



The WEEKLY

January 21, 2022

The latest news, views, and announcements of Baker City.

INSIDE

Boards and Commissions

Several openings on boards and commissions with the city.

Jobs!

Fire Department is still hiring!



Photo taken of City Hall – November 2000

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 25th – 6:00pm
City Council Meeting
Work Session

January 25th – 7:00pm
City Council Meeting
Regular Session

February 8th – 7:00pm
City Council Meeting
Regular Session

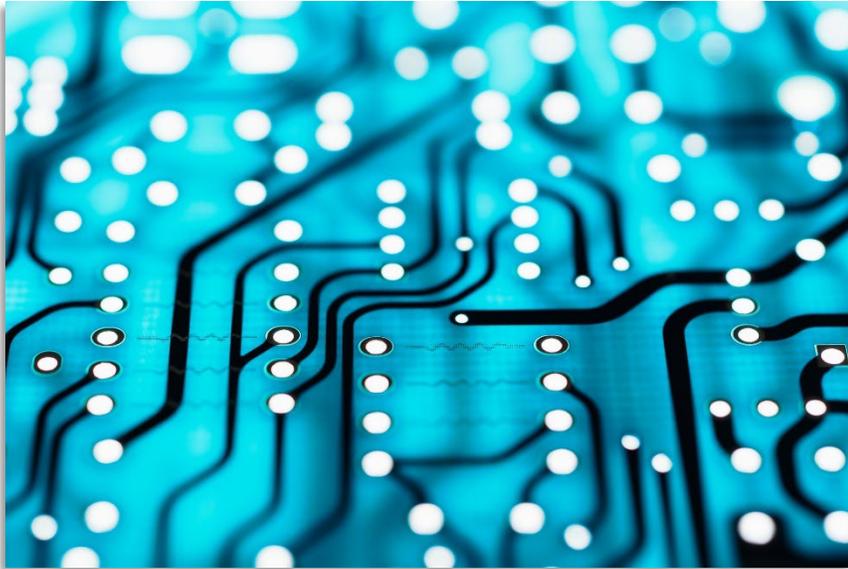
City Manager's Message

Jonathan Cannon

City Council is preparing for its Regular Meeting on January 25. The meeting addresses Non-Represented Employee Salaries as required annually by resolution. It also will include a discussion about the Quiet Zone as requested by Councilor Guyer. Finally, Council will review their Council Rules and take a look at the City Charter. As always, the public is welcome to attend and sign up for comment. Public comment is available at the beginning of each meeting and at the beginning of each agenda item. Once public comment time is closed, the public is welcome to listen while Council conducts the business of the city. City Council meetings are available to be viewed over our streaming service. The link is available on the city website.

I visited the Baker County Board of Commissioners this week to present information about the Baker Ambulance Service Area. Baker City is the provider for the Baker County Baker ASA. Did you know the Baker ASA covers more than 2,100 square miles in Baker County. Depending on the location our ambulances can be out for two or three hours on one call. It keeps our ambulances on the road and busy. Last year our ambulances responded to more than 2050 calls throughout the county. We are seeing an increase of on average around 100 additional calls each year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend, - Jonathan Cannon, City Manager



