

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 25, 2016

Administration:

At the last City Council meeting on March 22, 2016, City Council began discussions regarding 2016 -2017 fiscal year fees. Discussion included several topics such as adding a line item to the fee resolution to reflect the actual cost of boarding an animal that has been impounded. The January consumer price index (CPI-W) of 1.2% was applied to base ambulance rates in order to adjust for increasing personnel and other costs. The January consumer price index (CPI-W) of 1.2% was applied to all cemetery rates in order to adjust for increasing contractor costs. The January consumer price index (CPI-W) of 1.2% has been applied to all Building Department rates not set by Oregon state statute. One Type III Procedure fee is proposed to be modified to increase the cost of an appeal to the Planning Commission to more accurately reflect the amount of staff time involved in the appeals process. The City provides a service to local plumbers by allowing them to utilize the **City's push camera to determine potential issues in their customers' wastewater lateral lines.** In the past the City has charged actual cost for this service. The proposed fee is based on the average cost of performing this service. The consumer price index CPI-W has been consistently used to determine water fee increases in the past. The January consumer price index CPI-W of 1.2% was applied to residential and commercial water rates including fire protection service to cover the increased cost of operations. The Council adopted the Water Facilities Master Plan on March 8th. **This plan included a comprehensive review and evaluation of the City's water systems and** consideration of needed capital improvement for the transmission, treatment and distribution systems. Murray Smith & Associates identified the need for \$6.2 million in capital improvement projects over the 5-year horizon and \$33.4 million over the 6-to-20-year horizon. MSA recommended that the City raise water rates and pursue other funding sources to make the necessary improvements in the system.

Finance:

Payroll - 75 employees were paid today including 11 paid volunteer firefighters and the dangerous dog hearings officer. Of those 75 employees 71 or 95% are signed up for direct deposit.

Finance Director - The February financial report is available on the web at www.bakercity.com.

Utilities

- ◆ 18 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 12 customers disconnected service from March 18th through March 24th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 will be billed out Monday due to a planned vacation.
- ◆ 75 late notices were sent March 22nd.
- ◆ Three residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) all three customers paid before their past due balance resulted in turning off their water.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 3395 10th Street, Baker City – internal wall construction
- 3240 Campbell Street, Baker City – Roof reconstruction
- 2325 Mitchell Street, Baker City – Roof reconstruction



Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	3	1	0	2
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	5	9	7	6
MECHANICAL	3	4	1	7
PLUMBING	2	1	1	2
FENCE	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14	15	10	17

Historic District

Design and Review Commission

Next meeting set for Wednesday, March 30th, 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department offices.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 20th at 7:00p.m.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

An application has been submitted to re-plat an existing property into three parcels, vacating portions of a historic undeveloped subdivision, for the 1200 block of Reservoir Road. Notice of the application and pending decision has been mailed to property owners within 100 feet of the parcels. Comments on the application are due to the Planning Department by 5:00 p.m. on March 31st.

An application for a Lot of Record and Land Use Review for a new single family dwelling at 1610 Balm Street has been submitted to the Planning Department. The application was forwarded to other impacted departments for review this week. Once department comments are received, a decision will be issued.

The Planning Department contacted Crown Castle, owner of the wireless communications tower at 1205 Vista Heights Drive, about complying with an approval requirement to screen a portion of the facility since the vegetation that was originally planted did not survive. The owner is working on a plan for compliance.

Information was provided to two companies requesting traffic count information for Campbell Street.

Staff attended training through a live webinar covering legislative changes to land use laws from the recently completed legislative session, plus a look ahead at land use concepts that will likely come before the legislature next session.



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 March 6th- 12th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **53** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	39
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	34
No Patient Trip	14

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 48

Airport Transfers	5
Out of Town Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Simultaneous Calls	10

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 5



- Burn complaint - B St.
- False alarm CO Detector - Grove St
- Small house fire - Campbell St.
- Small trailer fire - Court Ave.
- Public assist with smoke alarm- Tracy St.

