



# The WEEKLY

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

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The City is looking for photos for the new website!

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
City Council Meeting  
Regular Session

April 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
City Council Meeting  
Regular Session



Photo taken by Public Works Staff.

Fire Chief Sean Lee and I met with Baker County officials to discuss the transition of the ambulance service last week. Baker County is looking into the process to prepare the Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a new service provider. My understanding is the County is working hard to prepare the necessary documents and processes to select a quality provider. I wish the County the best of success as they work through this process. Baker City stands ready to provide information and understanding as needed so Baker County has everything at its disposal to prepare the RFP.

This week Baker County met regarding the Ambulance Service at their regular commissioners' meeting. Baker City is reviewing the information presented in that meeting to see how it might impact the ambulance service discussions.

Also, last week, Chief Lee and I met with the Fire Department staff to discuss the impacts of the reduction in services. Chief Lee focused on preparing a staffing model which provides coverage during fire events. On average Baker City Fire Department responds to approximately 14 building fires per year. The remainder of calls the fire department responds to include fire alarms, fire inspections, and non-structure fires. The proposed staffing model will be presented to city council on April 12th at their regular city council meeting. It is designed to provide staffing for the anticipated call volume. It resembles staffing models from other departments across the state with a population similar to the population of Baker City.

I recognize this change in staffing will negatively impact our firefighters. For those who will ultimately have to find employment elsewhere, I wish all of them the best of success. It is never easy to face the potential of loss of employment. I know this weighs very heavy on everyone.

**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](http://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](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 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 replace an existing sign with an electronic reader board at the Baker Elks Lodge at 1896 2nd Street in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone.
- CUP-22-029: A conditional use permit to build a 1,728 sq. ft. accessory building at 306 2nd Street in the Residential- Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- 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.xsp>.

### Applications

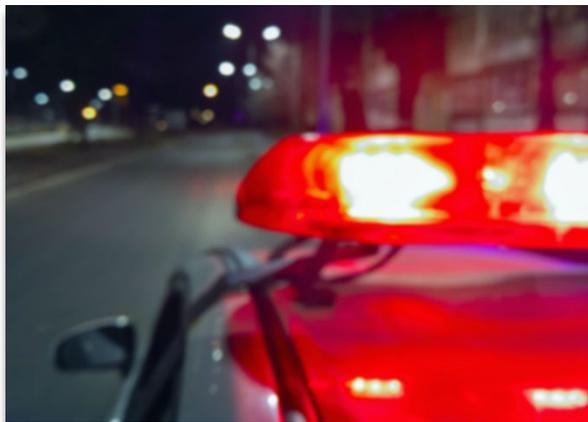
- A land use review for a residential addition was approved in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone at 2819 College Street.
- A land use review for an accessory structure (carport) was approved in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone behind 2220 Birch Street.
- A land use review was approved for a single-family dwelling and attached shop at 2616 3rd Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A site design review was approved for the conversion of existing office space to transient lodging at 1705 Main Street in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone.

## Police Department



- This past week, BCPD opened 29 new cases and responded to 159 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- Officer Koby Essex attended Basic Defensive Tactics Trainer Workshop/Refresher Course held in Baker City. This course, hosted by Oregon DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training) is to develop experienced officers, troopers, and deputies into competent trainers capable of teaching basic defensive tactics skills to all levels of public safety officers.
- 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**

12.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
14 Hrs.	Fire training
00 Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
03	Fire Prevention/Inspections
00	Community Events
31	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:

<b>FIRE REPORTS</b>	08
General alarms	02
Dispatched alarms	06
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	22
In-City Responses	18
Out of City Responses	04
Transports	20
No Transports	02
Airport Transfers	00
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	00
MVA's	00
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	03
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
<b>Emergency Call Back</b>	
Requests for cover	10
# of staff requested	11
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	07

Public Works:

**Public Works Weekly Update for 4/8/22:**

**Water Department:**

Friday a Public Works Crew was able to complete the installation of both 1" and 2" water lines crossing Bridge Street (State Hwy. 30). The lines were installed and backfilled.



The trench edges were re-cut and then the trench was patched with hot asphalt hauled from a Nampa Paving Plant.



Public Works:



The work was completed, and the street re-opened for traffic Friday afternoon.



Public Works

Public Works is installing a new 10" Ductile Iron water line connecting the 16" Ductile Iron line in Indiana Avenue to the new well situated in the golf course parking lot. A tree stump was removed.



The 16" Ductile Iron line was exposed, and the tapping saddle attached.



Public Works

A Garbage Truck Driver reported to Public Works this week that there appeared to be a water leak on Grove Street. Upon inspection of the site, water could be seen coming up from a crack in the street.



Public Works

An emergency underground locate for utilities was requested. The repair began that afternoon. The asphalt surface was zipped, and the ground was excavated to expose the 3/4" copper service line.



A special crimping tool was used to pinch the malleable copper and stop the flow of water. Here you can see where there were several pin-size holes in the pipe.



Public Works

**Street Dept.:**

Public Works assisted Police, Fire, and O.T.E.C. by closing off a block of "E" Street where smoke was seen coming from a power pole.