Moving Forward with Technology

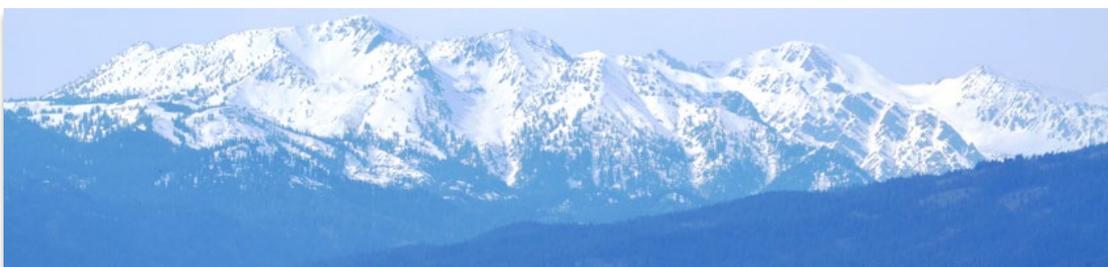
Dallas Brockett

As IT Liaison for the City, I have joined our City Manager in helping accomplish City Council's goals. We are currently working on our aging server that is at end of life. I have been working with Jon Cannon, City Manager, and Marlin Snyder, MS Tech Consulting, to help with our future server project at City Hall. With the new project, we hope to help efficiency with staff as well as help save money in the future. It is an ongoing project that I am proud to be a part of.

We have several openings with our Boards and Commissions. Please see the last page of The Weekly, which contains a list of the Board and Commission openings.

Hope everyone has a great weekend!

Dallas Brockett, City Recorder



We are hiring!

Human Resources

We still have various jobs available at the city! Feel free to go to our website [www.bakercity.com] for more information on the following job opportunities.

Firefighter/EMT

The City of Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department. For a complete announcement, position description and application, please click on the links below or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. Salary range is \$4,532-\$5,098 per month plus excellent benefits.

The City of Baker City provides employment opportunity to all qualified employees and applicants, without unlawful regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran's status, or any other status protected by applicable federal, Oregon, or local law. Our EEO policy applies to all aspects of the employment relationship—including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, compensation, promotion, demotion, transfer, disciplinary action, layoff, recall, and termination of employment.

Finance/Utilities

Here is a list of stats for utilities from 01/13/22 to 01/19/22:

- 12 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 11 customer disconnected service from January 13th thru January 19th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 2 was billed January 14th and included 463 residential and 14 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 110 (23%) are signed up for direct payment and 23 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 7 was billed January 17th and included 570 residential and 28 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 178 (30%) are signed up for direct payment and 32 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Nine residential customers (Zones 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five customers paid their bills, four have been turned off for no pay, and of those four, none have yet contacted the City.



DOXO Update

01/13/22 to 01/19/2022:

- As of 1/12/22 there were 640 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills, as of 1/19/22, there were 651 total customers signed up.
- From 1/13-1/19, a total of 32 payments, in the amount of \$2,782.68, were made.

To pay your utility bill online:

1. Visit www.bakercity.com
2. Locate the "Pay Your Bill" icon on the homepage
3. Small fee for credit cards/debit cards – No fee for checking accounts!

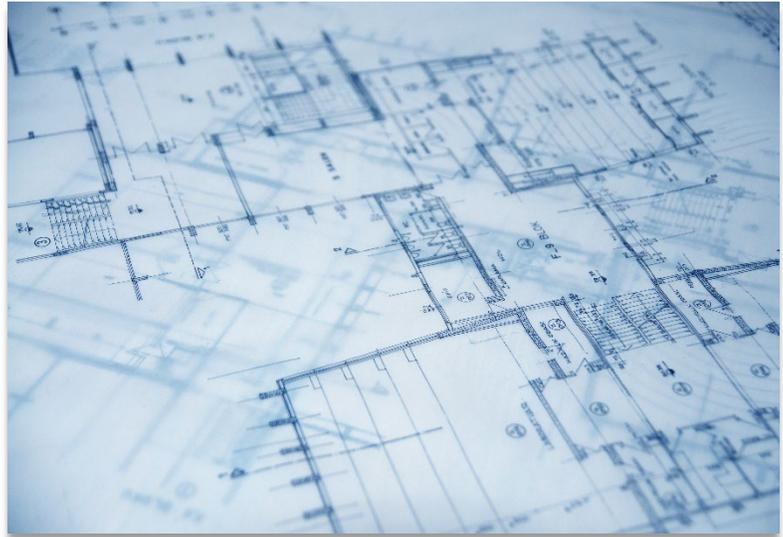
Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The regularly scheduled Planning Commission hearing for January 19, 2022, was cancelled.

