



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

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Boards and Commissions

Several openings on boards and commissions with the City.

Jobs!

The City is hiring for Evidence Technician and for Firefighter!

BCPD k-9 Raffle

Travis Cook wins side by side.



Featured: Travis Cook is pictured here with BCPD K-9 “Cappa”. Travis won the BCPD K-9 Raffle Fundraiser, a brand-new Can-Am side by side.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 22nd – 7:00pm
City Council Meeting
Regular Session

March 8th – 6:00pm
City Council Meeting
Work Session

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City Manager’s Message

Jonathan Cannon

I am sad to be losing some of our staff members as they move on to new adventures. I wish them the best in their new endeavors. Saying goodbye to staff members also opens the door for new staff and opportunities.

I welcome our new staff members in the finance department. Please come by and greet the new faces. The city also welcomed a new firefighter a few months ago. New public works employees will also soon be providing excellent service. Last but not least, the Police Department hired a new officer and will soon advertise for additional openings.

A lot of change and new faces means the city will be busy training and onboarding. Welcome to all the new staff.

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] for more information on the following job opportunities.



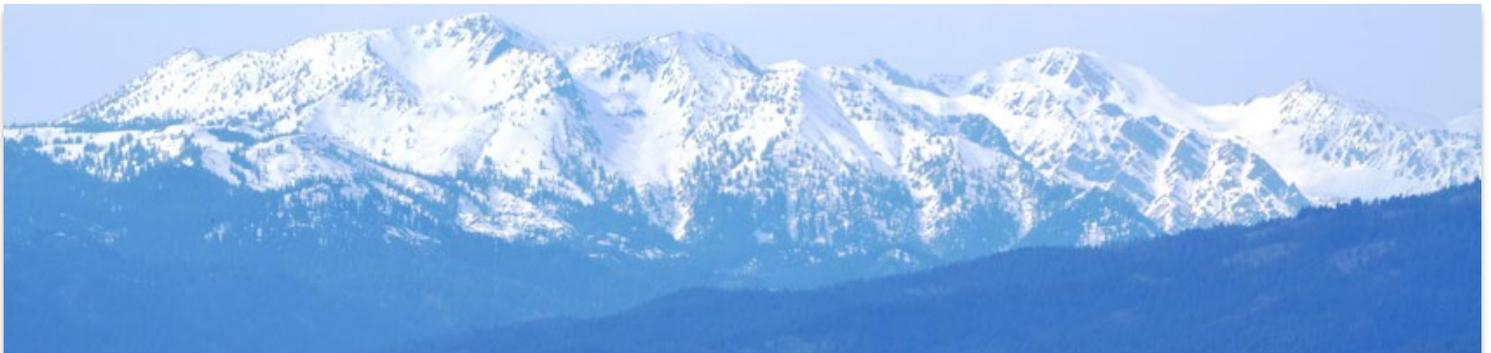
Firefighter/EMT

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.

Evidence Technician - Closes February 24, 2022 at 5 p.m.

The City of Baker City is accepting applications for the position of Evidence Technician in the Police Department. For a position description and application please click the links below. Please submit a resume and job application to Stacy Spriet in Human Resources.

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 02/10/22 to 02/16/22:

- Eleven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customer disconnected service from February 10th thru February 16th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 6 was billed February 11th and included 483 residential and 60 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 133 (24%) are signed up for direct payment and 48 (9%) are signed up for ebilling.
- Zone 2 was billed February 14th and included 478 residential and 14 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 114 (24%) are signed up for direct payment and 23 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- 21 residential customers (Zones 1 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) of those 22, three were turned off for no pay, one has paid their balance and had their services reinstated, and two have not yet contacted the City.



DOXO Update

02/10/22 to 02/16/2022:

- As of 2/9/22 there were 686 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills, as of 2/16/22, there were 692 total customers signed up.
- From 2/10-2/16, a total of 41 payments, in the amount of \$3,462.97, 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!

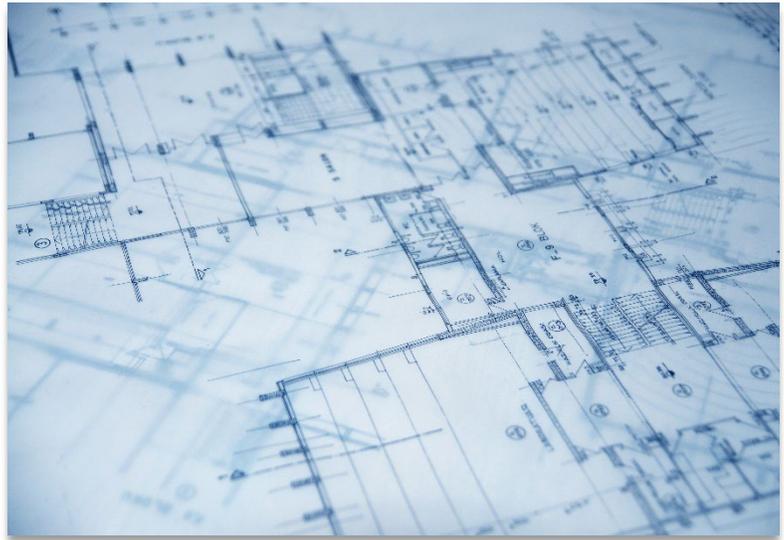
Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Commission held a public hearing 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 made a recommendation to City Council.

