

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 27, 2019

Administration:

The City Council met this week and talked about fences and right of ways. The Council also heard from citizens about various road issues and challenges with the cat population in the City. The Council also gave input to staff on the upcoming Request for Proposal from the County for providing Emergency Ambulance Service to citizens in the Baker City, Baker Valley, Keating, Sumpter and Burnt River areas. This is an extremely important issue that our County Commissioners and citizens will be discussing in the coming months.

This weekend looks to give us a preview of winter. Get out and finish all that yard work before the weather really changes. Have a good weekend.

Finance Department:

Utilities

- ◆ Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eleven customers disconnected service from September 20th thru September 26th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed September 24th and it included 564 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 171 (29%) are signed up for direct payment and 36 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today and included 729 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 210 or 26% are signed up for direct payment and 61 (8%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ This week 16 residential customers (Zones 3, 4 and 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) only one of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

- ◆ Seventy-four employees were paid today including four paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time plumbing inspector, a part-time building inspector/plan reviewer, a part-time administrative assistant for the building department, a part-time patrol officer, and one temporary public works summer employee. Of those 74 employees, 69 or 93% are signed up for direct deposit.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	13	2	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	3	4	0
Mechanical	5	10	4	5
Plumbing	1	6	1	0
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	32	11	14

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 39167 Sutton Creek Road, Baker City—Baker solar project
- 42980 Lindley Lane, Baker City—Detached accessory building

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week

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

- ◆ An application for the division one (1) lot into two (2) lots on Walnut Street was approved. The property is within the Residential High-Density (RH-D) Zone and both parcels are proposed to be accessed from Walnut Street. The comment period is open until 5:00 pm on October 10th.
- ◆ An application has been submitted for the division of one lot (1) into three (3) lots in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone. The property is addressed as 3780 10th 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 October 10, 2019.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ During the previous week, BCPD responded to over 198 incidents and opened 43 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ BCPD personnel investigated the report of a robbery at the El Dorado Inn. A subject entered the office at the motel at around 12:22am on Friday night and demanded cash indicating he had a weapon. No weapon was displayed and the subject left with an undisclosed amount of money. BCPD is working several leads and evidence recovered at the scene was sent to the Oregon State Police Forensic Lab for additional processing.
- ✪ Office Manager Phoebe Wachtel and Evidence Technician Lynn Magnuson attended *Firearms 411: What Evidence Techs Need to Know So Guns Can Go!* in Forest Grove. Topics discussed included safe handling of firearms, ATF and Evidence Technician's role in Federal cases and releasing seized firearms within State and Federal statutes.
- ✪ Chief Ray Duman, Sergeant Wayne Chastain, Sergeant Mike Regan, Detective Shannon Regan and Office Manager Phoebe Wachtel completed 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/>.
- ✪ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various Officer Safety topics.

Code Enforcement

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 16 previous complaints
- Responded to 5 new complaints
- 5 Preventative contacts
- Closed 2 cases
- Followed up on 3 pre-citation weed complaints

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Responded to 12 complaints
- Followed up on 3 previous complaints
- Issued 3 citations
- Orange-tagged 2 vehicles
- Responded to 8 camping complaints

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Impounded 5 dogs
- 10 Animal at large calls
- 5 Animal welfare checks
- 1 dog bite complaint

Miscellaneous:

- 1 Found items
- 2 Community service stops
- 18 Miscellaneous community contacts
- 1 Trespassing citation



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 17th through September 23rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	23	General Alarms	1
Rural Calls	10	Dispatched Alarms	2
Patient Transported	23	TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3
No Patient Trip	10	EMERGENCY CALL BACKS	
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	33	Requests for Cover	4
		Persons Arrived for Cover	1
Airport Transfers	2	TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/	
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	5	FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1	• 41 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	• 35 hrs of Fire Training	
Doubles (2 calls at once)	10	• 16 hrs of EMS Training	
Triples (3 calls at once)	1	• 8 hrs of Fire Prevention / Inspections	
Public Assists	3	• 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 October 1.



On Monday, 9/23 BCFD responded with Unity/Burnt River Fire Department to an ATV accident approximately 3 miles off of Bridgeport Lane. The victim was 30' down an embankment and had to be extricated from the canyon. BCFD was assisted at the scene by the Sheriff's Department and Baker County Search and Rescue. The patient was stabilized and transported to St. Alphonsus trauma center in Boise by Life Flight.





Fire Prevention week is back!

October 6th through the 12th

Kids fire hose challenge!!

Kids obstacle course with hose carry and rescue!!

