



The WEEKLY

November 11th, 2022

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

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Volunteers Needed!

Multiple openings on boards and commissions

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 22nd
City Council
Regular
Session
7:00pm

City Hall
Council
Chambers

A message from the City Recorder...

There is nothing more noble than risking your life for your country. The world is a better place because of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety. Our duty as a nation is to honor them and not just on Veteran's Day but every day.

Election Day was Tuesday, November 8th. The preliminary results are in, however, there are still 7 days from the election day for more votes to be counted. Congrats to all those who have been elected.

We have an extensive agenda coming up for November 22nd, 2022 regular council meeting with a lot of topics to address.

There are several current and future openings for boards and commissions. Please see the next page for a link to an application. We need volunteers!

Have a great weekend.

Dallas Brockett – City Recorder/Executive Assistant/IT

We need Volunteers!!

Boards and Commissions

Apply for a Baker City Board or Commission and **join** your fellow residents in **shaping the future**.

Currently, Baker City has openings for the following Boards & Commissions:

- Historic District Design Review Committee
- Public Works Advisory Committee
- Tree Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Public Arts Commission

Openings coming soon:

- Budget Board
- Golf Board

More information and applications can be found at:

<https://www.bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>



Finance Department**NEW FINANCE DEPARTMENT HOURS****EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm – closed for lunch at 1:00pm-2:00pm

Weekly report

During the week of November 3rd – November 10th, 2022, 13 customers signed up for new water/wastewater services, and 17 customers disconnected services. Door tags were delivered to 21 residences for delinquent accounts, and 1 account was turned off for non-payment. At the time of this update 4 accounts remain off for non-payment.

Zone 1 was billed and included 98 residential customers and 253 commercial accounts. Of those mentioned, 77 (22%) are set up for direct debit payments and 30 (9%) are signed up for e-billing.

Zone 5 was billed and included 470 residential customers and 17 commercial accounts. Of those mentioned, 145 (30%) are set up for direct debit payments and 37 (8%) are signed up for e-billing.

Want a worry-free way to pay your bill? Sign up for our direct debit option! Forms are available on our website at bakercity.com under the Finance Department and require completion and validation of bank account information. We will automatically debit your account monthly for your water and sewer bill on the date option you request. Fix it and forget it!

DOXO is also available for those who wish to pay their account through their computer or mobile device. Simply visit our website and select “Pay a bill.” You will then be directed to the portal where you can create your own account. This is a FREE service if you use your bank account information for ACH payment. If you choose to pay by credit card, a fee will be assessed by DOXO. For more information on the DOXO platform, please visit <https://www.doxo.com> for more information.

Planning Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing both in-person and virtually at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, in the Council Chambers at the Baker City Hall, 1655 1st Street, Baker City, Oregon, to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a ±2,160-square-foot accessory structure and a concurrent Variance allowing the combination of the footprint of all accessory structures on the property to equal more than 1.5 times the footprint of the primary structure (total accessory structures are proposed to equal ±2,560 square feet), for applicants and property owners, Neil and Frances Chaney.

The property is addressed as 3595 Grace Street, also identified as Tax Lot 300 of Assessor's Map 09s40e20bc (Ref. 3127), and is located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone. The requested structure will be accessory to the existing single-family dwelling located on the property.

