

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 8, 2016

Administration:

The City of Baker City is looking to fill three boards and commission positions, with one vacancy on the Planning Commission and the other two on the Public Arts Commission. The Planning Commission is a four year term while the Public Arts Commission is a three year term. For more information please visit <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions> or contact the City Recorder at (541) 524-2033.



City Council

April 12th Agenda Items:

- *Liquor License Application
- *Council Goals
- *Capital Plans
- *Non-represented Employee Wage Report
- *Sidewalk Grant Rules

Finance:

Accounts Payable - The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated April 8th.

Utilities

- ◆ 31 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 22 customers disconnected service from April 2nd through April 8th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today which includes 460 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 31 late notices were sent April 1st.
- ◆ No residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due).



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- ◆ 1620 Balm Street, Baker City – 1924 sq ft new residence
- ◆ 1610 Balm Street, Baker City – 1466 sq ft new residence
- ◆ 15849 High Country Ln, Baker City – 30 x 40 utility building
- ◆ 1712 Broadway, Baker City – 1580 sq ft new residence

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- ◆ No new commercial permits were issued.

OTHER PROJECTS:

- ◆ A demolition permit was issued to 2237 8th Street

Permits

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	5	6	1	4
MANUFACTURED	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	8	10	6	5
MECHANICAL	1	0	3	1
PLUMBING	2	2	1	1
FENCE	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	17	18	11	11

Historic District

Design and Review Commission

No new information this week.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 20th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be a work session to discuss proposed changes to the Development Code. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A Land Use Review for a new, single-family dwelling at 1310 D Street was submitted. The application was sent for Interdepartmental Review early this week and a final decision shall be issued early next week.
- A Land Use Review for ±685ft² addition to an existing single family dwelling at 2990 Place Street was submitted. The application was sent for Interdepartmental Review and a final decision shall be issued early next week.
- A Site Design Review for parking lot improvements and the addition of ±5,600ft² to St. Alphonsus Hospital was submitted and is under review.
- A pre-application meeting was held for a ±5,000ft² addition to an industrial warehouse in the Industrial (I) Zone. The subject property is located on corner of 10th and Washington Streets.



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 20th– 26th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **36** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	27
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	27
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 34

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

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE 2

- Fire – 12th St. / Burn complaint
- Fire – East St. / Natural gas leak

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 12 hours of in-house training:

- Fire – Command and control, Strategy and tactics
- EMS – Airway management

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Additional Services to the community:

- BP checks at the senior center
- Business inspections
- Smoke alarm installations



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

Don't miss the next check on April 12th.



"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 **180** incidents and opened **54** new cases.

This past week BCPD officers received information, regarding Burglaries and Thefts in our community that led to a search warrant being served at 2780 7th Street. Items stolen from Burglaries and Unauthorized Entries into Motor Vehicles (UEMV) were recovered during the search. Twenty year old Benjamin Baxter was arrested for the crimes. Baxter is believed to have been involved in multiple Burglaries and over fifty car prowls (UEMVs) within our community. Those cases are still under investigation.

- ✦ Chief Lohner participated in a monthly meeting with the Sheriff, Fire Chief and 911 Director.
- ✦ Chief Lohner participated in the annual Goal Setting session with other staff members and City Council.
- ✦ Lt. Newman, Officer Wood and Officer Pelayo participated in a Field Training and Evaluation Training, sponsored by the Public Safety Academy hosted in Baker City.
- ✦ 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 Activity

Property Maintenance

Started 2 new cases
Followed up on 7 old cases

Animal Violations and Complaints

Issued 1 citation for no dog license and dog at large
3 dogs at large returned to owner
Followed up on 2 animal complaints

Dangerous Dog

Followed up on 1 old case

Livestock Permit

Followed up on 1 case

Temporary use Permit

Followed up on 2 violations

Parking

4 abandoned vehicles orange tagged for removal
Issued 3 parking citations
Followed up on 6 parking violations
2 abandoned vehicles impounded

Found Items

4 found items
1 found item returned to owner

Graffiti

Followed up with 2 violations
Started 1 new case

Fence Permit

Followed up on 3 violations



Public Works

Feed Your Tree Friday!

