



# The WEEKLY

April 29th, 2022

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



## City Manager's Update

### INSIDE

#### Website Redesign Photo Contest

The City is looking for photos for the new website!

#### Jobs!

The City is hiring for multiple positions!

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 2nd – 6:00pm  
Budget Board Meeting

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm  
City Council Executive Session

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
Regular Council Meeting

City Council met on Tuesday of this week. Two items of note from the meeting. The first includes the first and second reading of a camping ordinance. The camping ordinance regulates time and place for camping within Baker City. It prohibits the accumulation of camping equipment and tent cities. It also limits RV and vehicle living by requiring vehicles to be able to crank and move on a regular basis. Council will read the camping ordinance for the third time at the May 10, 2022 meeting. After the third reading they will determine if they want to vote to approve the ordinance or reject the ordinance.

The second item of note is City Council ratified the Baker City Employee Association (BCEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement. This agreement is the union contract representing our public works department, building department, and finance department. Negotiations began in February of this year and concluded after three bargaining sessions. The new contract takes effect immediately. With ratification by City Council, Human Resources is working to prepare the contract for signatures.

Another reminder that Budget Board will meet beginning May 2 in City Hall at 6:00pm. Budget Board meetings are open to the public. The proposed budget is available on the Baker City website.

Baker County released a request for proposals (RFP) for ambulance service. It is available from the county. It sets a timeline allowing selection of a new ambulance provider in July.

Without ambulance service, some are indicating we will no longer have a fire department or a functioning fire department after the county selects a new service provider. This is inaccurate at best. The target staffing model for the fire department is sufficient to cover the volume and type of fire calls historically received by the Baker City Fire Department. The target staffing model is similar to other comparable departments throughout the state, some of which run far more fire calls than we have historically run. For more significant but very rare disasters, Baker City will continue as it does today. Our quality trained staff will respond to the call, we will continue to work on improving our paid part time and volunteer programs, and we will seek to continue building strong mutual aid agreements with other departments.

Have a great 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](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.

[JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

[APPLICATION](#)

### **Utility Worker II**

The City of Baker City is accepting application for the position of Utility Worker II in the Public Works Department. For a complete position description and application, please click the links below or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. The salary range is \$3,601-\$4,212 per month plus excellent benefits.

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[APPLICATION](#)

### **Police Officer**

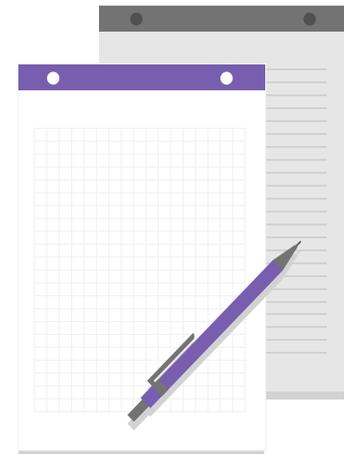
The City of Baker City is accepting application for the position of Patrol Officer in the Police Department. For a complete position description and application, please click the links below or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. The salary range is \$4,517-\$5,090 per month plus excellent benefits.

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*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*



**Finance: Utility/Billing**

- 16 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 7 customers disconnected service from April 21st thru April 27th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 7 was billed April 22nd and included 570 residential and 28 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 183 (30%) are signed up for direct payment and 32 (5%) are signed up for e-billing.
- Zone 4 was billed April 25th and included 741 residential and 63 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 245 (30%) are signed up for direct payment and 50 (6%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 17 residential customers (Zones 7 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) of those 17, 4 were turned off for no pay, of those 4, 3 paid and had their services reinstated. The remaining 13 have paid their balance or set up payment arrangements.

**DOXO 4/21/22-4/27/22**

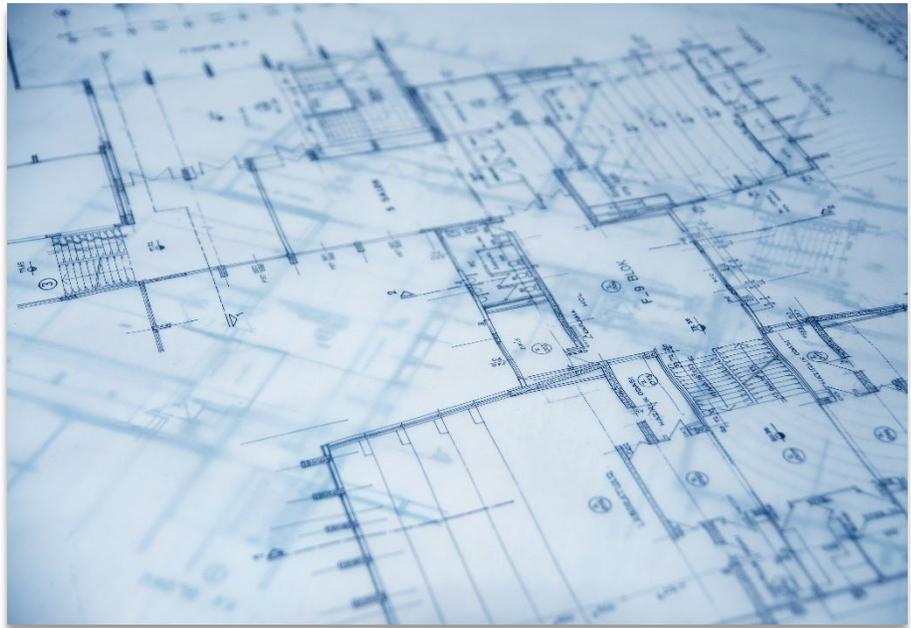
- As of 4/25/22 there were 749 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills, as of 4/28/22, there were 753 total customers signed up.
- From 4/21-4/27, a total of 51 payments, in the amount of \$4,336.10, were made.

