



The WEEKLY

June 10, 2022

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

INSIDE

Ambulance Service Update

The City has a page of facts and information on the website.

Jobs!

The City is hiring for police officer

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 14th –
6:00pm
City Council
Work Session

June 14th –
7:00pm
Regular Council
Meeting



Featured Photo- Goodrich Reservoir, Taken by Public Works Staff

City Manager's Update

City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 to receive input on the approved budget by the Budget Board. City Council will then adopt the budget at its regular meeting on June 28, 2022. The state of Oregon requires the city to adopt a budget before the end of the Fiscal Year on June 30, 2022. The city is well on track to be in compliance with the state.

It's an election year in Baker City. Baker City has four positions on the city council up for election. Citizens should consider running for office to serve on City Council. It is an important work performed in the city. City Councilors receive compensation of \$10 per meeting and a total of \$150 for each year they serve. It is certainly not a lucrative opportunity to be on Council, but it is an opportunity to be involved with the decisions that impact the direction of the city. If you are interested in running for office, reach out to the City Recorder to find out how. He has a prepared packet that guides candidates through the legal process and paperwork required by the state of Oregon.

Baker County is making headway in their work to implement a new ambulance service provider. They have announced their intention to award the ambulance services contract to Metrowest. We have included copies of the RFP responses on our website from Metrowest and Capstone. Baker County will now work out the details of the contract and the transition to the new service provider. My understanding is that Metrowest will have ambulances in Baker City as early as this weekend to provide some level of service as this process proceeds. Baker City will continue to provide second out ambulance services until no longer required by Baker County or September 30, whichever comes first.

This means AMR will soon leave town. They have provided a quality service. We are grateful for their contribution to Baker County.

Additional ambulance service uploads are now on to the Baker City website. We located newspaper articles from 1991 in a large book in city hall. The articles are from the Baker City Herald. They are an interesting read. You can read them [here](#).

Jonathan Cannon – City Manager

[Ambulance Service Update - Helpful Links with Information:](#)



[Website Ambulance Page](#)

Above is a link to our website which goes to a page with Ambulance Service Information. The city will be providing data, history, and facts regarding the current ambulance service. This will be periodically updated.

More questions? Please send an email to cityrecorder@bakercity.gov

COUNCILOR SEAT VACANCIES

Baker City will have four City Council seats become vacant at the completion of the 2022 calendar year. The terms run for 4 years for the three candidates with the highest votes, and 2 years for the candidate with the lowest votes.

If you are interest in running for City Council, please pick up the elections packet from Dallas Brockett, City Recorder/Executive Assistant, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814. Packets can also be emailed if requested.

The city council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Additional meetings may be called on an as-needed basis.

Closing date for submitting completed candidacy forms is 5:00pm., August 19th, 2022. Eligible candidates will appear on the November 8th, 2022 ballot. Elected candidates will be sworn into office at the first meeting in January 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the recorder's office at 541-524-2033 or by email at cityrecorder@bakercity.gov

Dallas Brockett

City Recorder / Executive Assistant

(541) 524-2033

cityrecorder@bakercity.gov

Human Resources – Job Opportunities

We are Hiring!



Feel free to go to our website [www.bakercity.com] for more information on the following job opportunities.

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

Utilities 06/02/22-06/08/22

6 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 4 customers disconnected service from June 2nd to June 8th. This includes all service changes.

Zone 5 was billed June 4th and included 472 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 144 (29%) are signed up for direct payment and 36 (7%) are signed up for e-billing.

Zone 1 was billed June 7th and included 97 residential and 256 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 77 (22%) are signed up for direct payment, and 26 (7%) are signed up for e-billing.

10 residential customers (zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) Of those 10, none have yet contacted the City.

DOXO

As of 6/08/22 there were 786 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills.

From 6/2-6/8, a total of 92 payments, in the amount of \$8,477.05, were made.

Building Department

Notice of grant opportunity for structures in the Historic District:

Every two years, due to our City's status as a "Certified Local Government", we have the opportunity to award funds to property owners for repair/maintenance on historic properties. This is a matching grant opportunity with specific guidelines, and the application window is now open. For more information, please visit the Baker City website, and go to the Historic District Design Review Committee page. You are also welcome to join us at any HDDRC meeting, or call the Building Dept. 541-524-2054.