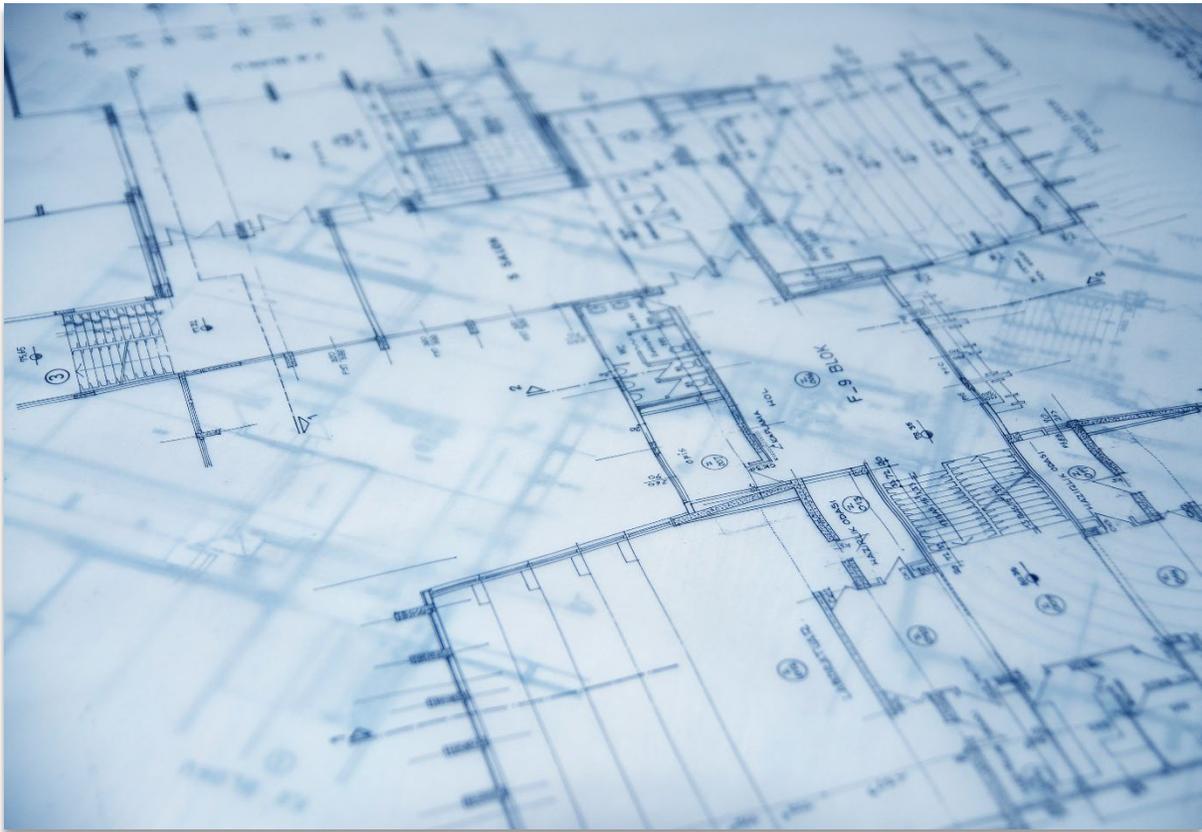
- The City Council held their second hearing on October 25th to consider the recommendation from the Baker City Planning Commission for a request from applicants and property owners, Leonard H., II and Gayle Gazley, to change the zoning designation of their property from General Industrial (I) to General Commercial (C-G) via a Baker City Comprehensive Plan Map and Zone Map Amendment. The City Council read the ordinance for the first time at their hearing on October 11th and a second time at their hearing on October 25th. The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezone to the City Council at their public hearing on September 21, 2022, and approved a Conditional Use Permit allowing the existing structures on the property to be converted into a dwelling, contingent upon the Council's decision of the rezone. The ±.55 acre subject property is addressed as 560 Elm Street, Baker City, OR, also identified as Tax Lot 501 of Assessor's Map 09s40e21cd (Ref. 17582). City Council will hold a third hearing on this application on November 22, 2022.
- The Baker City Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 19, 2022, and approved a Conditional Use Permit request by applicant, Steven Walborn, and property owner, Oregon Department of Corrections, to replace an existing radio communication tower with a 52-foot tower in the same location on the Powder River Correctional Facility property. The property is addressed as 3600 13th Street and is also identified as Tax Lots 2800, 2801, and 2901 of Assessor's Map 09s40e08cd (Refs. 15418, 15664, 15663), located in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone. The appeal period for this request ended at 5p.m., on November 7, 2022, no appeals were forthcoming and the Final Letter of Acceptance was delivered to ODOC on November 8, 2022, providing opportunity to proceed with the project.

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APPLICATIONS

- A new single family dwelling with attached garage and accessory structure was approved at the southeast corner of 15th and A Street in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.



Police Department

BCPD opened 29 new cases and responded to 158 calls for service over the last week, making several arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. BCPD officers, with the assistance of Oregon State Police, responded to a report of a subject attempting to drive his car over another man with whom he shared the same homeless camp. The driver, Brian Kidd Kallio, 26, was arrested at the scene and charged with Attempted Second-Degree Murder, Attempted First Degree Assault and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

Sergeant Mike Regan attended week one of Organizational Leadership and Management Academy Training at the Department of Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem. This two-week course includes a variety of topics geared towards developing leadership skills and implementing the six pillars of 21st Century Policing which include: building trust and legitimacy; policy and oversight; technology and social media; community policing and crime prevention; training and education and officer wellness and safety. More information about 21st Century Policing is available from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs' website: <https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/final-report-presidents-task-force-21st-century-policing> .

Winter driving conditions are here. Be sure you're ready for anything mother nature has in store by reviewing these winter driving safety tips: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/documents/winter-driving-guide.pdf> and check updated road conditions by going to <https://tripcheck.com/> or by calling 511 toll free within Oregon.

