

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 4, 2020

## Administration:

The Coronavirus Relief Fund Committee will meet again on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in the City Council Chambers. They will review the process that they set up to help individuals, businesses and other entities that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. They will also hear from entities that did not apply in the first round of funding. If organizations want to make a presentation, please contact Fred Warner Jr. at [fwarner@bakercity.com](mailto:fwarner@bakercity.com) or call 541 523 2040 with any questions and to receive information on the criteria for the resources.

The Labor Day weekend is here. Get out and enjoy yourselves and continue to practice social distancing and follow the guidelines from the CDC. Baker County was just taken off the watch list and we want to continue to see our COVID numbers drop so that we can get our kids back in school.

Have a great Labor Day weekend.

## Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	8	5	12
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	3	5	5
Mechanical	1	9	7	8
Plumbing	2	6	0	2
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>

### **RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 1380 D Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure, new
- 42300 Washington Gulch Rd, Baker City—New residence
- 409 Magnolia St, Sumpter—Detached accessory structure, new
- 405 E Jefferson St, Huntington—Detached accessory structure, new
- 625 Broadway St, Baker City—Home and garage addition
- 1381 Walnut St, Baker City—Detached accessory structure, new
- 0 Allen St, Cornucopia—New residence
- 43901 Running Iron Rd, Baker City—Detached accessory structure, addition

### **COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 41320 Hwy 30, Baker City—New storage units

### **HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is **September 16, at 8am** in the Building Department offices



## **Finance Department:**

### **Utilities**

- ◆ Twenty-one customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty-two customers disconnected service from August 21<sup>st</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 which includes 739 residential and 65 commercial accounts was billed August 24<sup>th</sup>. Of those accounts 213 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 66 (8%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 8 which includes 480 residential and 19 commercial accounts was billed August 31<sup>st</sup>. Of those accounts 127 (25%) are signed up for direct payment and 20 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 1 which includes 94 residential and 255 commercial accounts was billed today. Of those accounts 69 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 21 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ In the past two weeks, thirty-six residential customers (Zones 4, 7 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Four were actually turned off and four are scheduled to be turned off today. Of the four turned off, all four have paid their past due balance and their service has been reinstated.

### **Payroll**

Seventy-six employees were paid August 28<sup>th</sup> including a part-time plumbing inspector, a part-time building inspector/plan reviewer, 2 Public Works temporary summer workers, and 3 paid part-time “volunteer” firefighters. Of those 76 employees, 71 or 93% are signed up for direct deposit.

### **Accounts Payable**

The second of two accounts payable runs for August was generated August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Planning Department:**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

The regularly scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting for September 16, 2020, was cancelled.

### **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Council will hold the third reading of Ordinance #3380 on Tuesday, September 8, 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 first and second readings of Ordinance #3380 were approved during a public hearing on August 25, 2020. 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 new single family home was approved in the 700 block of H Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. An address has yet to be assigned to this development.



*"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**

- ★ Last week, BCPD opened 47 new cases and responded to 201 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ★ BCPD staff responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a seven-year-old on a bicycle. The child suffered only minor injuries when she was knocked off her bicycle by a motorist traveling east on D Street. No citations were issued as a result of the crash. The child was wearing a bicycle helmet at the time of the accident, which was replaced by the responding officer from the supply at the Baker City Police Department.

The Baker City Rotary Club donates the funding for the free bicycle helmet program, making helmets available to children within our community. This partnership also supports various bicycle /pedestrian safety community outreach events, emphasizing the importance of wearing your helmet! Thank you, Baker City Rotary, for your ongoing support!



- ★ 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.

Representatives from ODOT, the City of Baker City and the Public Arts Commission met this morning to celebrate the newest addition to public art in Baker City. After four years of collaboration, the City is home to the first vinyl wrap on an ODOT highway traffic signal box! This particular image is from the Baker County Library's historic photos collection, named "Baker City Boys Band" taken around 1895.

The Public Arts Commission has plans for a second installation later this month and hope to continue adding these "bright spots" throughout the entire community. A huge thank you goes out to members of the Public Arts Commission and ODOT for all of their persistence in seeing this project through.

Remember, today is First Friday so be sure to add this as one of your spots to check out!



Pictured left to right: Fred Warner, Dave Dethloff, Corrine Vetger, Ann Me-haffy, Brian Vetger and Kate Reid. Installation of vinyl wrap provided by Oregon Sign Company.

### **City Council Agenda** **September 8th**

- Ambulance Discussion
- New Hope: Feral Cats
- Tree Board Appointment
- Broadway Update
- CRF Update
- Ordinance #3380: Development Code, Comprehensive plan and zoning map

### **For COVID-19 Updates:**

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



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of August 25th through August 31st the Fire Department responded to a total of **44** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	23	Request for Cover	6	General Alarms	1
Rural Calls	8	Arrived for Cover	3	Dispatched Alarms	12
Patient Transported	22			<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>13</b>
No Patient Trip	9				

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 35 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- 25.5 hrs of Fire Training
- 14 hrs of EMS Training
- 0 Burn Permits Issued—**BURN BAN IN EFFECT**

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



BCFD responded to a porch fire this week. Thankfully neighbors noticed the smoke before the fire spread to the house.



