

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 22, 2021

Administration:

City Department Heads sat with the City Council on Tuesday of this week. They shared the different roles, responsibilities, and services offered by the city. Our Staff works diligently to carry out all of the city labor for the benefit of the citizens. I am amazed at just how much your local government is a participant.

Some things are not surprising and include water, sewer, and streets. These pipes buried under the ground which bring water and carry away our waste are not thought of often. It is only when they break and fail that they are most appreciated. It takes a specialized and skilled team to keep them functioning.

Other items involve safety and include police, fire, and ambulance. We all sleep better at night knowing 911 will send someone out in times of need. The fine crews which perform these services spend countless hours training and honing their skills.

Certainly, we enjoy parks and playground equipment. 2020 was a year that pushed many of us outdoors to enjoy the parks and pathways. With that said, sometimes we forget the lesser noticed items.

Thank you to the staff member who cares for the clock in City Hall or the staff member who ensures the cemetery is a place of peace for those who grieve. Everyone plays an important role in and performs a valuable service.

Thank you to everyone working to make Baker City a great place to live.

2021-2022 City Council

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City Council Agenda

January 26th @ 7 pm

- Wastewater Bid Award
- Fairway Drive Discussion
- Res 3879: Appointing to TLT
- Board, Committee, Commission Appts
 - Golf Board
 - HDDRC
 - Public Works Advisory Committee
- Council Committee Updates



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **January 12th through January 18th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **49** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS		EMERGENCY CALL BACKS		FIRE REPORTS	
City Calls	35	Request for Cover	9	General Alarms	0
Rural Calls	11	Arrived for Cover	7	Dispatched Alarms	3
Patient Transported	30			TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3
No Patient Trip	16				
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	46	TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS			
Airport Transfers	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Burn Permits Issued • 37 hrs of Station & Equipment Maintenance • 0 hrs of Fire Training • 6 hrs of EMS Training • 0 hrs of Safety Training • 0 hrs Community Events • 1 hr Fire Prevention Inspections 			
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0				
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	0				
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1				
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5				
Triples (3 calls at once)	0				
Quads (4 calls at once)	0				
Public Assist	0				

New Year, New Burn Permit
FREE burn permits are available in person at the Fire Station.

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



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ★ During the past week, BCPD opened 36 new cases and responded to 148 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. BCPD officers were called to investigate a report of an intoxicated driver riding what was described as a sit down/stand up scooter with a 49cc engine in the area of Maverick and Albertson's on Campbell Street. When officers caught up with the suspect, he had reportedly run a red light at the intersection of Campbell and Clark Street and was stopped while riding erratically in the bike lane of the 1600 block of Campbell Street. The suspect was arrested for DUII and had a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of .26%, more than three times the legal limit.
- ★ Chief Duman and Lt. Duby attended an onboarding meeting for new City Council members. During this meeting, Chief Duman and Lt. Duby presented a Baker City Police Department Year-In Review report and answered questions concerning the day-to-day operation of the police department and future challenges.
- ★ Face coverings, shields and/or masks are required in the front entrance of the Baker City Police Department, which is open to the public.



Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Started two new property cases
- Conducted six inspections on property violations
- Followed up on three previous complaints
- Issued one citation for non-compliance

Animal violations and complaints

- Responded to five dogs running at large

Parking violations

- Two vehicles were tagged for removal
- Issued two parking citations
- Followed up on four parking complaints
- Tagged one RV for removal
- Three vehicles marked for overtime parking

Miscellaneous

- One Officer assist – motor vehicle crash
- Two community contacts



Looking for Volunteers!!

With the new year, many boards, commissions and committees have terms that have expired, leaving availability for those who are interested!

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

- ⇒ **Historic District Design Review Commission—4 positions available**
- ⇒ **Tree Board—2 positions available**
- ⇒ **Public Works Advisory Committee—3 positions available**
- ⇒ **Golf Board—2 positions available**

Positions are for a 3-year term unless noted. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit

<http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions> to fill out a volunteer form.

You may also email admin@bakercity.com or call 541-524-2033 for more information. The direct link to the volunteer form page is:

<http://bakercity.com/FormCenter/Boards-Commissions-2/Volunteer-Form-33>

Public Works: Stormwater Department



Nearly all of the 148 catch basins in Zone “D” were cleaned this week.



Occasionally, contraband and garbage are spotted at the bottom of a catch basin.

This gets sucked up by the Vactor truck and will be taken to the landfill with the rest of the muck.



Public Works: Golf Course Well Drilling



The fire hose used to supply water to the well drilling contractor froze solid sometime Wednesday night. The hose was completely taken apart and placed on the floor of the warehouse equipment shed building. This floor has radiant heat and the contractor was able to thaw that hose by morning. The hose was reinstalled for the contractor.



Public Works: Warehouse

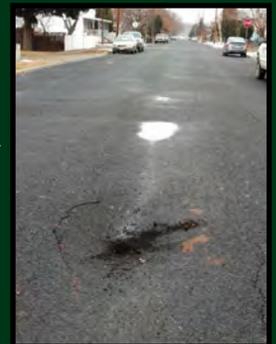


Progress on the covered storage shed continued as time allowed. It will be put to use next week. It will house various Public Works equipment and will keep these rigs out of direct sunlight which will help preserve them.

