



# The WEEKLY

May 6<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!



### Jobs!

The City is hiring for multiple positions!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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

## City Manager's Update

Happy Mother's Day. I am appreciative of my mother who worked so very hard to raise me and provide me with opportunities for success. I also appreciate the mother of my children who sacrifices so much to do the same for them. Thank you to all of our mothers, grandmothers, and motherly figures in Baker City. The work you do deserves our deepest respect and gratitude.

Budget Board met Monday and Tuesday of this week to review the upcoming fiscal year budget. They recommended some minor changes to the budget before approving it. City Council will review the budget in June with a public hearing at 7:00 PM on June 14, 2022, in City Hall. They will then prepare it for adoption at 7:00 PM on June 28, 2022, in City Hall.

On May 10, 2022, City Council will meet and review several topics. They will complete the third reading of the camping ordinance, review the status of the county ambulance request for proposal, and begin discussing the Elkhorn Industrial park, review proclamations, look at taxicab fares, review Baker Sanitary Franchise rates, and finance will present quarterly financial reports. It will be a busy meeting.

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](#)

### **Police Officer**

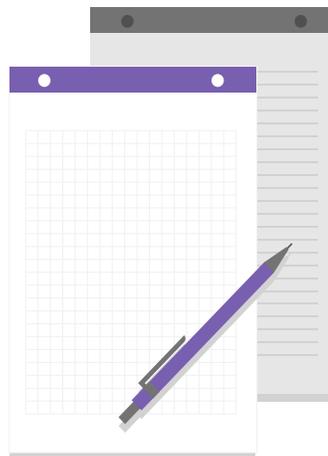
The City of Baker City is accepting application for the position of Patrol Officer in the Police Department. For a complete position description and application, please click the links below or contact Stacy Spriet in Human Resources. The salary range is \$4,517-\$5,090 per month plus excellent benefits.

[JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

[APPLICATION](#)



*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**

- 9 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 7 customers disconnected service from April 28th thru May 4th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 8 was billed April 29th and included 482 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 128 (25%) are signed up for direct payment and 24 (4%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 10 residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) of those 10, 1 was turned off for no pay. The remaining 9 have paid their balance or set up payment arrangements.

**DOXO 4/28/22-5/02/22**

- As of 5/2/22 there were 758 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills, as of 5/3/22, there were 759 total customers signed up.
- From 4/28-5/4, a total of 57 payments, in the amount of \$4,988.24, were made.

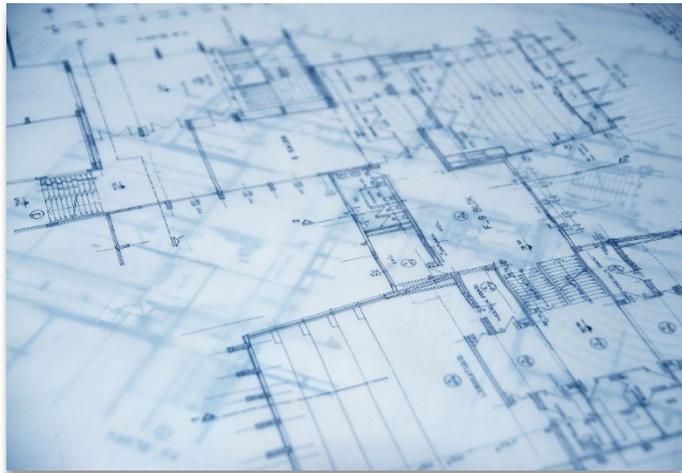


## Planning Department

### 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 Planning Commission hearing for Wednesday, May 18, 2022, was cancelled.

## Applications

- A Land Use Review for an elevated porch for a single family residence was approved at 2610 Clark Street, located in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- The Planning Department approval for a Minor Partition Plat at 785 Idlewood Drive was final on May 2, 2022 with no appeals received. The project is in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- 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.
- A Conditional Use Permit was approved 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. Notice of the approval and opportunity to comment was mailed to neighbors within 100' of the project. All public comments will be accepted until May 16, 2022 at 5 PM.
- A Conditional Use Permit was approved to build a 1,728 square foot accessory building at 306 2nd Street in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone. Notice of the approval and opportunity to comment was mailed to neighbors within 100' of the project. All public comments will be accepted until May 16, 2022 at 5 PM.

Fire Department



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

28.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
09 Hrs.	Fire training
42Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
00	Fire Prevention/Inspections
00	Community Events
08	Residential Burn Permits

04/26/2022-05/02/2022

**EMERGENCY RESPONSES**

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

<b>FIRE REPORTS</b>	02
General alarms	01
Dispatched alarms	01
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	35
In-City Responses	21
Out of City Responses	14
Transports	21
No Transports	14
Airport Transfers	01
Out of town transfers accepted	02
Out of town Transfers rejected	02
MVA's	02
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	07
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	36
Staff response for cover	07
No staff response for cover	15

**Public Works:**

**Public Works Weekly Update for 05/06/22**

**Wastewater Department:**

Fire hydrant flushing continued this week.

