

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 28, 2020

Administration:

The City Council met this week and held a public hearing on a Community Development Block Grant that the City is sponsoring for New Directions Northwest for a new wellness center.

The Council also honored Mike Downing who has served on the Council for the last seven years. Councilor Downing has moved outside of the City limits and is no longer eligible to serve. Thank you, Mike, for your outstanding service to our community.

The Night at Old Auburn event is scheduled for Saturday night and is the main fundraiser for the Heritage Museum. Come on down to the Museum and enjoy the festivities. Have a great weekend.



*****NOTICE*****

The City of Baker City is looking to fill one position on the City Council. **The City is currently accepting applications until Monday, 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

1655 1st Street

Baker City, OR 97814

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Phone: 541-524-2033

Email: klafavor@bakercity.com



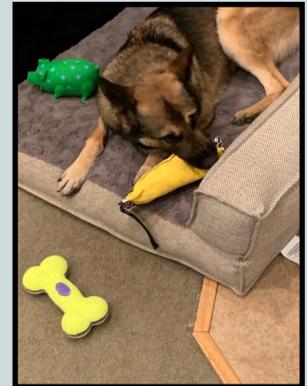


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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✪ During the past week, BCPD opened 28 new cases making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. BCPD responded to an individual trespassing at a residence that was vacant and had been repossessed by the lender. Upon contacting the suspect, it was determined that he had been inside a shed on the property and had removed an item of little value from the shed. The property was clearly posted No Trespassing and as the subject had been both found on the property and with an item that had been removed from the shed, the suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary II and Theft III.
- ✪ BCPD K9 Capa celebrated his sixth birthday this past week! He certainly enjoyed opening all his presents! Happy Birthday Capa!
- ✪ 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.



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



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of February 18th through February 24th the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 29

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

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 1

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Request for Cover	7
Arrived for Cover	5

Chiefs Resignation:

First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for your support and friendship over the past 1-1/2 years.

As you are aware, I have accepted the Fire Chief's position at North Whidbey Island Fire-Rescue. To that respect, I want to share the transition plan with all of you. Effective Wednesday, 2/26, BRFPD Chief Sean Lee will begin as interim BCFD Chief, working with me through my final departure. Administrative Assistant Samantha Clinkenbeard will go to full-time status effective Tuesday, March 24th.

My last official day will be Saturday, April 4th. However, my scheduled duty time will be limited after 3/12, utilizing bank time. I will be working the following Saturdays from approx. 0800-1200 on 3/21, 3/28 and 4/4. I will be in town and available for emergency responses on these same weekends from late Friday nights until mid-day Sunday afternoons, with some limitations.

I have several projects that will be completed prior to my departure (AFGs, ASA documents/info as requested by Baker County, etc.). Information regarding project status, transition plans, etc. will be provided to Chief Lee and other BCFD officers at a meeting this Thursday. I will ask the officers to share that information with their shifts and part-time personnel.

Please feel free to see me or give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Clark, Fire Chief
Baker City Fire-Rescue
1616 2nd Street
Baker City, OR 97814

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on March 3rd.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 22 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- 70 hrs of Fire Training
- 2 hrs of EMS Training
- 6 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 4 hrs Community events
- 14 Burn Permits Issued



Planning Department:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Planning Department staff held an open house at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon, during which the review of materials for proposed revisions to the Baker City Development Code, as well as potential re-zoning of select areas in the city were available for public discussion. A second open house will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, in the Council Chambers. **Please see the attached flier for detailed information on pages 8 & 9** regarding these revisions, as well information relating to the Baker City Comprehensive Plan – Goal IX.

APPLICATIONS

- A new home was approved at 775 W Fairway Drive in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- An application for a variance to street setbacks was submitted. The subject property is located at 2350 D Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A new home was approved at 1855 Ash Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A covered patio was approved at 2790 Colorado Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A Site Design Review application was submitted for a parking lot at 1353 Washington Avenue in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A Home Occupation Permit application was submitted for property located at 1400 Court Avenue in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

Public Works: Shop



Left: This truck got a tune up and a safety check and is back in service



Right: Brian is building water keys for turning the water valves off and on.



Left two: The crusher bucket broke a spring and toggle switch. Parts are on order and should arrive next week.



Right: We fixed a flat tire and performed a safety check. We noticed the engine running rough and are currently running diagnostics.



Left: We adjusted the clutch and repaired a light on this rig.





Public Works: Street Department



Justin and Blain worked for two days at the surge pond stockpile to recycle concrete slabs. They turned the slabs into usable base rock which will be used in future Public Works projects



A new street light was installed at the intersection of 15th and Carter. Dennis wired the light head and OTEC performed the installation work..

Here is the view seen at night of that intersection



Public Works: Wastewater Department



A new wastewater lateral was installed on Walnut Street.



Justin and Brian excavated across Walnut Street and connected the lateral onto the PVC main line with a 4" x 8" insert-a-tee. They then laid the 4" pipe, backfilled the trench and reopened the street before the end of the work day.





Public Works: Sam-o Swim Pool



Progress at the Sam-o Swim Pool proceeded according to schedule this week. Most of the work was finished by Monday. Once the work was done, Rick and Kris began filling the pool. It takes approximately 9 days to heat the pool to the desired temperature of 84 degrees.

Public Works: Goodrich Pipeline



Justin and Brian welded 3" steel posts to existing pipeline markers, extended test wires to an accessible height, and installed appropriate signage along the buried Goodrich Pipeline route.

The copy of the Baker County Assessor's map shows the approximate location of the buried pipeline and the assigned station number. This particular location serves both as an air relief and a cathodic test station.



Baker City has a 30' wide access and maintenance easement along the entire pipeline route. Informational letters were sent to property owners along the route to inform them of the planned maintenance work.

The "channel iron" at this station had been damaged years ago. It had to be straightened and rewelded before the 3" pipe could be connected. This pipeline is the only conveyance route to get water from the Goodrich diversion to Baker City.





Public Works: Water Department



The fire hydrant that was damaged by a hit and run earlier was replaced with a new hydrant.

Right: Justin and Blain excavated, removed the damaged hydrant, and installed a new one.



Upon excavating for the new hydrant, an underground vault was discovered. The lid was removed which exposed what appeared to be an old irrigation well.



It is unknown if this well is currently active for irrigation or for some other use. The concrete vault and steel lid were in very good condition.

The location was marked in the city water map book for future reference.



Justin and Brian installed new water service on Walnut Street. A local contractor hired Public Works to perform hydro-excavation work for the installation. This water service line had to cross several gas lines on its route to a residence located at the edge of town.

Did you know....

*****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.



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

Visit: <http://www.bakercity.com/>
Email: planning@bakercounty.org



Stop by: 1995 3rd Street in Baker City
Call: 541-523-8219