



# The WEEKLY

June 24, 2022

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

## INSIDE

### Councilor Seat Vacancies

Baker City will have four vacant council seats! Closing date for Candidacy forms is August 19<sup>th</sup>.



**Pictured above – Public Works crew actively working on Baker City streets.**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 28<sup>th</sup> –  
7:00pm  
Regular  
Council  
Meeting

Baker City public works and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are busy throughout the city. ODOT, using a contractor, is replacing sidewalk accessibility ramps all over Baker City. More than 300 ramps will be replaced throughout the summer and fall. Construction workers are for Baker City public works and ODOT are right next to the road. Pedestrians are routed around the construction with barricades and signage. Whether you are a pedestrian or driver, please remember to be careful in the construction zones.

Recently we celebrated Father's Day. Happy belated Father's Day. The role of fathers in the home is an important work to be performed. The Brookings institute in a study emphasized the importance of a father in the home to the success of children. Thank you to all of the fathers, father figures, grandfathers, and men who reach out to offer support to those who may have need.

City Council will meet on June 28, 2022 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Budget approvals and financial topics fill the agenda. It is not anticipated to be a long meeting. This will be the final meeting of this fiscal year 2021-2022. July 1 will begin the new fiscal year. It is hard to believe how quickly 2022 is flying by.

June 21 was the official first day of summer. A busy summer of events and activities is before us. Last weekend a cycling event filled our town with bicyclists. It appears a motorcycle rally is on the schedule for early July. Miners jubilee will follow later in July. Rodeos, festivals, and concerts are being held across Baker County.

Have a great weekend and a fun summer.

- 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814. Packets can also be emailed if requested.

The city council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Eligible candidates will appear on the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:cityrecorder@bakercity.gov)

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## Finance: Utility/Billing

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

- 10 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 12 customers disconnected service from June 9th to June 15th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 6 was billed June 11th and included 485 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 131 (24%) are signed up for direct payment and 50 (9%) are signed up for e-billing.
- Zone 2 was billed June 14th and included 471 residential and 14 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 118 (24%) are signed up for direct payment, and 26 (5%) are signed up for e-billing.
- 16 residential customers (zone 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) Of those 16, 6 have contacted the city and made arrangements. The remaining 10 have not yet paid or contacted the city.

### DOXO

- As of 6/09/22 there were 788 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills. As of 6/14/22 there were 792 customers who had signed up to use DOXO to pay their utility bills.
- From 6/9/22-6/15/22, a total of 68 payments, in the amount of \$6,368.32, 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

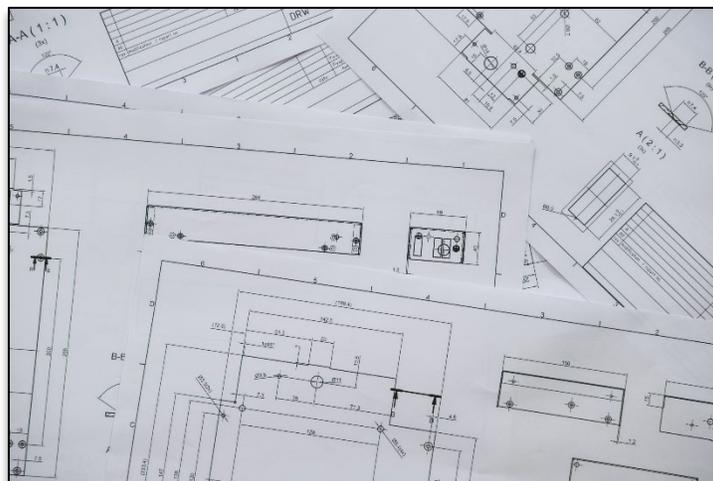
### PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- CUP-22-073: A conditional use permit to construct a 12-unit multi-family development on TL 400 of map 09S4008cb, east of the St. Alphonsus Emergency Room, off Midway Dr., in the General-Commercial Zone.

### APPLICATIONS

- The final plat was approved to divide the property at 3336 Campbell Street into two lots. The property is zoned Residential Medium Density.
- The final plat was approved to divide the property at 3340 Campbell Street into two lots. The property is zoned Residential Medium Density.
- The Planning Department is reviewing an application to divide one lot into three at 2845 Madison Street 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 June 29, 2022 at 5pm.