## Planning Department

### 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://www1.bakercounty.org/jobPostings.nsf/xView.xsp>.



## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The next regularly-scheduled Planning Commission hearing is Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

## Applications

- A land use review for a new single-family dwelling was approved in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone for Lot 6 in the Silver Birch Subdivision located near Birch and E Streets.
- A land use review for two new townhome units was approved in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone for Lots 11 and 12 in the Silver Birch Subdivision located near Birch and E Streets.
- A partition of one property into two was approved at 785 Idlewood Drive in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone. Notice of the decision and an opportunity to appeal was mailed to neighbors within 100' of the project area. If no appeals are filed, the decision will become final on May 2, 2022.
- The Planning Department is reviewing an application to divide one property into two at 2275 Virginia Avenue in the Residential High-Density Zone. Notice of the application and opportunity to comment was mailed to neighbors within 100' of the project. All public comments will be accepted until May 6, 2022 at 5 PM.

Building Department

**Notice of Fee Increase Effective 7/1/2022. If you have questions or concerns about this fee increase, please join the conversation at the virtual meeting on May 4, 5:00 p.m.**

Short link to meeting: <https://rebrand.ly/sglc5b2>



Police Department



**This past week, BCPD opened 39 new cases and responded to 179 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.**

- BCPD patrol officers responded to a rash of burglaries over this past weekend. We would like to remind people to please be vigilant in locking your homes and vehicles. Report suspicious activity and consider investing in a camera/security system.

**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**

25.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
32 Hrs.	Fire training
03Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
00	Fire Prevention/Inspections
00	Community Events
14	Residential Burn Permits

04/19/2022-04/25/2022

**EMERGENCY RESPONSES**

The Baker City Fire Department responded to a total of 30 emergency alarms detailed as follows:

<b>FIRE REPORTS</b>	03
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	03
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	35
In-City Responses	27
Out of City Responses	08
Transports	23
No Transports	12
Airport Transfers	01
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	02
MVA's	01
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	02
Triples (3 simultaneous)	01
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	00
<b>Emergency Call Back</b>	
Requests for cover	29
# of staff requested	31
Staff response for cover	05
No staff response for cover	15

Public Works:

**Public Works Weekly Update for 4/29/22**

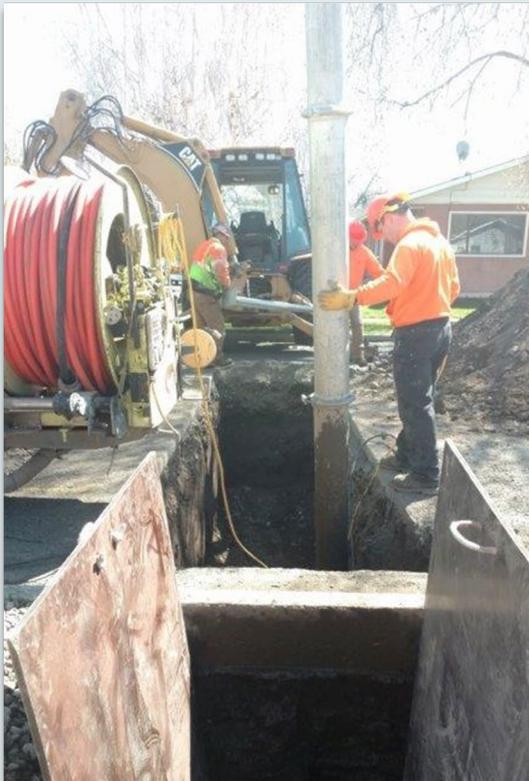
**Wastewater Department:**

On College Street, an old 4" diameter terra cotta sewer lateral was replaced Friday with a new 4" PVC Pipe.



Public Works:

The existing lateral was excavated using the Backhoe and Vector Truck.



Public Works



Once exposed, it was obvious that the sewer lateral was in poor condition with broken bells and failed grout joints.