Planning Department

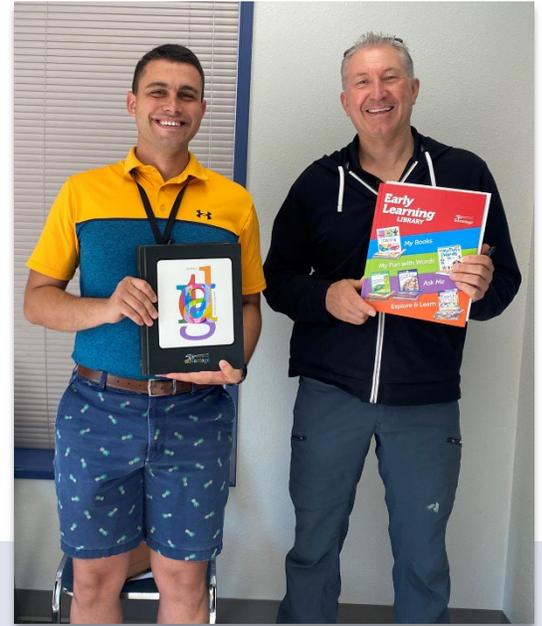
PUBLIC HEARINGS

The next regularly-scheduled Planning Commission hearing on June 15, 2022, has been cancelled.

APPLICATIONS

- A new single-family dwelling was approved at 635 Foothill Drive, replacing an existing dwelling, in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A school bus circulation route and accessory structure were approved for the Baker Intermediate School at 1285 3rd Street, in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A basement/main floor remodel and a second-story addition were approved for the Corner Brick building located at 1840 Main Street, in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone. The existing use on the main level will remain the same. The second-story addition will be used to increase the size of the existing restaurant/bar venue and will add three short-term vacation rental rooms.
- A new single-family dwelling was approved at 105 Foothill Drive, in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A final plat was approved to complete the division of one property into two at 785 Idlewood Drive in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) zone.

Police Department



BCPD Weekly Report

- During the previous week, BCPD opened 37 new cases and responded to 179 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- K9 Handler Sergeant Wayne Chastain and K9 Capa assisted Oregon State Police during a traffic stop. K9 Capa was deployed and alerted to a controlled substance in the stopped car, resulting in issuance of a search warrant. This subsequent investigation yielded significant amounts of controlled substances, including fentanyl powder and pills. OSP released the following press release in response to this incident:

On June 1, 2022, at approximately 12:48 AM, an Oregon State Police Trooper contacted a vehicle believed to be involved in a crash at the intersection of State Route 7 and Interstate 84 in Baker City. During the investigation, it was learned no crash occurred; however, the operator of the vehicle failed to provide a driver's license and after being detained for Failure to Carry and Present License, it was determined the subject had provided false information. Once the subject's identity was known, Troopers were advised of multiple outstanding out-of-state warrants for his arrest.

The Baker City Police Department assisted in the investigation and provided a controlled substance detection K9. The K9 alerted to controlled substances and the vehicle was towed from the scene pending a search warrant. The suspect, Darren Yeater, 31, of Richland, Washington, was arrested on the warrants and lodged at the Baker County Jail.

The search warrant was approved and served. The following evidence was seized: Methamphetamine – 1,302.37g; Fentanyl Powder – 40.2g; Fentanyl pills – (approx.) 15,962 dosage units; Marijuana – 2.02lbs; Suboxone – 21 dosage units; Cocaine – 21.8g; unknown substance – 9.3g; 9mm pistol; .223 Assault Rifle (without a serial number); .17 rifle; .38 Special; .2283 pistol; .45 pistol and ammunition and magazines.

There was also evidence of identity theft and evidence of manufacturing and distribution of controlled substances. Additional charges are pending. The Oregon State Police would like to thank the Baker City Police Department for their assistance on the scene and during the investigation.

