



The WEEKLY

April 1st, 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!

Jobs!

The City is hiring for Code Enforcement Officer



Photo taken by Public Works Staff.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 12th –
7:00pm
City Council
Meeting
Regular Session

Board and Commission Openings

The City is still looking to fill vacancies on the following boards/commissions:

HDDRC - 2 positions

Public Works Advisory Committee - 1 position

Tree Board - 2 positions

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.



Code Enforcement Officer – Open until filled.

The City of Baker City is accepting application for the position of Code Enforcement Officer in the Police Department. For a complete announcement, position description, and application, please click the link above or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. The salary range is \$3,067-\$3,449 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

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
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Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

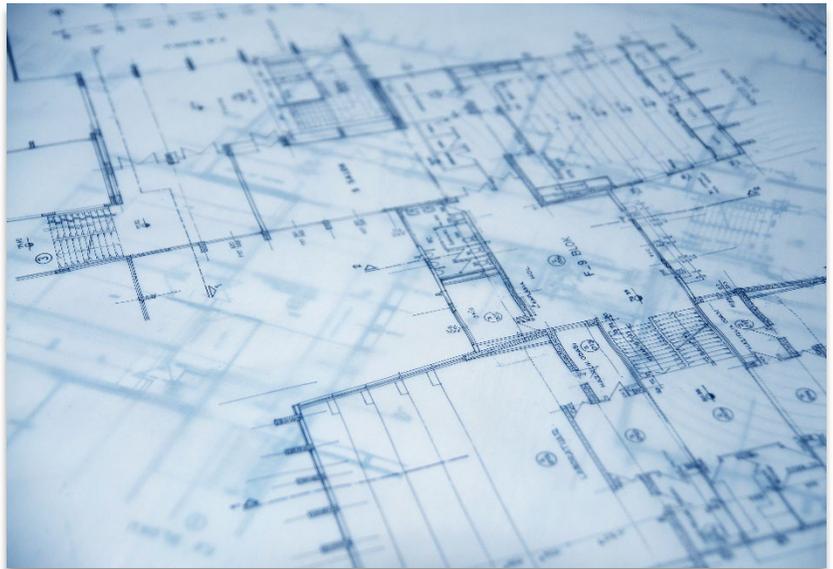
The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6pm on April 20, 2022, in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall, to discuss:

- CUP-22-026: A conditional use permit to install an electronic reader board sign in place of the existing projecting sign at the Baker Elks Lodge in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone addressed as 1896 2nd Street.
- CUP-22-029: A conditional use permit to build an oversized accessory building in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone addressed as 306 2nd Street.
- SUB-22-013: A six-lot subdivision request by Eagle Eye Ventures in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone between Colorado Avenue and S. Foothill Drive.

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.w.xsp>.



Police Department

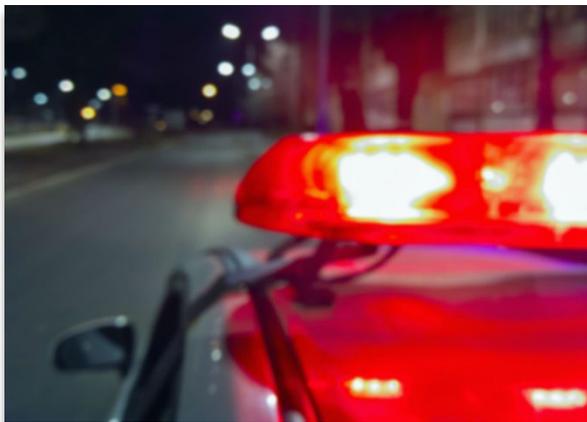


- This past week, BCPD opened 31 new cases and responded to 220 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- BCPD would like to extend our most heart-felt condolences to the family, friends, and law enforcement colleagues of OSP Sergeant Marcus McDowell. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



