

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## **Weekly Update January 17, 2020**

### Administration:

The City Council met this week and appointed Larry Morrison to fill the vacant Council seat. We look forward to his service on the Council and offer a thank you to the other very qualified candidates.

The Council also heard a presentation by New Directions Northwest (NDN) about their plans for a new Wellness Center that will serve a significant segment of our population. The City will partner with NDN on a Community Development Block Grant to help fund this expansion. The Council also spent some time working on plans for this season's work on the pipeline replacement in the Watershed as well as an update on the Forest Service plans for future treatments and road work in the Watershed.

Council will meet this Tuesday, January 21, to hear the Verizon Appeal. The meeting will start at 6pm.

The storm pattern has brought winter to the region. Be careful on the roads and have a great weekend

### City Council Special Meeting January 21st

- Verizon Appeal

### Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	5	3	10
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	6	3	4	6
Mechanical	6	7	3	4
Plumbing	3	4	1	5
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>

#### **RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 45042 Lansford Lane, Baker City—New residence
- 45091 Lansford Lane, Baker City—New residence
- 505 Valley Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure

#### **HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is February 5, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

#### **COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2505 Broadway Street, Baker City—Modification to existing billboard
- 280 S Main Street, Halfway—Modifications to awnings and commercial reroof



## **Planning Department:**

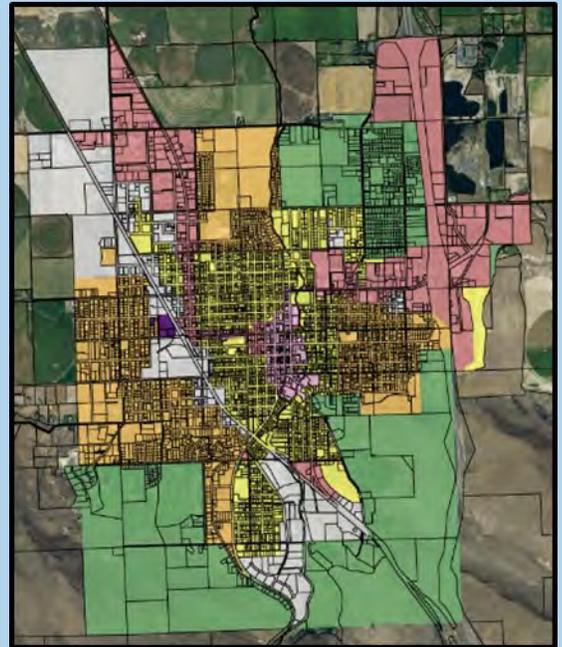
### **City Council Public Meeting**

**Cell Tower Appeal:** The 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 has been rescheduled to January 21, 2020, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall.

### **Planning Commission Public Meeting**

The Planning Commission held a work session on January 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed 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.

The Planning Commission will meet on February 19, 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 discuss potential re-zoning of select areas of the city.



**Baker City Zoning Map**

### **Applications**

- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A Lot of Record Determination and Land Use Review were approved to develop a ±1,565 square foot single-family dwelling with an attached garage on property located at 1685 Balm Street in the Residential Medium Density Zone.
- ◆ An application was submitted for the construction of a ±1,302 square foot single-family dwelling in the Residential High-Density Zone.
- ◆ An application was submitted for the construction of a ±2,276 square foot single-family dwelling in the Residential Low-Density Zone.



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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- ★ During the past week, BCPD responded to over 159 incidents and opened 37 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding arrests and detainers.
- ★ This past week proved to be very busy for BCPD staff and investigators. The Major Crime Team was activated in response to a shooting at a building near the BLM compound. The following press release was issued by the Baker County Sheriff's Office following the apprehension and arrest of the shooting suspect:

*On January 13, 2020 at approximately 11:45 a.m., Baker County Sheriff's Office Dispatch was notified of a male suffering from a gunshot wound at 3100 H Street in Baker City. Law enforcement contacted the victim, identified as Nathaniel Leeland Brown (10/28/82) who was transported to the hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to the hand. The Major Crime Team, consisting of Baker City Police Department, Oregon State Police and Baker County Sheriff's Office, was activated.*

