



# The WEEKLY

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

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### Website Redesign Photo Contest

The City is looking for photos for the new website!

### Jobs!

The City is hiring for Firefighter/EMT



Featured Photo: A water leak breaks out near Bridge Street.

## City Manager's Message

Jonathan Cannon

With the resignation of City Councilor Heather Sells, City Council returns to a six member Council. They will be reviewing how they would like to proceed with filling the vacancy at their regular meeting next week. If you are interested in the position, reach out to your city councilors and let them know of your interest. Keep watching for further developments. Last time Council needed to fill a vacancy they requested applicants fill out an application and submit the application to the City Recorder at [cityrecorder@bakercity.gov](mailto:cityrecorder@bakercity.gov). Applications can be found on [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) or by emailing the City Recorder. They also requested applicants attend the city council meeting where applications were under review.

The city continues to make progress on preparations for improving access to City Council meetings. It is anticipated the first meeting in April will present using CivicClerk. We are working hard to roll out CivicClerk smoothly. With any IT roll out some unexpected hiccups and bumps seem to appear. We are working hard to also look at how the audio on the streaming can be improved. We know that audio is a problem for those watching on the website. I am cautiously hopeful we might have a path forward in this matter as well. Thank you for your understanding as we improve access to council meetings.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Jonathan Cannon—City Manager

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm  
City Council Meeting  
Work Session

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
City Council Meeting  
Regular Session

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

# 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.

*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.*

## CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN – PHOTO CONTEST

**DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE ON THE CITY'S ALL NEW WEBSITE?**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO BY EMAIL TO:**

[CITYRECORDER@BAKERCITY.GOV](mailto:CITYRECORDER@BAKERCITY.GOV)

WITH SUBJECT LINE "WEBSITE PHOTO CONTEST"

### **PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:**

MUST BE IN JPEG, JPG FORMAT

ATLEAST 1MB IN SIZE

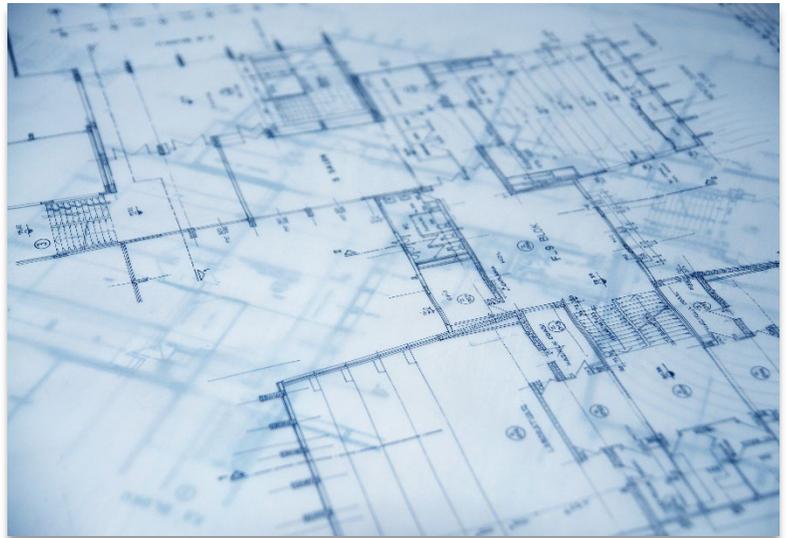
ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE CITY RECORDER AT 541.524.2033 OR BY EMAIL AT [CITYRECORDER@BAKERCITY.GOV](mailto:CITYRECORDER@BAKERCITY.GOV)

## Planning Department

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council will hold a public hearing on March 8, 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 22, 2022.

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



### APPLICATIONS

- A new elevator was approved at 1 Sunridge Lane located in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- The conversion of a portion of an existing accessory structure to a Transient-Lodging Unit was approved at 1810 Resort Street in the Central Commercial (C-C) Zone.
- A new single family dwelling and accessory structure was approved at 2940 5th Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- Two property line adjustments were approved between three vacant properties between S Foothill Drive and Colorado Avenue in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) 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

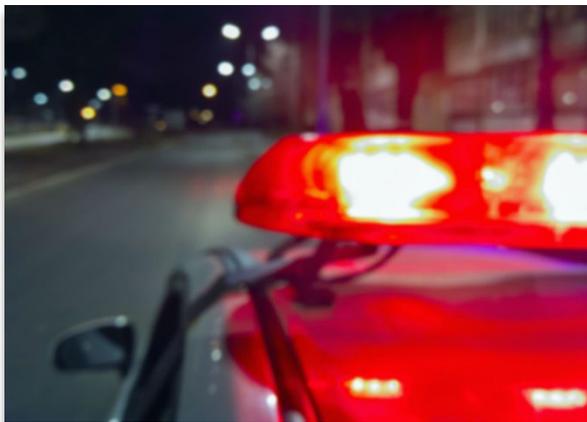


•This past week, BCPD opened 37 new cases and responded to 131 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.

