

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 22, 2015

Administration

This week Baker City experienced some extreme weather for the area. This was evidenced by Dennis Bachman as he was reading meters; he photographed a funnel cloud just north of Baker City. According to the Baker City Herald, this past week was the wettest seven-day period in Baker County in almost two years.



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Finance Department

Message from the Finance Director:

The budget committee approved the 2015-16 budget at last night's meeting. The approved budget will be available on the City's website. April's financial summary will be available on the 26th at <http://www.bakercity.com/government/reports-a-statistics#Finance>.

LID Billings - Thirty-nine 2014 Resort Street Underground Utility LIDs were billed May 22nd. The original assessment for relocating the utilities on Resort Street underground included sixty-three property owners for a total of \$294,879. The remaining balance outstanding is \$199,753 (including current interest due).

Utilities:

- ◆ 16 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customers disconnected service from May 15th through May 21st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 493 residential and 51 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 80 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 86 late notices were sent May 12th; and 4 of 7 residential customers who were scheduled to have water turned off were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable Billings Sent May 12th

Cemetery	\$2,298
Wastewater Maintenance & Misc. Sales	\$2,528
Lien Searches	\$1,160
Ambulance	\$304,149
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$2,579
Property and Weed Abatement	\$2,503
Street Cuts & Misc.	\$2,753
Golf Course Lease Payment	\$4,868
Total	\$322,838

City Council

Agenda Items
May 26th

◆ *Herbicide Report*

◆ *Information Concerning City Audit Services*

◆ *Economic Development Report by Greg Smith*

◆ *IGA 2015 Airport Pavement Maintenance Program*

◆ *Tree Board Application*

◆ *Sam-O Swim Task Force*



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County. For more information please visit: www.bakercity.com/departments/building



Photo by: Base Camp Baker

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- Issued a permit to build watchman quarters at 2890 Place Street, Baker City.
- Issued a permit to replace a fire alarm system at 2200 4th Street, Baker City.
- Issued a permit to install a charging station for electric vehicles and build a secure wooden fence at 1 Sunridge Lane, Baker City.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- Issued a permit to build a covered deck addition to an existing home, as well as, install a 5 ft window at 48998 Cornucopia Hwy, Baker City.
- Issued a permit to add a roof cover over an existing deck at 805 G Street, Baker City.



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	4	7	1	6
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	9	N/A	5	N/A
MECHANICAL	2	2	1	1
PLUMBING	1	2	1	2
FENCE	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	16	11	8	9

Compliance

No new compliance inspections were completed this week.

Historic District Design Review Commission

An HDDRC meeting was held on May 20, 2015 at 8:00 am at the Baker City Building Department. The board voted to approve painting for Gaia Resource at 1719 Main Street, Baker City. The board also voted to approve the awning for Geiser Grand Hotel at 1996 Main Street, Baker City.



Planning Department

The Baker City Planning Commission held a work session this week to discuss updates to the Baker City Development Code, including revisions to the Sign Ordinance. The website for the updates was posted this week and can be accessed at: <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/planning/123.>

The Baker City Development Code (BCDC) was last amended in 2009. Since then, public and staff feedback have noted typographical errors, inadvertent omissions, inconsistencies and other minor corrections needed. These types of housekeeping revisions are straightforward and do not materially alter the Code. It also has become apparent, in applying the code since 2009, that further clarification and/or additional regulation is also necessary for different land use applications. These types of revisions can be more complex and may have an impact on landowners (see table below).

On Wednesday, June 3rd, the Baker City Planning Department will host an Open House from 4pm – 6pm at Baker City Hall to gather feedback and answer community questions about proposed updates.

The public has been invited to attend the event, as the Planning Department would like to hear the public's thoughts, questions, additions and concerns relating to proposed updates and information provided.

MINOR EDITS	REVISIONS	ADDITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation • Grammar • Reference correction • Clarifications on definitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify child care definitions • Allow parking lots in commercial zones with Conditional Use Permit • Revise fence requirements to include variances • Adjust noise level • Allow existing residences in commercial/industrial zones as permitted uses • Add medical hardship criteria for temporary occupancy of motor home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a Revocation of Conditional Use Permit section • Add Radio Frequency Transmission Facilities section • Add Compensation Claims Section

Baker City was nominated this year to be eligible for \$100,000 for a dog park. You can vote daily on petsafe.net/barkforyourpark or on the Baker City Bark for Your Park page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bark-for-Your-Park-Vote-for-Baker-City/731689873606964>. Give it a "like" and it will be easy to vote daily!

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Vote for your community to win **\$100,000** for a dog park!

Plus, 4 other lucky communities will win **\$25,000!**

petsafe.net/barkforyourpark



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last week the Fire Department responded to a total of 32 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	5
City Calls	23
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	10

Out of Town Transfers	1
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	6
Triple Calls	0

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 28

- ◆ Vehicle Fire – Place
- ◆ Rescue – Interstate 84
- ◆ Fire – Bridge St.
- ◆ Fire - 7th St.

