

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 16, 2020

Administration:

The City Council met this week for a full agenda. The Council approved bringing three City Manager applicants to the City for meet and greets with the Council, staff, business leaders and the public. We are in the process of getting timelines and meeting schedules finalized. More information to come.

The Council also approved a five year lease for Quail Ridge Golf Management to operate the City owned golf course. We look forward to working with them as they look to revitalize the entire operation.

The Council also approved passing an additional \$40,000 to the Coronavirus Relief Committee to help individuals and businesses affected financially by the current pandemic.

It looks like a typical Indian Summer weekend. Get out and enjoy the wonderful fall weather.



Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The next regularly scheduled Baker City Planning Commission meeting on October 21, 2020 has been cancelled.

APPLICATIONS

- ◆ A detached patio cover was approved at 1345 13th Street in the General Industrial (I) 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	5	6	1	21
Manufactured Dwelling	1	0	0	1
Electrical	2	1	8	13
Mechanical	4	9	3	5
Plumbing	2	4	0	2
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	20	12	42

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1933 1st Street, Baker City—Interior renovation/conversion

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is **October 28 at 8am** in the Building Department offices

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1933 1st Street, Baker City—Demolition
- 3708 Grace Street, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 720 H Street, Baker City—New garage
- 720 H Street, Baker City—New manufactured home
- 2775 Hughes Lane, Baker City—Interior structural modification
- 13544 Willow Creek Lane, Haines—Foundation only for detached accessory structure

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 for an exciting grant opportunity for your building! (See Pg 8)

Looking for Volunteers!!

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>



Finance Department:

Utilities

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty-one customers disconnected service from October 9th thru October 15th. 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 2 was billed October 13th and included 472 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 100 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 21 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today and includes 563 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 167 (28%) are signed up for direct payment and 29 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent October 14th. The billings were as follows:

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| • Cemetery - \$3,246 | • Golf Course Equipment Lease Payment – \$5,417 |
| • Wastewater Maintenance - \$6,078 | • Golf Cart Lease Payment - \$1,250 |
| • Water Construction and Meters - \$1,857 | • Industrial Park Farmland Lease - \$2,700 |
| • Street Cuts and Miscellaneous - \$925 | • Baker County Economic Development Support - \$11,419 |
| • Lien Searches - \$4,969 | • Baker School District Cost Reimbursement for SRO - \$19,240 |
| • Ambulance - \$436,369 | • Miscellaneous - \$3,643 |
| • Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease - \$5,108 | |
| • Property and Weed Abatement - \$675 | |

Total Billed \$ 502,896

Accounts Payable—The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated October 12th.

Payroll—Draws were paid October 15th.

LID Billings

LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty-year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 2.3%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime with interest charged through the payoff date.

- Four 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed October 14th. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$15,178.
- Two 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDS were billed October 15th. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$1,101.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 6th** through **October 12th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	23	Request for Cover	5	General Alarms	0
Rural Calls	4	Arrived for Cover	1	Dispatched Alarms	3
Patient Transported	16			TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3
No Patient Trip	11				

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES		INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Airport Transfers	0	• 0 Burn Permits Issued	
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	2	• 36 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance	
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	1	• 3 hrs of Fire Training	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	• 44 hrs of EMS Training	
Doubles (2 calls at once)	3	• 1 hr Community Events	
Triples (3 calls at once)	0	• 1 hr Fire Prevention Inspections	
Quads (4 calls at once)	0		
Public Assist	0		

The Burn Ban has been Lifted!
Remember, you still need a FREE permit, available in person at the Fire Station.

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.



Public Works: Shop



We starting working on this rig by replacing the lower scraper on the belt. We are also rebuilding a hydraulic cylinder and left broom tilt motor. We should be finished next week.



Left: We replaced the left front hazard light.



Right: We performed a safety check and returned to BCPD.

Wes and Scott removed the post hole auger from R-73 and reinstalled the compactor plate.

Wes also performed repairs on the hydraulic hoses on R-73.



Public Works: Water Department



A new water service was installed on Washington Avenue last week. A plumber installed the line running from the new meter into the building. Public Works poured the new concrete around the 1" water meter between Main and First Streets.



A Washington Avenue water distribution improvement project is planned to be constructed this fall (weather permitting). One block section of undersized 2" cast iron water line will be replaced with 8" ductile iron pipe.

In order to design the horizontal alignment and grade of the new line, the existing underground utilities must be found and measured. Here, Blain and Kris are using the vector truck at the intersection of 7th and Washington to hydro-excavate down to a buried gas line.





Public Works: Wastewater Department



Public Works used the push-cam to inspect a 6" wastewater lateral crossing 10th Street. This lateral was installed prior to this section of 10th Street (Hwy 30) being constructed. The inspection showed that the line was in excellent condition. The house on the east side of 10th Street will be connected to this line.

Public Works: Street Department



Karl and Jake worked to eradicate several Siberian Elm tree sprouts on "E" Street this week.

Siberian Elm trees are a hearty, invasive species which is very good at surviving in marginal environments.

If allowed to continue growing in the seams between the asphalt and concrete curb, the trees will increase in size and create a large crevasse damaging the street.



Painting of crosswalks continued this week.



A Wheelchair (ADA) curb, sidewalk and ramp were replaced this week near the intersection of "L" Loop and Birch Street. The original, sidewalk and ramp were installed by a developer several years ago.



Public Works: Stormwater Department



The Baker County Road Department assisted on the First Street stormwater project by using their asphalt grinder to grind out a trench 40" wide and 4" deep. The asphalt is loaded from the grinder directly into dump trucks which travel just ahead of the grinder.

THANK YOU TO BAKER COUNTY FOR THE ASSISTANCE!

The original 15" diameter pipe in this section of storm line is not large enough to handle the flow of water whenever there is significant rain. To compound problems, there are tree roots which grow through the joints of the pipe. Once the roots gain entry into the pipe they grow large enough to block the flow of water. The new 21" diameter PVC pipe will not allow the intrusion of roots and will carry a much greater quantity of water.



Left two: The temporary connection from 2019 was excavated and disconnected so the new 21" line could be extended down to "B" Street.



Right two: Installation of the new pipe continued this week between "C" and "D" Streets.



Left two: The old manhole at the intersection of First and "C" was removed and a new precast manhole set in it's place. The First Street trench line between "D" and "C" is planned to be patched today.



HDDRC Grant Opportunity

October 12, 2020

Dear Historic District Property Owner;

Notice of grant opportunity for structures in the Historic District:

Every two years, due to our City's status as a "Certified Local Government", we have the opportunity to award funds to property owners for repair/maintenance on historic properties. This is a matching grant opportunity with specific guidelines, and the application window is now open. For more information, please visit the Baker City website, and go to the Historic District Design Review Committee page. You are also welcome to join us at any HDDRC meeting, or call the Building Dept. 541-524-2054.

We are personally reaching out to all property owners within the Historic District to notify you all of the above opportunity. We know that times are tough right now, and you may not have planned for any building maintenance/repairs. But if the opportunity to receive at least some of that money back was available --- (which it is!) --- maybe you would want to consider doing it!

Please contact the Building Department for an application form for the initial review of any proposed project. While a more detailed application is required should your project be selected, you will have additional time to pull that together. We are looking for your basic project description and costs for consideration. We have \$12,000 to award to historic qualifying properties.

If you have a project to submit for approval, please complete the application and email it to:

dkitzmler@bakercity.com or mail/deliver it to Baker City Hall. Questions? 541-524-2054

This could be a wonderful opportunity for you. We look forward to working with you!

Dawn Kitzmiller – On Behalf of the Historic District Plan Review Commission





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.