

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update November 8, 2019

Administration:

The City Council will meet next Tuesday with a full agenda. They are expected to hear from a group of citizens that are seeking to make Baker City a quiet zone for the trains that move through the City. They will also look at strengthening our truancy ordinance, have a presentation from the Fair Board about their plan for closing East Street near the fairgrounds, potential Baker City Charter changes and the sale of land in the Industrial Park.

The City Manager attended the Prison Advisory Committee meeting this week. As one of our major employers in the community, the fiscal health of Powder River Correctional Facility is very important to the City. The prison appears to be doing well though they have a number of job openings that have been difficult to fill. If you know of anyone looking for rewarding work, let them know.

This is crazy weather that we have been having. I don't remember having this much warm weather in November but let's enjoy it while we have it. Have a great weekend.

Finance:

Utilities

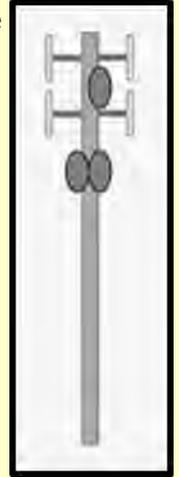
- ◆ Thirteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and nineteen customers disconnected service from November 1st thru November 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed November 5th and included 466 residential and 16 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 129 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 34 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today and includes 94 residential and 252 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 64 (18%) are signed up for direct payment and 18 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Twelve residential customers (Zones 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Planning Department:

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 ±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 Land Use Review was approved for a ±150 square foot addition to an existing single-family dwelling at 1175 11th Street in the Residential Medium-Density Zone.
- ◆ An application was approved for temporary occupancy of an RV at 3450 Broadway Avenue in the Residential Medium-Density Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review was approved for a ±288 square foot detached carport at 2650 5th Street in the Residential High-Density Zone.
- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved between two parcels located on the 1200 block of Reservoir Road in the Residential Low-Density Zone.
- ◆ An application was submitted to partition one parcel into two parcels in the Residential High-Density Zone. The property is addressed as 2641 Grove Street and pre-notice were sent to surrounding property owners on November 8, 2019.

Code Enforcement

ANIMALS:

- Impounded 5 dogs
- 15 animal at large calls
- 2 dogs at large citations
- 2 animal welfare checks
- Followed up on 3 dog bites
- 3 kennel permit requests/complaints
- Followed up on 2 dog barking complaints
- Followed up on 5 previous dog complaints

PARKING:

- Responded to 4 complaints
- Followed up on 2 previous complaints
- Issued 3 citations
- 1 written warning
- 1 verbal warning

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

- Followed up on 20 previous complaints
- Responded to 3 new complaints
- 1 preventative contact
- Opened 2 new cases
- Issued 3 property maintenance citations

FOUND ITEMS:

- 5 items founds

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 4 community service stops
- 25 misc. community contacts
- 1 officer assist
- 1 park check



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	4	6	1	11
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	2	2
Electrical	6	21	3	4
Mechanical	3	7	9	4
Plumbing	3	3	1	1
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	17	37	16	22

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3480 10th Street, Baker City—2 detached commercial accessory structures.
- 3815 Pocahontas Road, Baker City—commercial roof replacement.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 44913 Pine View Road, Baker City—garage.
- 801 Broadway Street, Baker City—home additions.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 20, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of November 5th through November 11th the Fire Department responded to a total of **41** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

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

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 34

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	12
Triples (3 calls at once)	3
Quads (4 calls at once)	1
Public Assist	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	3
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 7

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	13
Persons Arrived for Cover	11



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **24 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **7 hrs** of Fire Training
- **6 hrs** of EMS Training
- **16 hrs** of Community Events
- **8** 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 November 12th.



"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."