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



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



This past week, BCPD opened 30 new cases and responded to 172 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

BCPD officers participated in EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) training held at the Baker City Airport this past week. This training including personnel from various Eastern Oregon law enforcement agencies and was hosted by the Oregon Department of Public Safety and Standards Training (DPSST). BCPD also hosted a RADAR/LIDAR Operators Course training for law enforcement. This free training was held in Council Chambers at City Hall with members from multiple agencies from around the region in attendance. The RADAR/LIDAR Operator Course is the classroom portion of the speed enforcement curriculum from NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) and IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police). This class provides students with the knowledge and skills to conduct speed enforcement utilizing RADAR units.

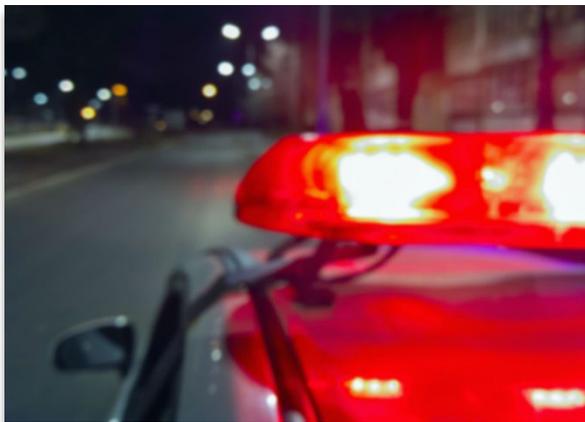
K9 Drug Prevention Fundraiser – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to the winners of the BCPD K9 Drug Prevention Raffle Fundraiser, grand prize winner of the 2021 Can-Am Maverick XDS RR Turbo, Travis Cook; second place prize winner of the Tikka 300 Win. Mag hunting rifle with Vortex Viper® 6.5- 20x50 rifle scope, Alvin Dockweiler and third place winner of the Traeger Pro 780, Tyler Hufford.

The Baker City Police Department would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, in support of the K9 program and drug prevention efforts in our community. A huge shout out goes to Kip Farmer of Cliff's Saws and Cycles for sponsoring the Can-Am Maverick; Patton Excavating for donation of the Tikka 300 Win. Mag hunting rifle, D&B Supply for donation of the Vortex Viper rifle scope, Lew Bros. Les Schwab for the donation of the Traeger Pro 780 and advertising donated by Elkhorn Media. We are truly appreciative of your support, and it is our honor to continue to serve the members of this community. Thank you!



Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

25.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
18.0 Hrs.	Fire training
25.0 Hrs.	EMS training
0 Hrs.	Safety training
0 Hrs.	Fire Prevention/Inspections
0 Hrs.	Community Events

02/08/2021-02/15/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department responded to a total of 40 emergency alarms detailed as follows:

FIRE REPORTS	07
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	07
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	33
In-City Responses	25
Out of City Responses	08
Transports	22
No Transports	11
Airport Transfers	02
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	01
MVA's	02
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	07
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	08
# of staff requested	14
Staff response for cover	02
No staff response for cover	06

Public Works:

Public Works Weekly Update for 2/18/22

Wastewater Dept.:

An upgraded Wastewater Camera Tractor and Inspection System is currently being installed in the Inspection Van this week.



The new system has 1,200 feet of high strength electrical cable on a heavy-duty winch with over 2,000 pounds of pulling power.

Public Works:

The tractor with rotating camera head has LED headlights and an auto focus with manual override lens.



Two large 21 1/2" screen monitors are available for more accurately assessing the condition of the inside of lines of all sizes and materials.



The new system was used Thursday to view a 6" Main line in an alley near 5th and Valley. An inverter system is currently being installed for the unit to replace the 4 - 6-volt batteries that required regular charging.

Public Works



The new Pumphouse that was recently constructed at the new Storage Pond Facility.



Picture of the inside the pumphouse at the new Storage Pond Facility.

Public Works



Here the contractor is preparing to set the pump base over what was previously the Sulfur Dioxide Contact Chamber at the Treatment Plant (Lagoon).

Street Dept.:

There has been discussion this week about the future installation of curb extensions on Tenth Street at the intersections of Church, Campbell, "B", "D" and "E" Streets.



Public Works



An exhaust system was installed this week for workers who do fabrication work in the City Warehouse Equipment shed. The pick-up tube articulates so it can be situated directly over the workspace.

Cemetery:



An errant driver went through the cemetery fence recently. Here you can see the tire tracks where the fence was damaged.

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

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