- Pictured above: Stoyan (Tony) Ivanov will be in the Baker City area over the summer selling educational books on behalf of Southwestern Advantage (an accredited business with BBB). Tony is from Bulgaria and is raising money for college. He has successfully completed all necessary requirements for a City of Baker City Peddler's Permit and has proper identification available. If you have any questions, please contact the Baker City Police Department at 541-524-2014.
- Expect to see the Department's new speed radar trailer in different locations throughout the city this summer! This trailer, manufactured by MPH Industries, will be deployed in response to speeding complaints and in high traffic areas with additional safety concerns, such as in school zones and other areas with pedestrians present. If you have a traffic concern and would like to see the trailer in your neighborhood, please reach out to the Baker City Police Department at 541-524-2014.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

26.0 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
31.5 Hrs.	Fire training
04Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
00	Fire Prevention/Inspections
4.5	Community Events
08	Residential Burn Permits

05/17/2022-05/23/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

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

FIRE REPORTS	06
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	06
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	09
In-City Responses	07
Out of City Responses	02
Transports	05
No Transports	03
Airport Transfers	00
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	00
MVA's	01
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	00
Triples (3 simultaneous)	00
Quads (4 simultaneous)	00
MCI's	00
Public assist	01
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	06
# of staff requested	02
Staff response for cover	02
No staff response for cover	04

Public Works:

Public Works Weekly Update for 6/10/2022

Water Department



All the new 24" diameter pipe for this year's Mountain line project was hauled up Washington Gulch to the installation site and placed.



Public Works

Recent rains and snow melt have caused Goodrich Reservoir to fill at a rapid rate.

Public Works personnel traveled to the Lake four times this week to adjust the flow of water and to assure that the floating ice sheet was kept at a safe distance from the "Glory Hole" structure.



Thursday the access road was plowed using the CAT Dozer providing quicker access to the lake.

Public Works



This panorama photo distorts the top of the dam - it is actually straight, not curved as shown.) By Thursday most of the snow on the top of the dam had melted but large amounts of water continue to cascade from the slope above the Lake.



A contractor working for Cascade Natural Gas is installing new plastic gas mainlines and service lines in town.



During some of the installation work, an abandoned water service line was broken and needed to be turned off.

Public Works



A resident on Park Street contacted Public Works about a settled portion of the sidewalk that had become a trip hazard.



The sidewalk had settled a little over an inch because of work that was previously done on the water meter. The section of concrete was raised with the mini trackhoe, and gravel was packed under the edge to support the slab to eliminate the trip hazard.

Public Works

Wastewater Department:



90 feet of new 8" sewer main line was installed in an alley last week.



Public Works



Once the pipe installation work was complete, the concrete alley approach was formed up and new concrete poured.



Public Works

Excess concrete was placed into Eco-Block Forms for future use on Public Works Projects.



Iris are in bloom.



Public Works



A new sewer lateral was installed on Valley Avenue to replace an old Orangeburg lateral.



Public Works



Several city blocks of sewer lines were cleaned in town this week.



Public Works

A resident living on Church Street called earlier this week to request advice on his sewer problem. He had lived there for 14 years and never had a problem. Upon inspecting the lateral at the main line connection, it was discovered that the lateral was completely plugged. A plumber worked the sewer snake back and forth for nearly an hour before the plug busted loose - it was not a pretty sight, but the homeowner was very happy with the result.



Public Works

Lagoon:

Treated wastewater traveled this week from the lagoon on the north side of town east under the Powder River and under the I-84 Freeway to the new lined pond on Missouri Flats.



The purple color on the pumps and pipe designates non-potable reclaimed water.

Public Works

A precisely packed load of materials arrived Thursday at the Public Works Yard. Only a portion of the shipment was for Baker City.



Street Department:

Graffiti has shown up at a couple of different locations recently. It is important to cover the "artwork" as soon as it is discovered to discourage the vandals.



Here spray paint on Cedar Street was painted with blackout paint and then covered with sand so the paint wouldn't get on tires.

Public Works

Crackfilling and mastic patching continued this week in preparation for the 2022 Chipseal Project.



R.D. Mac crushed and delivered over 1,000 tons of Chipseal rock this week to the Baker City Stockpile site. This year's chipseal project is planned to begin on August 15th and take 4 days to complete.



Have a great weekend!



Elected Officials

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