The Baker City Fire Department is doing something special this year that you won't want to miss! We will be having a Fire Station Open House with tons of Fun for the Kids and Adults! Learn a little about the exciting stuff we get to do every day.

Hot Dogs and Chips!

What: Fire Station Open House

When: October 12th from 1-4 pm

Where: Baker City Fire Station

1616 2nd Street, Baker City

Auto extrication demo at 1:30 & 3:30

Antique fire trucks!

Come learn about fire safety and have some fun!

Not every hero wears a cape.
PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!TM
firepreventionweek.org



Public Works: Water Department



A 6" fire line was installed for the New Directions Northwest facility. It required excavation completely across 13th Street. 13th Street is one of the main routes to the hospital. Baker Dispatch, the hospital, and Powder River Corrections were all informed of the impending work and street closure.

← Special signage was placed to direct motorists to the hospital.

Blain and Nate performed the excavation work. →





Public Works: Water Department continued



The City of LaGrande was hired to perform a "hot-tap" connection onto the existing 8" ductile iron water line. Troy from LaGrande did the "hot-tap" with assistance from Nate.



← Here is a photo of the cutting head used to "drill" thru the ductile iron waterline.

Once the "hot-tap" work was complete, the rest of the 6" fire line pipe could be installed.



← Blain installing an "accessory pack" onto the end of the new fire line so it can be secured to the flange end of the valve.

Blain lowering the valve into the trench. →



← Here Nate is bolting the pipe to the valve.

The pipe was installed, the trench backfilled and patched the same day. Traffic was allowed back onto the route by 3pm. →



← Justin and Brian use the vector truck to help perform repair work on a water meter on the north side of Campbell Street.

New water and wastewater services were installed for a residence near the intersection of Birch and E Streets. Blain and Jake accomplished the work proficiently. Because of the confined work area around the meter, the meter box will be installed Friday after the plumber connects onto the new water line.



Public Works: Goodrich Reservoir



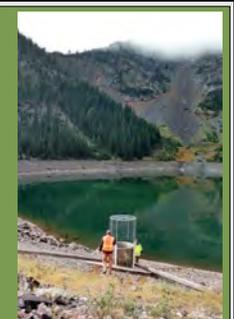
A trailer mounted jetter was borrowed from the City of North Powder and was used to attempt to clean the drain lines at Goodrich Reservoir.

← Scott made adjustments to the flow from the reservoir.



Dennis and Scott measuring the elevation of the Goodrich pool. →

← Here is a photo showing the sharp crested weir and outlet structure under the steel roof.





Public Works: Street Department



← A small sinkhole was seen on D Street near the Elm intersection. Underlying material has sloughed away leaving a small void. The surface asphalt was removed, the base compacted and the surface was patched on Thursday.



Eight trenches and several potholes were patched using hot asphalt Thursday. This sewer trench was on 4th Street just north of Campbell Street. →



← Work continued this week on the Washington Street overlay project. Wastewater and stormwater manholes were raised to grade. Only 3 or 4 utilities are raised to grade at a time so the street can remain open to traffic.

Remaining chip seal oil was used to patch streets up on Hillcrest and on 9th Street. Here the last remaining college worker, Caden, worked to spread the oil and rock over the cracked streets. →



Public Works: Wastewater



← A new 6" wastewater lateral was installed for the New Directions Northwest development on 13th Street. The complex will be served with a wastewater connection on K Street. Justin, Blain and Brian performed the installation work.

While excavating the trench for the new 6" PVC line, the 8" ductile iron water line and a fiber optics line (orange) were uncovered. The grade of the wastewater lateral had to be field adjusted to avoid contact with the water line. →



← A plumber hired public works to video inspect and trace a wastewater lateral that has had a history of problems. Karl performed the inspection of the line and Tom traced the location using the receiver and sonde unit.

Right and below left: A 6" wastewater main line was video-inspected to determine what may have caused a blockage in the lateral the previous week. Because the line was only 6" in diameter, and it may have been CIPP lined (which reduces the diameter an additional 3/8"), special adjustments had to be made to do the inspection. Karl, Rick and James worked to get the inspection done.



Here you can see on the computer screen that there is a rough edge where the lateral and the liner connect onto the main line. We hope to have the CIPP contractor trim off the protruding edge to eliminate any future problems. →





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 to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email 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>

Public Works: Shop



This truck lost a cam sensor and injector control pressure valve and had to be towed to the yard. Parts are ordered and it should be done next week.

This car was dying when put into park. We are working on the issues.



This truck is having issues with the regeneration system derating the engine power. We found the issue and are working on fixing the problem.

New tires were installed on this service truck.