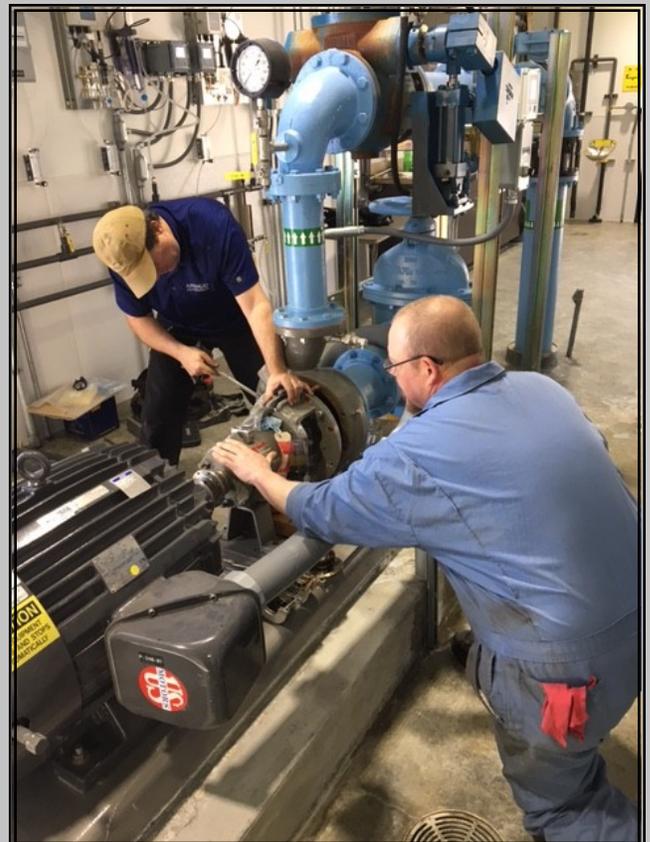
It's been so nice being outside and enjoying the warmer weather! Baker City Tree Board volunteers would like to take a moment and ask that you please set aside time each week to water your trees. Here are some watering options to consider:

- Turn a hose on **low** for 15 minutes at the base of the tree;
- Fill a 5-gallon bucket with holes in the bottom of it and place it near the base of the tree;
- Install a slow-release watering bag around the tree's trunk.

This is the 31st year that Baker City has been recognized as a Tree City USA. Trees enhance the quality of life for all of us. Please help preserve and protect this important feature of our community by watering your trees on a regular basis.



Wes is shown here helping Clay (a technician from Apsco) to disassemble and repair the ASR booster pump. The pump had a bad seal which was replaced and the pump placed back into service the same day.





Public Works –Wastewater

Once the concrete cured at the new manhole located at the intersection of Balm and Place Streets, the remaining precast concrete components were installed and the excavation backfilled and compacted. To the right you can see the trough of the new manhole with the smooth and even P.V.C. flow line.



The surface was backfilled to street grade. The 14' x 14' area around the new manhole ring and lid will be patched with asphalt once asphalt is available. This manhole had required maintenance at least once a week. Now it is expected to be relatively maintenance free in the future.

Normally public works personnel do not operate in the dark on issues. But in this case it was necessary to cover the push-camera monitor screen with a dark towel to eliminate glare so that a clear view is available for the inspection. The crew worked on Dewey Street where Public Works is planning to install a new manhole over an existing wastewater line for maintenance purposes.





Public Works –Street

Blain and Matt used the Vactor Truck and pressure wand to clean the trench drain which runs in front of the F.B.O. Hanger at the Baker City Airport.



Street Sweepers worked in tandem this week to expedite the clean-up of City streets for the spring.

To the left, Matt is operating the Elgin Sweeper to pick up the heavier debris. The Elgin Sweeper is a Mechanical sweeper, similar to a huge hand broom and dust pan. It does a very good job of picking up heavy debris but does not operate like a vacuum. So it does leave a trail of debris.

To the right, Steve (Tiny) is operating the Swartz Sweeper. It works on a Regenerative Air System which does a better job of picking up the smaller debris. He followed Matt and picked up any remain material left behind.





Sam-O-Swim Center

Barracudas Swim Team	25 Children daily
Water In Motion Class	52 adults per week
EZ Cardio Class	20 adults per week
Deep End Water Aerobics Class	22 adults per week
Lap Swimmers	35 children and adults daily
5-J School	30 children 2x per week
3rd Grade Swim Lessons	46 children
Harvest School Swim Lessons	28 children
Parent Tot Swim Lessons	4 children and parents
Swim Lessons Level 1 & 2	22 children
Open Swim (per week)	75 children and adults
Pool Rentals	41 children and adults
Lifeguard Class	10 participants

An annual report on the Sam-O Swim Center will be presented to the City Council and public on May 10th.





Public Works –Shop



To transition from winter work to summer work, Wes and Doug removed the salter off the back, removed the snow tires, checked the fluids and added the side racks.



Wes and Doug performed a routine service and safety check. A few Public Works personnel used this vehicle to attend training earlier this week.



Wes and Doug pulled one of the suction hoses off the Vector truck and replaced it with an upgraded hose that will make it easier to rotate every couple of months.

Before



After