



The WEEKLY

February 25, 2022

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!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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



City Manager's Message

Jonathan Cannon

City Council will be reviewing applications for the Budget Board and Planning Commission at their next meeting. If you are interested in participating and serving on a Board or Commission of the city, submit your application to the City Recorder and cityrecorder@bakercity.gov. Applications can be found on www.bakercity.com or by emailing the City Recorder.

I like many of you are closely watching the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It is not clear to me just how this world event might impact Baker City. My heart goes out to the innocent who will suffer as a result of this war. If any of our citizens have loved ones in harms way, my thoughts are with you. We also see the escalating situation between China and Taiwan which could result in more uncertainty and conflict.

It is hard to know just how far and significant the impacts to Baker City and our citizenry will reach from this conflict. Certainly, the projected impacts on energy costs, fuel, and stock market volatility could have significant impacts on our citizens and our city. As city staff we will do our best to monitor the situation and mitigate any impacts the city may face.

You can also prepare yourself by setting a little something aside whether it be money, food, water, or a five gallon can of gas just in case. Keep a copy of your most important documents readily on hand.

Be safe this 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] for more information on the following job opportunities.



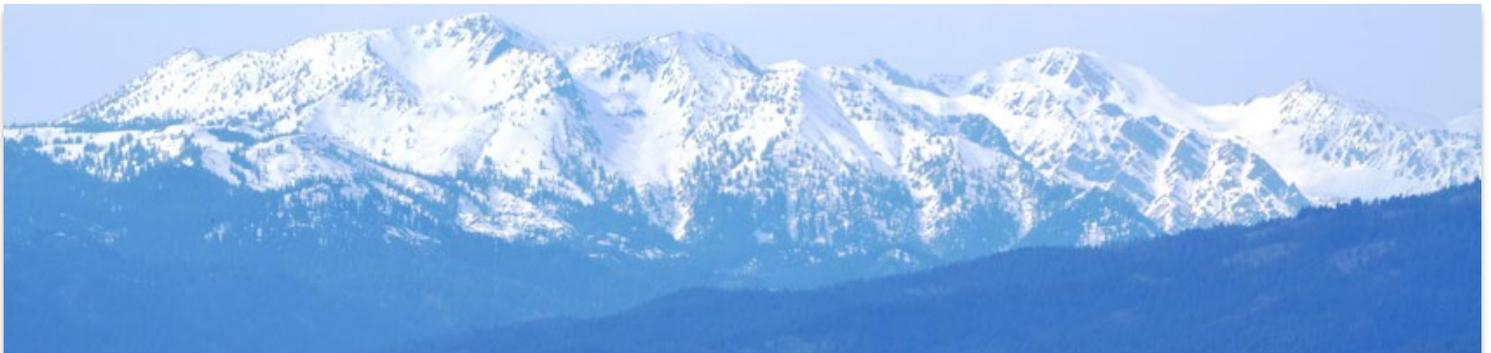
Firefighter/EMT

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

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.

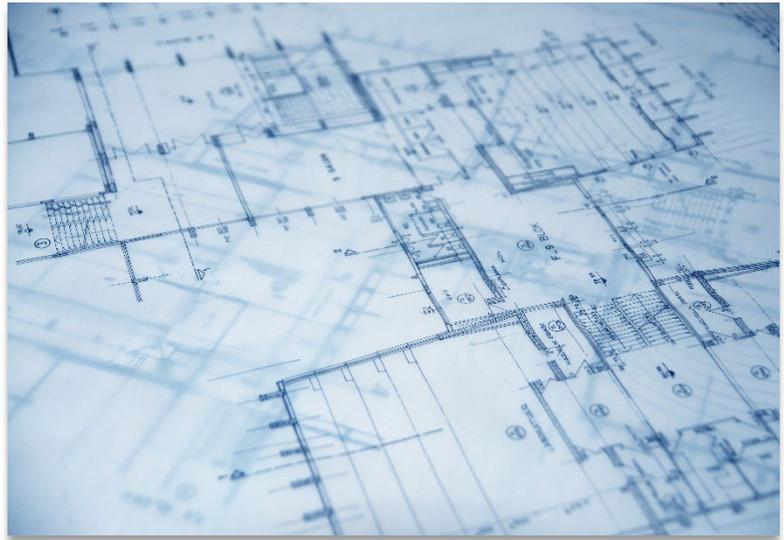


Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council held a public hearing on February 22, 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 City Council will hold another hearing to discuss the project at their regularly-scheduled hearing on March 8, 2022.

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 26 new cases and responded to 120 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

BCPD officers assisted Baker City Fire Department with a structure fire on Walnut Street involving a single-wide manufactured home located on the property. Members of Baker County Sheriff's Office, Baker Rural Fire District, OTEC and Natural Gas also assisted during the incident.

BCPD staff completed the American Red Cross Adult, Child and Infant First Aid and CPR/AED training.



Police Department

This past week we said goodbye to Detective Chris Sells. Detective Sells, who began his career with the Baker City Police Department as a patrol officer in July 2015, has accepted a position with the Ada County Sheriff's Office in Idaho. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Detective Sells on his new position and wish him and his family every happiness as they embark on their next adventure. Detective Sells will be greatly missed by everyone at here at Baker City Police Department, and we are grateful for his commitment and dedication to the people of this community both as a patrol officer and as a narcotics detective.



Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

29.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
73.0 Hrs.	Fire training
37.0 Hrs.	EMS training
0 Hrs.	Safety training
0 Hrs.	Fire Prevention/Inspections
4	Community Events

02/15/2021-02/21/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

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

FIRE REPORTS	03
General alarms	02
Dispatched alarms	01
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	24
In-City Responses	18
Out of City Responses	06
Transports	15
No Transports	07
Airport Transfers	04
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	00
MVA's	02
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	00
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	08
# of staff requested	08
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	05

Public Works:

Public Works Weekly Update for 2/25/22:

Water Dept.:

Several new Watershed gates were fabricated this week.



Solid rod sections were welded onto the end of Salvaged 4" I.D. pipe.



Public Works:



The gate sections were then set in place. These gates will replace older gates which require a lot of shoveling to open once 3' or more of snow has fallen. The access road into the Goodrich Diversion structure was plowed using a backhoe.



Screens were cleaned at the Little Mill Creek Diversion this week, allowing more stream water to come to town.

Public Works



The flow control structure was dug out so that an accurate measurement of the water level at Goodrich Reservoir could be measured.

Wastewater Dept.:

A resident on Valley Street continues to have sewer problems. This person has lived in the house for many years without problems. Now there has been problems for each of the last three weeks. The regular Wastewater camera was not available this week as it is being upgraded.



The Vivax Push-Camera with a 200' cable was used to inspect the 6" main line.

Public Works



The upstream manhole in the alley was located and uncovered.

Public Works



The blockage was discovered to be copious amounts of paper completely plugging the line.



Next the jetter truck was utilized to pulverize the paper wad. Additional work will be performed this week to determine the reason why this line has become a problem.

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:

- City Council (1 available)
- 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

Acting Mayor: Joanna Dixon jdixon@bakercity.gov

Shane Alderson: salderson@bakercity.gov

Heather Sells: hsells@bakercity.gov

Jason Spriet: jspriet@bakercity.gov

Johnny Waggoner Sr.: jwaggonersr@bakercity.gov

Dean Guyer: dguyer@bakercity.gov

