

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 2, 2020

Administration:

The City has finished their work on the pipeline in the Baker City Watershed. The crews did an amazing job as you have probably seen in previous weekly updates. Kudos to the crew.

The City Council has narrowed the search for a new City Manager and will Zoom interview six candidates next week. As the Council narrows the search, they will be scheduling meet and greets for the public to meet the top candidates. They are still on track to hire my replacement by the end of December.

The Coronavirus Relief Committee met this week and reviewed several applications for help to local businesses. They also reviewed the criteria that is being used by the Economic Recovery Committee to prioritize the needs of our important small business owners. More funds will be released in the coming weeks to help weather the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

October is starting out extremely warm for this time of year. Get out and enjoy this unseasonably warm weather and keep up the social distancing and mask wearing.

Finance Department:

Utilities

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eighteen customers disconnected service from September 25th thru October 1st. Disconnections will typically outnumber connections during this time of year as residents and business turn off irrigation meters for the winter. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 which includes 479 residential and 19 commercial accounts was billed September 29th. Of those accounts 128 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 20 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 5 which includes 466 residential and 17 commercial accounts was billed today. Of those accounts 128 (27%) are signed up for direct payment and 40 (8%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Over the past week twenty residential customers (Zones 4 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Three were actually turned off until their past due balance has been paid. Of those three, two have paid and their service is reinstated and one has not yet contacted the City.



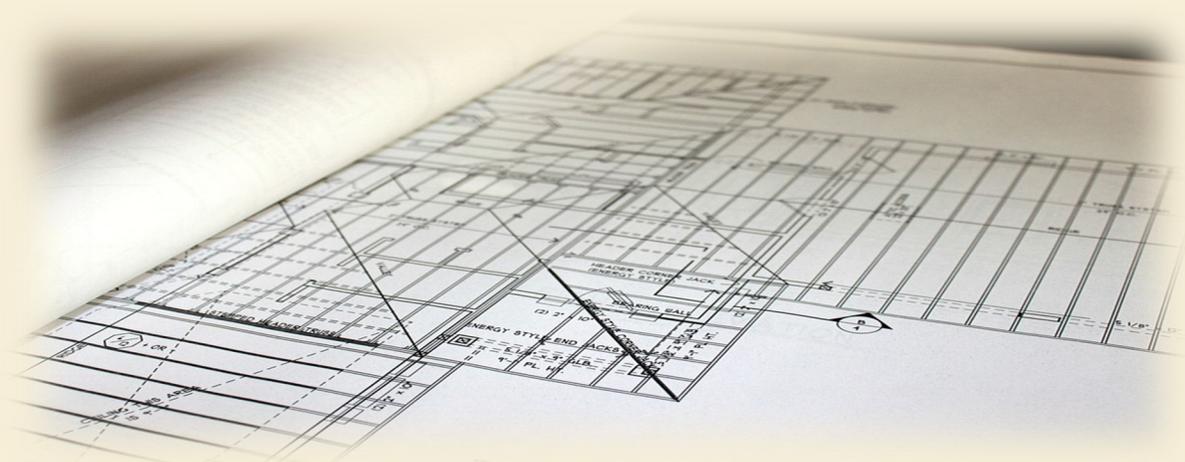
Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The next regularly scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting is October 21, 2020.

APPLICATIONS

- ◆ A single-family dwelling and shop were approved in the 2900 block of Birch Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. An address has yet to be assigned.
- ◆ A garage addition was approved for an existing single-family dwelling at 1625 Hughes Lane in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. A floodplain development permit for the addition is still pending.
- ◆ A single-family dwelling was approved at 1615 6th Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ An accessory structure was approved at 1785 4th Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- ◆ A single-family dwelling addition was approved at 915 9th Street in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.



