

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 12, 2020

Administration:

June is starting to look a lot like normal. The farmers need to start cutting first crop alfalfa and there appears to be no window between rain storms.

The City Council met this week and approved a statement of support for our local police force and the many ways they help keep our citizens safe. They also directed staff to review our policies on use of force and acknowledged that we all need to be vigilant in respecting all view points. As our nation deals with some serious issues regarding race relations and police tactics, it is important to remember that our police force must interact with individuals that can be very combative and difficult to deal with and these situations are very challenging.

Visitors are starting to return to the City. It is important to keep up the social distancing and common sense as we continue to work through the COVID-19 issues.

Have a great weekend.

For COVID-19 Updates: www.bakercountycovid19.com

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Responded to two new complaints
- Followed up on four previous complaints
- Closed two cases
- Made one preventative contact
- Opened two new cases
- Issued three citations

Parking violations

- Issued one orange tag
- Issued one verbal warning
- Responded to five new complaints
- Followed up on three previous complaints
- Responded to two RV/Camping complaints

Miscellaneous

- Twenty-two miscellaneous community contacts
- Five community service stops
- Two abatement follow ups
- Four assists/cites for the Planning Department
- One assist/cite for the Building Department
- FIVE FOUND ITEMS

Animal violations and complaints

- Responded to five animals running at large
- Five Dangerous Dog follow ups
- Two new dangerous dog cases
- One dog bite
- Impounded five dogs
- One animal welfare check
- One problem pet owner follow up

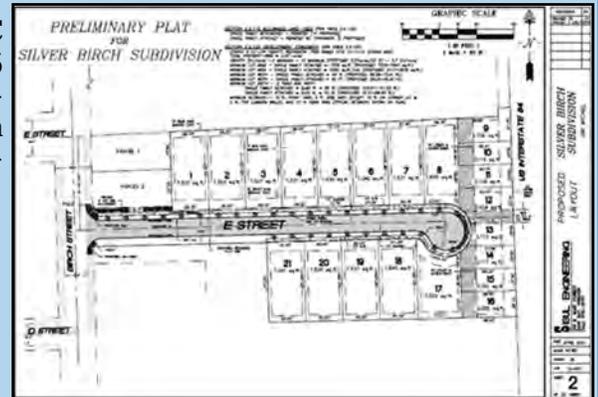


Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the **Baker County Courthouse**, 1995 Third Street, Baker City, Oregon, at **6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2020**. This meeting will take place primarily via teleconference; however, in conformance with social distancing standards related to COVID-19, a limited number of people could be allowed to attend in person at any given time. The Planning Commission will review the following applications:

- **VAR-20-017 & LUR-20-028:** A continuation of a 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.
- **SUB-20-050:** A request by James & Carla Michel to create a 21-lot subdivision. The property is located in the 2900 block of Birch Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. Access to the development is proposed via a new public street stemming from Birch Street.



In response to COVID-19, and in the interest of public health and safety, it is recommended that *you attend via teleconference if able*. To join the teleconference, please dial: **1-877-820-7831** (toll free) and use access code **8204693** when prompted. If you are having difficulties connecting to the meeting, please call Holly Kerns at 541-239-7552. If attending in person, contact the Planning Department prior to the hearing.

APPLICATIONS

- A variance to side yard setback standards and an addition to an existing dwelling were approved at 2125 21st Street, in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A new sign was approved for Sorbenots Coffee at 1270 Campbell Street, in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- Two additions and a porch were approved for an existing dwelling at 1980 16th Street, in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A new sign was approved for New Directions Northwest at 3425 13th Street, in the Industrial (I) Zone.
- An addition to an existing dwelling was approved at 1779 15th Street, in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A floodplain development permit for a new shop was approved at 2260 Mitchell Avenue, in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone.

Finance Department:

A public meeting of the City of Baker City will be held on **June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** at Baker City Hall, 1655 First Street, Baker City, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the Baker City Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Baker City Hall, 1655 First Street, Baker City, Oregon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or online at www.bakercity.com. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.



"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 detainees.
- ★ Patrol Officer Justin Prevo graduated from the Department of Public Safety and Standards (DPSST) Basic Academy this past week. Please join us in welcoming Officer Prevo back to the Department and the City of Baker City!
- ★ BCPD personnel assisted with traffic control and led the procession in celebration of the BHS Class of 2020 during the first ever, drive-thru graduation ceremony. Congratulations to the Class of 2020! Our caps off to each one of the graduating Seniors of the BHS Class of 2020! Well done and best of luck in all your future endeavors. Go Bulldogs!
- ★ The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles has announced that the grace period has been extended for expired licenses thru October 1st. The grace period is intended to allow Oregon residents to continue driving while they are waiting for an appointment and DMV works through the backlog due to COVID-19 restrictions. Law enforcement can verify the status of a driver or vehicle electronically during a traffic stop.
- ★ Thirty-eight DMV offices started conducting in-person services on June 3. Services currently offered by appointment include:
 - Driver license, permit and ID card issuance
 - Driver knowledge tests
 - Disabled parking permits
 - Farm endorsements
 - VIN inspections

At this time, drive tests are available only through DMV-authorized class C or CDL skills testing businesses. With a few limited exceptions, all other DMV services such as vehicle titles and registration are available online or by mail.

