

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update February 26, 2016

Administration:



Mayor Mosier read a proclamation during the February 23rd council meeting proclaiming February 7th through February 13th as Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda week. From left to right, Mayor Mosier, Josie Bryan, Chapter Vice President, and Lindsey Livingston, Chapter President.

Geiser-Pollman Park is looking very nice this week after being spiffed up by the City's park and cemetery contractor, **Grass Growers**.



City Council

March 8th Agenda Items:

*City Manager Recruitment Update

*Award Golf Course Design Contract Bid

*Water Facilities Master Plan

*Boards and Commissions Appointments

Finance:

Accounts Payable: The second of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated February 22nd.

Payroll: Seventy-nine employees were paid today (including fifteen paid "volunteer firefighters" and the dangerous dog hearings officer). Of those 79 employees, 71 or 90% are signed up for direct deposit.

Utilities:

- ◆ 12 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 8 customers disconnected service from February 20th through February 26th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 461 residential and 21 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 84 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 81 late notices were sent February 23rd.
- ◆ Five residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). One was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT



COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- No new commercial permits were issued this week.



RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 1705 Main Street, Baker City – Cell tower replacement
- 28465 Middle Bridge, Richland – Restoration of cabin

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	1	1	3
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	6	11	4	2
MECHANICAL	2	4	3	0
PLUMBING	1	2	0	2
FENCE	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	12	18	9	7

Historic District Design and Review Commission

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00pm to discuss revisions to the Baker City Development Code – Chapter 3.5 – **Signs**. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend and discuss changes with the Planning Commission.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A Home Occupation Permit was approved at 1355 F Street, Baker City in the Medium-Density Residential (R-MD) Zone for an internet business.
- Notice was sent to surrounding properties of an application for a Site Design Review proposing construction of an equipment storage building at the northeast corner of 13th and E Streets.
- The Planning Department received an application for a fruit stand at 3685 10th Street. The application was circulated to other departments for review. A decision will be issued after the interdepartmental review period ends.
- A kennel buffer map and mailing list was created for the Police Department.
- The Planning Director met with two landowners to discuss resolutions to compliance issues.



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 February 7th-13th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **33** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	11
Patient Transported	28
No Patient Trip	4

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **32**

Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	5

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	0

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES **1**

- Fire – Baker St. / Structure fire / General alarm

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **13** hours of in-house training:

- Fire – Fire size up, Accountability
- EMS – Intubation training, Cricothyrotomy training

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at the senior center
- Business inspections
- Fit testing for Public Works employees



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

Don't miss the next check on March 1st.



"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 40 new cases.
- ★ Officer Chris Sells graduated from the Basic Police Academy last Friday in Salem, OR and has been placed back in the Field Training Program with Officer Shannon Regan as his primary Field Training Officer (FTO). Throughout the FTO program recruit officers receive **training from various FTO's, but typically have one FTO as the primary.**
- ★ Chief Lohner travelled to the Public Safety Academy in Salem and attended Officer Sells graduation ceremony.
- ★ Chief Lohner met with the new Baker County Consolidated Dispatch Center Director, Hope Lindsey. BCPD looks forward to working with Director Lindsey as she takes the center forward.
- ★ 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

Started 2 new cases
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

Animal violations and complaints

2 dogs at large impounded
Issued 2 citations for dog at large
Followed up with 1 animal complaint

Dangerous Dog

Started 1 new case

Parking

Followed up on 7 violations
3 abandoned vehicles orange tagged for removal
Issued 1 parking citation

Livestock Permit

Followed up with 1 permit

Building Code

Followed up with 3 violations

Found Items

3 found bicycles

Graffiti

Started 2 new cases



PUBLIC WORKS –Water

Water quantities had to be adjusted several times this week to meet customer demands. To the right is the view of Elk Creek Diversion.



Above, Dennis is turning around in a narrow section of road. A shovel is always taken along to help dig out water control valves and as an aid to dig out the snowmobile when it gets stuck.



Under Jake's instructions, Dennis realigned some of the lighting at the Reservoir to improve security.



Blain and Matt used the Vactor truck Wednesday morning to suck out leaking water from a water meter box. This work needed to be done in order to determine if the leak was between the meter and the main water line in the street (City would be responsible for the repair) or between the meter and the residence (property owner would be responsible for the repair). The leak was between the meter and the residence.

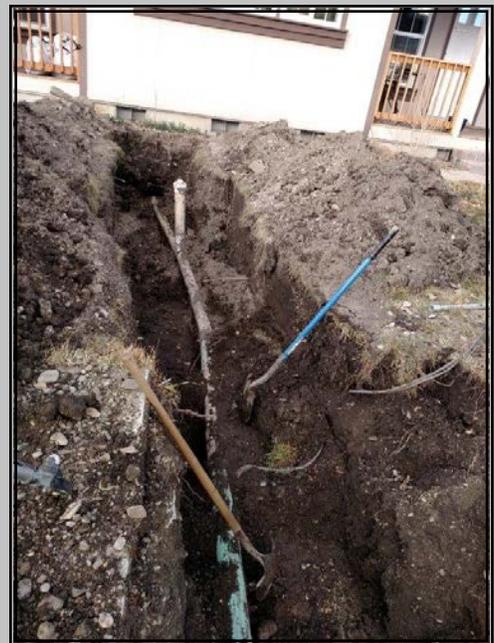


Public Works –Wastewater



A new wastewater lateral was installed for a resident on Third Street. Justin began excavation while Karl was on lookout for buried utility lines. The lateral was completed and backfilled by the end of the day.