**Police Department****BCPD Weekly Report**

- During the previous week, BCPD opened 40 new cases and responded to 187 calls, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers.
- Congratulations to the organizers and numerous volunteers who came out to run another successful Baker City Cycling Classic! BCPD is looking forward to a great summer with more downtown events scheduled in July, including the Baker City Motorcycle Rally and Miner's Jubilee. It is shaping up to be a very busy summer season and we'd like to remind everyone to be especially vigilant in locking your vehicles and securing valuables as incidents of bike thefts and car prowlers become more prevalent during the warmer months. Avoid becoming a victim and be sure to report any suspicious activity.
- 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.

Fire Department



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

- 10.0 Hrs. Station and vehicle maintenance
- 04 Hrs. Fire training
- 03Hrs. EMS training
- 00 Hrs. Safety training
- 00 Fire Prevention/Inspections
- 02 Community Events
- 05 Residential Burn Permits

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**EMERGENCY RESPONSES**

The Baker City Fire Department responded to a total of 6 emergency alarms detailed as follows:

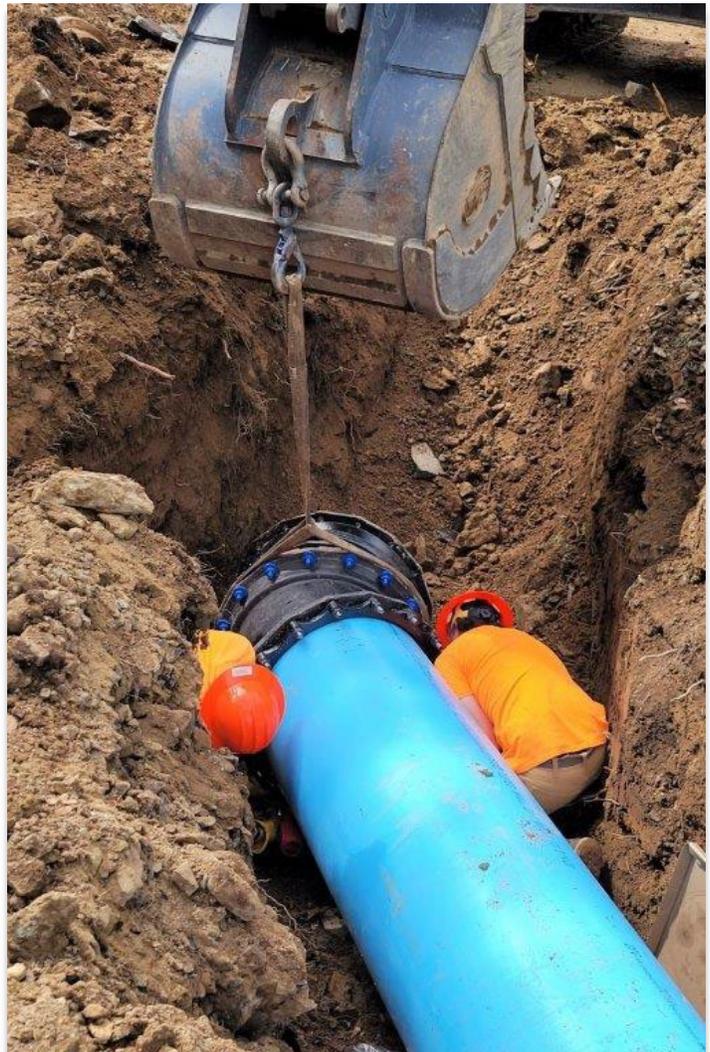
<b>FIRE REPORTS</b>	02
General alarms	00
Dispatched alarms	02
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>	04
In-City Responses	03
Out of City Responses	00
Transports	04
No Transports	00
Airport Transfers	00
Out of town transfers accepted	00
Out of town Transfers rejected	00
MVA's	00
Doubles (2 simultaneous)	00
Triples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

**Public Works:**

Public Works Weekly Update 6/17/22

Water Department:

Very good progress is being made installing the new water line in the Elkhorn Mountains.



