

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update March 11, 2016*

## Administration

Several City Councilors participated in two Ribbon Cuttings last week on Main Street. Congratulations to them both.

## City Council

*Proposed agenda for  
March 22, 2016 meeting:*

- Board and Committee appointments

To the right,  
Chris Parker  
cuts the ribbon  
for the Grand  
Reopening of  
her store Dot &  
Rosie.



To the left, Chelsa Mitchell cuts the ribbon for the Grand Reopening of her store MADhabit Boutique.



## Finance

### Finance Director

CIS (Citycounty Insurance Services) announced the following *not to exceed* rate increases effective **January 1, 2017:**

- Medical insurance *not to exceed* an increase of 2.5%
- Vision insurance *not to exceed* an increase of 0%.
- Dental insurance *not to exceed* an increase of 5.4%
- Life insurance *not to exceed* an increase of 0%

### Utilities

- 9 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 9 customers disconnected service from March 4th thru March 10th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 2 was billed today which includes 441 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 73 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- 64 late notices were sent March 8th.
- Three residential customer (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due). They were not turned off.

### Accounts Payable

- The first of two accounts payable runs for March was generated March 10th.

### Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent November 10th. The billings were as follows:

● Cemetery	\$ 6,415
● Street Repairs and Miscellaneous	\$ 3,074
● Wastewater Maintenance and Rent	\$ 5,682
● Lien Searches	\$ 880
● Ambulance	\$294,715
● Airport Hanger Rent and Ground Lease	\$ 1,431
● Property and Weed Abatement	\$ 4,586
● Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$ 5,070
● Rent and Miscellaneous	\$ 750
<b>Total Billed</b>	<b>\$322,603</b>



## **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](http://www.bakercity.com/departments/building)

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

- 35503 Ebell Creek Road, Baker City – Addition of detached garage to residence.
- 27 structural upgrades to housing in Oxbow by Idaho Power.



### **PERMITS**

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	0	3	28	2
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	4	3	3	0
MECHANICAL	0	1	2	0
PLUMBING	0	1	1	2
FENCE	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>



## **City/County 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 new single-family dwelling was approved for 1610 Balm Street through a Land Use Review.
- A Home Occupation was approved at 2200 Grove Street, for the making and selling of quilts and handcrafted gifts, located in the R-HD Zone.
- A Sign Permit was approved for 3370 17th Street, in the General Industrial (I) Zone.
- The Planning Department created a kennel buffer map for the Police Department.



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 21st –February 27th, the Fire Department responded to a total of 43 emergency alarms.**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	1
<b>TOTAL FIRE</b>	<b>0</b>

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	34
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	30
No Patient Trip	12



## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES

Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	5
Triple Calls	0



- Fire –2nd Street /Burn complaint



## TRAINING/ MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **29** hours of in-house training

- Fire –Fire size up, search and rescue.
- EMS –BLS instructor update.

## MAINTENANCE/OTHER

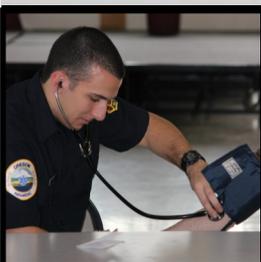
**27** hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Additional Services** to the community:

- BP checks at the senior center.
- Company inspections.



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

**Don't miss the next check on March 15, 2016.**



*"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 167 incidents and opened 35 new cases. Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants. Another one of these cases involved the arrest of a woman for False Information on a Citation, when she, repeatedly, gave the officer a fictitious name and date of birth during a traffic stop. It was later learned that the suspect had a non-extraditable warrant out of Idaho.
- School Resource Officer Lance Woodward led a local Boy Scout troop on a field trip in and around the Police Department. In addition to learning about what happens at the Police Department, the troop also got to check out one of the patrol cars.
- Chief Lohner testified, as the sole prosecution witness, in a trial involving Marlene Frances Johnston charged with Aggravated Harassment, a Class C Felony. Johnston was convicted of propelling blood at Baker City Police Chief Wyn Lohner by tossing a feminine hygiene product (tampon) at him during the course of an arrest for a restraining order violation.
- 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**

### Property Maintenance

- Followed up on 6 old cases
- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance
- Closed out 4 old cases

### Animal violations and complaints

- 1 Pony at large impounded
- 1 dog at large impounded
- Closed out 1 dog bite case
- Issued 1 citation for animal at large

### Dangerous Dog

- Followed up with one existing case
- Issued 3 citations for non-compliance

### Parking

- Followed up on 1 alley complaint
- 1 abandoned vehicle impounded

- 3 abandoned vehicles tagged for removal
- Livestock Permit
- Followed up with 3 permits