Two other power poles were reported to have had fire issues the same day.

**Wastewater Dept.:**

A resident on Walnut Avenue had been having sewer problems with their lateral and requested that public works provide advice on the problem.



Public Works

While excavating their lateral they discovered that the top of the 4" Orangeburg lateral had been damaged many years (perhaps several decades) when a buried phone line was installed. Here you can see where the top of the sewer line was broken out as the smaller phone line was installed.



Work began to repair and reinforce a manhole that was installed by a contractor around 1960. The base of the manhole was constructed from stacked and mortared rock.



Public Works

A resident on 3rd Street reported sewer problems this week. A crew worked on the problem for several hours. The line was cleaned using the Vactor Truck (much less efficient than the jetter that burned in the fire last month), which took several hours to complete.



Next, the line was inspected using both the push-cam (Left) and the Cues Video-inspection systems (Right).

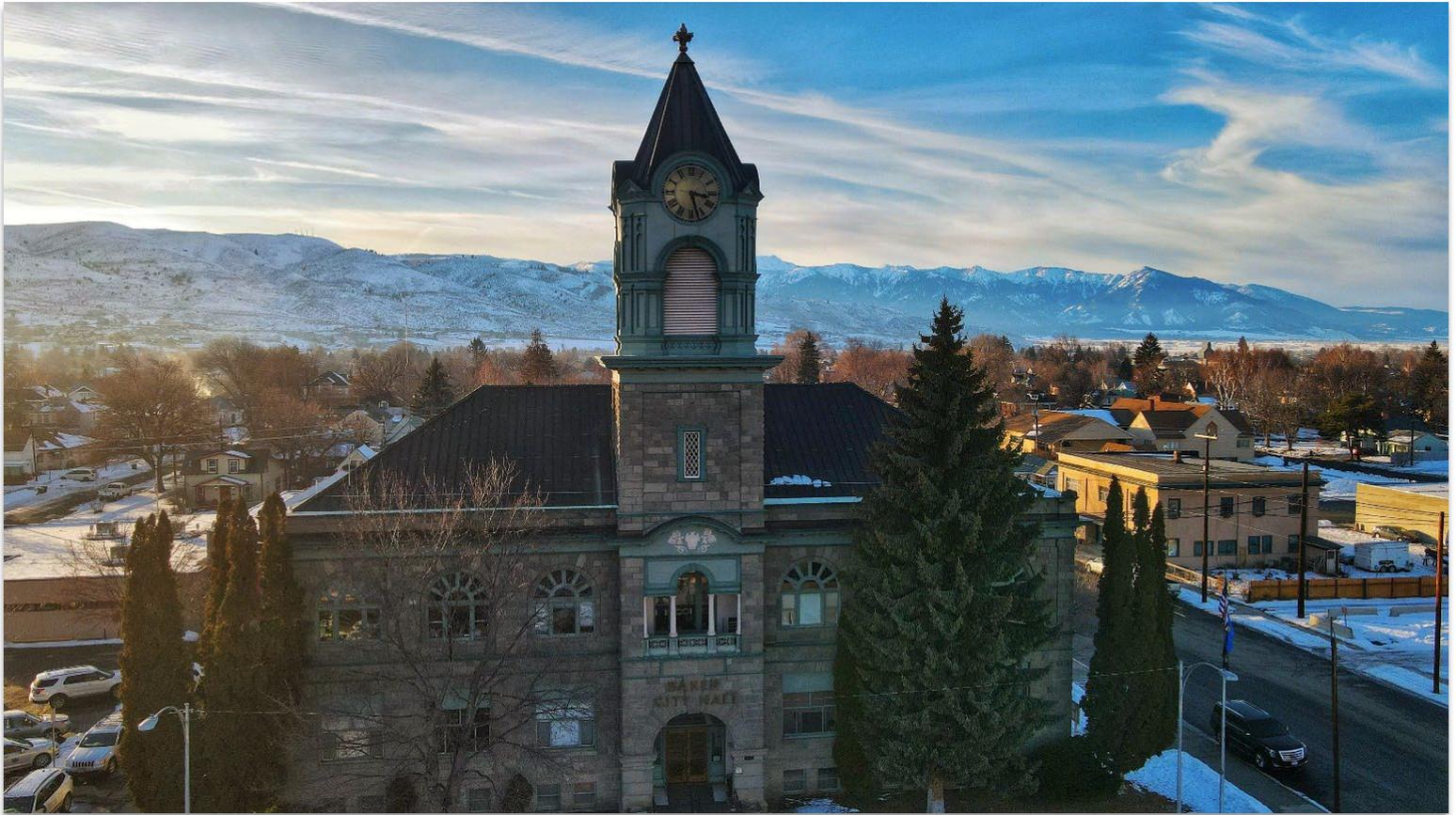


Public Works

Near the downstream manhole, the line has an abrupt offset which will need to be repaired before a mechanical root cutting saw can fit inside the pipe. The entire block of the alley was called in for an underground locate so that repair work could be accomplished.



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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