



# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## ***Weekly Update September 20, 2019***

### **Administration:**

The original Oregon State Constitution was in Baker City last night for its first viewing outside of Salem. A good group of Baker citizens gathered at Crossroads Art Center to hear from State Archivist Mary Beth Herkert, who explained the process for restoring the document as well as the history around the signing of this document. This was a great compliment to the monthly Third Thursday event downtown. There were many people downtown shopping and visiting businesses despite the windy conditions.

There is a little snow at the top of the Elkhorn's this morning which is a harbinger of the coming winter. Hopefully we will have a few more weeks of good fall weather. Get out and enjoy the weekend as tomorrow looks to be quite nice.

### **Finance Department:**

#### **Utilities**

- ◆ Thirteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and thirteen customers disconnected service from September 13<sup>th</sup> thru September 19<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed September 17<sup>th</sup> and included 485 residential and 62 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 41 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and included 503 residential and 53 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 117 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 41 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twenty-nine residential customers (Zones 2, 3 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Eight of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

### **Boards, Commissions and Committees:**

#### **The City of Baker City is seeking volunteers for the following:**

- ⇒ Tree Board—3 positions available
- ⇒ Public Works Advisory Committee—2 positions available
- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission—1 position available

Most positions are for a 3-year term. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email [admin@bakercity.com](mailto:admin@bakercity.com) or call 524-2033 for more information.

The direct link to the volunteer form page is: <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>



**Building Department (2 weeks):**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	17	3	16
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	2
Electrical	12	11	17	10
Mechanical	13	16	8	7
Plumbing	3	6	1	4
Fence	5	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 41558 Sass Rd., Richland—carport
- 2470 20th St., Baker City—garage
- 1509 10th St., Baker City—pole structure
- 1805 3rd St., Baker City—basement remodel
- 44486 Deerhaven Rd., Baker City—lean-to addition

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 3425 13th St., Baker City—foundation only for new office complex
- 39167 Sutton Cr., Baker City—solar substation

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 2, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

**Planning Department:**

- Public Meetings :** The next Planning Commission meeting is set for October 16, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider:
- ◆ A Conditional Use Permit application for a ±70-foot-tall wireless communication tower (cell tower) within the 1400 Block of D Street (the property does not have an assigned address at this time).
  - ◆ A Variance application for the minimum lot size standard for a single-family dwelling at 1855 Ash Street.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and submit testimony, either in writing or orally at the hearing. Only comments on the relevant approval criteria are considered evidence. Contact the Planning Department for information about approval criteria.

**Land Use Applications**

- ◆ A ±1,152 square foot coffee shop and drive-through was approved at 1325 Campbell Street in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone. The appeal period is open until 5:00 pm on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ◆ An application has been submitted for a ±10,688 square foot gas station and service center at 515 Campbell Street. Notice of the application and opportunity to comment have been sent to nearby landowners and posted at the property. The comment period is open until 5:00 pm on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ◆ An application has been submitted for a pub house, event space, nano-brewery, and short-term vacation rental at 1790 Washington Avenue. Notice of the application and opportunity to comment have been sent to nearby landowners and posted at the property. The comment period is open until 5:00 pm on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ An application was approved to modify the design of an ±864 accessory structure proposed in the floodplain at 3960 Kirkway Drive.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 10th through September 16th the Fire Department responded to a total of **49** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	30
Rural Calls	13
Patient Transported	34
No Patient Trip	9

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	5
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	10
Triples (3 calls at once)	1
Public Assists	3

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	3
Dispatched Alarms	3

## TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	16
Persons Arrived for Cover	13



## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/

## FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **40 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **12 hrs** of Fire Training
- **8 hrs** of EMS Training
- **6 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **8** Burn Permits Issued



**9/11 Remembrance**

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. **Don't miss the next check on September 23rd.**



*"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 responded to over 152 incidents and opened 36 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainees.
- ★ Oregon State Police Trooper Charles Rohlf, Baker County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Colton, and Baker City Police Department School Resource Officer Lance Woodward assisted with security during the display of the original Oregon State Constitution which was on display in Baker City at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.
- ★ Chief Ray Duman, Sergeant Wayne Chastain, Sergeant Mike Regan, Detective Shannon Regan and Office Manager Phoebe Wachtel continued Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This five-session training focuses on the field of law enforcement and its role in the mentally ill, drug or alcohol afflicted and aging communities. The information, tools, and resources presented are designed to enhance first responder response and reduce overall risk of injury or death.
- ★ 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/>.



Left to right: OSP Trooper Charles Rohlf, Jr., State Archivist Mary Beth Herket, BCSO Deputy Eric Colton and BCPD School Resource Officer Lance Woodward.

## **Code Enforcement**

### **Property Maintenance:**

- Followed up on 15 previous complaints
- Responded to 9 new complaints
- 8 Preventative contacts
- Opened two new cases
- Issued 2 citations

### **Parking Violations and Complaints:**

- Responded to 14 complaints
- Followed up on 7 previous complaints
- Issued 2 citations
- Orange-tagged 2 vehicles

### **Animal Violations and Complaints:**

- Impounded 5 dogs
- 9 Animal at large calls
- 3 Animal welfare checks

### **Miscellaneous:**

- 2 Found items
- 5 Community service stops
- 14 Miscellaneous community contacts

## Public Works: Street Department



A crew worked on raising the water valve boxes to grade on Washington Street earlier this week.

← Nate and Tommy shoveled concrete around the valve cases while Kris leveled and finished the surface.

Excess concrete was utilized making eco-blocks and wheel stops.



## Public Works: Wastewater Department

Lines were cleaned and video-inspected this week.

Pictured lower right, Karl and Jake are cleaning a line on 7th Street where a resident had experienced wastewater problems earlier.



The main line was clear and the lateral was not plugged at the main line connection.

← Here you can see the 1,000+ P.S.I. water pressure washing debris from the line.



# Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A lateral was plugged on Valley Street. The Public Works crew worked to solve the problem. The asphalt was "zipped".



The excavation in the street was then performed.

The lateral was cleaned using the high pressure hose on the vactor truck.

The material coming out of the lateral was immediately sucked-up using the 8" vactor tube and the surrounding surface was thoroughly washed.

The pipe was then repaired and the excavation backfilled.



After performing the excavation and suction work the controls on the vactor truck ceased to work.

Wes was called and immediately responded to the site to perform the repair.



# Public Works: Goodrich Reservoir



Work continued below the Goodrich Reservoir Dam this week.

Drain lines installed in the 1980's were traced and inspected and some found to be plugged.



← Some of the steeper slopes susceptible to sliding were removed or made to be less steep.





### Public Works: Goodrich Reservoir Continued



Before and after photos of the steel plate section of the outlet structure.



### Public Works: Shop

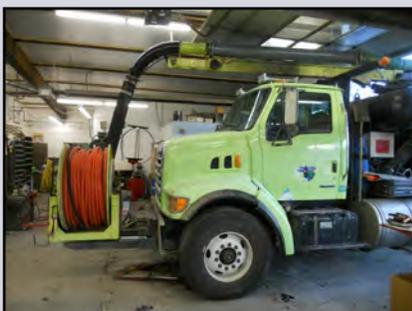


Scott replaced the left head light plug and bulb on this police vehicle.

Wes and Scott serviced and performed a safety check on this ambulance. It is now back in service.



The boom quit working on the vector truck. Parts have been ordered and should be back in service today.



This is a "new to us" addition to our fleet. It is a 2012 International Terrastar with a service body that the shop is going to be using for repairing equipment and vehicles.