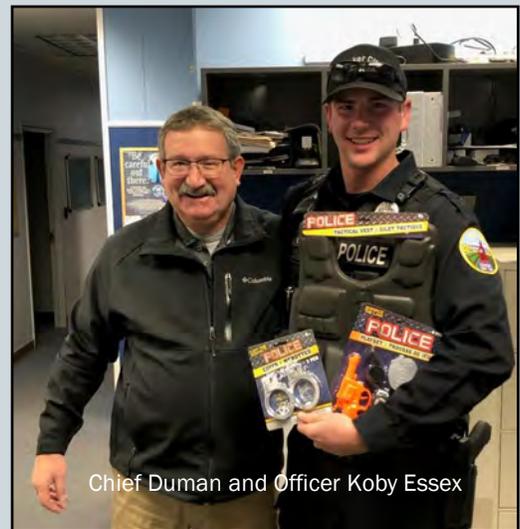


POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ⊛ During the previous week, BCPD responded to over 209 incidents and opened 53 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainees.
- ⊛ COP (Citizens on Patrol) and BCPD staff were on hand for the downtown Trick or Treat Event. By all accounts, it was a terrific event with lots of ghosts and goblins of all shapes and sizes in attendance. Many thanks to the Baker City Kiwanis for continuing to host this awesome family-friendly event!
- ⊛ **Officers with BCPD, Baker County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police participated in the Tip a Cop Fundraiser held at Barley Browns. This event raised \$1,700 for Special Olympics in Baker County!**
- ⊛ Congratulations to Officer Koby Essex who recently completed Field Training. Officer Essex is now on solo patrol and to commemorate this accomplishment, Chief Duman presented Officer Essex with his own special junior-sized radio, vest and handcuffs!
- ⊛ 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, 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!



Back row, left to right: BCPD Sergeant Wayne Chastain, Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash, BCSO Deputy Jeff Spencer, BCPD Reserve Officer Justin Phlaum, Baker County Undersheriff Jef Van Arsdall and Oregon State Trooper Tim Schuette.



Chief Duman and Officer Koby Essex

- ⊛ 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/>.



Public Works: Water Department



A water meter setter, meter and lid were repaired on East Street earlier this week.



In it's old condition it was very difficult to turn on and off. Blain and Nate completed the repair work.



A water leak was reported on "A" Street just east of Resort earlier this week. Water was coming up on the south side of the gravel portion of the road. Steve traced the location of buried lines in the area. This work determined the location of an abandoned line that was still "live".



Justin and Matt excavated where the abandoned line connected to the main line and simply turned off the valve on the "corp stop".



The excavation on "A" street will be patched with hot asphalt when it is available.

Public Works was notified of a water leak at the YMCA facility.

The leak is not in the City portion of the supply system. It is located between the 2" water meter and the building.

A plumber has been contacted and is arranging for the repair.





Public Works: Wastewater Department



Karl and Jake video-inspected a main line on the west edge of 10th Street to determine if a residence on the east side was connected to the city line.



The Baker City Public Works Department received a call from the City of Haines Monday. Their main wastewater line was plugged and they requested assistance.



Karl and Jake responded to the call and attempted to clear the blockage. Additional assistance from Blain, Nate and Craig along with Roy from Baker Sanitary was needed before enough liquid from the plugged section of the line could be routed to the Haines wastewater pump station.

Two pumper trucks and one stationary pump was used to temporarily alleviate the problem.



A buried manhole near the pump station was located and raised to the surface to provide access.

The next day the blockage was removed by using Baker City's jetter truck and its high pressure cleaning nozzle to clean the line. The items blocking the line appeared to be a plastic soft drink bottle, a can of "chew" and a wad of wet wipes.



← Several hundred feet of fire hose was used to pump the wastewater around the blockage in the line to temporarily alleviate the problem.



Public Works: Wastewater Department continued...

A new sewer lateral for a new house was installed on Estes Street Monday.

Justin and Riley finished that project as Blain and Nate were called to respond to the Haines emergency.



An 8" wastewater stub was installed for the new Park Springs subdivision development Thursday.

A hole had to be cut into the base of an existing manhole and a joint of the 8" p.v.c. pipe installed.



The trench was over 7 feet deep and ground water was constantly flowing into the trench. A pump and fire hose were used to pump groundwater away from the work area. Trench shielding was used to protect workers. Blain, Nate and Kris performed the excavation and installation of the pipe. Karl sealed the pipe penetration from inside the man hole.



Public Works: Street Department



This week it appeared that someone lost track of where their vehicle should be traveling and ran over a sign near Sam-o-Swim Pool.

It is scheduled to be repaired.



Public Works: Street Department continued...



A combination crackfill and mastic asphalt patch machine was demonstrated by a representative from Special Asphalt Products.

Some cracks were filled and potholes patched on South Bridge Street near the cemetery.



Baker County Road Department and O.D.O.T. personnel were present to observe the operation of the machine.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, November 11, 2019