



# The WEEKLY

March 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

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

## INSIDE

### Website Redesign Photo Contest

The City is looking for photos for the new website!



## City Manager's Message

Jonathan Cannon

My thoughts and heart go out to the people of Ukraine. The images of hospitals and apartment bombings is heartbreaking. Maternity wards have been bombed injuring new mothers and their babies. Communism and its little brother Socialism have a history of such behavior and it is playing out on the world stage in front of us today once again. Reports out of Ukraine speak to Russian soldiers going door to door executing civilians and committing other unspeakable atrocities. My prayers and thoughts go out to all who are suffering in this conflict.

City Council began discussing potential changes to the City Charter in a work session this week. The considered changes are minor at this point. Council will continue discussing the changes at their March 22 meeting. Council also reviewed the Fee Schedule, filling the city council vacancy, and the NBTIP plan. The March 22 meeting is a full schedule as Council will continue to discuss the Charter, Fee schedule, and the Council Vacancy. If you have interest in serving on City Council to fill the recently vacated seat, reach out to a city councilor or to the City Recorder.

City Council made appointments to Budget Board and the Planning Commission. Congratulations to all who were appointed. City staff will provide additional information to new board members as they begin their term. Baker City frequently needs individuals from the community to serve on its boards and commissions. Citizens can have an impact when they serve. I encourage everyone to look at your life and schedule and see how you might be able to serve. Depending on the board, committee, or commission, time commitments vary greatly. Some meet a couple of times a year and some meet more frequently.

City staff are preparing budget information for the budget board. Rising inflation, gas prices, and other costs are topics of deep discussion among staff. The budget board will have some important decisions to make as they review the budget.

City staff are also watching to see what opportunities might come from the anticipated second Tranche of American Rescue Plan Act money from Washington. Washington DC indicated they are considering clawing that money back for other purposes. Staff will continue to watch and see how that might play out.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Jonathan Cannon—City Manager

## Jobs!

The City is hiring for Firefighter/EMT

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 22<sup>ND</sup> – 6:00pm  
City Council Meeting  
Work 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 held 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 ±216 square foot accessory structure was approved at 2970 H Street in the General Commercial (C-G) 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>.

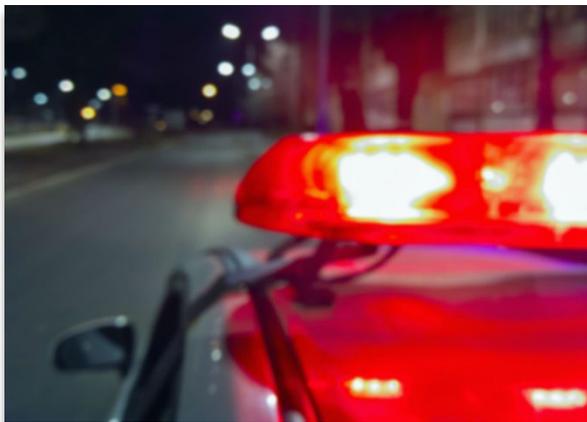
## Police Department



- This past week, BCPD opened 36 new cases and responded to 174 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- The Baker County Major Crime Team was activated in response to a reported shooting of an individual in the area of Campbell, near 4th Street. It was initially determined that there was no shooting, and a use of a firearm was not involved in the incident. Investigators also determined that there was no threat to the community. The incident remains under investigation.
- Baker School District 5J SRO Lance Woodward stopped by to read to the Baker Early Learning Center Kindergarten class this past week in celebration of Read Across America week! Great job Officer Woodward!
- Sergeant Wayne Chastain attended online-5 Things You Need to Start Doing Right Now in Your FTO Program presented by the Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute.



Fire Department



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

31.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
59 Hrs.	Fire training
06 Hrs.	EMS training
0 Hrs.	Safety training
2	Fire Prevention/Inspections
0	Community Events
11	Residential Burn Permits

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>	00
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	00
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	34
In-City Responses	30
Out of City Responses	04
Transports	21
No Transports	13
Airport Transfers	02
Out of town transfers accepted	01
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	04
<b>Emergency Call Back</b>	
Requests for cover	08
# of staff requested	11
Staff response for cover	02
No staff response for cover	06

Public Works:

**Public Works Weekly Update for 3/11/22**

**Water Dept:**

A hydrant on Tenth Street did not drain properly leaving water in the barrel of the hydrant.



Cold temperatures froze the water which broke the hydrant, spraying water high into the air.



The hydrant was replaced Thursday.

## Public Works:

An oddity occurred this week where two 2" Cast Iron Water lines had broken and needed to be repaired. There just isn't that many 2" Cast Iron water lines in Baker City's system. One of the lines was a 2" service line crossing HWY. 30, the other was a 2" water main line on Church Street. The most critical leak was under State Hwy. 30 (aka - Bridge Street). O.D.O.T. assisted Public Works by putting a message on two of their Overhead Message Boards informing travelers on I-84 that truck traffic would not be able to use the 306 Exit.



Beginning to excavate for the repair.



A piece of the broken 2" Cast Iron Line, while Cast Iron is very durable, it does not have much tensile strength.

Public Works



A new Corp Stop was attached to the main line using stainless steel bands.



Public Works



The entire trench was excavated and new 2" copper line installed.

Public Works



O.D.O.T. Specifications requires the use of CLSM which stands for Controlled Low Strength Material to achieve 100% compaction in the trench section.



Public Works



The Street remained closed overnight while the CLSM cured, the crew came back at 5:30 a.m. to complete the backfill of the trench and patch the surface with "cold mix" asphalt hauled from LaGrande the previous day. The road was open for traffic by 7:15 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The other 2" line that needed repair was the main line on Church Street.



The area was excavated which uncovered a "full circle" break in the line.

Public Works



Here the stainless-steel repair band has been placed on the pipe and is ready to slide over the break.



Once the band was moved in place and tightened, the leak was stopped.

Public Works



To trace the flow of water special dye tablets were placed into the water near the leak. The tablets appear red but turn a bright green color when dipped into water.

Public Works



Within minutes a green hue could be seen in the open water in Cell "B".



Differential elevations between Cells "A" and "B" were measured to be 5.8 feet.

Public Works



A mixture of dirt and Bentonite was used to compact into the leaking portion of the dike and appeared to slow the leak.

Public Works



Motors for the triplex pump assembly are in place at the outfall end of the treatment facility.



Winter weather continues to subsist at the site preventing the ice covering the cells from melting.

Public Works



O.D.O.T. installed new larger STOP signs and yellow warning signs at the intersection of 10th and Pocahontas/Hughes Lane Wednesday.

## Public Works

As required by Oregon OSHA Public Works Personnel were trained in the hazards of Permit Required Confined Spaces.



After atmospheric tests were performed on the air in the manhole and found to be safe, a man was lowered into the space and later retrieved. Atmospheric Hazards of confined spaced contain, but are not limited to, Hydrogen Sulfide Gas, Methane Gas, Carbon Monoxide, Carbon Dioxide, Petroleum Products, Oxygen displacement, flammable atmospheres, Volatile Organic Compounds, Nitrogen dioxide etc.

The T2 Trainer also recertified attendees in the safe use of Forklift equipment. This certification must be renewed every three years.

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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