The Planning Commission and City Council will hold a joint work session on January 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the Northern Baker Transportation Improvement Plan (NBTIP) and associated updates to both the Baker City Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at Baker City Hall, 1665 1st Street, Baker City.

For more information, please visit:
<http://bakercity.com/2289/NBTIP> .



APPLICATIONS

- The post notice period ended and final approval given for a proposed minor partition at 2039 Clark Street, located in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone.

Now Hiring!

We're hiring a Planner! If you have an interest in shaping the community, enjoy working in a dynamic environment and have a passion for helping people, check out our job announcement at

<http://www.l.bakercounty.org/JobPostings.nsf/xView.xsp>.

Police Department



•From January 6 thru January 19, 2022, BCPD opened 50 new cases and responded to 256 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.



K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser

There is still time to purchase raffle tickets for the Baker City Police Department K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser, but they are going fast!

Purchase a ticket in support of the BCPD K9 program and drug prevention efforts in our community, for a chance to win.

Grand Prize, a 2021 Can-Am Maverick XDS RR Turbo!

Second place prize is a Tikka 300 Win. Mag hunting rifle, donated by Patton Excavation, complete with a Vortex Viper® 6.5-20x50 Rifle Scope donated by D&B Supply.

Third place prize is a Traeger Pro 780 donated by Lew Bros Les Schwab.

Only 500 tickets will be sold, \$100.00 per ticket, and can be purchased at the Baker City Police Department, Cliff's Saws and Cycles and Carole's Mad Dog Restaurant and Saloon in Sumpter, Oregon. Must be 18 or older to purchase ticket. The drawing will be held February 13, 2023.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

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|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 32.0 Hrs. | Station and vehicle maintenance |
| 17.0 Hrs. | Fire training |
| 8.0 Hrs. | EMS training |
| 0 Hrs. | Safety training |
| 3 Hrs. | Fire Prevention/Inspections |
| 1 Hrs. | Community Events |

01/12/2021-01/17/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department responded to a total of 41 emergency alarms detailed as follows:

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|--------------------------------|----|
| FIRE REPORTS | 04 |
| General alarms | 0 |
| Dispatched alarms | 04 |
| EMERGENCY MEDICAL | 37 |
| In-City Responses | 27 |
| Out of City Responses | 10 |
| Transports | 17 |
| No Transports | 14 |
| Airport Transfers | 05 |
| Out of town transfers accepted | 01 |
| Out of town Transfers rejected | 03 |
| MVA's | 00 |
| Doubles (2 simultaneous) | 05 |
| Triples (3 simultaneous) | 01 |
| Quads (4 simultaneous) | 00 |
| MCI's | 00 |
| Public assist | 00 |
| Emergency Call Back | |
| Requests for cover | 08 |
| # of staff requested | 19 |
| Staff response for cover | 04 |
| No staff response for cover | 04 |

Building Department

After many, many years of service and a great partnership, Electrical Inspections Inc., Rick Newman, has resigned. We hope you will join us in wishing Rick and his wife all good things as they move on to their future adventures. Going forward, please direct all electrical inspection requests to the Building Department. We have a 24-hour inspection request line to quickly handle those requests. Mark Svitak will take over the electrical inspections going forward. We look forward to providing the best level of service. - Baker City Building Department



Public Works:

Weekly Update for 1/21/22

Wastewater Dept.:

Several reports were received this week concerning sewer issues.

One sewer lateral on "A" Street was Replaced Wednesday. The ground was frozen which then required a blade with special "tiger teeth" be installed on the backhoe bucket before beginning the excavation.



Public Works:

Wastewater Dept. Continued

The lateral pipe was found to be made from Orangeburg Pipe. As you can see in the photo.

Orangeburg Pipe will delaminate over time and greatly restrict flow. The section of Orangeburg pipe within the street was removed and replaced with new P.V.C. Pipe. The remainder of the pipe between the street and house will be replaced by a Contractor and licensed plumber later this week.

