



# The WEEKLY

February 4, 2022

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

## INSIDE

### Boards and Commissions

Several openings on boards and commissions with the City.

### Jobs!

New openings across several departments!

### Snow Removal Tips

Accumulation of snow, frozen pipes, and general information.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm  
City Council Meeting  
Regular Session



Photo taken by public works staff – Goodrich Reservoir

## City Manager's Message

Jonathan Cannon

I previously mentioned the city is improving our information technology. This week marked some important waypoints in this process. The city computer server was more than a decade old. It was in need of modernization and additional cybersecurity. We have finished installing a new server with secure backups and redundancy. The effort is to protect the important data of the city while providing access to employees who need to use that data. The new server moves us forward in that regard. As part of the process the city moved more than 250,000 files from the old server to the new server. This is in addition to the hundreds of thousands of files we have already securely moved to our cloud storage and backup. In this age of digital technology, it is important the city is careful with our documents, records, and data.

In a similar transition the city is working with our website provider to update our website. Important modernizations are in process. The new website takes into consideration the surveys and input received from citizens, employees, and city councilors. It will include user friendly access to important information and events. The new website will unveil this spring.

Our website provider is also working to provide improved streaming access to City Council meetings. City Council agendas and packets will also be more accessible on the website. Council meeting videos moving forward will be available with on demand streaming from the website. Previous Council meetings will be archived on our new server.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jonathan Cannon—City Manager

# We are Hiring!

## Human Resources

We still have various jobs available at the city! Feel free to go to our website [ [www.bakercity.com](http://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 visit our website or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. Salary range is \$4,532-\$5,098 per month plus excellent benefits.

### Cashier/Accounts Receivable Specialist- Open until filled

The City of Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Cashier/Accounts Receivable Specialist in the Finance Department. For a complete announcement, position description and application, please visit our website or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources.

### Utility Worker II- Closing February 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Utility Worker II in the Public Works Department. For a position description and application please visit our website. Please submit a resume and job application to Stacy Spriet in Human Resources.

### Water Specialist I - Meter Reader- Closing February 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Water Specialist I (Meter Reader) in the Public Works Department. For a position description and application please visit our website. Please submit a resume and job application to Stacy Spriet in Human Resources.

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## Finance/Utilities

### Here is a list of stats for utilities from 01/27/22 to 02/2/22:

- Two customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customer disconnected service from January 27<sup>th</sup> thru February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 4 was billed January 29<sup>th</sup> and included 733 residential and 63 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 233 (29%) are signed up for direct payment and 51 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- 18 residential customers (Zones 3, 4 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) of those 18, three were turned off for no pay, and of those three, all have paid their bills and had their services reinstated.



## DOXO Update

### 01/27/22 to 02/02/2022:

- As of 1/26/22 there were 661 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills, as of 2/2/22, there were 675 total customers signed up.
- From 1/27-2/2, a total of 85 payments, in the amount of \$7,417.22, were made.

### To pay your utility bill online:

1. Visit [www.bakercity.com](http://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 Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6pm on February 16, 2022, in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall, to discuss the Northern Baker Transportation Improvement Plan (NBTIP) and associated updates to both the Baker City Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to City Council.

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



### APPLICATIONS

- A 4,000 square foot manufactured dwelling space and a  $\pm 1,440$  square foot manufactured dwelling were approved at 3255 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone. The property is located within the existing Wagon Wheel Village.
- The final Silver Birch Subdivision plat was signed by the Planning Director and recorded with the County Clerk. Now that the plat is recorded, the new lots can be sold and developed.
- A new single-family dwelling was approved at 105 Foothill Drive located in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) 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



### 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.

- This past week, BCPD opened 31 new cases and responded to 136 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainees.
- One incident resulted in the arrest of an individual for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII). This suspect was called in by a local resident when he refused to leave their property. The suspect, unknown to the property owner, was located a short distance from the property sitting in his vehicle when officers arrived on scene. The suspect consented to standard field sobriety tests, was subsequently arrested, and rendered a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of .16%, double the legal limit, upon his arrival at the Baker County Jail. The suspect was also charged with Driving Suspended Misdemeanor and cited for Failure to Install an Ignition Interlock Device.
- BCPD patrol officers responded with Baker City Fire and Rescue Station 24 to an early-morning chimney fire at a house located in South Baker. During the incident, officers assisted with coordinating additional resources through the American Red Cross and traffic control in the area. Baker Rural Fire Protection District, Public Works and Baker County Consolidated Dispatch also assisted during this incident.

Fire Department



**MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS**

12.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
04.0 Hrs.	Fire training
23.0 Hrs.	EMS training
0 Hrs.	Safety training
01.0 Hrs.	Fire Prevention/Inspections
0 Hrs.	Community Events

01/25/2021-01/31/2022

**EMERGENCY RESPONSES**

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

<b>FIRE REPORTS</b>	07
General alarms	0
Dispatched alarms	07
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	34
In-City Responses	30
Out of City Responses	04
Transports	24
No Transports	10
Airport Transfers	01
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	02
MVA's	01
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	05
Triples (3 simultaneous)	03
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
<b>Emergency Call Back</b>	
Requests for cover	14
# of staff requested	16
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	10

**Building Department**

**Building Department Statistics for January 2022**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	8	22	3	47
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	1	0	3
ELECTRICAL	18	26	19	34
MECHANICAL	19	20	16	28
PLUMBING	12	15	5	9
FENCE	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>121</b>

Note: Full details for the permits issued can be found on the monthly reports on the Baker City website.