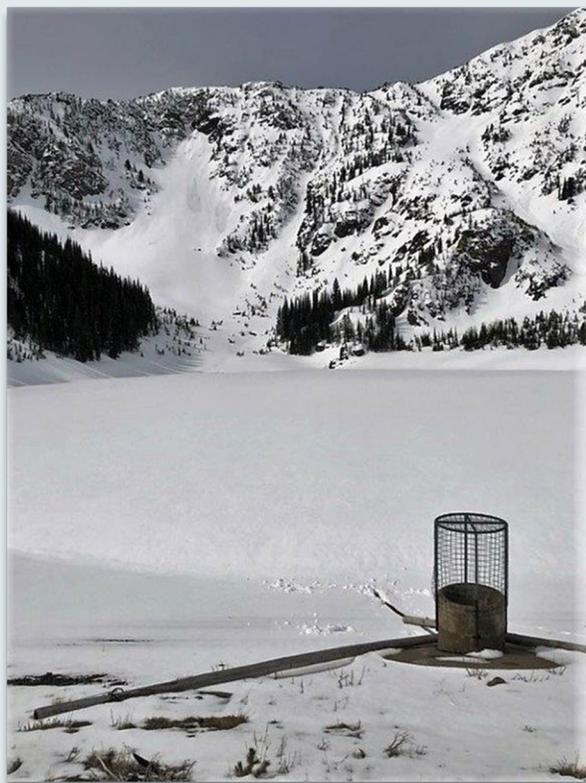
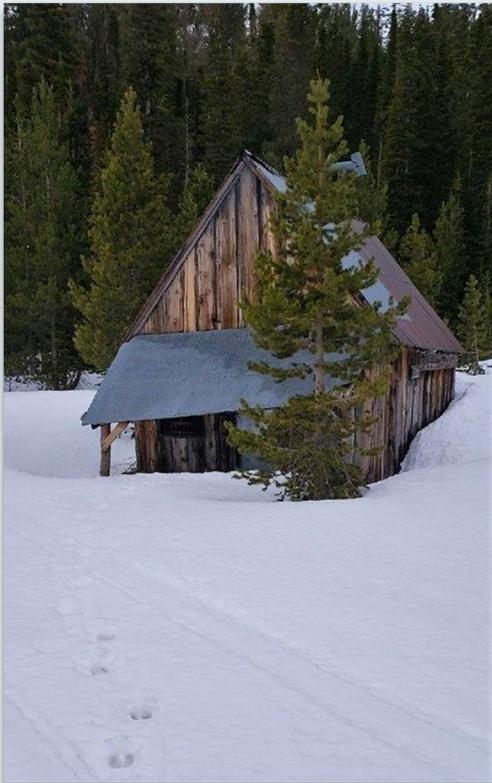


Pictured here, a two man crew on Foothill Drive flushes small particles of sediment from the line. Hydrant flushing is planned to be completed by the end of this week.



Access road improvements were made this week in preparation for hauling new 24" PVC water pipe high into the Elkhorn Mtns.

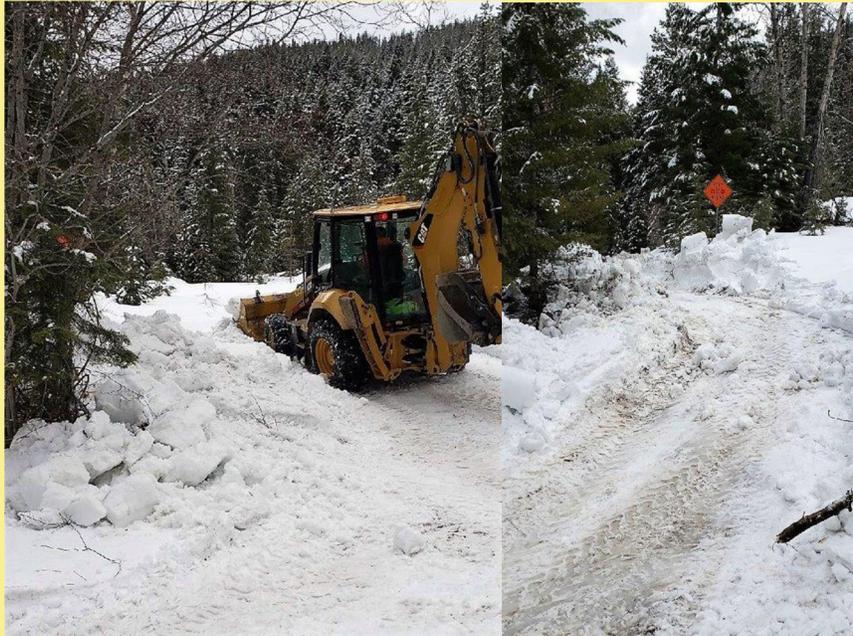
Public Works:



A two man crew made the trip to Goodrich Reservoir this week to adjust water flow.

**Public Works**

A backhoe was used to clear snow near the Marble Creek Diversion to allow for faster access to adjust the flow of water to town.



Late Thursday a citizen called to report water coming up through the asphalt in Birch Street. It was immediately determined to be a water main line leak. Since the water was not causing any property damage it was decided to perform the repair work early Friday morning. An emergency underground locate was requested and work began at 6 a.m. Friday.

Again Baker County Road Department assisted by lending Baker City the use of their asphalt grinder attachment for the CAT Skid Steer. Thank you to the Road Department



Public Works

Street Department



12 tons of asphalt was hauled from Ontario Wednesday to patch a water line trench on Indiana and sewer trenches on both Campbell and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets



Public Works



There was lots of activity on Indiana Avenue Wednesday. Public Works was patching and crackfilling, the street, while the contractor from LaGrande worked to install plumbing and a building for the new municipal well in the golf course parking lot.



Public Works

A crew worked to clean and video-inspect wastewater collection lines throughout town. Tree roots continue to cause problems by inhibiting the flow of wastewater through pipes.



Public Works

A new weed spray tank was purchased this year for use at several different City Facilities. Once the weather dries enough weed control work will begin.



# 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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