A resident on D St. was having wastewater issues recently. Public Works assisted the resident earlier by using the push cam to locate the pipe and identify the problem. The property owner hired a local contractor to excavate and repair the problem. Upon excavation it was discovered that the lateral was improperly installed many years ago. Plumbing code requires that wastewater laterals be installed at 2% slope toward the receiving line. This lateral was installed with a reverse grade meaning that the flow went toward the house instead of away. The problem **was remedied this week by the property owner's contractor.**



A few wastewater lines were also inspected this week. Rick used the jetter truck to flush the water from the line. Keith, (pictured to the left) was then able to check the condition of the line with the video inspection push camera.



Public Works –Street



As part of a concrete pour Wednesday, two sign stubs were installed. Below, Karl prepared a street sign base on Church Street. Tip and Karl used a heated “cold mix” to repair a dozen potholes in Baker City Tuesday and Wednesday.

There were three fuel/oil spills discovered on Wednesday. Above Craig and Tommy worked to spread an absorbent material on the oil. This spill was on 4th St. between Campbell and Broadway Avenue. The materials will be swept up and properly disposed after they treat the oil. The other locations were Walnut St. and 4th St. (south Baker City).



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Last week a curb broke on the east side of Main Street. On Wednesday, Blain and Matt repaired the curb.

Below is the finished curb; it will be covered and insulated to cure over the next few days.



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Public Works –Facilities



Glen worked to install a new threshold and entry door for the screen shack at the Reservoir earlier this winter. To the left he is finishing a concrete step near the threshold Wednesday.

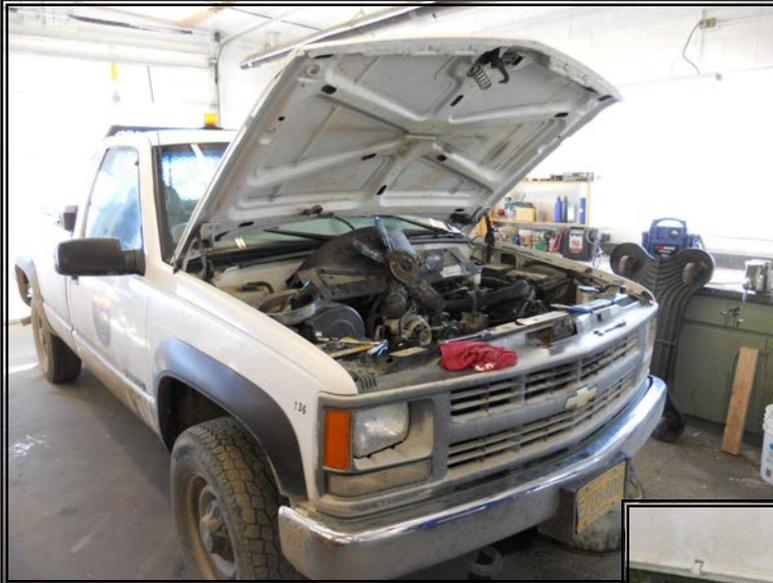
Glen also completed the trim, siding, and painting around the new door that was installed on the screen shack.



Glen replaced a roof jack on one of the roof penetrations at the Police Department to prevent a potential leak.



Public Works –Shop



The radiator was leaking in a Public Works truck, so Wes and Doug replaced the radiator and it was put back in service.

Doug and Wes mounted two tool boxes under a flatbed for Public Works to get some of the heavy tools lower for safety and ease of use.



Doug started work on a car that had a cooling issue. Doug and Wes are still assessing the issue.



Quail Ridge Golf Course



Quail Ridge Golf Course is excited to announce the course is now open for the 2016 season!

2016 Season Pass Rates:

Adult Single: \$785.00

Couple: \$1100.00

Family : \$1200.00

College: \$260.00

Junior: \$125.00

Corporate Pass (2 person): \$1530.00

Corporate Pass (4 person): \$2850.00

First Time Adult: \$392.50

First Time Couple: \$550.00

First Time Family: \$600.00

First Time College: \$130.00

First Time Junior: \$62.50

Out of County Adult: \$392.50

Out of County Couple: \$550.00

Out of County Family: \$600.00

Adult Gold Member (Includes \$300 Gift Card): \$1000.00 - \$85.00 in savings!

Couple Gold Member (Includes \$500.00 Gift Card) \$1400.00 - \$200.00 in Savings!

Annual Cart House Lease (Gas): \$140.00

Annual Cart House Lease (Electric): \$215.00

Annual Cart License: \$150.00

USGA Handicap: \$39.00

(All Passes Include Unlimited Range Balls)