

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update January 22, 2016

Administration:

This week the City's recruitment officer from Slavin Management completed the recruitment profile for the position of City Manager and published it online for a national search. More information can be found online at: <http://bakercity.com/2241/Employment>



Finance:

Finance Director-December's financial report will be available online at <http://bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81&Type=&ADID=> January 25th.

The Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 is available on the web at <http://bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81&Type=&ADID=>.

Utilities

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and six customers disconnected service from January 15th through January 21st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 488 residential and 48 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 86 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 108 late notices were sent January 19th.
- ◆ Four residential customers (Zone 2) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) none of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

January 26th Agenda Items:

- ◇ Railroad Quiet Zone
- ◇ 2015/2016 Budget Change Resolution
- ◇ Ford Family Request Follow-up
- ◇ Email Policy Follow-up
- ◇ Property/Weed Abatement Liens
- ◇ Bicycle Park Presentation
- ◇ Appointment of Volunteers to Boards and Commissions
- ◇ Baker City Police Update





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Building Department issues all permits and provides full plan review and inspection services for building, plumbing, and mechanical on new and remodel construction within Baker County.



COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- No new commercial building permits were issued this week.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- No new residential building permits were issued this week.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	0	7	0	2
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	2
ELECTRICAL	4	7	0	3
MECHANICAL	1	6	2	3
PLUMBING	0	1	0	0
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	5	21	2	10

Historic District Design and Review Commission

No new information this week.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

On January 20, 2016, the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit to conduct manufacturing and production in the Central Commercial Zone. The application is for a micro-distillery and tasting room at 1901 Main Street. The Planning Commission also held a work session to discuss revisions to Chapter 3.5 of the Development Code that establishes the requirements for signs. Revisions were suggested, and an additional work session will be held at the regular meeting in February.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

The Planning Department received two applications for signs and an application for an extension this week.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **January 3rd - 9th**, the Fire Department responded to a total of **26** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	19
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	5

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	0

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 0

Out of Town Transfers	1
Airport Transfers	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	3

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **14** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ Fire – Records management

STATION MAINTENANCE

38 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.

Don't miss the next check on January 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 DEPARTMENT

- ★ This past week BCPD handled over **161** incidents and opened **30** new cases. Several of these cases resulted in arrests of individuals for outstanding warrants.
- ★ Administrative Assistant Phoebe Wachtel attended a Baker County Prevention Coalition/ Safe Kids meeting.
- ★ This week a Baker City police officer travelled to Burns to assist with the safety and security of its **citizens in Burns, Oregon. This decision was made after a request by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association** and with the command staff already in place.
- ★ **The COP (Citizen's On Patrol) volunteers** held a monthly organizational meeting. In addition to various projects in the works, some volunteers are serving lunch to children at the various grade schools. In this picture, volunteers Jim White and Marc Mansholt are serving lunch to the students at South Baker Intermediate School.
- ★ 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 Activities:

Property Maintenance

Closed out 1 case
Followed up on 4 old case
Followed up on 1 complaint

Animal Violations and Complaints

Followed up on 1 animal complaint
2 Dogs at large impounded
1 Dog at large returned to the owner

Parking

Followed up on 11 violations
9 vehicles orange tagged for removal
Issued 1 parking citation

Temporary Use Permit

Followed up on 1 case

Kennel Permit

Followed up on 2 permits
Approved 1 new permit

Found Item

2 Found items



PUBLIC WORKS



Larry measured 26” of snow at the Goodrich Creek Diversion on Wednesday which is at elevation 4400’. This amount of snow is at least twice as much as there was last year at this time.

This time last year...

As the weather varies from rain to snow avalanches are potentially increasing. Pictured below is the avalanche that took place this time last year.





PUBLIC WORKS



This time of year, potholes readily appear in several of Baker City Streets. Craig traveled to Ontario last week and got a load of cold mix asphalt from Valley Paving. A two man crew worked Thursday and Friday to fill potholes. Above, Karl and Steve worked on Cedar Street filling potholes.



The weather last weekend was unusual. The weather was relatively warm, yet it snowed a significant amount. The snow that fell on the mostly bare, paved streets melted. But the snow that fell upon gravel streets accumulated. By the middle of the week the deeper snow and ice on those gravel streets had softened to the point that pedestrians and vehicles had trouble passing. The crew of Justin, Blain and Matt were given the task to plow the snow from gravel streets Thursday. Justin operated the City's grader, with Blain and Matt following with backhoes.



Public Works –Wastewater

Crews continue to work on Baker City's wastewater system during the winter weather. Sometimes they have to dig through snow/ice and frozen ground to access manholes. Below, Keith and Tommy work to uncover a wastewater manhole at the intersection of 12th and Estes Streets.



Sometimes strange items are found in the wastewater collection system. Here is a piece of a steel removed from a line on Thursday. It is unknown how it came be inside the collection line. Obstructions such as this can cause blockages in collection lines.





Public Works –Wastewater



Wes and Doug adjusted the hydraulic flow to slow down the operation of the thumb of the Volvo.

Wes and Doug installed a new footage counter and repaired the high pressure hose as well as the water leak at the pump of the Vactor truck.



Matt helped build light brackets to hold the lights after the ceiling was sheet rocked.



SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2015-2016