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.

**Weed Complaint and Abatement**

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](mailto:sclinkenbeard@bakercity.com)



### **Public Works: Mountain Line**



Over 500' of 24" PVC pipe and 4" Ductile iron fittings were installed Thursday by the Mountain Line crew.

The crew has been working nearly non-stop on the project trying to complete this year's section before needing to reconnect to the old root infested concrete line. Water demand in town has required that the municipal well be used to supplement water conveyed from the Elkhorn mountains.

### **Public Works: Stormwater Department**

A new stormwater manhole is under construction near the freeway right of way for the Silver Birch Estates subdivision.

The existing 42" ID concrete line was excavated and prepared for placement of concrete and a 12" stormwater line stub. The new stormwater line is designed to be installed at approximately a 0.9% grade.



### **Public Works: Water Department**



A local contractor contacted Public Works on Thursday to request a new lid be installed where a concrete delivery truck had driven over and broken a water meter lid.

The water line and meter lying underneath the lid were not damaged.



### **Public Works: Wastewater Department**



One particular wastewater line in town has been requiring quite a bit of time to keep it flowing properly. This 6" diameter concrete line is only 130' long and only has three houses connected to it. Yet, it needs to be cleaned once every six days to keep it from plugging.

Thursday, we cleaned the line twice to assure that the main line was not plugged.



## Public Works: Wastewater Department continued



Baker City Public Works assisted the City of North Powder last Friday and Saturday to locate a manhole which had been buried for many years, so that the line could be cleaned and to remove wastewater blockages.

Karl and Riley used the push-cam and activated the sonde unit to precisely locate the alignment of the wastewater line. A backhoe was used to remove overburden from the area so the manhole could be uncovered. The manhole was found Friday allowing access for cleaning the line on Saturday.



A new manhole and 6" wastewater service line was installed for a new development on Clark Street. The existing 8" wastewater line was carefully located and a new 8" x 8" x 6" "T" was installed in the line.



The location was marked and excavated.

An exterior box form was constructed and placed. Once in position, concrete was poured under and around the new manhole base.



After the concrete had cured, the tops of the PVC pipes were cut out to allow for cleaning and inspection work.

A 2' tall cone was set and a steel plate placed over the top as a temporary cover until this portion of Clark Street is paved.

By mid-day Thursday, the site was backfilled, compacted and re-opened for traffic.





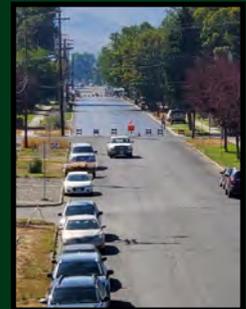
# Public Works: Street Department



6 new LED stop signs were installed this week. Three intersections received 2 of these lights:

- Resort and Washington
- 2nd and Auburn
- 17th and Campbell

Baker County Road Department personnel worked with BCPW to fog seal several Baker City Streets on Thursday.



Fog Seal oil was applied at a shot rate of .12 gallons per square yard. Centerlines, turn lanes and crosswalks were covered with plastic and duct tape to protect them from the black oil. Fog spray is an emulsion that sprays out brown and turns black as the water evaporates from the solution.

Thank you to "Noodle" Perkins and the Baker County Road Department for the excellent work!

# Public Works: Shop



Left: We took possession of our new 140M2 Road Grader with just 3600 hours. It is a very nice machine! We are installing a company radio, lights and new cutting edges.



Right: The rental 235 Volvo excavator windshield was cracked so we replaced it.



Left: We brought this rig back from the storm pond to repair some hydraulic leaks. It is back in service.



Right: We serviced this ambulance and performed a safety check.



## **Public Works: Watershed Hunting Access Permits**

### **Baker City Watershed Hunting Access Permits**



Permits are available at the Baker City Public Works Department at City Hall front entrance

- Hours to request a permit are: **Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM—12:30 PM and 4:00 PM—5:00 PM.** A mask is required.
- Outside of the above hours permits can be requested through email at [bakercitywatershedhunting@gmail.com](mailto:bakercitywatershedhunting@gmail.com). The required items listed below will need to be sent in along with the request. This process may take 1-2 business days to complete.

The following information will be required when applying for a permit (either in person or via email):

1. Hunter's name, address and phone number
2. Hunting ID #
3. Hunting tags (will need to see electronic tags)
4. Vehicle make/model and plate number you will be driving to the watershed
5. If you will have a non-hunting companion – that individual's name, address and driver's license #

Permits will not be issued until Forest Service fire classification is no longer at high or extreme. If you have questions please call (541) 524-2047. Permits will be issued no sooner than 3 business days prior to your hunt.