

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update May 22, 2020*

## Administration:

Baker County has been in Phase One of the economic reopening plan for a week. It appears that it is going well with some restaurants opening to seating with social distancing. Some businesses have elected to not open for a number of reasons and will be re-evaluating as time goes on. As I have been out and about this week, it appears that most people are maintaining the social distancing guidelines to protect themselves and their fellow citizens.

The City Council will meet in person on Tuesday for a short Council meeting. We will be getting the 2020-21 budget out to the budget committee this weekend so that they will be ready to deliberate at the June 1st budget meeting.

This may likely be a somewhat subdued Memorial Weekend though we may see an influx of tourists heading to the various recreation sites in the County. Let's keep up the good work and try to keep the COVID-19 in check. So far, we have not had another case.

I would appear that the weather is getting better for the weekend and next week looks spectacular. Have a great holiday weekend.

### City Council

#### Agenda

#### May 26th

- Big Deal Grant: 1813 Main Street
- Economic Business Recovery
- Baker City Events
- Public Arts Commission Appointment
- 2019-2020 Budget Resolution

## Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	10	1	4
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	3	5	5	8
Mechanical	10	8	2	2
Plumbing	3	9	3	2
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>

### **RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 440 E. Adams, Huntington—Detached accessory Structure
- 3335 Birch Street, Baker City—Greenhouse
- 3090 2nd Street, Baker City—Egress window well installation

### **COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

None at this time

### **HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

**To enable mandated social distancing guidelines, no new meetings will be scheduled unless a new application is received.**



## Planning Department:

### PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Baker City Planning Commission held a public hearing at the Baker County Courthouse, on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. The Planning Commission made the following decisions:

- ◇ **VAR-20-017 & LUR-20-028:** Continued the Class C variance request to reduce the front/street setback by ±19.5 feet and reduce the side (east) setback by ±1 foot in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone in order to build a ±360 square foot prefabricated carport. The subject property is addressed as 2350 D Street. The Planning Commission will hold the continuance at the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, public hearing.
- ◇ **SDR-20-045:** Approved the request by David Hays, on behalf of property owner, 52 LLC, to construct a 16-unit, multi-family housing development in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone. This development will consist of three duplexes, two triplexes and one quadplex. The development is proposed to be accessed off of Clark Street (south of the intersection with D Street). The subject property is located across Clark Street from the Leo Adler Baseball Field.



### APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Two lot line adjustments were approved to reconfigure the boundary lines of three parcels east of Clark Street and south of D Street, including a property addressed as 2850 Clark Street. These properties are located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A new home was approved at 1705 18th Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

## Boards, Commissions and Committees

### **The City of Baker City is seeking volunteers for the following:**

- ⇒ Public Arts Commission—1 positions available
- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission—2 positions available
- ⇒ Tree Board—2 positions available

Positions are for a 3-year term. 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>



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 12th through May 18th the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	16

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES** 33

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

### INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 56 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- 11 hrs of Fire Training
- 7.5 hrs of EMS Training
- 6 Burn Permits Issued



## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

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

Request for Cover	5
Arrived for Cover	6

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	1
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>2</b>

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fire Department is POSTPONING the free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.

We will resume once social distancing is not required.



**Three Cheers to our Baker High School Class of 2020!**

We will be turning the clock Purple and Gold each weekend through the remaining school year to support you!

## Did you know...

Baker County has a website dedicated to COVID-19 information.

[www.bakercountycovid19.com](http://www.bakercountycovid19.com)



*"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 this past week, BCPD opened 29 new cases making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
  
- ★ Last Friday was National Peace Officer Memorial Day which is held in remembrance of fallen peace officers. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. BCPD would like to take this opportunity to recognize all those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. We are especially grateful to all the men and women who continue to serve and protect our community and beyond. Thank you for your sacrifice.
  
- ★ Chief Duman and Lieutenant Ty Duby attended a meeting with BHS principal Greg Mitchell to finalize details for the upcoming Class of 2020 Graduation Procession through town. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!
  
