

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update February 19, 2016*

## Administration:

The City of Baker City is looking to fill two volunteer positions, with one vacancy on the Planning Commission and the other on the Tree Board. The Planning Commission is a four year term while the Tree Board is three year term. Additional information regarding board duties and meeting times is available at [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com) where you may also apply. Information can also be obtained by contacting City Recorder Luke Yeaton (541) 524-2033.



## Finance:

### **Message from the Finance Director:**

January's financial summary will be available Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at <http://bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81&Type=&ADID=>

The budget committee will meet March 2<sup>nd</sup> for an interim budget meeting for training. Members will also discuss 2014-15 audit results and current year to date revenue expenditures compared to budget. The training presentation will be available online at [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com).

### **Utilities**

- ◆ 4 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 5 customers disconnected service from February 12<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 will be billed today which includes 537 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 86 late notices were sent February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) one of those was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

### **LID Billings**

LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the LGIP Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.6%. These LIDs can be paid off at anytime with interest charged through the payoff date.

One 1997 Birch Street Improvement LID was billed February 16<sup>th</sup>. The original assessment in 1997 for improvements on Birch Street (H to J and L to Park Street) included 16 property owners for a total of \$63,281. The remaining balance outstanding is \$1,950.

## City Council

### February 23<sup>rd</sup> Agenda Items:

- \* Boards and Commissions Applications
- \*HBC Information
- \* Information on Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally
- \*FBLA Week Proclamation
- \*BMCC Presentation



# **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:**

- One new residential permit was issued to 815 Campbell Street – Interior remodel

### **Permits**

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

### **Historic District Design and Review Commission**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. – Building Department Office

# **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### Public Meetings

The Planning Commission held a work session on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to discuss revisions to the Baker City Development Code – Chapter 3.5 – **Signs**. Materials for the meeting were mailed to Planning Commissioners earlier in the week. Substantial progress was made in preparation for the upcoming public hearing which will be held on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### Projects and Land Use Decisions

- The Planning Director reviewed and approved the final plat for the Elkhorn View Industrial Subdivision, located along Settlers Loop and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- The Planning Department signed off on a DMV Dealer Certification permit for D&B Supply Co., located at 3515 Pocahontas Road.
- A Home Occupation Permit application was submitted for an in-home internet business located at 1355 F Street.



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 31st - February 6th**, the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.



## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	19
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	13
No Patient Trip	13

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3

**TOTAL FIRE 3**

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	2

- Fire – Broadway / smoke investigation
- Fire – 4<sup>th</sup> St. / burn complaint
- Fire – Colorado / smoke alarm investigation

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **26** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ Fire – Engine company evolutions
- ◆ EMS – Airway training

## STATION MAINTENANCE

**37** 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 February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



*"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 180 incidents and opened 36 new cases. One case involved the arrest of a suspect on the suspicion of DUII after nearly causing a head-on accident. The suspect's BAC (blood alcohol content) level was later determined to be 0.35%, over four times the legal limit.
- ★ Lieutenant Dustin Newman and Sergeant Wayne Chastain attended the memorial service for Sergeant Jason Goodding in Seaside, Oregon. Sergeant Goodding, a thirteen-year veteran of the Seaside Police Department, was shot and killed in the line of duty on February 5, 2016.
- ★ Paula Sawyer, Hearings Officer, as appointed by City Council, heard testimony regarding a potentially dangerous and/or vicious dog residing within the city limits. The dog in question was later declared as dangerous as defined by Ordinance 3327.
- ★ 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  
Started 2 new cases

#### **Temporary Use Permit**

Followed up on 1 violation

#### **Animal Violations and Complaints**

1 Dog at large returned to the owner  
Followed up with 4 dog at large violations

#### **Livestock Permit**

Followed up with 1 permit

#### **Development Code Violation**

Followed up with 1 complaint

#### **Parking**

Followed up on 12 violations  
4 Abandoned vehicles orange tagged for removal  
Issued 6 parking citations  
Multiple verbal warnings