- Sergeant Wayne Chastain, Officer Rand Weaver and Officer Jared Wood attended an online webinar entitled, “5 Things to Do with Your FTO (Field Training Officer) Program Now,” presented by Blue Canary Consulting. The Department’s Field Training program is an integral part of the training process for all new patrol officers and is typically implemented upon an officer’s return from the Basic Police Academy.
- We’re hiring! Do you have an interest in serving our community? As a Code Enforcement Officer, you would have an important role in improving the livability for the people of our community. Code Enforcement Officers perform a variety of work in the interpretation and enforcement of codes and ordinances relating to property maintenance, animal, and parking ordinances; traffic regulation, related law enforcement activities to prevent crime, protect life and property. More information regarding this position is available at the City’s employment page: <http://bakercity.com/2241/Human-ResourcesEmployment-Opportunities>.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

21.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
43 Hrs.	Fire training
20 Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
2	Fire Prevention/Inspections
6	Community Events
45	Residential Burn Permits

03/22/2022-03/28/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

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

FIRE REPORTS	04
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	04
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	23
In-City Responses	19
Out of City Responses	04
Transports	19
No Transports	04
Airport Transfers	00
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	01
MVA's	01
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	03
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	16
# of staff requested	19
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	09

Public Works:

Public Works Weekly Update for 3/25/22

Wastewater Dept.:

A relocated wastewater stub was installed last week for a resident on 6th Street who was out of sewer service. The asphalt was "zipped".



The main sewer line was carefully exposed.



Public Works:

Trench shoring is placed in the deep portion of the trench to protect workers.



The terra cotta outer layer of the pipe was removed to expose the CIPP lining



Public Works



The new PVC lateral was installed, (the Utility worker shown is outside the shoring in a shallow portion of the trench). After the plumber completed their portion of the work, Public Works returned to perform additional compaction work under the street curb



The Resident was back in service on the relocated lateral that day.

Public Works



Several lines in Baker City were video-inspected using the upgraded Ques Video-inspection system.

There are several Wastewater Manholes in Baker City which are in obscure locations.



It is helpful to mark them for identification which helps keep them from being damaged. This particular manhole is between Elkhorn Village Retirement Home and the Powder River.

Public Works

A resident reported to Public Works late last week about what appeared to be a sewer leak on a slope above Tracy Street.



Upon responding to the site, the area was barricaded off for safety.



The line was video inspected using the regular inspection camera and the Vivax Push-cam. It was determined that the line had become totally blocked with tree roots.

Public Works



Removal of the blockage by both city forces and a local drain cleaner were unsuccessful.



An emergency locate was requested and repair work was completed Friday.

Public Works

The line was breached using the bucket of the Volvo Mini Excavator.



All the contaminated soil was then removed and transported to the landfill. Oregon D.E.Q. and O.E.R.S (Oregon Emergency Response System) were both notified of the incident as required. Previously, little was known about this particular wastewater line. It was most likely installed by a developer in the 1950s or early 1960s as part of the Hillcrest Subdivision Project.



The line was repaired and back in service the same day.

Public Works



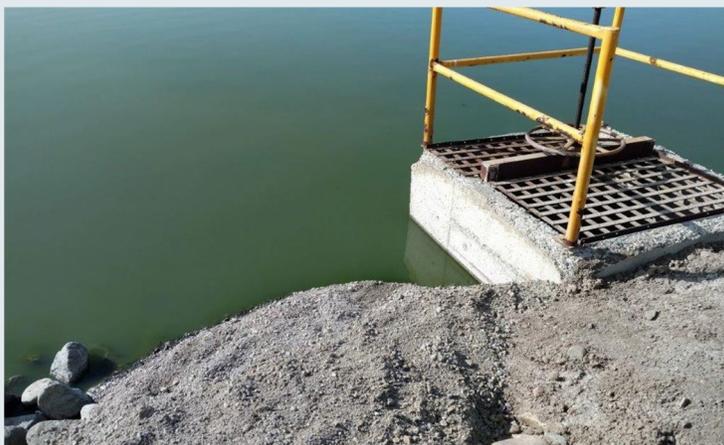
A manhole above the blockage was inspected as part of the maintenance process. This manhole was also installed as part of the Hillcrest development. It was constructed using stacked rocks and wooden boards supporting the steel ring and lid. The manhole will need substantial work to bring it up to current standards.