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4

NATIONAL EMS WEEK

May 17-23, 2015

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 34 hours of in-house training during the week.

- Fire – pump operations
- EMS – Chart review, MVI procedures

MAINTENANCE/OTHER

72 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance
- Hose testing
- Ambulance inventory for vehicle 2422

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at senior center.
- Fire prevention inspections.
- Fire extinguisher class—DMV
- Fire prevention talk at Brooklyn Elementary school.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am. Don't miss the next check on May 26th.



"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."

POLICE



★ BCPD handled over 180 incidents this past week, opening 42 new cases. Four of these cases resulted in arrests for possession of controlled substances.

★ Sergeant Regan attended a human trafficking seminar, sponsored by the Soroptimist's Club.



★ Chief Lohner attended Officer Blake Hawkins' Basic Police Class graduation. Hawkins graduated with the highest academic average in his class of 39 recruits.

★ Officer Hawkins will return to duty on May 25th. Officer Hawkins will be assigned to work with Field Training Officer Regan.

★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.

★ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 1 complaint
Closed out 2 new cases
Followed up on 2 old cases
Investigated 2 new complaints

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 case

Animal Complaint

2 dogs in custody impounded
2 dogs at large returned to owner

Dog License

1 case closed

Parking Violations

Followed up on 4 parking complaints

Found item

1 found cell phone

Dog Bite

Followed up on 1 new case

Livestock Permit

Followed up on 1 complaint

Burn Compliant

Followed up on 2 complaints

Weed Complaint

Followed up on 3 weed complaints

Prescription Drug Drop Box

Since December 2013, a prescription drug drop box has been installed in the lobby at the Baker City Police Department, allowing citizens to drop off outdated or unneeded prescription drugs at any time. This new option is in addition to the BCPD bi-annual prescription drug take back program, initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.



PUBLIC WORKS Water Department

A City crew began removing fence along the Blue Canyon cattle grazing allotment earlier this week. A section of the fence, built decades before, was mistakenly located within the watershed, and allowed cattle to graze within the watershed boundary. The area affected is approximately 17 acres in size, located along a westerly slope and ridge above the Elk Creek Drainage.



Justin and Tip are pictured to the left removing fence east of the Elk Creek Diversion.



Thursday morning Jake reported seeing 4 to 6 inches of hail in the Pipeline road near in the Salmon Creek area. Crew also determined there must have been a lot of rain prior to that, as the roads showed signs of erosion.



Interested in replacing your sidewalk? Or maybe you are the only one on your block that doesn't have a sidewalk and you're interested in having a sidewalk?

Grant money may be available to help! Check out the details of the Sidewalk Construction Grant at www.bakercity.com or by calling Baker City Public Works at



PUBLIC WORKS

Larry has been measuring the level of water stored in Goodrich reservoir several times a week. To the left he is carefully stepping down to one of the benchmark elevation points near the "Glory Hole." The photo to the right shows the view looking directly down into the "Glory Hole."



To improve safety, a red Vis-z Shield reflector was installed on the stop sign at the intersection of 17th and Campbell Streets.



To the left, Craig is loading one of the pallets of donation bricks for the Bandstand Project onto Dave's (volunteer on the project) trailer. These bricks had been stored at the Baker City Warehouse Facility for "safe keeping."



PUBLIC WORKS



Stormwater: Public Works crew video inspected a Stormwater line on Valley Avenue early this week. To the left, the inspection van is situated over the stormwater manhole at 2nd and Valley. A portion of the Terra Cotta line was found to be cracked and broken. Terra Cotta pipe lasts a long time in the ground, but it is brittle. This section of storm line is now scheduled for repair.

Heavy rains this week required Public Works crews to clean catch basin tops so rain water from streets could enter the stormwater collection system. Stormwater was not flowing away quite as quickly as it should have been on First Street. Keith and Karl used the Jetter Truck to clear any blockages in the line. Items plugging stormwater catch basin inlets included tree seed pods.



To the left, Craig is pictured working to clear a stormwater drain on Campbell Street. Once a catch basin is cleared of debris a whirlpool will form as water rushes into the catch basin.





PUBLIC WORKS City Shop

To the right, Doug is pictured repairing an engine oil leak on a street sweeper. One of the hoses going to the oil filter began to leak and made the sweeper inoperable. It is fixed now and back in service.



Tim S. and Blaine were busy working on the City hanger at the Airport. They repaired some bad concrete spots on the upper part of the building as depicted to the left. This is in preparation for an upcoming paint job on the building.

During a regular service on one of the City's ambulances it was discovered that there were worn out front end parts. Wes is shown starting to remove these parts for replacement. The parts were replaced and then crew had the front end aligned at a local tire store. The vehicle is back in operation now.