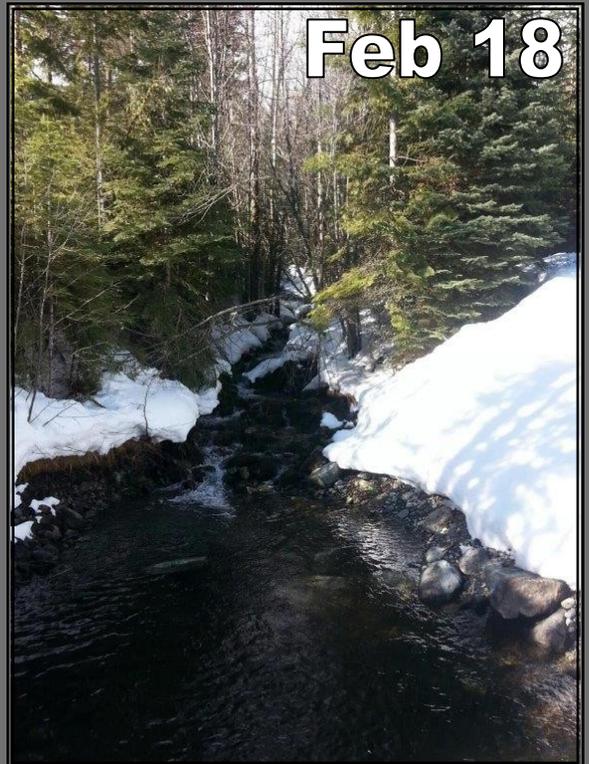
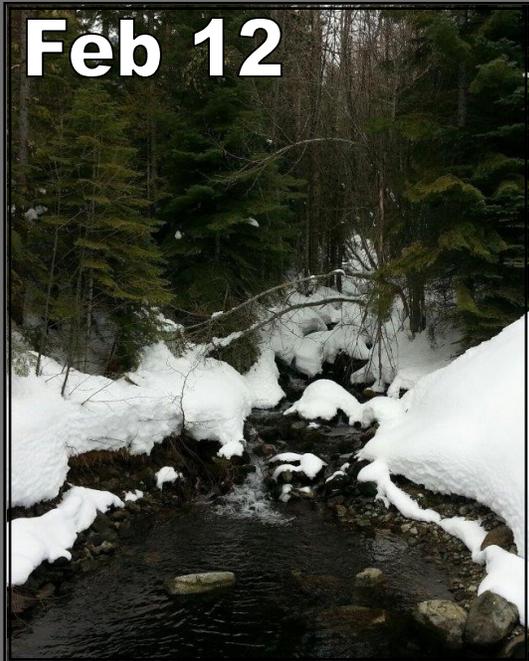
The Baker City Rotary Club purchases bicycle helmets which the police department distributes to kids in the City that may not be able to afford a helmet. The helmets so far seem not to be popular with the kids so the Rotary Club is seeking feedback that the community might have about the helmet program. Please feel free to email comments to [mkee@bakercity.com](mailto:mkee@bakercity.com) to pass along the comments.





### PUBLIC WORKS -Water

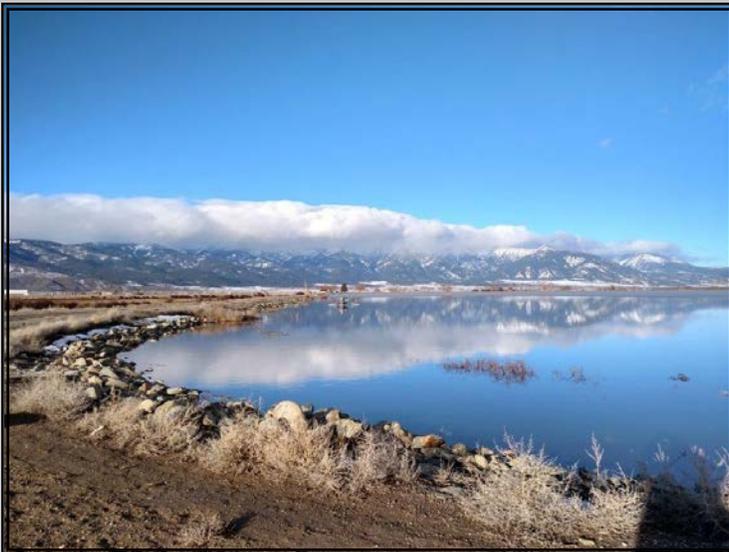
What a difference spring weather can make; in 6 days the rain settled the local snowpack somewhat as shown below. The first set of pictures was taken February 12th and the comparison set February 18th. Mountain line water was adjusted as needed to match the needs of Baker City citizens.





