

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 12, 2016

Administration:



Several Councilors also attended a ribbon cutting for Hearts and Petals a new flower shop on Main Street.



Councilor Lowe addressed the crowd at the ribbon cutting for D & J Taco Shop, a new Mexican restaurant in the Baker Towers.

City Council

February 23rd Agenda Items:

* Boards and Commissions Applications

* Bike Park Update

* Information on Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally

Finance:

Accounts Payable -The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 10th.

Accounts Receivable—Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent today. The billings were as follows:

Utilities

- ◆ 8 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from February 5th through February 11th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 478 residential and 55 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 86 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 32 late notices were sent February 9th.
- ◆ Four residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) all four customers paid prior to being turned off.

Accounts Receivable

Cemetery	\$4,390
Wastewater Maintenance	\$2,384
Lien Searches	\$1,280
Ambulance	\$259,729
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$1,827
Property and Weed Abatement	\$4,947
Miscellaneous	\$3,630
Total Billed	\$278,187



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 permits were issued this week.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- No new residential permits were issued this week.

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	0	2	3	1
MANUFACTURED	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	3	2	4
MECHANICAL	1	2	2	5
PLUMBING	0	0	1	3
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	6	7	8	13

Historic District Design and Review Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016

8:00 a.m. – Building Department Office

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on February 17th, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss revisions to the Baker City Development Code – Chapter 3.5 – Signs. Materials for the meeting were mailed to Planning Commissioners this week.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- The Planning Department received an application for a reader board sign for Covered Wagon Insurance LLC, located at 975 Campbell Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. Reader board signs require notice be sent to landowners within 100’ feet of the property prior to a decision being made, so the Planning Department sent pre-notices for the application this week.
- The Planning Department received an application for a single family dwelling to be located at 2644 Walnut Street. The application was sent to other departments for their review prior to a decision.



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 24th - 30th**, the Fire Department responded to a total of **40** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	12

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **34**

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6

TOTAL FIRE **6**

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

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **51** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ Fire – Firefighter 1 skills, firefighter survival skills
- ◆ EMS – CPR training, drug inventory

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installation



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

Don't miss the next check on February 16th.



"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 **120** incidents and opened **31** new cases. Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ★ BCPD personnel also responded to a robbery report, where a weapon was used. Subsequent to a search warrant, two Baker City residents were arrested for Robbery 1 and numerous other charges.
- ★ BCPD personnel served another search warrant at a location believed to be used as a "Chop Shop" for bicycles and drug deliveries. Hundreds of items were seized in that search and a Baker City man was arrested for numerous related charges.
- ★ During the investigations surrounding the two search warrants served last weekend, and the follow up after the searches, full time BCPD personnel logged over 60 hours of overtime. BCPD Reserve Officers (unpaid) also logged over 60 hours.
- ★ Sergeant Chastain attended his second week of mandatory Supervision training at the State Police Academy.
- ★ Lt. Newman attended four days of training in Clackamas County. This training will provide the tools and knowledge necessary to enable our department to start a Peer Support Team, which we hope to integrate regionally.
- ★ 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

Followed up on 1 old case

Animal violations and complaints

Followed up on 1 animal complaint

1 Dog at large returned to the owner

Followed up with 1 dog license

Issued 4 citations for no dog license

Issued 1 citation for Dog at large (dog returned to owner)

