

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 21, 2020

Administration:

Senator Merkley was in the city last night for a Town Hall meeting. A large crowd of people from varying viewpoints spent over an hour asking questions and giving their opinions to the Senator. It is nice to have our Washington DC elected officials show up and get a flavor of their constituent's thoughts and values.

The Planning Commission approved the site plan and elevator leg for Simplot Solutions proposed new fertilizer mixing plant out at the Industrial Park. Hopefully, we will get the remainder of the permitting process completed soon and they can begin construction on the new facility.

It looks to be a great weekend with the temperatures rising a bit. Get out and enjoy.



NOTICE

The City of Baker City is looking to fill one position on the City Council. **The City is currently accepting applications until March 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** The individual who is appointed by a majority vote of the City Council will serve one term on the City Council through December of 2020. An applicant must be a registered voter in the State of Oregon and have resided within the City of Baker City for 12 months immediately preceding the appointment.

To apply go to www.bakercity.com to download and complete the City Councilor application located on the City's home page **and** submit a letter of interest to Katie LaFavor at City Hall.

Attn: Katie LaFavor, City Recorder

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Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

The Baker City Planning Commission held a public hearing & work session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon, during which the following decisions were made:

- Two applications submitted by Simplot were approved:
 - SDR-20-008: A Site Design Review application to construct a new Simplot Grower Solutions facility, including an office, truck scale, maintenance shop, package warehouse, fertilizer storage area, and rail spur; and
 - CUP-20-009: A Conditional Use Permit request to construct an ±85-foot-tall fertilizer elevator with leg transfer equipment.

- A final review of materials for proposed revisions to the Baker City Development Code, as well as potential re-zoning of select areas in the city. **Please see the attached flier (pages 8-9) for detailed information** regarding these revisions, as well information relating to the Baker City Comprehensive Plan – Goal IX.

APPLICATIONS

- A re-plat application to create two lots was submitted. The subject property is located at 730 H in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- A Land Use Review application was submitted for an attached carport at 2790 Colorado Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A Land Use Review application was submitted for a new home at 1855 Ash Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A Land Use Review application was submitted for a new home at 775 W Fairway Drive in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- A Land Use Review application was submitted for a 30'x30' shed at 2805 Myrtle Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

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



Finance Department:

Utilities

- ◆ Fifteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and fifteen customers disconnect service from February 14th to February 20th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3, which includes 501 residential and 50 commercial accounts, was billed February 19th. Of those accounts 110 or 20% are signed up for direct payment and 39 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 7, which included 555 residential and 25 commercial accounts, was billed today. Of those accounts 161 (28%) are signed up for direct payment and 36 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ This week 16 residential customers (Zones 2 and 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



2020 Dog Licenses

Available in February at a reduced cost:

- Spayed/Neutered **\$4.50**
- Not Spayed/Neutered **\$6.00**

Current Rabies Vaccination Required

Two and three year licenses are also available with valid rabies vaccination.





"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 opened 29 new cases making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. In one incident, a suspect was arrested for DUII following a routine traffic stop in which the officer had initially noted the subject was traveling approximately 10 miles-per-hour over the speed limit in a residential area. The suspect was found to have a 0.17 BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) upon arrival at the Baker County Jail. The suspect had refused to participate in SFSTs (Standardized Field Sobriety Test) at the scene.
- ✪ BCPD COP (Citizens on Patrol) volunteers completed a two-session training geared towards the Citizen on Patrol program and how this volunteer program benefits our community.
- ✪ BCPD staff participated in a pre-planning meeting for the upcoming Summer Academy program held at Brooklyn Elementary. BCPD has plans to participate in one of the Family Engagement Nights during the summer alongside other community partners.
- ✪ 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 five new complaints
- Followed up on fourteen open cases
- Made one preventative contact
- Responded to three RV/camping concerns
- Opened two new cases

Miscellaneous

- Five community service stops
- Twenty-nine miscellaneous community contacts
- Four found items
- Three officer assists
- One DHS assist

Parking violations

- Orange tagged two vehicles
- Responded to seven complaints
- Followed up on three previous complaints
- Issued one written warning

Animal violations and complaints

- Impounded two dogs
- Responded to eight animals running at large
- Performed two animal welfare checks
- Followed up on three dangerous dog complaints
- Found three no livestock permit violations



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 11th through February 17th the Fire Department responded to a total of **44** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	10
Patient Transported	28
No Patient Trip	9
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	37

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	7
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	7

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Request for Cover	8
Arrived for Cover	6

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Doubles (2 calls at once)	6
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	0



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **48 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **2 hrs** of EMS Training
- **144 hrs** of Fire Training
- **14** 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 February 25th.



Public Works: Water Department



The Fire Department personnel noticed that the fire hydrant at the intersection of 10th and H Streets was leaning awkwardly. Upon inspection, it was discovered that it was struck, most likely by a vehicle, and the water supply pipe was broken underground.

The valve to the hydrant was turned off and the hydrant was bagged to signify that it was not usable. Repair work is scheduled for next week.



Left: Unrelated to the hydrant, an underground utility locate was requested. Installation of the new services is scheduled for Friday.

Public Works: Geiser-Pollman Park



Good progress continues to be made at the Geiser-Pollman park in preparation for the installation of the new playground equipment.