## Public Works –Wastewater

Crews worked this week keeping wastewater collection lines flowing correctly in town. One problem occurred on 14th St. where a clean out cover was mistakenly left off by a resident. It is presumed that the open pipe attracted children to drop items down the hole. This may have led to non sewer related items causing blockage. One item that was found through inspection was a piece of wood. To the right, Rick is cleaning the mainline to verify that there was no blockage in the mainline. The crew used the wastewater inspection camera to repeatedly nudge the piece of wood until it was dislodged.



The spring like weather is helping thaw ice at the lagoon. Pond A is full and Ponds B, C, and D are filling. With the relatively warm weather in the forecast, Rick hopes to begin treating effluent by early March.



### Public Works –Street



A concrete catch basin top cracked and fell off the curb at the intersection of Broadway and Main St. The adjoining concrete will be drilled, pinned, and repaired early next week.

The warm temperatures and wet conditions caused the gravel streets in town to pothole and become quite muddy. Several 10 yard dump truck loads of crushed rock were used this week to fill the worst areas. Larger 1 1/2" size rock was used because it is more effective when the streets are muddy. More maintenance work is planned for our gravel streets next week. To make the best use of the rock, it is dumped (Karl operating the truck) into the backhoe bucket and then placed where it will do the most good by Justin the equipment operator.



Here, Justin is spreading the rock to fill potholes on 9th Street.

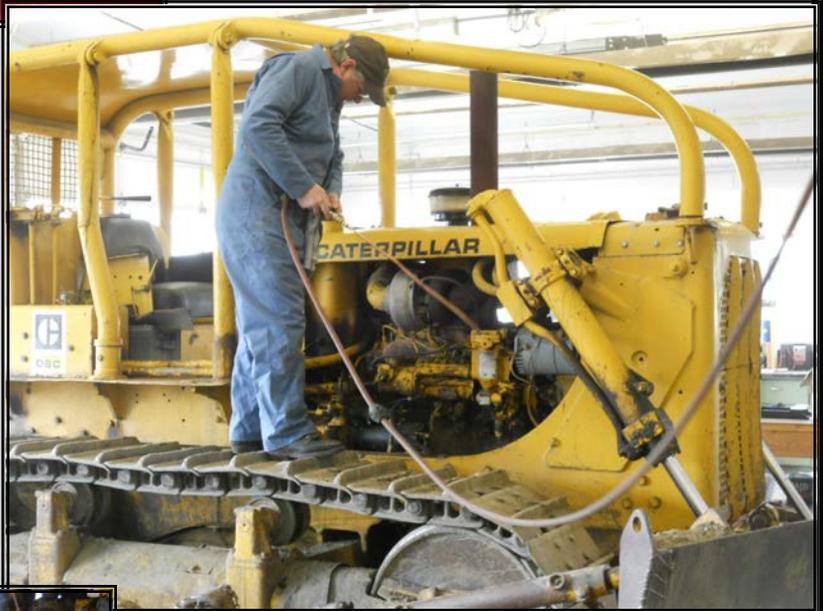


## Public Works –Shop



Wes and Doug replaced the sending unit that locks out the pump when driving for safety. It had quit working so they were not able to engage the pumps at all.

Wes and Doug began work on the D6 this week. There are several engine oil and fuel leaks as well as cylinder rebuilds to do before it goes back to work on the mountain water line.



Wes and Doug replaced the gun lock timer inside the police car and it was put back in service.