Parking

Followed up on 6 violations

3 Abandoned vehicles orange tagged for removal

Issued 1 parking citation

Multiple verbal warnings

Temporary Use Permit

Followed up on 1 complaint

Issued 4 citations for non-compliance

Followed up on 1 violation

Kennel Permit

Followed up on 5 permits

Dangerous Dog

Attended 1 Hearing

Found Item

1 Found item

Warrant

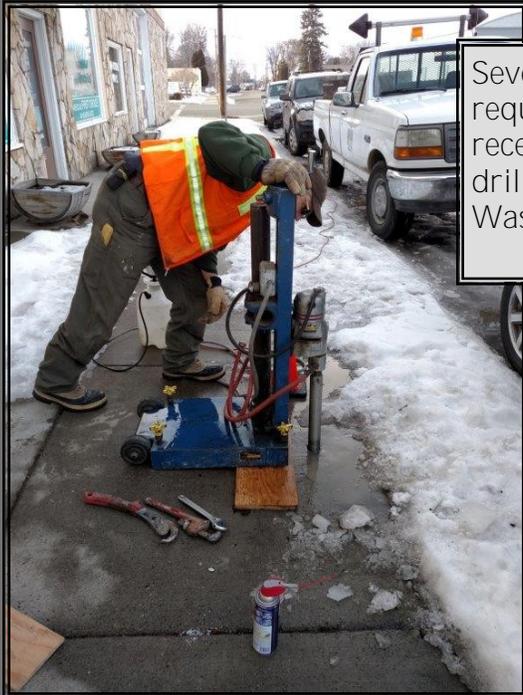
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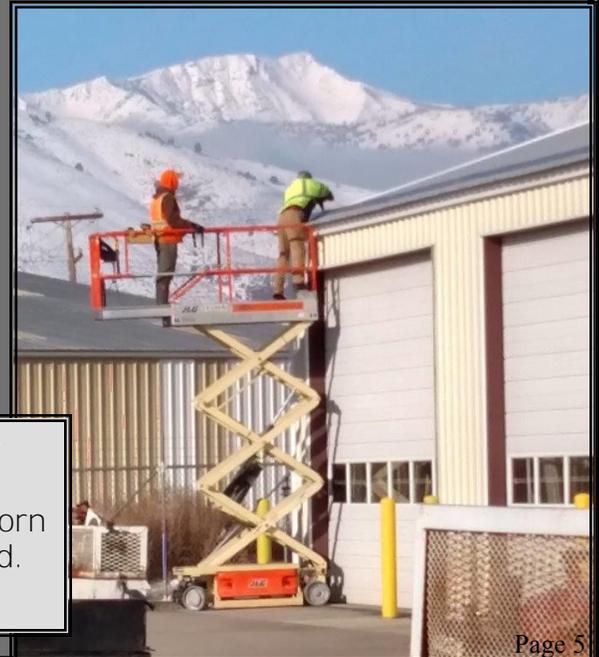
PUBLIC WORKS

The City bulldozer was used to clear snow from Goodrich Creek Road so that the diversion structure can be more easily accessed and water flows can be adjusted.

Below shows today's deep snow at the Goodrich Diversion Structure.



Seventeen new flag pole holes were requested by local businesses recently. To the left, Steve "Tip" is drilling one of the holes on Washington Street.



Justin and Matt installed "snow brakes" on the roof of the Equipment Shed. Majestic Elkhorn Peak is visible in the background.



Public Works –Wastewater



Justin, Steve and Matt worked to repair a lateral connection for a resident on Indiana Avenue. Above Justin is beginning the excavation to expose the mainline. To the right, Matt is making the final connection on the repair. The project was completed very efficiently and under budget.



There are a few wastewater lines in town that require a regular cleaning. Pictured above and to the right, Keith is video inspecting the line for blockage. After Karl and Keith cleaned the line, the blockage cleared. The main cause for regular cleaning is the rough connection where the lateral connects onto the mainline. The jagged surface causes material to “hang-up” and plug the line.



Public Works –Shop

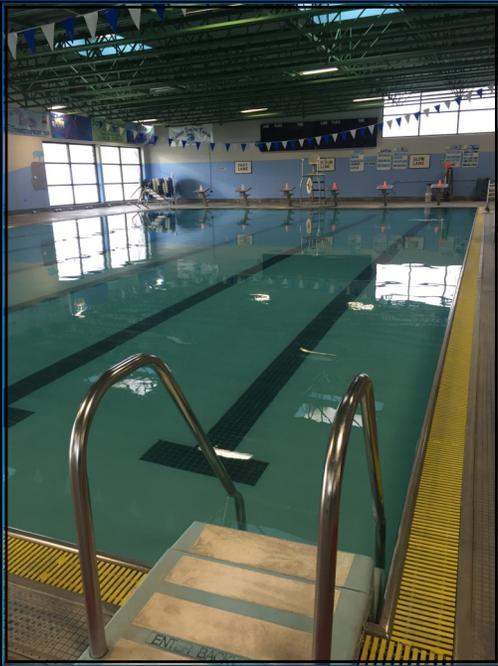
We finished installing new idler pulleys and a new alternator on the fire department's ambulance. The vehicle is now back in service.



The completed ceiling project is already making a noticeable difference in temperature in the shop.

A service and safety check were performed on a public works utility truck and it was put back in service.





Sam O Swim Pool Program Participation



<u>Barracudas Swim Team</u>	<u>22 children daily</u>
<u>High School Swim Team</u>	<u>12 children daily</u>
<u>Masters Swimmers</u>	<u>15 adults daily</u>
<u>Group Lessons (Levels 1 and 2)</u>	<u>12 per session</u>
<u>Parent Tot Lessons</u>	<u>10 per session</u>
<u>Preschool Swim Lessons</u>	<u>6 per session</u>
<u>Private Swim Lessons</u>	<u>18 per week</u>
<u>Water Aerobics</u>	<u>42 adults per week</u>
<u>Aqua Zumba</u>	<u>21 adults twice a week</u>
<u>Lap Swimmers</u>	<u>38 children and adults daily</u>
<u>Birthday Parties in January</u>	<u>64 children</u>
<u>Private Pool Rentals</u>	<u>12 children and adults</u>
<u>Open Swim</u>	<u>56 children and adults</u>
<u>Haines School Rental</u>	<u>115 children</u>
<u>Brooklyn School Rental</u>	<u>72 children</u>