- ★ 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 eight previous complaints
- Closed one case
- Made two preventative contacts

#### **Parking violations**

- Issued four orange tags
- Issued three verbal warnings
- Responded to thirteen new complaints
- Followed up on three previous complaints

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Twenty-four miscellaneous community contacts
- Five community service stops
- Three abatement follow ups
- THREE FOUND ITEMS

#### **Animal violations and complaints**

- Responded to four animals running at large
- Three Dangerous Dog follow ups
- One dangerous dog deemed vicious
- Impounded two dogs
- One animal welfare check
- Cited one problem pet owner



## Public Works: Shop



Left: We found a diode box had drawn moisture causing loss of control to the boom hydraulics. We cleaned and resealed the diode box.



Right: We adjusted the tracks and lubed the left clutch linkage.



Left: We discovered injector failure on the #5 injector. Parts have been ordered and should be here next week.



Right: The rear fuel tank pump went out. We are replacing the pump and fuel tank selector switch.

## Public Works: Wastewater Department



Long ago, it was acceptable for wastewater lines to be located across private properties. In one backyard in the Hillcrest neighborhood, the manhole is visible, but under a play area structure.

## Public Works: Stormwater Department

A catch basin on Orchard Street refused to drain water from recent rains. Stormwater was pumped from the catch basin to the slough using a gas powered pump. Next, Karl and Jake cleaned the line using the jetter truck. They were only able to get the hose to travel about 100' at which point it came into contact with an immovable object. After several attempts to push through the blockage, it was decided that the location of the object would be dug up and the remaining portion of the pipe be replaced to the slough.





## Public Works: Stormwater Department continued



Left: Stormwater work was performed on 2nd Street in South Baker. Two shallow storm lines were cleaned and sections of a drainage ditch constructed.



Right: Stormwater was flowing into the sediment vault on Auburn Avenue as designed. The vault was installed several years ago to intercept sediment and debris before it can flow out onto the city street. The vault was cleaned Thursday to remove sediment.

## Public Works: Water Department



Left: The Washington Street water project is planned to be completed Friday after the plumber connects the 2" meter to the building.



Right: The hydrant flushing crew is approximately 40% complete with their work. When flushing hydrants, they also clear any catch basins where debris has accumulated. Hydrants are flushed to remove natural sediment from the lines, and also to verify that each hydrant operates correctly. Whenever a hydrant is found to not be operating correctly, it is thoroughly examined and either repaired or replaced.



Far right: Justin and Brian worked to repair the fire hydrant on Orchard Street. It was determined that the hydrant could not be economically repaired. It is currently out of service and is scheduled to be replaced.



Left: At the Water Reservoir, Scott, Blain and Nate worked to install a new water sample line that runs from the Goodrich pipeline to a pump that is located inside an existing vault. Heavy rains made the work difficult. Because of safety concerns, the project was rescheduled to next week.



## Public Works: Mountain Pipeline Project



Left: This photo shows the old concrete pipe under the track hoe tracks.

Right: Riley checking the elevation of the excavation prior to the next piece of 24" PVC pipe being placed.



The crew made good progress on the mountain line, but the recent heavy rains made for difficult work conditions and slowed progress. The 3-man crew switched gears and performed other duties such as reading water meters and performing fire hydrant repairs in town.



Parts for the 3 large water manholes arrived this week. The inside of each manhole base is precisely shaped as to allow water to flow through each manhole with minimum turbulence.



## Public Works: Street Department



Left: This Case backhoe recently got approval by vote of the people to be sold.

Right: Here is Matt sweeping the gutter along Auburn Avenue.



Left: Weed control was accomplished at several locations throughout town this week. Here, Logan is cutting weeds near the intersection of Reservoir Road and Indiana Avenue.

Right: Street work will begin soon for this year's chip seal project. On "A" Street, the asphalt next to the curb has deteriorated greatly since it's construction in 1959. Sections of the asphalt will have to be removed and patched prior to chip seal work which is scheduled to begin August 17th.



A storm came through the area Sunday afternoon and blew down several limbs and some trees within Baker City. On Madison Street, a tree broke off and knocked down an adjacent power pole.

Here is some of the damage from the storm.