

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update October 9, 2020*

## **Administration:**

The City Council met in executive session this week to ZOOM interview five candidates for the City Manager position. They will be meeting next Tuesday to pick the finalists, who will be invited to Baker City for the final selection process. The Council will be scheduling a number of meet and greets for the candidates so that the public can give input on the selection. We will update the public as these events are scheduled.

Yesterday, the State of Oregon had the largest daily number of COVID-19 cases ever reported. This is a good reminder to all of us to keep up the vigilance and help protect those most vulnerable in our community.

It appears that our summer like weather is about to change. Get out and enjoy the fall weather.

### **City Council Agenda**

#### **October 13th**

- Golf Course Contract
- Property Maintenance Discussion
- Liquor License: Veteran's Memorial Club
- CRF Update
- Selection Committee Update

## **Planning Department:**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

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

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- ◆ The amended and updated City of Baker Development Code becomes effective on Friday, October 9, 2020 – amendments to the (GIS) zoning map information are also available.
- ◆ A floodplain development permit for a garage addition was approved for an existing single-family dwelling at 1625 Hughes Lane in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ A land use review and floodplain development permit for a detached shop were approved at 3060 Grandview Drive in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A lot line adjustment was approved at 2433 1<sup>st</sup> Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.

### **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.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	24	11	26
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	3
Electrical	10	15	12	13
Mechanical	9	13	7	8
Plumbing	2	10	3	8
Fence	5	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 46990 Oliver Road, County—Residential addition
- 277 Auburn Street, County—Detached accessory structure
- 44746 Antelope Park Rd, County—Complete roof replacement
- 44580 Dawson Street, County—New residence
- 17634 Deer Park Loop, County—Detached accessory structure
- 252 Granite Street, County—Detached accessory structure
- 350 Lincoln Street, County—Detached accessory structure
- 430 3rd Street, Haines—New residence
- 42576 Old Trail Road, County—Detached accessory structure
- 1710 Auburn Avenue, Baker City—New garage
- 44866 Lansford Lane, Baker City—Qty 2 detached accessory structure

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is **October 21 at 8am** in the Building Department offices

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2005 Washington Street, Baker City—Fire sprinkler system installation
- 1490 Resort Street, Baker City—Commercial reroof building “C”

**REMINDER—There are still openings for commissioners on the HDDRC Board!**

**ATTENTION :**

If you own a structure in the Historic District, watch your mail and check out the HDDRC website next week for an exciting grant opportunity for your building!

**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](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>



# Finance Department:

## Finance Director

This week PERS announced the rates for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. The table below shows the current PERS rates by group; the estimated PERS rates for 7/01/21 – 6/30/23 (previously provided by PERS) and the actual rates set by PERS this week. All three PERS group rates improved over the prior year PERS estimate due in part to the new member redirect offset. This new member redirect takes a portion of the employees' IAP contributions (paid by the City) and redirects them from the employees' IAP accounts to a new PERS stabilization account. Although all the rates are substantially lower than the estimate two of the three group rates will still have significant increases beginning July 1, 2021.

Description	7/01/19 - 6/30/21	Estimated 7/01/21 - 6/30/23	Percentage Change	Actual 7/01/21 - 6/30/23	Percentage Change
Tier I/Tier II	27.21%	29.05%	6.76%	26.80%	-1.51%
OPSRP - General Service	18.11%	22.26%	22.92%	20.33%	12.26%
OPSRP - Police and Fire	22.74%	26.63%	17.11%	24.69%	8.58%

  

Description	Employee Contribution Paid by Baker City	IAP Member Redirect Offset	Net Contribution to Employees' IAP Accounts
IAP Tier I/Tier II Employee Contribution	6.00%	-2.45%	3.55%
IAP OPSRP - General Service Employee Contribution	6.00%	-0.70%	5.30%
IAP OPSRP - Police & Fire Employee Contribution	6.00%	-0.70%	5.30%

## Utilities

- Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twelve customers disconnected service from October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru October 8<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 1 which includes 94 residential and 256 commercial accounts was billed October 6<sup>th</sup>. Of those accounts 69 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 21 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 6 which includes 488 residential and 64 commercial accounts was billed today. Of those accounts 123 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 46 (8%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Over the past week seventeen residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Four were actually turned off until their past due balance has been paid. Of those four, three have paid and their service has been reinstated and one was determined to be vacant.





