

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update January 10, 2020*

## Administration:

The City Council interviewed four individuals for the vacant City Council position that resulted from the resignation of Councilor Ken Gross, who moved from the City. It was nice to listen to these individuals talk about their love of Baker City and their energy to give back to the community. This position is just for one year and there are going to be six open seats for the November election, so anyone not appointed will have an opportunity to run for one of the positions in the fall. The Council is expected to make a decision at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The City Council has rescheduled the Verizon hearing for the cell tower appeal to January 21, 2020 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

It appears that winter might be back with a vengeance for the next week. Bundle up and drive safely. Have a great weekend.

### City Council Agenda January 14th

- Council Vacancy
- New Directions CDBG
- Reallocation of Water Funds
- Marble Creek Road Support Letter
- Fire Ordinance

## **Did you know.....**

**January is when most of Baker City's Boards, Commissions and Committees have terms that end.**

## **Ever consider volunteering your time...**

**The City of Baker City has multiple openings in various Boards, Commissions and Committees.**

- ⇒ Airport Commission
- ⇒ Budget Board
- ⇒ Planning Commission
- ⇒ Tree Board
- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission

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>



**Planning Department:**

**City Council Public Meeting**

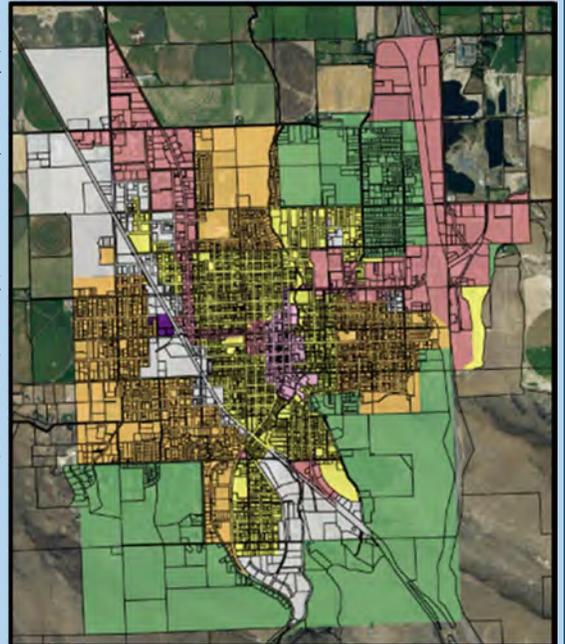
Cell Tower Appeal: The City Council hearing for the appeal of the Baker City Planning Commission’s decision to deny the construction of a 70-ft cell tower in the 1400 block of D Street was rescheduled to January 21, 2020, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall.

**Planning Commission Public Meeting**

The Planning Commission will meet on January 15, 2020, at 6:00 pm, in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will review materials for proposed updates to the Baker City Development Code and the economic section (Goal 9) of the Baker City Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as well as to discuss potential re-zoning of select areas of the city.

**Applications**

- ◆ An application was submitted for a property line adjustment at 1635 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.



Baker City Zoning Map

**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	4	1	5
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	1	4	2	2
Mechanical	3	3	1	1
Plumbing	1	1	0	0
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 14801 Goodrich Creek Lane, Baker City—Remodel

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

None at this time

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.



## **Finance Department**

### **Utilities**

- ◆ Six customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and five customers disconnected service from January 3<sup>rd</sup> thru January 9<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 which includes 462 residential and 16 commercial accounts was billed January 7<sup>th</sup>. Of those accounts 130 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 35 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 93 residential and 253 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 64 (18%) are signed up for direct payment and 18 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Six residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Two were turned-off until their past due balances were paid.

### **Accounts Receivable**

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent January 10<sup>th</sup>. The billings were as follows:

- Cemetery - \$2,533
- Street Cuts and Miscellaneous - \$4,956
- Wastewater Service and Miscellaneous - \$2,985
- Lien Searches - \$880
- Ambulance - \$427,344
- Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease - \$3,988
- Property and Weed Abatement - \$1,075
- Baker County Economic Development Support - \$3,750
- Miscellaneous - \$828

Total Billed \$ 448,339

### **Accounts Payable**

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated today.