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 37 hours of in-house training:

- Drills
- Safety
- Workplace Harassment

STATION MAINTENANCE

20 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 March 29th.



"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

★ In another very busy week, BCPD handled over 150 incidents and opened 49 new cases.

- Five of these cases resulted in investigations of Burglaries. BCPD would like to remind property owners to secure their residences and out-buildings.
- Five additional cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.

★ BCPD personnel also investigated an incident involving multiple people, where a Baker City man was transported to the hospital for an apparent stab wound.

★ Sgt. Chastain and Capa continue to train well together and prepare for re-deployment in the community. Below Sgt. Chastain and Capa provide a demonstration to a Boy Scouts group.

★ 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.



Property Maintenance

Started 1 new case

Parking

1 abandoned vehicle orange tagged for removal
Issued 1 parking citation
Followed up on 1 parking complaint

Animal violations and complaints

2 dogs at large returned to owner
1 dog at large impounded
Issued 1 citation for no dog license and dog at large

Found Items

2 found items

Dangerous Dog

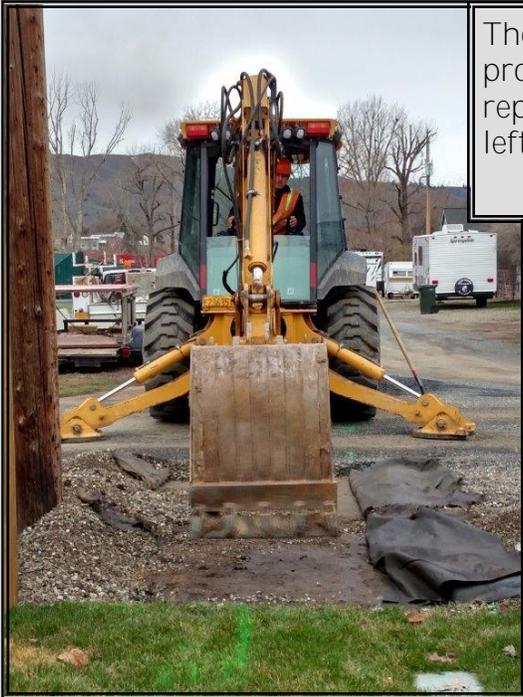
Followed up on 1 old case

Trespass

Served 1 notice



Public Works –Wastewater



The Public Works department worked in conjunction with a property owner, OTEC, local plumber and a contractor to replace a wastewater lateral which had deteriorated. To the left, Blain begins the excavation for the new lateral.



Due to close proximity of an existing power pole, OTEC used one of their trucks to secure the pole while Blain and Scott excavated.



Below are several utility lines crossing the trench making it difficult to excavate successfully without causing damage. The work was completed and Blain backfilled the trench for the contractor who will finish the work next week.



Above, Scott is inside the protective shoring while Blain provides instructions and supplies to complete the work.



Public Works - Water Department



The snow has melted on the city owned property along Salmon Creek. A Public Works crew has been working this week to complete the road construction on Pine View Road. Once complete, the lots will then be ready to sell. Interested parties can contact Fred Warner at Nelson Realty for details.

Scott is rolling the asphalt grindings to make a firm driving surface while Blain and Justin (in the distance) place one of the last truckloads of material at the end of the road. The use of asphalt grindings will greatly reduce the amount of dust generated from vehicular traffic.