Public Works

Lagoon:



The ice finally melted from all 4 wastewater treatment ponds. Biological treatment of the wastewater has improved with warmer temperatures.



After lowering the level of Pond "A" the leak between Pond "A" and "B" appeared to have stopped.

Public Works**Warehouse:**

Access into the burnt Warehouse building was difficult.



Some of the melted weather stripping had to be cut away from the overhead door.

Water Dept.:

Two of the Goodrich line blow-off ports were excavated last week.



These blow-offs were installed as part of the original installation of the line in the early 1960s. Additional pipework will need to be done before line flushing work is performed.

Public Works

Street Dept.:



A gravel section of Estes Street became unstable last week. The gravel surface began heaving and rutting under vehicular traffic. Originally it was considered to be a water leak but was later determined to be a base failure. The failed area was excavated and replaced with crushed concrete, 3/4" crushed rock was then placed to create a smooth driving surface.



At the invitation of The Baker County Road Department, Baker City Public Works personnel attended a free Workshop at the Baker County Fairground Building. The Workshop was taught by Mojie Takallou, Ph.D., and P.E. from the University of Portland. The title of the Workshop was "Improving Safety Features of Highways, Local Roads and Streets". Mojie has taught safety workshops for many years. Thank you to Mojie for his years of service in this field and to Baker County for hosting the Workshop.

Public Works

Baker City worked in conjunction with local O.D.O.T. personnel to successfully clean the Dewey Street (Hwy 7) and U.P.R.R. underpass. (Lots of sanding rock had been deposited over the winter.)



The rock was washed from the curb area.



Public Works

Lastly, the section was swept.



The traffic Islands on Campbell Street were flushed off to remove sanding rock deposited over the winter.



Public Works

Several gravel streets were graded to fill potholes and improve ride quality.



A contractor working for Cascade Gas Co. is currently working within the Campbell Street Right of way replacing Natural Gas Supply Lines.



Public Works

Warehouse:

Access into the burnt Warehouse building was difficult.

Public Works Department Weekly Update for 4/1/22

Water Dept:

A two-man crew traveled to the Elkhorn Mountains to adjust flows at Salmon Creek, Little Salmon Creek, Little Marble, and Little Mill Creek.



Snow level at Big Mill Diversion and Marble Creek on March 24th.

Public Works



A large Douglas Fir Tree had fallen across the pipeline road and was cut out of the road to allow access to adjust water flows.

Public Works



So much water was entering the old concrete pipeline that the water was coming out of holes in the pipe and flowing across the road. The flow of water was reduced to eliminate the problem.

Bridge Street (Hwy.30) was detoured starting Thursday at noon to replace a water service line to a building on the south side of Auburn Ave. The section of the road was closed in cooperation with O.D.O.T.



Two service lines were installed. A 2" line was installed to upsize a service for a two-story building and a 1" service line was installed for future use. The trench was backfilled with 10 cubic yards of CLSM. A full load of Hot-mix asphalt will be hauled from an Idaho Supplier to patch this trench and the one from the work done (a water leak repair) on March 7th which only has a temporary "cold mix" patch.

Public Works



In preparation for the installation of the new 16" water line up Indiana Avenue, excavation was done to expose an existing 4" Ductile Iron waterline. Elevation of the pipe was measured so that design work can be completed, and the installation work to be performed in April.

Street Dept.:

Conditions earlier this week were near perfect for grading gravel Streets.



Here you can see the grader operator smoothing the surface of Carter Street between 9th and 10th.

Public Works

Wastewater Dept.:

A wastewater lateral on 5th Street was replaced this week.



The street surface was pulverized using the asphalt zipper.

Roots were the cause of the pipe blockage.



Public Works

The lateral was excavated.



Here you can see angle points in the old concrete lateral



The old lateral was cut using a pipe snapper tool and removed from the trench.

Public Works

The open hole left from the old lateral was plugged using a mechanical plug and concrete.



A special 6" x 4" PVC Eccentric Reducer and other fittings were used to make a secure and permanent connection.

