

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 18, 2016

Administration:

The Planning Commission currently has one vacancy open with a four-year term. The Planning Commission is a decision-making body that has the legal authority to make decisions on requests for land use and development. The Planning Commission also makes recommendations to City Council for zoning and code amendments, and any other matter relating to the planning and development of the city and surrounding area. A volunteer form is available online: <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>



Finance:

Accounts Payable - An additional accounts payable check run was generated March 18th.

Payroll- Draw checks were issued March 15th.

LID Billings - LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty-year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1%, which is currently an annual rate of 1.6%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

One 2007 G Street Wastewater Extension LID was billed March 16th. The original assessment in 2007 included one property owner for a total of \$69,541. The remaining balance outstanding is \$42,059.

Utilities

- ◆ 9 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 8 customers disconnected service from March 11th through March 17th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 491 residential and 48 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 91 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 89 late notices were sent March 15th.
- ◆ Ten residential customers (Zone 2) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

March 22nd Agenda Items:

- *Vietnam Veteran Proclamation
- *Discussion of City Fees/Water Rates
- *Court Plaza Grant Resolution
- *Golf Course Concessionaire RFP
- *BMCC Baker County Finances
- *Community Developer Information



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- 146 Main Street, Halfway – Addition of covered patio

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 42719 Marble Creek Road – new residence
- 1010 Resort Street – Pole building

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	2	2	3
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	3	10	8
MECHANICAL	3	1	2	1
PLUMBING	2	2	0	0
FENCE	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	8	14	12

Historic District Design and Review Commission

No new information.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission held a work session on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00pm to discuss revisions to the Baker City Development Code – Chapter 3.5 – **Signs**. These revisions will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting which will be held on April 20th at 7:00pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend and discuss changes with the Planning Commission.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

A sign permit was approved for 2035 2nd Street, located in the Commercial Central (C-C) Zone and within the Baker City Historic District.

A sign permit was approved for 1702 Main Street, located in the Commercial Central (C-C) Zone and within the Baker City Historic District.

At the request of the Police Department, the Planning Department created a kennel buffer maps for 2437 Auburn Avenue, and 1924 18th Street.

A Land Use Compatibility Statement was approved for Court Plaza, located on Court Street between Main and Resort Streets.

A Land Use Review was approved for an accessory structure at 1010 Resort Street, located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.



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 28th– March 5th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	23
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 28

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

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4

- Fire – Balm St. / Flue fire
- Fire – Well St. / Burn pile
- Fire – Clark St. / Malfunctioning appliance
- Fire – Plum St. / Burn complaint

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 41 hours of in-house training:

- Fire – Incident command, Pipeline safety
- EMS – EMT training, SWAT training, Drug inventories

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at the senior center
- Business inspections
- 3 Station tours for kindergarten classes / 114 children, 21 adults



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 22nd.



"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 **150** incidents and opened **40** new cases. One of these cases resulted in a man being arrested for Domestic Assault, after he attacked his step-father in a local bar. The victim was transported to the hospital for evaluation and treatment.
- ★ Through the first two months of 2016, BCPD has seen a **16% increase** in investigations leading to reports being written.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in mandatory "Workplace Harassment Training", as did all city workers.
- ★ 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 1 new case

Livestock Permit

Approved 1 new permit

Animal Violations and Complaints

Followed up with 2 animal complaints
2 dogs at large returned to owner
1 dog at large impounded

Building Code Violation

One case closed (compliance gained)

Dangerous Dog

Started 2 new cases
Attended one appeals hearing

Found Items

1 found bicycle
1 found bag

Parking

1 abandoned vehicle orange tagged for removal
1 abandoned vehicle towed
Followed up on 1 complaint

Graffiti

Followed up on 3 old cases
Started 2 new cases



Public Works –Wastewater



Maintenance work began on some of the Solar Bee units in the lagoon. To the left, Tommy, Rick and Keith work to retrieve some of the Solar Bees which had become un-tethered over the winter.



Blain and Matt worked to install a new lateral connection on Tracy Street this week. The 6" diameter mainline was exposed and a new 4" P.V.C. service lateral attached to it.



A lateral on Clark Street was replaced this week. That part of the lateral between the house and the curb had been replaced two years ago by a local contractor. Problems persisted, so the owner decided to have the line from the curb to the center of the street also replaced. Blain and Matt began and completed the project Wednesday. To the left is a close-up of the inside of a section of the orange-burg pipe where the inside pipe material has deformed.