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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of September 29th through October 5th the Fire Department responded to a total of **45** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	32	Request for Cover	16	General Alarms	0
Rural Calls	9	Arrived for Cover	7	Dispatched Alarms	4
Patient Transported	29			<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>4</b>
No Patient Trip	12				

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

TOTAL MEDIC	
Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	8
Triples (3 calls at once)	3
Quads (4 calls at once)	0
Public Assist	5

- **0** Burn Permits Issued—**BURN BAN IN EFFECT**
- **36 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **12 hrs** of Fire Training
- **7 hrs** of EMS Training
- **3 hrs** Fire Prevention Inspections

**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](mailto: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 50 new cases and responded to 204 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- ✪ Officer Tim Finnegan completed the DPSST (Department of Public Safety and Standards Training) PCOD (Professional Career Officer Development) training by successfully passing the written exam given at the Police Academy located in Salem. Officer Finnegan is now eligible to apply for basic certification as a Peace Officer in the State of Oregon. Congratulations Officer Finnegan!
- ✪ BCPD has scheduled the annual Unclaimed Property yard sale for next Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am -12:00pm. The sale will take place at the Baker City Police Department, 1768 Auburn Avenue, in the back-parking lot. No early sales!
- ✪ BCPD Office Manager and Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel submitted final grant reporting paperwork to ODOT for the Child Passenger Safety Grant. The grant, which assists with the purchase of car seats for low-income families, was active from February 13, 2020 thru September 30, 2020. During this time period, twenty-four families were assisted with how to properly fit their child to an age-appropriate car seat and correctly installing the car seat in their vehicle. More information about the car seat program is available by calling the Baker City Police Department at 541-524-2014.
- ✪ 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.





## Public Works: Street Department



Left: Street sweeping continues to be an important aspect for Public Works. Here, a portion of “D” Street is being cleaned.



Right two: Repair work began on an ADA ramp this week. The curb portion of the repair was completed Wednesday.



Public Works assisted a downtown property owner and a contractor by closing off a section of Washington Avenue so heating and cooling units could be “helicoptered” from the street surface and onto the roof of the building.



## Public Works: Wastewater Department



A Public Works crew performed repair work on a wastewater lateral connection on Place Street recently. The line had been plugging every 5 to 7 days. A portion of the old concrete lateral and 6” main line was replaced with new PVC pipe.

Right: Installing the new section of pipe.



Left: The old connection.

Right: The completed repair. The line will be video-inspected later this month to determine if the problem is completely resolved.





## 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: Water Department



Eight cubic yards of concrete were delivered to the Elk Creek settling tank site on Thursday.

A 10' wide x 24' long x 6" thick concrete pad was poured around 5 large water flow control valves. 25 fence post holes were also filled with concrete.

For security purposes, a chain-link fence will be constructed around the flow control structure before winter.





# Public Works: Water Department continued



Last week, it was determined that there was a blockage in the old 15" concrete water line somewhere between Marble Creek and Salmon Creek.



This week, a Public Works crew located specific locations of blockage and were able to remove several tree roots from the inside of the pipe.

Some of the roots were so large they almost completely blocked water flow.



Roots are 100% organic, so there are no health concerns about the water line infiltration.



Left: A 6" water line had to be re-routed on Clark Street to accommodate the grade of a newly installed 6" wastewater line.

Right: An unmarked electrical conduit was nearly destroyed during excavation work on Washington Street. This conduit carries the wires from a traffic control box in the alley to the stop lights along Main Street. ODOT was immediately notified and repairs were made.



A new water service was installed for a business on Washington Street this week.

Unfortunately this street was both chip sealed and fog sealed earlier this year.



The crew was able to bore under the street surface so damage to the surface was minimal.





## Public Works: Shop



Left: This truck had a bent bumper that we straightened. We also replaced one of the sprayer valves and winterized the vehicle.

Right: We welded a chain D-ring on this truck so that we will be able to tow trailers.



Left: We replaced the headlight plug and headlight. This rig is back in service.

Right: We replaced the starter and this tractor is back to work at the golf course.



Left: This truck has an air leak in the pumper. We replaced the tractor protection valve and installed an air line hook up for quicker response.



## **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.