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

- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission—2 positions available
- ⇒ Tree Board—2 positions available
- ⇒ Parks and Recreation Board (2-yr term) - 1 position

Positions are for a 3-year term unless noted. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit www.bakercity.com to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email 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 September 22nd through September 28th the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	28	Request for Cover	11	General Alarms	3
Rural Calls	6	Arrived for Cover	7	Dispatched Alarms	3
Patient Transported	23			TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	6
No Patient Trip	11				

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 0 Burn Permits Issued—**BURN BAN IN EFFECT**
- 35 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- 8 hrs of Fire Training
- 4 hrs of EMS Training
- 0 hrs of Community Events
- 4 hrs Fire Prev. Inspections

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	7
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	2

Fire Prevention Week
October 4th- 10th



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



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.



"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 42 new cases and responded to 204 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ★ Officer Tim Finnegan attended, by remote learning, PCOD (Professional Career Officer Development) training hosted by DPSST (Department of Public Safety and Standards Training). This training is required for Officer Finnegan, who previously worked for the New York State Patrol Division, in order to complete his certification in Oregon.
- ★ 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.
- ★ BCPD has posted a list of unclaimed property on the Department's Facebook page: [Unclaimed Property](#). If you think you may be the owner of any of the listed items, please contact Evidence Technician, Lynn Magnuson at 541-524-2014 ex. 606.

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.



Public Works: Street Department



Several broken curb tops were repaired this week.

Steel reinforcement and high strength concrete was used to perform the work.



On Thursday two crews worked the entire day using over 12 tons of hot asphalt to patch dozens of locations throughout town and on the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway.



On Wednesday, a block of Madison Street was closed so several tall hazardous trees could be safely removed.



Public Works: Water Department

On "H" Street a leaky water service line was replaced Wednesday.

The entire old galvanized service line was replaced with new 3/4" copper line.

Pictured right, Blain has left the mini trackhoe to hand dig around a buried phone line to uncover it before continuing to excavate.

A good operator takes extra precautions to keep from damaging buried utilities.



Public Works: Sidewalk Grants



The cooler seasonal temperatures are fast approaching! **Beginning October 15th** no further sidewalk, curb and/or driveway construction is permitted to take place within the public right-of-way.

Any construction requests received between October 15th through March of 2021 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Public Works Department.

Public Works: Wastewater Department



At the Lagoon, the Number 2 pump has not been pumping efficiently recently.

On Wednesday the access port was opened and a large quantity of rags, wipes, etc. was removed and disposed.

A plumber requested that Public Works clean a private lateral line serving a commercial business on Campbell Street.

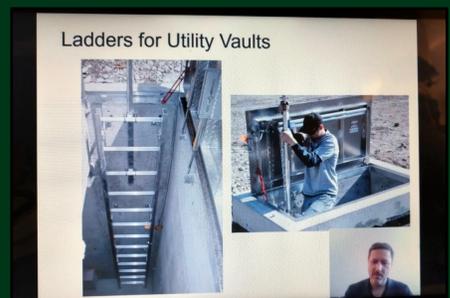


The line was cleaned and then video-inspected to check condition. Pictured right, you can see that there is still at least a partial blockage in the line. The plumber was notified of the condition and billed for the work.

Wastewater re-certification training was completed for one Public Works employee last week.

Because of the Covid Pandemic the training was taken totally "on-line".

One of the segments covered fall protection and confined space ingress and egress.



Public Works: Mountain Line Project

Lucky Horseshoe? It didn't seem as if this horseshoe was particularly lucky for the horse or the driver of the city dump truck. The horseshoe ends pierced through the tread and the sidewall of the truck tire.



The near vertical road bank has been reshaped to a more uniform flatter slope.

Additional road base material was placed near the Elk Creek Settling Tank to create a suitable driving surface.



Last week the Marble Springs water, Mill Creek, and Little Mill Creek water was diverted from the intertie line towards the Elk Creek settling tank. It didn't take very long before water began surfacing in the pipeline road.

This section of old pipe has had a history of tree and grass root infiltrations. The water was promptly re-diverted back to the intertie line and brought to town.

Next week a crew will video inspect the line to determine what caused the blockage - whether it is a hole in the pipe, root blockages or a collapsed line.



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. 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.