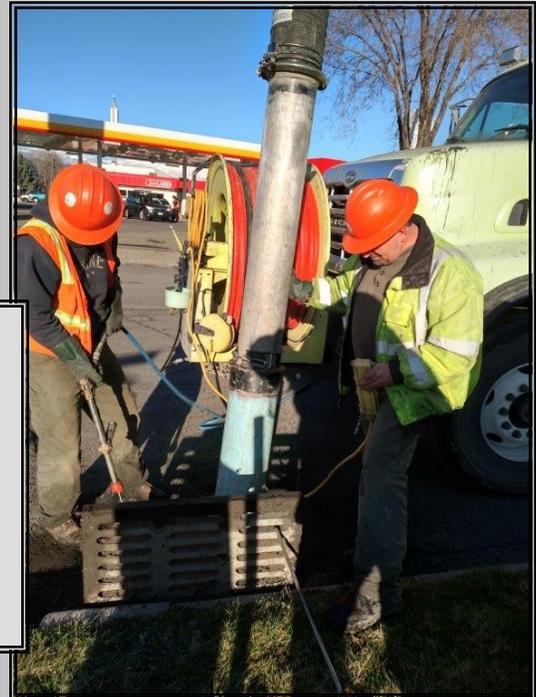


Public Works –Water



New water and wastewater service lines were installed on Balm Street this week for a new residence. Justin used the Volvo Mini-Trackhoe to excavate both trenches. Both service lines were successfully installed and backfilled on Tuesday.

Karl and Steve worked this week cleaning storm water catch basins. Catch basins are normally constructed so that the outlet pipe from the catch basin is approximately 6" above the bottom of the catch basin. This allows for mud and other debris to "settle out" in the bottom of the catch basin. It is important to remove this debris annually from the catch basins so that it doesn't enter the collection system pipes and plug the lines.



Karl and Steve "Tip" are pictured to the left working to clean catch basins near the intersection of Sunridge Lane and Campbell Street.

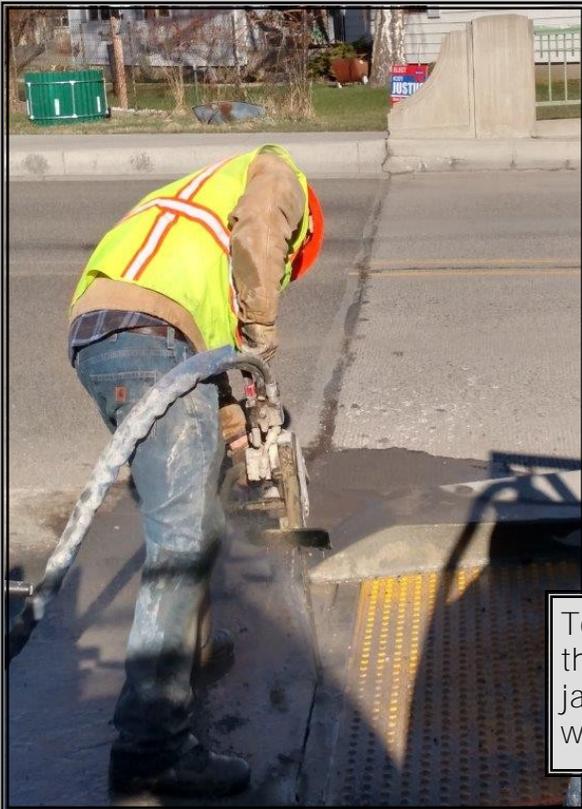


Public Works – Street



Justin and Scott worked to remove a section of curbing on Washington Street as part of a cooperative project with the property owner. A 36" strip of asphalt was zipped (pulverized) and the curb removed. The property owner's contractor will reconstruct the curb and replace several sections of sidewalk.

A hazardous ADA ramp was reported recently to the Public Works Department. The ramp was originally constructed as part of an O.D.O.T. project from several years ago. When the contractor installed the panel it was not embedded deep enough into the concrete and eventually worked loose.



To the left, Scott used a hydraulic saw to cut through the concrete. Once the edges were cut Justin used the jackhammer to break-up the concrete. New concrete was poured today.



Public Works –Shop



This week Doug has been rebuilding one of the air hammers for upcoming street work.



Doug and Wes calibrated the heater motor, repaired a fuel cap door, and replaced the plug on the right front headlight to maintain the Police K9 vehicle.



Wes and Doug brought the sweeper back in to adjust the sweeper head and water pressure. They also replaced the radiator cap and then it was put back in service.



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)