Public Works: Street Department



Public Works received a report of a sink hole near the center of a paved street Thursday. The settlement appears to be directly above an old sewer line that was installed approximately 40-50 years ago. The surface of the asphalt was chiseled out to verify that there was not a large void under the surface. Asphalt grindings were then placed to fill the low spot in the road. Once hot asphalt becomes available in the spring the settled areas will be permanently patched.



Public Works assisted OTEC crews this week by closing College Street between "C" and "D" Streets while the OTEC crews replaced a partially rotted power pole. OTEC appreciated the assistance.



Public Works: Water Department



In preparation for the street overlay project on Washington Avenue, the water line crossing at Plum Street was exposed and inspected. It was decided to install 100' of new 6" ductile iron pipe completely across the intersection. The new pipe will replace mostly 4" cast iron pipe which is prone to breakage.

Public Works: Wastewater Department



The water level in the East Street line was high enough that the jetter had to be used in tandem with the video camera to lower the water so that the camera would be above the water, and the pipe could be inspected.



One of the laterals observed in the East Street section had substantial roots growing from inside the pipe. Sometimes the roots grow to such a large size that they can completely plug a 4" lateral stopping the flow.



Planning Department:

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting for January 20, 2021 was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be February 17, 2021.

APPLICATIONS

- An ±1,200 square foot accessory structure was approved at 2140 Balm Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A ±120 square foot accessory structure was approved at 895 W Fairway Drive in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- A ±345 square foot garage remodel to an accessory dwelling unit and addition of new patio unit was approved at 1519 3rd Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- Public notice was mailed to nearby property owners for a request to divide property at 3210 K Street. The public comment period ends on February 3, 2021.
- Lot of record status was approved for property located at 2909 College Street.



Public Works: Shop



This rig was serviced and a safety check and is back in service.



We serviced this rig, checked the fuel tanks and replaced a missing oil cap.



We are performing a 1,000 hour service and sampling all of the oils.



We replaced a hydraulic quick connect and repaired the other on the sander.



We installed the upper roller and hydraulic motor.





HELP US CREATE A COMMUNITY VISION!

Northern Baker TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

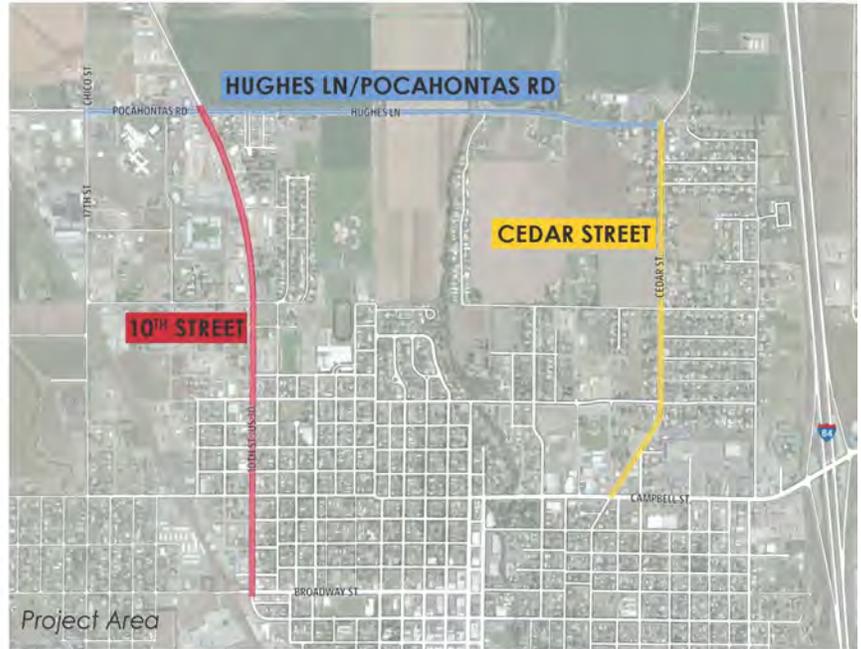
January 2021

The City is working on the Northern Baker Transportation Improvement Plan to consider roadway improvement concepts on 10th Street, Hughes Lane, and Cedar Street that meet the city's evolving needs. If you walk, bike or drive through this area, we want your input to develop the community vision and identify important transportation needs. Our goal is to foster sustainable economic growth and safe, equitable transportation choices.

The plan will consider concept designs that address current and future needs of these important roadways.

The project kicked off in fall 2020 and is anticipated to be complete in fall 2021.

Baker City operates under an EEO policy and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Assistance is available for individuals with disabilities by calling (541) 523-6541.



Please join us for a live public meeting online.

Virtual Public Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join the meeting via the link on the project website:
www.bakercity.com/2289/NBTIP

- 5:45 p.m. – Meeting opens
- 6:00 p.m. – Welcome
- 6:10 p.m. – Project presentation
- 6:30 p.m. – Project team takes comments and questions from participants

You can also view materials and leave comments on the project online open house from January 25 – February 5, 2021 at www.bakercity.com/2289/NBTIP.

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It's that time of year again!

In prep for this year's snow plow season, Baker City Public Works is asking citizens to help our snow removal crews by **removing all travel or utility trailers, non-working or infrequently used vehicles and any other miscellaneous items currently being stored on the street or directly next to the street.** Our citizens play a key role in the success of our snow removal program!

*****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.