*During the investigation, law enforcement personnel discovered a second victim at that address, identified as Angela Michelle Parrish (DOB 4/5/89). Parrish was located inside a building at 3100 H Street and had also suffered a gunshot wound and was deceased.*

*A coordinated effort among law enforcement from Malheur, Grant and Baker Counties led to the location of the suspect vehicle in the Dooley Mountain area. At approximately 3:34 p.m., Malheur County Sheriff's Office Deputies stopped the vehicle near Mormon Basin in Malheur County. The suspect, identified as Shawn Quentin Greenwood (DOB 2/7/71), was initially taken into custody on a warrant charging two counts of Assault in the Second Degree. Additional charges will be considered after the case is reviewed by a Grand Jury.*

*The Major Crime Team, along with the Oregon State Police Crime Lab, continued to work throughout the evening processing the scene.*

*The Baker City Police Department received assistance from Oregon State Police, Bureau of Land Management, Malheur County Sheriff's Office, and Baker County Sheriff's Office.*

- ★ In unrelated incident, a 16-year-old juvenile was arrested for Disorderly Conduct following statements made to a suicide prevention hotline that indicated he was planning to shoot people at school and then kill himself. The following press release was issued following this incident:

*On January 12, 2020 at about 11:39pm, Baker County Dispatch received a call from a suicide hotline advising that a younger-sounding male had called the hotline and made threats to shoot people at school and then kill himself. Baker City Police initiated an investigation after learning the call may have been based out of Baker City. The investigation has led to the arrest of a 16-year-old male who made the call. The 16-year-old male was arrested and transported to Juvenile Detention.*

*School Officials were notified of the threat and the investigation is continuing.*

*Arrested and transported to Juvenile Detention: 16 year old male juvenile (arrest date/time: 01/13/2020 at about 1:39am on a charge of Disorderly Conduct I.*

- ★ 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.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of January 7th through January 13th the Fire Department responded to a total of **46** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	31
Rural Calls	11
Patient Transported	31
No Patient Trip	11
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>42</b>



## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	2
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>4</b>

## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	11
Persons Arrived for Cover	7

Airport Transfers	5
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Doubles (2 calls at once)	10
Triples (3 calls at once)	3
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	3



## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

### INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **48 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **114 hrs** of Fire Training
- **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 January 21st.



### Public Works: Street Department



Snow covered streets were sanded and salted as needed. Crews came in at 4am most of last week to treat streets and clear snow from the Leo Adler pathway.

Windy conditions caused some minor drifting on some city streets Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

Tommy operated the grader to plow off the minor snowdrifts while Riley followed to clear intersections and driveways.



Potholes are beginning to become visible on some city streets due to thawing conditions.



Left: Scott built a tire rack in the equipment shed to make better use of space available in that building.

Right: Public Works assisted the Police Department earlier this week by closing off 13th Street due to a shooting.



### Public Works: Wastewater Department—Lagoon



Left: Rick is using the Autocat 9000 to test treated effluent at the wastewater treatment plant.

Right: This manhole cover has deteriorated badly over the years from exposure to the chlorine that is used for disinfection. Craig ordered a new synthetic composite ring and lid which will be installed next week.





## Public Works: Wastewater Department



The owner of a house on 4th Street requested that a lateral be provided in front of the house. A cost estimate was prepared and underground utility locate was requested. Work began Tuesday morning and was completed by early afternoon.



## Public Works: Water Department



Scott needed to increase the inflow of water from the Goodrich diversion. With recent snowfall, access was a little more difficult.



Scott walked in and shoveled out the gate access, then Justin used the CAT grader to plow snow for easier future access.



Left: Brian fabricated a hinged metal rack that will be used when hauling loads of 24" diameter pipe for the Mountain Line replacement project.

Right: Essential Water Treatment chemical was unloaded at the water reservoir plant.



Below: Metal for the pipe shed building addition arrived this week and was unloaded.





**Boards, Committees and Commissions**

**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>

**2020 CENSUS**

**The US Census is hiring!!!**

The US Census is looking for people to help get an accurate count for Baker County. Starting pay is \$16-\$17.50 an hour + mileage. Training starts mid-March.

If interested, please contact WorkSource Oregon, 1575 Dewey Avenue, Baker City. 541-523-6331

**\*\*\*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.