•Code Enforcement Officer Brian LaFavor executed a court ordered abatement, issued by Baker County Justice Court, at 2239 9th Street. This abatement involved cleaning up the property of discarded household items and garbage; removal of a camp trailer, dismantling and tear down of makeshift metal shop structure, in excess of twenty feet in height, and hauling away associated debris, scrap and miscellaneous building materials. Weekend Warrior Junk and Hauling bid this project and was hired to abate the property. Baker Sanitary Service was also contracted to remove several dumpster loads of discarded waste and other household garbage from the property.



Fire Department



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

32.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
0.0 Hrs.	Fire training
54.5 Hrs.	EMS training
0 Hrs.	Safety training
0 Hrs.	Fire Prevention/Inspections
0	Community Events

02/22/2021-02/28/2022

**EMERGENCY RESPONSES**

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

<b>FIRE REPORTS</b>	03
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	03
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	30
In-City Responses	24
Out of City Responses	06
Transports	21
No Transports	09
Airport Transfers	03
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	00
MVA's	01
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	02
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	01
<b>Emergency Call Back</b>	
Requests for cover	13
# of staff requested	14
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	10

Public Works:

**Public Works Weekly Update for 3/4/22**

**Water Dept:**

With the "wet and warmer" weather this week, some spring runoff has begun in the lower mountains.



Thursday a two-person crew traveled in the wet snow and rain to several surface water diversions and adjusted flows to reduce the amount of turbid water coming to the Baker City Water Treatment Facility. Surprisingly only one major tree had fallen across the pipeline road in the section that was traveled Thursday.

Additional road bank work was performed on the slope between Indiana Ave. and the Reservoir Access Road.



Excess concrete from Public Works Projects is used to form Eco-blocks. When time allows, these blocks are transported to the site and set in place.

Public Works:

Street Dept:

A combination of frozen ground and warmer ambient temperatures resulted in some snow melt and runoff in town.



Standing water at intersections lead to potholes along the shoulder of roads like this one at the corner of 17th and Campbell Streets. Crushed rock was used to fill this hole - but it won't last long under wet conditions and vehicular traffic.



Public Works

Public Works has been in contact with O.D.O.T. and the Baker County Road Department about additional signage to improve safety at the intersection of 10th and Pocahontas/Hughes Lane.



CROSS TRAFFIC signs are planned to be installed on larger STOP signs at some point in the future.

Public Works

Wastewater Dept:



Several wastewater lines were cleaned.

Work was performed this week to replace an old Terra Cotta lateral with new 4" PVC Pipe.



The location was marked on the street surface and an underground locate requested.

Public Works



The concrete sidewalk was saw cut and jackhammered in preparation for removal.



Next, the asphalt zipper was used to pulverize the street surface.

Public Works



Deep trench work and unstable soils were encountered during the project. Several small cave-ins occurred while workers performed their work safely inside the aluminum shielding. The old sewer main line in this area was

Public Works

An Inserta-tee connection was installed at the springline of the 8" pipe to lower the downstream end of the lateral pipe.



A Fernco Coupler was used to connect the new 4" P.V.C. pipe to the existing pipe between the sidewalk and the house.



## Public Works



The excavated area was cleaned up and the road reopened by Thursday afternoon.



A water leak was discovered early Friday morning coming from under the Bridge Street asphalt surface. The location is on the west side of the Powder river and right in front of the Bridge Street Inn. This portion of Bridge Street is also considered State Highway 30 and is under O.D.O.T. jurisdiction.

After assessing the situation with an O.D.O.T. representative, it was mutually decided upon to do the repair work starting Monday morning.

The leak will be monitored by Public Works over the weekend - if the leak increases significantly in volume or the asphalt surface of the road begins to deteriorate repair work will begin sooner.

Have a great weekend!



### 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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