A resident on 11th Street has had sewer problems recently. After video-inspecting the main line in the alley a connection to a lateral could not be located.

More work is planned tomorrow to determine if the house is connected to the city sewer collection system.



Public Works

A house on Baker Street was also having issues this week.

Upon video-inspecting the line it was determined that the connection to the main was in good condition. The owner will have a plumber do the repair work. You might notice the deer grazing nearby as the crew worked.



Two Houses on 6th Street were having sewer issues Thursday. After cleaning and video-inspecting lines in the area it was determined that two houses share a common line. Roots were found to be the main cause of the blockage. Once the blockage was removed the owner of one of the houses offered a "tip" to the crew. While the offer was genuine, it was politely refused.



Public Works



Public works worked in conjunction with the Contractor that is installing the new Effluent Storage Pond and the connecting piping. The Chlorine Contact Chamber was pumped out to lower the water level so that additional plumbing could be connected.

Street Department:

Both rain and freezing rain fell Thursday causing roads to become slick. Both the salter and the sander were taken out to improve traction on city streets.



Public Works

A new CAT Skid steer was purchased recently.



The next day it was used to widen out the snow berms on the edge of the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway. It will also work very well on many public Works projects and also to remove snow which might be covering storm Water Catch basins.



Public Works

Helpful Reminders During the Wintertime

Please remember to clear your sidewalks of snow

Don't shovel or plow snow into the street

With wintertime comes colder temperatures which can lead to frozen pipes and pipe bursts!

To help prevent frozen pipes/pipe bursts:

- Consider letting your faucet drip when temperatures are below 0°.
- If pipe is frozen be careful not to heat it up too fast, this can cause the pipe to burst.

What to do if your water is frozen:

During Business Hours

Public Works Department

541-524-2047

(Monday-Friday 8-5)

Public Works can assist by checking the meter to make sure it's not frozen and we can shut off water at the meter to prevent further water damage if there is a frozen pipe.

After Hours

Baker Dispatch

541-523-3644

Public Works

Street Dept. Update:

At least twice, vehicles have slid off Settlers Loop Road and damaged the fence around the Simplot facility. Protective concrete blocks were temporarily placed to protect the fence from future damage. As soon as Public Works became aware of the placement of the blocks we immediately removed them.

It is not acceptable to place fixed obstacles within the street right of way as a barrier. Should a vehicle slide off the road and strike the concrete block, it could cause serious injury or worse to the occupants of the vehicle.



Concrete forms were separated, from the cured concrete and reset for future use.



Public Works

Parks Update:

Bars were attached under one of the pathway bridges to eliminate the use of the space for camping.

It is not safe nor acceptable for people to be living under a pedestrian bridge.



When installing the new 24" pipe on the planned 2022/2023 section of the Mountain line Project this summer there will be considerable rock outcrops which will have to be dealt with.

One of the options is to purchase a hydraulically operated rock drill such as the one shown here. It would connect to the city's track hoe and drill holes into the rock, dynamite would then be used to blast away the rock.



Have a great weekend!

Boards and Commissions

We have vacancies!

As we begin the new year, there are several open spots on boards and commissions. You must be appointed to be on a board or commission with Baker City. To apply for any of the following boards and commissions, visit our website:

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

Here are the following open positions:

- Budget Board (4 available)
- Historic District Design Review Commission (2 available)
- Public Works Advisory Committee (1 available)
- Tree Board (1 available)
- Public Arts Commission
- Planning Commission (1 available)



Elected Officials

Mayor: Kerry McQuisten mayor@bakercity.gov

Acting Mayor: Joanna Dixon jdixon@bakercity.gov

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Heather Sells: hsells@bakercity.gov

Jason Spriet: jspriet@bakercity.gov

Johnny Waggoner Sr.: jwaggonersr@bakercity.gov

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