### Kennel Permit

- Received 1 new application

### Building Code Violation

- Followed up with 1 violation

### Found Items

- 1 found bicycle
- 1 found wallet returned to owner

### Graffiti

- Followed up on 3 old cases
- Started 1 new case



### Public Works

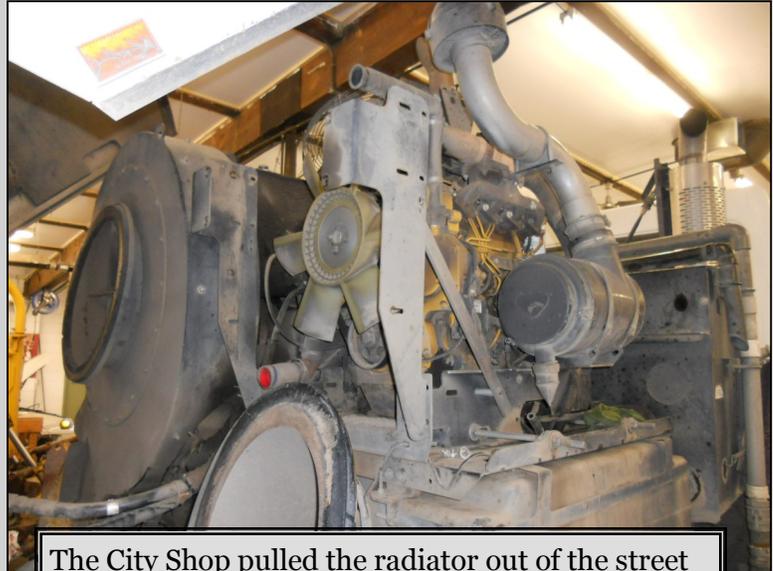
### City Shops



This hydraulic pump from the street sweeper was rebuilt for lifting the bed when the upper motor is down and for other implements.



This is the water pump for the spray bars in the street sweeper that were replaced with the pump head and reinstalled.



The City Shop pulled the radiator out of the street sweeper, had it repaired and reinstalled it.



Doug is getting ready to install the hydraulic pump. This should be finished and back in service Friday.



City Shops is working on a fuel system leak. This machinery should be in service next week.



A coolant leak was found in a crossover tube which was replaced. This vehicle should be back in service today.



# Public Works

# Street Department



Steve cut cores from several asphalt streets so that Doug could measure and inspect the asphalt in preparation for street overlay work that is scheduled for this summer.

Crews worked on several aspects of street maintenance this week. A business on 10th Street called Monday to request that someone from Public Works give advice on the cause and subsequent repair of a “sink hole” that had formed on private property. Tom drove to the site and met with business representatives.



Upon looking into the hole, it was determined that the void most likely had been used for either a “French” style drain for the parking lot or an abandoned septic tank. The metal lid had simply rusted through and the top fell in.

The area had been well marked for safety by the business.



Street sweeping continued this week. Here Steve “Tiny” is dumping debris from the Elgin Street Sweeper.



## Public Works

## Wastewater



The line was video-inspected the following morning.

At around 4:50 Wednesday evening, a call was received from a property owner on Balm Street about a plugged sewer lateral. Dennis responded to the site and met with the owner. He then cleaned the line and it was determined that the city line was not the cause of the problem.



This is a picture of where the lateral intercepts the main line. It is open and looks to be in very good condition.

Another sewer problem occurred in the Hillcrest neighborhood this week. Keith worked with Scott this week instructing Scott on the safe use of the City's Jetter truck.



## Storm Water

Crews worked this week in conjunction with ODOT employees to clean catch basins and interceptor vaults at the Hwy 7 and the UPRR underpass.



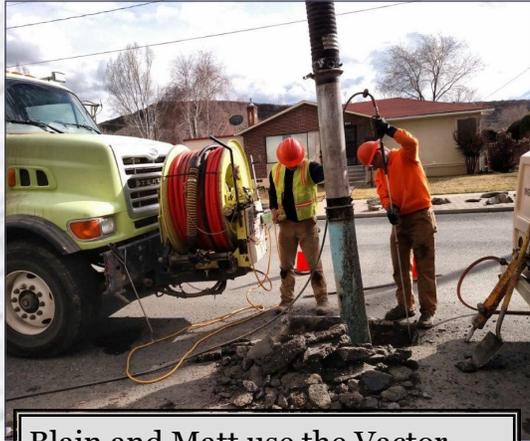
Blain, Matt and an ODOT employee work to clean one of the catch basins while other ODOT employees flag traffic.



Keith and "Tip" did additional inspections of some of the lines on Thursday.



# PUBLIC WORKS Water Department



Blain and Matt use the Vactor Truck to excavate along the water service line that was abandoned.

Crews worked to eliminate a leaking water service line on Washington Street this week. This line had formed a leak last week and it was determined that it should be replaced. The line was connected to two meters which no longer complies with Baker City's Water Policy. The old line was traced to the point where it connected to the main line. At that point, the Corp Stop fitting was turned off and the line cut. Two new service lines were installed to the existing meters. The excavation trench was left open at the request of Century Link so they could repair a phone line. It will be backfilled and compacted today.



Two water meters were reinforced with concrete Thursday. Justin and Scott worked on Cliff Street placing concrete around this meter. The other meter is located on Campbell St.



Justin flushes the hydrant after testing water valves in the area.

## Lagoon



Two ball valves needed to be replaced on the Chlorine disinfection solution supply line. This one is near the Solution Injection Chamber.

The ice finally melted from the four cells at the Wastewater Treatment Plant allowing for treatment and discharge of disinfected effluent.



The Contact Chamber is actually straight.

This is a panoramic photo of the Chlorine Contact Chamber which allows for sufficient "contact time" between the Chlorine and effluent as required to kill bacteria and pathogens.