

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update November 1, 2019

Administration:

The City crews have been busy preparing for winter. It appears that we are going to have some nice days for the next week.



Let's all continue to pick up our leaves before the snow hits and remember that sweeping leaves onto the streets is not allowed.

Tonight is First Friday downtown and the entire weekend is the unofficial kickoff to Christmas shopping. Come out and support our local businesses that support the many activities and events throughout the year.

Have a good weekend and bundle up.



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Five customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and nine customers disconnected service from October 25th thru October 31st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ The billing for Zone 4 was sent out October 29th and included 727 residential and 57 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 215 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 62 (8%) are signed up for e-billing.
- ◆ This week twenty-eight residential customers (Zones 4 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) six of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Payable

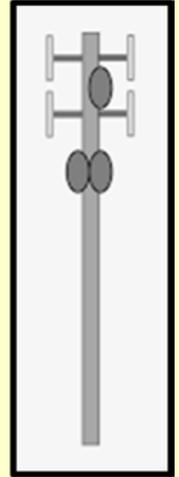
The second of two accounts payable runs for October was generated on the 31st.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled to **November 13, 2019, at 6:00 pm**, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and submit testimony for each case, either in writing or orally at the hearing. Only comments on the relevant approval criteria are considered by the Planning Commission in the decision-making process. Contact the Planning Department for information about these criteria. The meeting will include:
 - ◆ CUP-19-101: the continuation of a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit request for a ± 70 -foot-tall wireless communication tower (cell tower) within the 1400 Block of D Street
 - ◆ CUP-19-114: a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit application for a new $\pm 1,920$ square foot accessory structure with a ± 14 -foot eave height at 505 Valley Avenue in the Residential High Density Zone



Land Use Applications

- ◆ A Temporary Use Permit was approved to allow the occupancy of a travel trailer while the existing dwelling undergoes interior remodeling at 2456 East Street in the Residential High-Density Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review and Floodplain Development Permit were approved for a manufactured dwelling at 231 2nd Street in the Residential High-Density Zone.

Code Enforcement

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 13 previous complaints
- Responded to 4 new complaints
- 1 Preventative contact
- Opened 3 cases

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Responded to 13 complaints
- Followed up on 4 previous complaints
- Issued 2 citations
- Issued 1 written warning
- Orange-tagged 1 vehicle
- Responded to 2 camping complaints

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Impounded 2 dogs
- 7 Animal at large calls
- 4 Animal welfare checks
- 2 Dangerous dog follow ups
- 3 Dog bite follow ups
- 1 Kennel permit contact
- 2 Livestock permit follow ups
- 3 Barking/Noise complaint calls

Miscellaneous:

- 5 Found items
- 3 Community service stops
- 27 Miscellaneous community contacts
- 1 Park check
- 1 Officer Assist



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	7	20	9	19
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	1
Electrical	14	15	9	24
Mechanical	10	14	4	12
Plumbing	10	13	3	5
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	43	62	26	61

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 32157 Old Hwy 30, County—Cell tower modification
- 400 School Street, Haines—Awning addition
- 3815 Pocahontas Road, Baker City—Roof replacement
- 290 Main Street, Halfway—Fuel tank canopy
- 2028 Main Street, Baker City—Remodel of interior
- 2120 Broadway Street, Baker City—Interior wall & door addition

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 6, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 15871 Hunt Mountain Lane, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 15871 Hunt Mountain Lane, Baker City—New residence
- 801 Broadway Street, Baker City—Two home additions
- 725 L Loop, Baker City—New residence
- 17573 Deer Park Loop, Baker City—Snow roof
- 2695 4th Street, Baker City—Interior remodel
- 15967 High Country Lane, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 3780-1/2 10th Street, Baker City—Foundation addition to home
- 42921 Ponderosa Drive, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 44913 Pine View Lane, Baker City—New garage





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 8th** through **October 14th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	19
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	12
No Patient Trip	13
TOTAL MEDIC	25

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	3
Persons Arrived for Cover	1

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **18 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **4 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **8 hrs** of Fire Training
- **5** Burn Permits Issued
- **60 hrs** of EMS Training

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.
 Don't miss the next check on November 5.