Fire Department



MAINTENANCE/TRAINING/ FIRE PREVENTION – INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

16 Hrs.	Station and vehicle maintenance
18 Hrs.	Fire training
27 Hrs.	EMS training
00 Hrs.	Safety training
03 Hrs	Fire Prevention/Inspections
00 Hrs	Community Events
5	Residential Burn Permits

11/02/2022-11/09/2022

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Baker City Fire Department emergency alarms detailed as follows:

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MVC Mutual Aid	01
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Brush Fire/Grass/Wildland	00
Trash/Dumpster	01
Vehicle Fire	00
Burn Complaint/Service Call	08
Fire Investigation	02
Emergency Call Back	
Requests for cover	02
# of staff requested	04
Staff response for cover	03
No staff response for cover	01

- **General alarm Structure fire on Sunday the 5th**

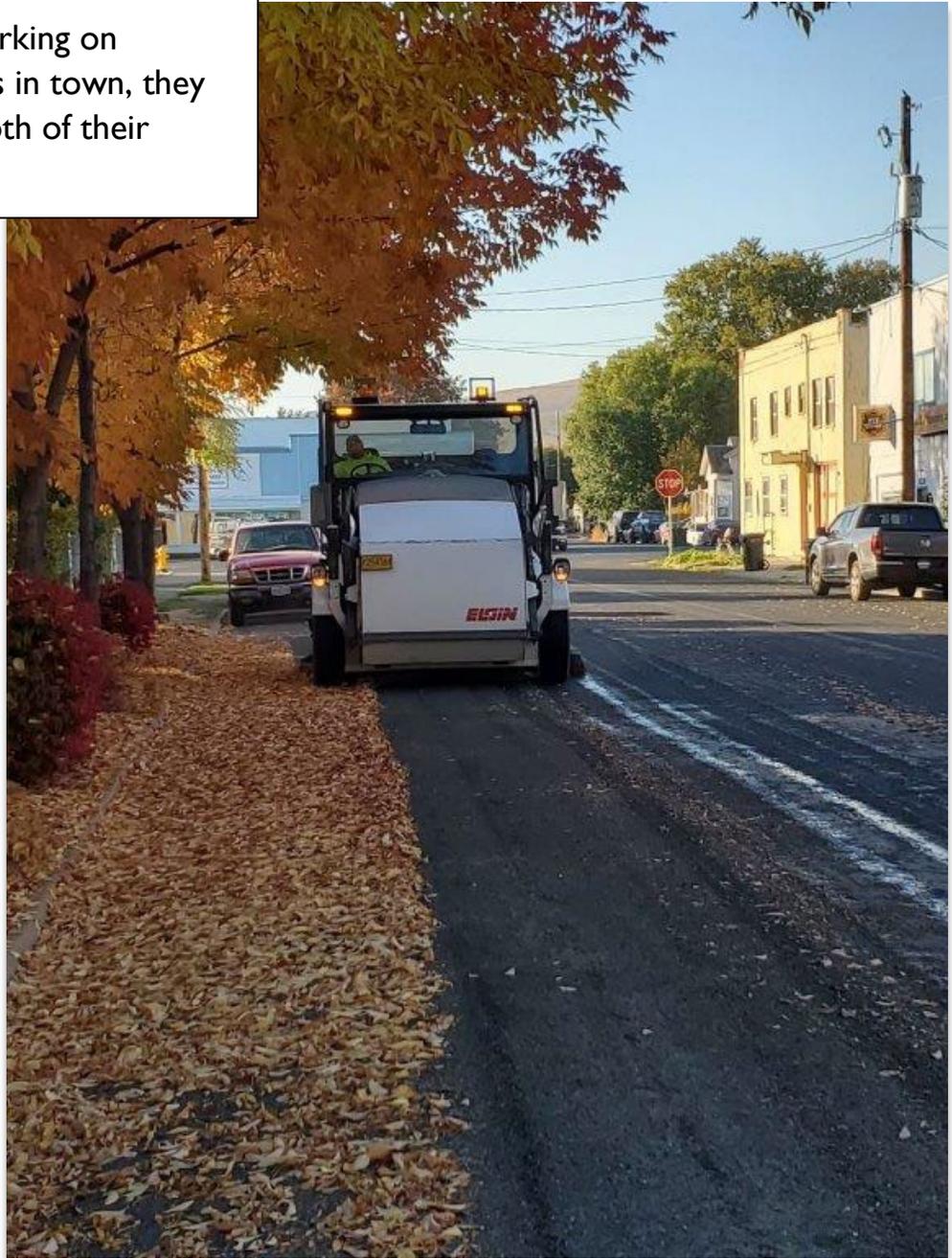
Assistance by Baker Rural, Cascade Natural Gas, OTEC, Metro West, Red Cross.

Press release available on Monday

Public Works:

Public Works Weekly Update for 11/11/22

Crews have been working on cleaning up the leaves in town, they have been running both of their sweepers.



Public Works:

Public works crews are hauling in rock to replenish their stock pile before winter.



Public Works:

Here there second sweeper is back from the shop.



Public Works:

Public works crews have started their annual valve exercising program.



Public Works:

Public works have been winterizing all of the water meters in town.



Have a great weekend!



Elected Officials

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