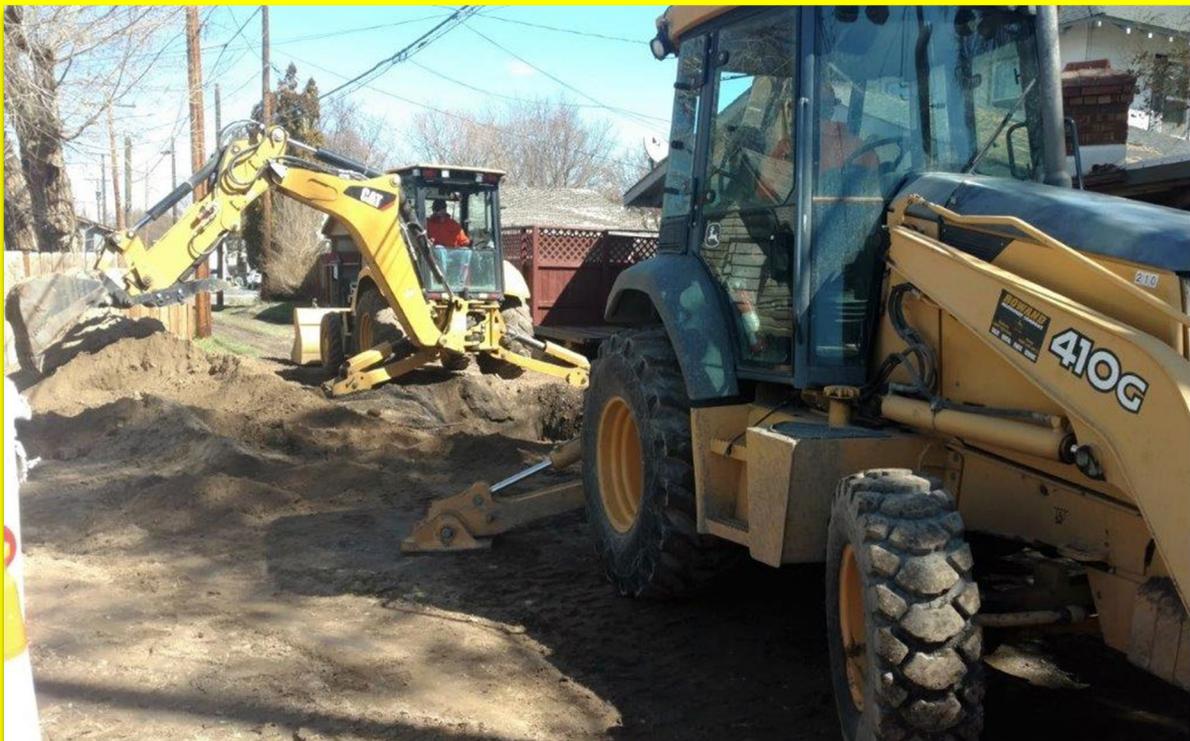


A new Romac Saddle attachment was made onto the mainline and the new 4" PVC lateral was installed. After installation of the new lateral, the excavation was backfilled, and the surface cleaned up. Hot mix will be used to permanently patch the street surface next month.

Public Works



Clean-up work on the sewer repair in an alley between 2nd and 3rd Streets was completed Friday.



Public Works



Over 7 cubic yards of concrete was used Monday to repair three different sections of sidewalk where sewer laterals have been repaired recently.



The remaining concrete was used to build four more eco-blocks and a water vault lid.

## Public Works

A 42-foot-long section of 8" Sewer Mainline was installed this week on 6th Street between "D" and "E" Streets.



The Baker County Road Department used their German-made Wirtgen Asphalt Grinder to grind the asphalt from the trench line. Asphalt was loaded directly into the bed of one of Baker City's 10-yard dump trucks and later reused for the surface of the trench. Thank you to Baker County Road Department for their participation in the project.

## Public Works

Once the asphalt was ground from the street surface, excavation commenced and the short section of mainline was installed.



Once the mainline was in place an 8" x 8" x 4" 45-degree Wye connection and an additional 45-degree fitting was attached to make a smooth transition for whatever might flow down the pipe. A plug was securely installed into the north end of the 8" pipe to keep it "watertight".

Public Works

The mainline and lateral were both installed, and the area was cleaned up in less than two days.



**Water Department:**

In preparation for this year's installation of new pipe on the Mountain Line, the Crusher is being repaired and reinforced.



## Public Works



A surplus of "runoff water " from the Elkhorn Mountains provided sufficient water for flushing the water transmission lines within Baker City. A second water diffuser was borrowed from the City of North Powder so that two crews could work simultaneously flushing water from hydrants. (Thank you to the City of North Powder.)



The diffuser units mount to the receiver on the back of each service truck and greatly reduce the velocity of the flow of water. This in turn lessens the impact of the water reducing erosion and causing less damage to property. The work is necessary to remove any sediment that has settled inside the waterlines. Water normally needs to flow from each hydrant for several minutes to accomplish the task.

# Have a great weekend!



## Elected Officials

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