"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 185 incidents and opened 43 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. Several incidents of Criminal Mischief are being investigated by BCPD as several local businesses were 'tagged' with spray-painted graffiti.
- ✪ An arrest was made in the case of a reported arson that occurred outside a downtown business. The subject, who was captured on the video surveillance, allegedly set fire to temporarily discarded mattresses and box springs stored behind a local appliance store. The fire caused substantial damage to the brick exterior of the building and to the metal enclosure used to store cardboard recycling. The incident remains under investigation and other arrests are possible.
- ✪ Planning for the upcoming BCPD K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser is in full swing! Tickets go on sale today and are available for purchase at the Baker City Police Department. Join us on Saturday, December 14th at the Baker City Event Center for a Prime Rib dinner and auction! Social Hour begins at 4:00pm with a bar hosted by Barley Brown's with a K9 Demonstration done by our local drug dog, Capa, and Sergeant Chastain at 5:00pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm followed by a live auction and raffles! Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for kids 12-6 and kids under 6 are free. All money raised will go to our local Drug Prevention K9 Fund to pay for Capa's food, training, vet check-ups & much more. We hope to see you for a night of fun for a good cause!
- ✪ 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.



Public Works: Watershed



Scott and Brian installed metal catwalks in the Little Marble Diversion structures on Thursday. The wooden boards become very slippery in the winter when covered in ice.



Brian measures the distance twice before cutting the metal walkways.

Right: The installed walkways.





Public Works: Airport



The new concrete sidewalk was uncovered this week and clean-up work completed.



Public Works: Parks



Two new bollards will be installed at the northeast corner of the Geiser Pollman park to deter unauthorized vehicles from driving through the park. The vactor truck was used to hydro-excavate for the bollard placement.



A section of sidewalk deemed to be in poor condition near the Lions covered area is being replaced. Blain, Kris and Nate are performing a bulk of the work. The new concrete will be poured early next week when the temperature warms up.



Three cubic yards of concrete were poured on Thursday. The pour included two park bollard bases, three eco-blocks, two wheel stops, nine thrust blocks, one 12" lift ring and one 2" lift ring.



Public Works: Water Department



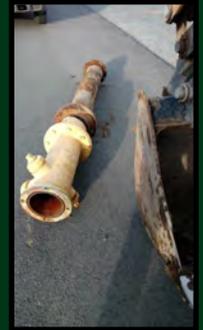
Residential water meters are being read for the last time this fall. Some of the water meters are equipped with remote emitters so that the amount of water usage is sent electronically to a hand held data collector. Here you see Riley reading water meters using the hand held collector.



Public Works: Water Department continued



A private fire hydrant near the health clinic had broken recently. The entire hydrant was removed and parts were ordered. The owner of the hydrant will be billed for the repair work.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



Last week, a local professional drain cleaner called Public Works for some assistance. He was cleaning a lateral and was unable to clear a blockage.

Karl and Jake responded to the site and it was soon discovered that there were 3 residences connected to the same 6" terra cotta line. According to city records, this line was considered a private line.

Karl and Jake used the vector to induct the material and then they carefully jetted the lines backwards to remove the blockage. It appeared wet wipes were the cause of the plug.



Above Left: Karl tracing the drain cleaner snake to locate the blockage.

Above Right: After the emergency was averted, Karl and Jake video-inspected the line to check for defects and grade problems.



Problems continue to occur at the "H" Street left station. The pumps lose their prime regularly. When that happens, the pumps are unable to begin pumping wastewater out of the wet well. Water from jugs is used to prime the pump.



Public Works: Street Department

Public Works assisted OTEC on Thursday and Friday by setting up their traffic plan so that they could successfully replace a power pole which had caught fire earlier this year.





Public Works: Street Department continued

Several dump truck loads of boulders were hauled to Baker City last week. These decorative boulders were placed at three locations. The four flattest rocks were placed at the east end of the Court Street Plaza between Main and Resorts Streets. Several boulders were also placed around the parking area at the Sam-O Skate Park. The bulk of the boulders were placed along the edge of Windmill Lane. The boulders were placed along Windmill Lane to encourage semi truck drivers to only use the concrete driveway approaches.



Court Street Plaza



Just a friendly reminder to not blow or rake your leaves into the streets.

Sam-O Skate Park

Windmill Lane

Public Works: Shop

The intake manifold starting leaking coolant. This truck should be done by next week.



We replaced the transmission pressure switch, repaired the shifter and replaced a hydraulic line in the front end.



Scott replaced the front hubs and front brakes.



This backhoe chewed up the alternator belt. We replaced it.



Scott replaced the oil pressure regulator.