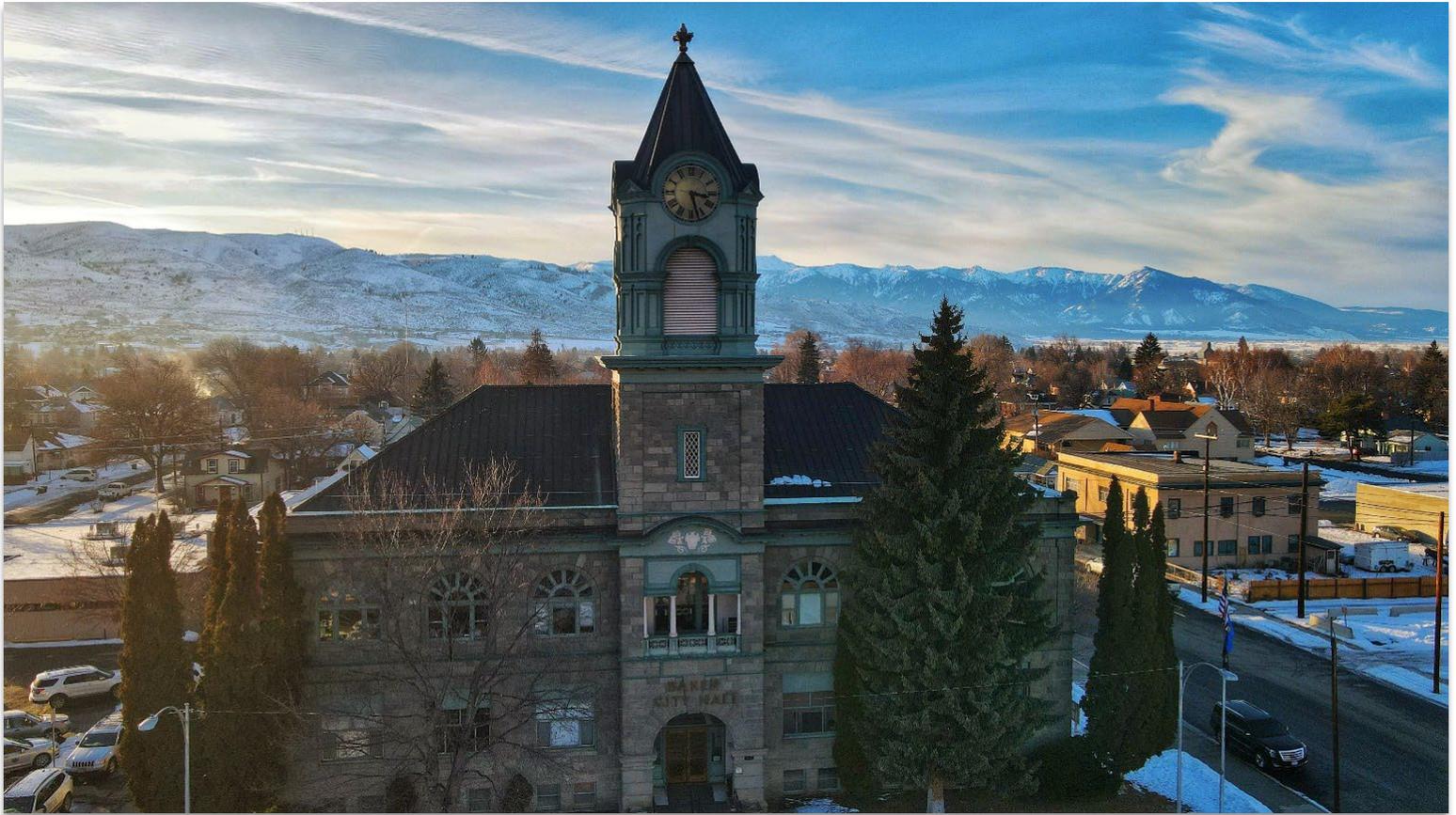


Public Works

The piping was reconnected, the trench backfilled, and the resident was back in service quickly.



Have a great weekend!



Elected Officials

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