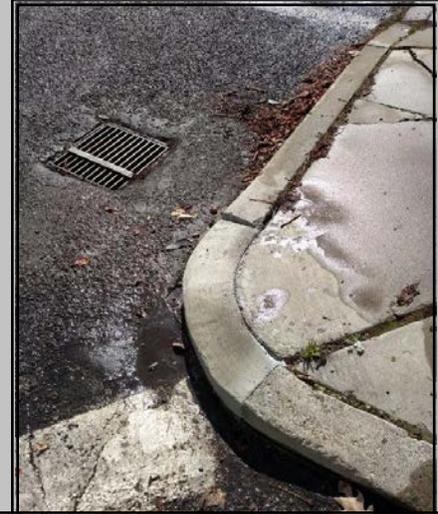




Public Works - Street



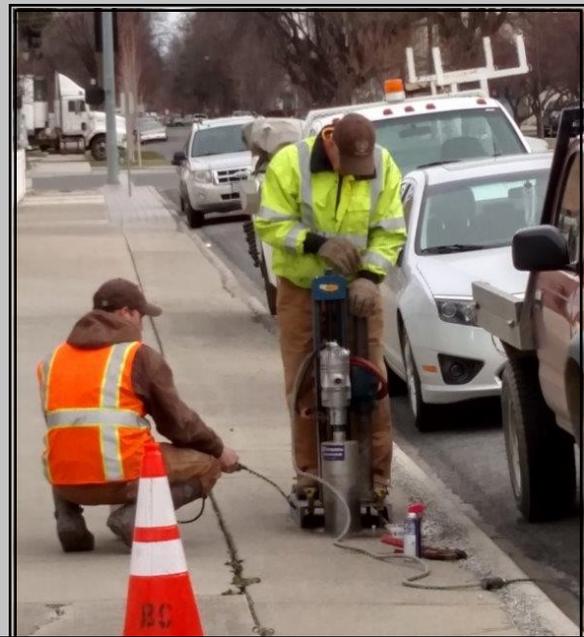
An ADA ramp and panel repair was completed. After 6 days of curing time it was reopened today for normal foot traffic.



Using some of the same concrete ordered for the A.D.A. ramp work a small piece of broken curb was repaired near the Middle School.



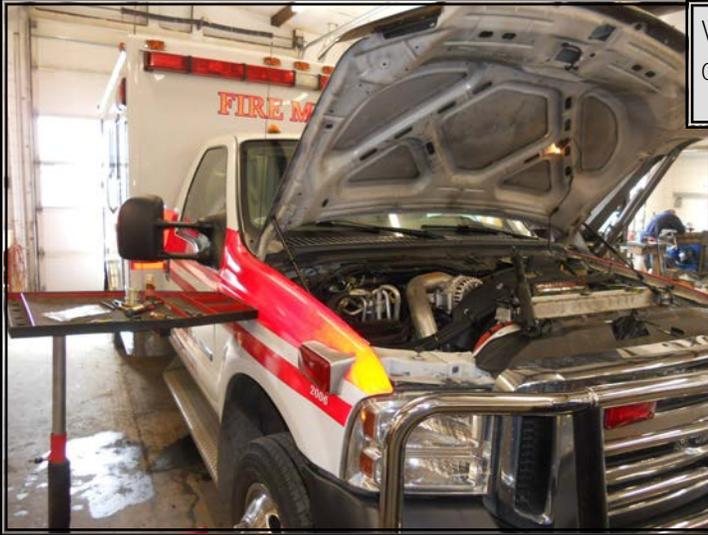
Craig installed a new bike rack this week on Second Street.



A sign base failed on 3rd Street this week. Tip and Matt used the core drill and installed a new, more substantial, sign base. The sign will be reinstalled once the concrete cures.



Public Works –Shop



Wes and Doug replaced an alternator connection on one of the ambulances.



During a maintenance check Doug and Wes found a crack in the lid on a pump and will continue the work next week.



Wes and Doug serviced one of the fire trucks. They completed work on the generator and began work on the exhaust system.



Wes and Doug performed a service check and safety inspection on the vehicle.

A person wearing blue jeans, black gloves, and black boots is using a shovel to dig a hole in the grass. The shovel is filled with dark soil. The background is a blurred green field.

Plant a Street Tree!
Grant funding is
currently available
through April 1st!

Questions? Contact the Baker City
Public Works Department at
(541)524-2063.



**2016
Annual
Mt. Hope
Cemetery
Cleanup**

April 5 - April 29

Please remove all decorative items during this time. Items may be placed on grave sites again beginning April 30th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