The design calls for the construction of a concrete pad and pathway between the existing playground area and the one to be installed this spring.



The concrete flatwork will contain approximately 38 cubic yards of concrete.



Public Works: Sam-o Swim Pool

Sam-o pool was thoroughly cleaned as part of the maintenance work performed this month. Repair parts are expected to be installed early next week.

If all goes well, the pool will be filled with water and heated to the proper temperature and then be opened for use in early March.





Public Works: Wastewater Department



A resident called earlier this week requesting that the line in front of a residence be checked out for slow flow of wastewater from the house.

Karl and Jake video-inspected and could see that the connection looked to be in excellent condition.



Left: Karl and Rick cleaned and video-inspected lines on River Park Drive on Thursday.

Right: Brian fabricated this grapple hook earlier this week. It will be used at the H Street lift station to hoist the submersible pumps from the wet well when pump maintenance work needs to be performed.

The grapple hook is available on weekends for anyone needing to do superhero rescue work.



Public Works: Street Department



ODOT allowed Public Works to use their Mastic Pothole patching machine this week. Tommy, Nate and Riley travelled to the ODOT facility to receive training on the machine.

This machine mixes aggregate and tar in a heated tank and stirs it much like a kitchen mixer. Once the material is hot enough it slowly flows out the rear port of the unit.

Nate, Riley and Tommy filled many of the potholes on Cedar Street.



A local professional land surveyor requested assistance to recover a street intersection monument at Washington and Ash Streets. Matt and Tom were able to jackhammer through the asphalt to uncover a steel monument box and recover the 1" steel survey marker within.





IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 277.186: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT BAKER CITY IS PROPOSING CHANGES TO LAND USE REGULATIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTIES, AND MAY CHANGE THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY.

Notice to mortgagee, lien holder, vendor, or seller:

State law requires that if you receive this notice it shall be promptly forwarded to the purchaser.



PROPOSED UPDATES
 REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS
 TO THE COMPREHENSIVE
 PLAN & MAP, DEVELOPMENT
 CODE, AND ZONING MAP FOR
the City of Baker City

A set of revisions to the Baker City Development Code, the Baker City Comprehensive Plan, and the Baker City Zoning Map are proposed. Updates and revisions to the guiding land use planning documents and maps of Baker City are needed periodically to reflect changes within our community. The proposed revisions and additions include:

	REVISIONS TO:	ADDITIONS
DEVELOPMENT CODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Standards for accessory dwelling units (ADUs)</i> ▪ <i>Site Design Review procedures</i> ▪ <i>Number of maximum parking spaces permitted for developments</i> ▪ <i>Public noticing requirements</i> ▪ <i>Siting standards and material restrictions for manufactured homes</i> ▪ <i>Requirements for street and sidewalk improvements</i> ▪ <i>Property line adjustment application procedures</i> ▪ <i>Eave height restriction for accessory structures in residential zones</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Floodplain development standards</i> ▪ <i>Standards for mobile vending units</i> ▪ <i>Standards for hostels</i> ▪ <i>A Residential-Professional District near the downtown area allowing larger signs for businesses in a residential zone</i> ▪ <i>Increased front street setback for self-service storage facilities</i> ▪ <i>Re-use or re-development of existing buildings with no increase in footprint as a shorter review process (Type I)</i>
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>An update to the Baker City Comprehensive Plan based on an analysis of local and regional economic trends, evaluation of the community's opportunities and barriers to economic growth, and a determination of the types and amounts of land and infrastructure needed to support expected employment for 20 years.</i> 	
ZONING MAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Proposed re-zoning of identified properties throughout the City</i> 	



PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BEGIN SPRING 2020

March 25th, 2020

Planning Commission Hearing

April 14th, 2020

First City Council Hearing (*tentative*)

April 28th, 2020

Second City Council Hearing (*tentative*)

All public hearings will be held at City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City. All public hearings will be conducted according to Section 4.1 of the Development Code and in accordance with the rules of procedure adopted by the Council, which are available at City Hall.

Any interested party may testify or submit written comments at, or prior to, the public hearings.



Making changes to land use regulations is a Legislative (Type IV) procedure, which means all changes are initially considered by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to gain input from the community before making a recommendation to City Council. The Council will hold a series of public hearings before making a final decision on the proposed changes.

Documents are available for inspection at the Baker County Courthouse located at 1995 3rd St., Baker City; for copy at a reasonable cost; or on the City's website (<http://bakercity.com/2157/Planning-Department>)

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

This list of proposed revisions and additions was developed with input from the public over the past few years during the following Planning Commission work sessions:

- 2017 11/29 and 12/20
- 2018 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 11/7 and 12/19
- 2019 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/10, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/16 and 10/16
- 2020 1/15

COME LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES

The Planning Department will host a series of open houses for the public regarding the proposed updates and re-zoning effort

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

February 24th, 2020 5:30pm to 6:30pm
March 4th 2020 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Council Chambers Baker City Hall - 1655 1st Street Baker City



STAY INVOLVED

- ✓ **ASK** Let the Planning Department answer your questions
- ✓ **LEARN** Review the proposed drafts in person or online
- ✓ **SHARE** Spread the word with family, friends and neighbors

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Email: planning@bakercounty.org



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