Installation of the pipe takes about 25% less time than property backfilling and compacting around 24" of line.



Last Friday a contractor working for Cascade Gas Co. reported a water leak where underground boring work was being performed on a pipe.

After excavation of the site it was determined that upon retrieval of the bore cutting head back through the bore hole it had raised over a foot in elevation and came into direct contact with the bottom of the 8" Ductile Iron pipe. The cutting head easily bored right through the bottom of the pipe causing the leak. The Pipe was repaired using a full circle clamp.



A repair was made on a sewer lateral connection on 3rd Street Friday.





A short section of CIPP lined terra cotta pipe was cut out and replaced with a 45 degree fitting. This lateral connection had become plugged several times over the last year caused by material coming down the lateral line and piling up against the opposite side of the small 6" main line. The new connection will force the material coming down the lateral pipe to turn and continue flowing down the main line. While performing the repair work on 3rd Street a short section of the main line was repaired to keep tree roots from entering the line at that location.



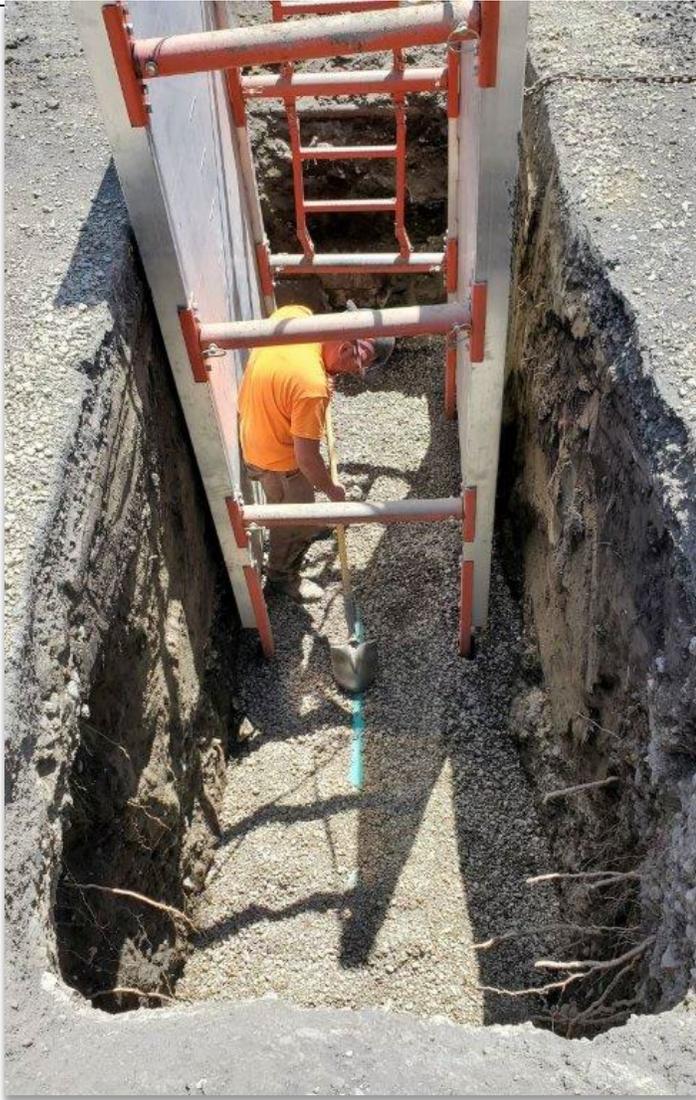
Wastewater Department:

A new sewer lateral was installed for a house on Baker Street Wednesday.



All the necessary equipment was delivered to the construction site. A Cascade Gas Co. employee marked the location of underground gas lines in the vicinity. Excavation of the site was completed.





The 10" concrete main line was cored using a diamond tipped hole saw. The new pipe installed to the proper grade and the trench backfilled and compacted.

Crosswalk painting and training was performed this week. Several crosswalks that are normally painted won't be painted until after the O.D.O.T. contractor completes all the new ADA work is completed.



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## 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)

Shane Alderson: [salderson@bakercity.gov](mailto:salderson@bakercity.gov)

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