How to request an appointment

DMV is accepting appointment requests online through the agency's website and not by phone. To see if your service is available by appointment and request an appointment, go to www.OregonDMV.com. Check DMV2U.Oregon.gov to see what DMV services can be done online.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics. Sergeant Chastain's patrol team completed annual Use of Force training.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **June 2nd** through **June 8th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	20
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
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
- **55.5 hrs** of Fire Training
- **17 hrs** of EMS Training
- **3 hrs** of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **5** Burn Permits Issued



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Request for Cover	7
Arrived for Cover	4

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5

Did you know...

Weed Complaints or yard maintenance concerns should be reported to the Fire Department at 541-523-3711 x 508 or emailed to sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com

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.



Public Works: Street Department



Public Works patched several trenches this week using hot asphalt. Here they are working to patch water line trenches on Court Avenue.



The new combination crackfill and mastic patching machine is working very well. Crews worked to fill cracks on several blocks of streets which will be chipsealed starting August 17h.



Public Works: Water Department



A fire hydrant was replaced on Orchard Street. It broke during hydrant flushing work.



The valve in the street was turned to the off position, the location was hydro-excavated and rusted connecting bolts were removed along with the support blocking.

Once finished, the new hydrant was installed and tested.

Right: Tommy read water meters in zones 6 and 7.



Scott and Blain travelled to Goodrich Reservoir to check on conditions. The Reservoir is within approximately 2 feet of being full.

As the water rises behind the dam, some seeps have begun to show up on the downstream slope of the dam. The flow of seepage will be closely monitored.





Public Works: Mountain Pipeline Project



The first precast manhole was successfully set into place on Monday. The manhole has three rubber boots, two 24" and one 8" for pipe connections.



Rock teeth wear down quickly when digging gets hard.

Left: Worn Teeth



Right: New Teeth



Left: Nate shooting grade using a laser level and receiver.

Right: Justin exiting the rental track hoe to discuss project challenges with Tom and Project Engineer Brandon.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



A house on north 3rd Street has been having wastewater problems recently. A plumber hired Public Works to assist in solving the problem.

Karl and Jake used the push-cam to help locate the blockage location outside of the house so it could be dug up and repaired.



Public Works: Wastewater Department continued

Until earlier this week, adjacent property owners on East Street shared a common wastewater lateral. Through mutual cooperation, they decided to have two new laterals installed to replace the one failing line. The two new laterals were provided within a common trench.



Left: The asphalt surface was demolished using the “zipper” and Volvo loader.



Right top: The backhoe and Vactor truck were used to excavate the trench.

Right below: Looking through the inside of the Orangeburg pipe, you can see where it had begun to delaminate.



Left: Nate core drilling the new lateral attachment.



Left: The parallel wastewater laterals were successfully installed.

Right: The new pipe was installed and the trench was backfilled in one days work. The surface was patched with hot asphalt the next morning.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	5	22	3	20
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	2
Electrical	10	21	12	9
Mechanical	6	9	8	6
Plumbing	2	10	4	7
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	25	62	28	44

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 43132 Sunnyslope Road, Baker City—New manufactured home
- 2626 7th Street, Baker City—Solar addition
- 2145 15th Street, Baker City—New residence
- 775 W Fairway Drive, Baker City—New residence
- 31935 Rice Road, Unity—Detached accessory structure
- 14955 Profit Loop, Baker City—Addition
- 44578 Sunshine Ridge Road, Baker City—Solar addition

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1916 Main Street, Baker City—Commercial siding
- 2200 Resort Street, Baker City—dock addition

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

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



Public Works: Shop



This chip spreader is in for some much needed repairs. We started by pulling off the distributor head and replacing the pins and building up the mounts. We will also be working on the hydraulics.



Hunter is working on the Layton by pulling a hydraulic cylinder we will be rebuilding.

Scott is cutting out the plywood and mounts so we can haul more of the product we use.



The water tank ruptured on this rig. The tank could not be repaired so a new one has been ordered. It is a made-to-order piece that will take two or three weeks to get here.

Have you ever considered being on City Council?

The Baker City Council will have six positions on the November ballot.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the City Recorder, Katie LaFavor at klafavor@bakercity.com, or at 541-524-2033. **Applications are being accepted now through August 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm.**

You can find the application and other related information on our website: <http://bakercity.com/2248/City-Council-Elections>