*"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 past week, BCPD responded to over 162 incidents and opened 43 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ BCPD arrested two individuals on felony warrants issued out of Idaho. The following press release was issued following this incident:  
  
*On January 2, 2020, Baker City Police Department was notified by Caldwell Police Department that two Robbery suspects were in Baker City. Officers and Detectives from BCPD and Oregon State Police Troopers located the suspects at a local laundromat. The suspects were taken into custody without incident.*  
  
*The suspects were identified as Guillermo Pascual, 29 years of age and Jennifer Dodgson, 24 years of age. The pair is alleged to have robbed a convenience store at the corner of Ustick Road and Cleveland Blvd in Caldwell, ID. Dodgson is alleged to have assaulted a female cashier and forcibly took money out of the register. The pair was lodged in the Baker County Jail on Idaho warrants for the robbery and will await extradition to Idaho.*
- ✪ BCPD, this past week, welcomed two new 2019 Dodge Chargers to the Department's fleet. These vehicles, purchased under a government lease program, will soon be wrapped by Oregon Sign Company and will be immediately put into patrol rotation upon their return.
- ✪ 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 four new complaints
- Followed up on fourteen open cases
- Made one preventative contact
- Closed two open cases
- Responded to one RV/camping concern

### **Miscellaneous**

- Five community service stops
- Twenty-one miscellaneous community contacts
- One found item

### **Parking violations**

- Orange tagged seven vehicles
- Responded to ten complaints
- Followed up on four previous complaints
- Issued two written warnings
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### **Animal violations and complaints**

- Impounded five dogs
- Responded to ten animals running at large
- Performed one animal welfare check
- Responded to one no livestock permit violation
- Responded to one kennel permit contact



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of December 31st through January 6th the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	31
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	14
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>35</b>



## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	1
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>1</b>

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Persons Arrived for	4

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	4
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	2



## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **38 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **19 hrs** of Fire Training
- **3 hrs** of EMS Training
- **19 hrs** of Safety Training
- **1** Burn Permit 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 January 14th.



## Public Works: Street Department



The Christmas tree was brought down safely on Monday to mark the end of the holiday season. Justin braced the tree with the backhoe bucket while Blain performed the chainsaw work.



Left: Brian worked to apply a “hard face” surface on the wear edges of the crusher bucket.

This will extend the life of the unit for years.

Right: It is important that the asphalt zipper drum and cutting teeth are inspected after each use to keep the equipment in proper operating condition.



Left: A little over an inch of snow fell overnight Wednesday causing slick roads for the morning commute. Craig and Matt began work at 4am to salt and sand certain locations throughout town. Kris operated the 4-wheeler with the front broom attachment to keep the Leo Adler Pathway clear of snow.

Right: The slippery surfaces caused a vehicle to careen off Campbell Street and knock over one of the posts at Geiser Pollman park.

A new concrete park post will have to be fabricated to replace the one that was sheared off.



### \*\*\*Deer/Elk Reminder\*\*\*

It is legal to salvage road killed deer and elk.

If you are interested in salvaging the meat from road kill deer, please call 541-524-2047 and we will put you on a call list.



### Public Works: Water Department



Preliminary foundation work began on an extension to the pipe storage shed this week.

Justin used the Volvo mini-excavator with the jackhammer attachment to cut through the asphalt surface.



Excellent progress continues to be made on the valve maintenance project. Blain and Riley work to close then re-open the valves at the intersection of 10th and Campbell Streets.

### Public Works: Parks Department



Portions of the new playground equipment arrived this week. It was unloaded and put in storage until it can be installed this spring.



### Public Works: Wastewater Department



The lateral on 4th Street was completed last Thursday.

Here are two photos from that project.



Left: The Wastewater video-inspection camera needed repair work before anymore inspections were done. Karl and Jake performed the electrical surgery.



Right: The Lagoon facility had a new sign installed this week.





## Public Works: Wastewater Department



Karl and Jake video-inspected several lateral and mainlines this week.

A house on 4th Street is suffering from a plugged wastewater line, however upon investigation the house is not connected to the main line on 4th Street. The owner requested that it be connected and the work will be performed next week, weather permitting.



Another mystery involves an area near the high school where it appears some homes are connected to a line that has no access for maintenance. Work is planned later this month to remedy the problem.

## Public Works: Shop



We pulled apart the front of the car to drain the water and reseal the headlight assembly.



We checked and adjusted the rear brakes.



We replaced the leveling valve linkage on the air bag suspension.



We replaced the alternator and the blinker switch.



The fuel pump went out so we changed it over to an electric fuel pump.