

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 7, 2020

Administration:

The City Council will meet on Tuesday and will be looking at a process to award Coronavirus Relief Funds that the City has received. As soon as the process is put into place, the City will advertise to our non-profits and other community partners when and how they can apply for resources.

I would like to thank all water users for helping to cut back on consumption, as our daily needs have dropped substantially. Our water supply is adequate, but the extremely hot weather can be a challenge.

The County is still seeing a steady stream of positive COVID-19 cases. Chances are that you know someone who has tested positive or had close contact and is being asked to quarantine for 14 days. It is extremely important for all citizens to be hyper sensitive to the threat and practice social distancing and wear your face masks in our local businesses.

The weather appears to be moderating somewhat, so get outside and enjoy your weekend.



Funding is available
through the
**Sidewalk
Replacement
Grant!**

There is currently approximately
\$14,000
in grant funding available
to assist you with the cost of improving the
public sidewalk adjacent to your property.
More information can be found at
www.bakercity.com or you can pick up a
grant application at the front
entrance of City Hall.

City Council Agenda

August 11th

- AFG Grant
- Resolution Modifying Parking by Baker Early Learning Center
- Grader Purchase
- Coronavirus Relief Funds
- Filing Fee Ordinance

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

For COVID-19 Updates: [Www.bakercountycovid19.com](http://www.bakercountycovid19.com)



Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The regularly scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting for August 19, 2020, has been cancelled.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will hold their first public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 to discuss recommended revisions to the following items:

- the Baker City Comprehensive Plan - Goal 9 Economic Element, based on an Economic Opportunity Analysis Report completed for Baker City;
- the Baker City Development Code; and
- the Baker City zoning map for select properties in the City

The proposed revisions could affect all properties in Baker City. Copies of the staff report and all materials are available for inspection at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street. All materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost. Digital versions can be e-mailed for free or are available online at <http://bakercity.com/2157/Planning-Department>. Please contact the Baker City Planning Department at 541-523-8219 with any questions.

APPLICATIONS

- A final plat, dividing one parcel into three parcels, was approved at 2740 Clark Street in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- An accessory structure was approved at 1381 Walnut Street, located within the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A lot of record determination was approved for 1228 Place Street, located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

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>



"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 another particularly busy week, BCPD opened 45 new cases and responded to 228 calls, making several arrests. The following press release was issued following an operation conducted by the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team and BCPD officers:

The Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team and uniformed officers from Baker City Police Department executed a search warrant at the Eldorado Inn, Room 236. Staying in the room was David Michael McMurdo, age 37. McMurdo was contacted by Detectives and taken into custody for Robbery II. During the contact Methamphetamine was located on his person. He was cited for Possession of Methamphetamine. He was transported to that Baker County Jail and lodged on the Robbery charge. During the execution of the search warrant on McMurdo's room, Detectives located Jace Prowell, age 29, in the room. Prowell was also taken into custody and lodged in the Baker County Jail for Robbery II. He was also cited for Possession of Methamphetamine.

The Robbery charges for both individuals, stemmed from an incident that occurred on July 7th, 2020 at about 4:00am. Jeremy Clawson was walking by the residence at 2339 East Street, more commonly known as the "Coe" residence, when he was jumped by two masked individuals, drug into the back yard of the residence and robbed of two cell phones, about \$500.00 in cash, a wallet containing ID of the victim, an Umpqua bank card, an orange Casio watch and a Smith and Wesson pocket knife. The victim sustained minor injuries.

There is a reward of up to \$200.00 for information about the robbery or return of items.

If anyone has additional information about the robbery, they are urged to contacted that Baker City Police Department and ask for Detective Regan or Lieutenant Duby

The Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team is comprised of members from the Baker City Police Department and the Baker County Sheriff's Office. The team is supported by the Baker County District Attorney's Office and the Oregon State Police.

★ BCPD received a call, this past Friday, from a daughter, living in Garland, Texas, who was very worried about her father who lives here in Baker City and was without air conditioning on one of the warmest days we've had this summer, with temperatures topping out at 105°. Chief Duman and CSO Amanda Baker answered the call. CSO Baker located a window air conditioner at Miller's Lumber and both her and Chief Duman installed the unit at the father's residence. Special thanks to Miller's Lumber for contributing to the cost of the unit.

★ Face coverings, shields and/or masks are required in the front entrance of the Baker City Police Department, which is open to the public. This policy is in response to Governor Kate Brown's order requiring face coverings be worn in public indoor spaces by anyone 5 years of age and older.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 28th through August 3rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **33** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	18	Request for Cover	11	General Alarms	2
Rural Calls	10	Arrived for Cover	5	Dispatched Alarms	3
Patient Transported	18			TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5
No Patient Trip	10				

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

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



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **28 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **8 hrs** of Fire Training
- **4 hrs** of EMS Training
- **1 hr** of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **0** Burn Permits Issued—**BURN BAN IN EFFECT**

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: Shop



We are building a new rear hook so we can hook up to the chip spreader for chip seal.



This battery was dead. We jump started it and will test it Friday.



This rig is ready to go for chip seal.



Hunter cleaned out the radiator in this rig.



We are adjusting clutches, clutch brake and checking over the dump trucks for chip seal.



Public Works: Mountain Line



Crews made excellent progress on the mountain line project this week.

Left two: Blain backfilling and compacting over the pipe

Middle: Justin digging out the area where a 45 degree fitting will be installed.

Second from right: The crew of Justin, Nate and Logan carefully placing each stick of pipe.

Far right: Steve and Cayn precisely setting out control points for the new pipeline alignment and grade.



Public Works: Stormwater Department



A recently installed fiber optics line damaged a city stormwater line.

The fiber optics company had a crew perform the needed repair work this week.

The crew was able to pull enough slack in the line so the fiber optics line now goes over the repaired stormwater line.



Public Works: Water Department



Scott travelled to Goodrich Reservoir Tuesday to check the water elevation and conditions at the Goodrich Diversion.

The water level was 11 feet below full pool.

A new water service was installed in the North Baker School property for a modular building which will be installed in the future.



Public Works: Street Department



The new concrete sidewalk on Madison Street near the Geiser-Pollman Park was completed this week.

Far Right: Kris put the finishing touches on the smooth surface.



Public Works: Street Department continued



Matt worked this week to sweep several streets in town—especially those streets scheduled to be chip sealed the week of the 17th.

A concrete cylinder from the “C” Street alley pour was tested for strength on Wednesday. The strength of the concrete was nearly 3,900 psi.

The alley approach will be opened for vehicular traffic this week.



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