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next scheduled meeting February 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Building Department offices.



Public Works:

**Water Department:**

A fire Hydrant on "E" Street was severely damaged recently.



It appears as if a vehicle was being driven in a nearby field spinning "cookies" and when attempting to re-enter the street ran directly over the top of the hydrant. Fire hydrants are specifically designed to break off at ground level to not cause any additional damage to an errant vehicle. One other design fact is that the valve at the bottom of the hydrant remains shut when broken so water doesn't spray high into the air. Parts to perform the repair have been ordered. The damage is a "hit and run".

A crew adjusted flows from Goodrich Reservoir Thursday. Snow was shoveled to expose elevation markers on the flow control structure. The amount of available stored water currently in Goodrich Reservoir is approximately 60 MG.



Public Works:

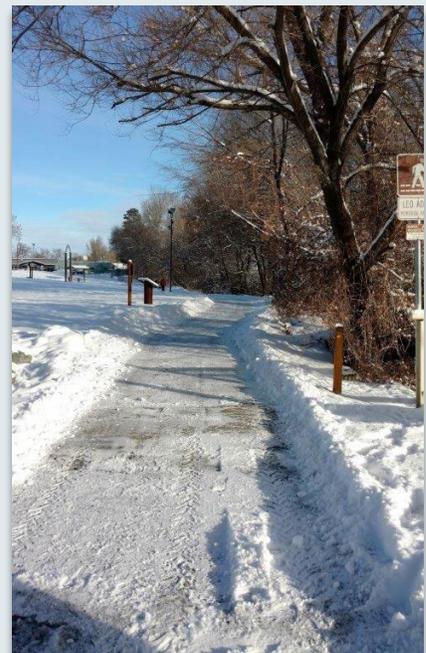
**Street Department:**

Mule deer have become a regular site on Baker City Streets. Each year, especially in the winter, several deer are struck by vehicles.



This week four deer were hit and killed on Myrtle Street between Elm and Resort.

Pictured Right: 3.4 inches of snow fell in Baker City Tuesday evening. The snow was extremely "light" having only 0.14 inches of water in the 3.4 inches of snow. By the afternoon, several of the areas which were treated with the salt/sand mixture were melted off.



Public Works

**Street Light Dept.:**

One of the streetlights on Kirkway was hit by a vehicle and severely damaged this week. Once the ground thaws, the metal streetlight pole will be dug up and the light pole repaired or replaced.

A new 45 Watt LED bulb was installed to replace a light at the corner of Main and Madison Streets.



Pictured Below: The existing light was a 200 watt High Pressure Sodium light has a worn out ballast. The light output from the new LED bulb will be compared to the existing 200 watt lights to see if it is acceptable.



Public Works

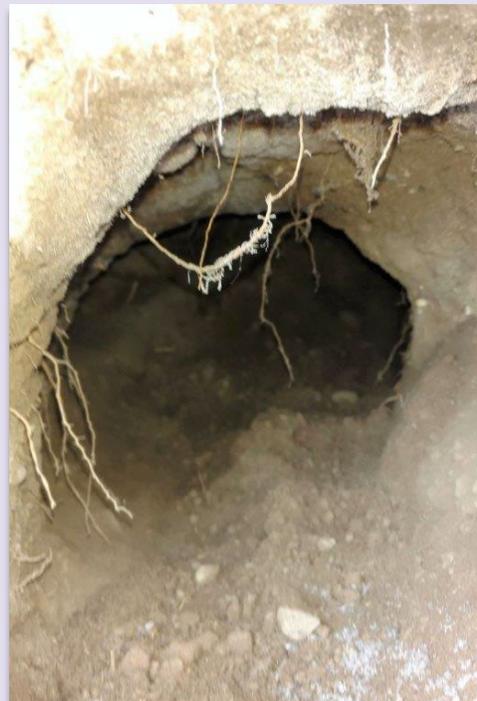
**Wastewater Dept.:**

O.T.E.C. crews are in the process of setting several new power poles at the Wastewater Treatment Facility to supply power for the three additional pumps which will be installed at the Northeast corner of the facility.



What looks to be exposed dirt, on the outside of the dike for Lagoon Cell "A", is the result of a Red Fox attempting to create a den for her offspring.

A flash picture was taken into the depths of the den, to verify that there were no foxes going to be trapped underground before the void was filled.



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

## 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 (2 available)
- Tree Board (1 available)
- Public Arts Commission
- Planning Commission (1 available)



### Elected Officials

Mayor: Kerry McQuisten [mayor@bakercity.gov](mailto:mayor@bakercity.gov)

Acting Mayor: Joanna Dixon [jdixon@bakercity.gov](mailto:jdixon@bakercity.gov)

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