm, the Baker City Planning Commission held a public hearing and made the following decisions on pending applications:

- ◆ **SDR-19-063 & VAR-19-064:** Approval to construct a ±21,890 square foot general office building with a ±10,000 square foot health facility (accessory structure), as well as approval of a variance to the maximum parking spaces allowed for a "General Office Building." The property is located at 3425 13th Street and is in the General Industrial (I) Zone.
- ◆ **VAR-19-062 & PP-19-062:** Denial of a variance request 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.

The next regularly-schedule Planning Commission hearing and work session date is set for July 9, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A ±768 square foot accessory structure was approved at 3805 Court Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Is- sued County	Inspections County
Building	4	14	4	17
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	5	4	8
Mechanical	3	0	2	0
Plumbing	0	2	0	1
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	21	10	26

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 13023 S Rock Creek Road—residential addition
- 41952 Atwood Road—remodel
- 3725 Kirkway Drive—new residence
- 19000 Alpine Lane—new residence
- 3660 Indiana Street—addition of framing and garage door
- 804 Auburn Street—structural repairs
- 15849 High Country Lane—detached accessory building addition and modification

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2500 E Street, Baker City—Reroof of small gym

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 26, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

Finance:

Utilities

- Nineteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eleven customers disconnected service from June 14th thru June 20th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 3 was billed June 18th and included 503 residential and 53 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 35 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 7 was billed today and included 561 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 166 (28%) are signed up for direct payment and 30 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Thirty-eight residential customers (Zones 2, 3 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Ten of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

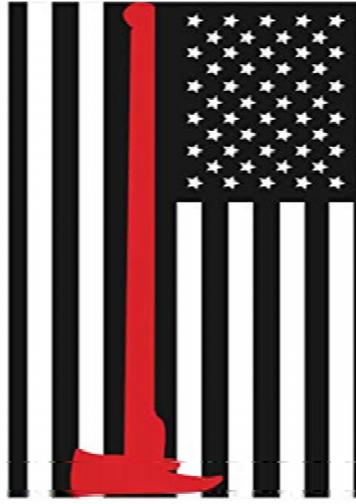
During the week of May 28th through June 3rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

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



FIRE

REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	6

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Persons Arrived for Cover	6



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **38 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **10 hrs** of Fire Training
- **1 hr** of Safety Training
- **4 hrs** of Community Events
- **10** Burn Permits Issued
- **14.5 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections

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 25th.





"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



POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ During the previous week, BCPD handled over 192 incidents and opened 37 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. One case involved the arrest of a subject for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants that, following a routine traffic stop, was found to have a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of .14%, nearly twice the legal limit. This subject was also cited for Minor in Possession of Alcohol as he was not of legal age to consumer alcoholic beverages.
- ✪ This previous week has been rather bittersweet for BCPD staff as it was announced that Chief Dustin Newman intends to leave Baker City. Chief Newman has accepted a position with his former agency, Polk County Sheriff's Office. Ray Duman, a former Oregon State Police supervisor, will serve as the Baker City Police Department's interim police chief beginning July 1st. Please join us in wishing Chief Newman the best of luck in his new position with Polk County as well as welcoming Ray Duman on board.



Police Chief Dustin Newman



- ✪ 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.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Responded to multiple pending cases

Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded one dog
- Responded and assisted with multiple animal complaints

Parking violations

- Issued eight parking citations
- Issued multiple written warnings
- Towed one abandoned vehicle
- Responded to multiple parking complaints

Miscellaneous

- Park checks
- Responded to multiple contacts within the community



Public Works: Water Department

A crew of Tommy, Dylan and Hunter began flushing fire hydrants this week. Flushing hydrants helps remove sediment from the main lines and verifies that the hydrants are in proper working order.



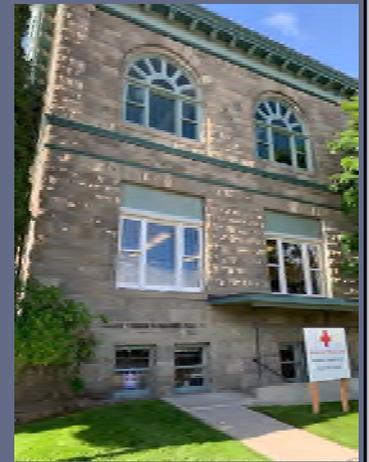
While the hydrants are being flushed, the crew cuts nearby weeds and cleans the tops of catch basins from debris.



Public Works: City Hall



City Hall replaced two older aluminum windows with new wood windows this week. The wooden windows bring the building back to the historic look.



The project was funded in part by a Certified Local Government grant through the State Historic Preservation Office. The final exterior painting will be complete by the end of the week.

Public Works: Watershed



Here is photo of Goodrich Reservoir from Monday, June 17th. Inflow of snow melt water has slowed and the level is holding steady.



Public Works: Street Department



Crack fill work was continued this week. To the left, Jake, Caden, Logan and Zach are filling cracks on Miller Street in South Baker.



The Washington Street thin overlay with the curb replacement project is progressing on schedule. Several storm water catch basins have been replaced and the old curb removed on the block east from the Powder River.

Above right, Justin is carefully placing crushed rock into the curb trench. The rock is then leveled, watered and compacted.



To the left, Brian is using a vibraplate compactor to compact 3/4" crushed rock for support under the new concrete curb.



To the right, Blain is operating the grader to level the 3/4" rock while Brian checks its elevation.

Below, pre-cast storm water catch basins are ready to be installed



To the right, Justin is grading the base rock to the precise grade required.





Public Works: Shop



Scott has been working on changing out the rear axle and repairing a power steering leak.

This Fire Department rig was having charging issues. Testing revealed two burnt out alternators. Parts have been ordered and repairs will be made next week



Below: This truck needed a new alternator. We replaced it and the truck is back in service.



Above: Wes went to Portland this week to pick up this new addition. It is a 2011 Yale forklift and will be used at the warehouse.



Above: The pins and bushings were worn out on this truck. Scott replaced them and the truck is back in service.



To the left: Scott moved the center console to make the rig more efficient for the operating officer.

To the right: The shop replaced the turn signal assembly and the car is back in service.





Safety and Wellness

Monthly Safety Focus
June 2019

Be Aware: Wear Your Gear!

Baker City Safety & Wellness Committee



Wearing your personal protective equipment is important whether you are out on site of a project or come across an issue in the office. Make sure you choose the appropriate gear for the specific situation.

Types of PPE

- Face Protection
- Head Protection
- Foot & Leg Protection
- Hand & Arm Protection
- Body Protection

PPE Should Be Worn When These Are Potential Hazards

- Impact
- Penetration
- Compression (roll over)
- Chemical
- Heat/cold
- Harmful dust

Office Safety Tips

1. Make sure electrical cords are in good shape
2. Store things properly so they don't fall onto people
3. Keep pathways and work spaces clear from debris
4. Use caution when using paper cutters and other sharp items
5. Use ladders and proper equipment when needing to reach items

The Perfect Fit

When wearing PPE make sure it fits for the most protection.

- It should be a safe design & construction
- It should be clean and reliable
- Check for holes, rips, and broken materials before using

Committee Members

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