

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 6, 2016

Administration

- Members of the Baker City Tree Board were on hand at the April 26th Council meeting for a Proclamation celebrating Arbor Day.

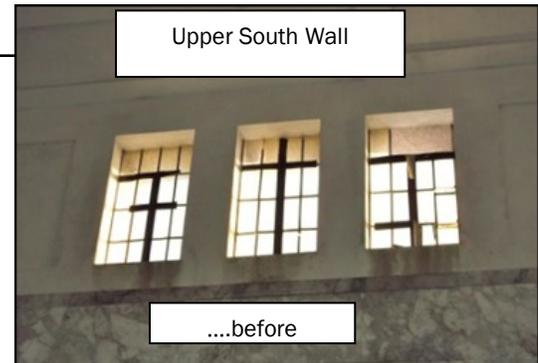


CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Proposed agenda for May 10, 2016

- ◆ Fee Resolution
- ◆ Council goals
- ◆ Interim City Manager

A big **THANK YOU** to Robin Erickson, owner of Legacy Glass Art in Boise, Idaho and Todd Wilson and staff of Caldwell Glass for all of their assistance and efforts in completion of phase I of the Mt. Hope Abbey Mausoleum window renovation project! Robin and Todd are excellent artisans. Both are dedicated to their craft, as are their associated staff. This project was made possible through receipt of a State of Oregon Historic Cemetery Grant matched by budgeted funds. The result was complete restoration of 9 of the 26 window needing repair. The windows were in varying states of disrepair with broken, cracked and missing panes as well as deteriorating lead comes holding the windows together. This allowed for moisture intrusion, causing damage to the structural integrity of the building. Staff is hoping to receive future grant funds to continue with the restoration work. The photos below show two examples of the restorations.





BUILDING

Project Highlights

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 1614 Baker Street, Baker City –New residence.
- 2023 Balm Street, Baker City –Addition to detached utility building.
- 637 NW Cracker Street, Sumpter –Addition to foundation to utility building.
- 2990 Place Street, Baker City –684-sq-foot addition to residence.

- 1514 Oak Street, Baker City –Interior remodel, addition of bathroom.
- 15849 High Country Lane, Baker City –Solar installation on exterior of garage.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- “A” Street, Baker City –New 10x10 office and 30x30 accessory building.

	PERMITS ISSUED CITY	INSPECTIONS CITY	PERMITS ISSUED COUNTY	INSPECTIONS COUNTY
BUILDING	7	2	2	8
MANUFACTURE DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	4	7	8
MECHANICAL	1	3	2	1
PLUMBING	2	2	1	1
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	15	11	12	18

PLANNING

Public Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 18th. The Planning Commission agenda includes review a request for a Conditional Use Permit, CUP-16-030, to construct a ±1,200 square foot shop at 605 Foothill Drive, as well as a work session addressing proposed changes to the Baker City Development Code, specifically:

- Modifications to Chapter 3.5 – *Signs*
- Discussion of the occupancy of RVs as described in Chapter 4.9.100 – *Temporary Use Permits*
- Clarifications to Chapter 5.3 – *Lots of Record* criteria
- Discussion of accessory structure size restrictions in Chapter 2.2 – *Residential Land Use Districts*
- Proposed additions to Chapter 4.3.160 – *Final Plat Requirements*.

The work session will begin at 6:00pm, followed by the hearing for the Conditional Use Permit beginning at 7:00pm. If you have questions regarding CUP-16-030, please contact Planner Kara Harris at 541-523-8219 or kharris@bakercounty.org. If you have questions regarding the Development Code updates, please contact Senior Planner Eva Ceder at 541-523-8219 or eceder@bakercounty.org.



PLANNING (continued)

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A new single-family dwelling was approved through a Land Use Review at 810 East Fairway Drive. The subject property is located in the Residential Low-Density Zone.
- A new detached garage was approved through a Land Use Review at 1838 Birch Street. The subject property is located in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A Lot of Record determination for 1410 14th Street was approved. The subject property is located in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- Notices were mailed to property owners within 100 feet of 2005 10th Street to provide information about the Site Design Review application for Eagle River Enterprises. The applicant seeks approval of a ±4,000 square foot addition to an existing manufacturing facility located on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 10th Street. Notice signs were posted at the subject property earlier this week.
- Last week, the Planning Department held a pre-application meeting with the Baker 5-J School District to discuss options for creating a parking lot at 1244 3rd Street.

Finance Director

- ◆ As of May 2nd, the City has received current year property taxes of \$2,930,396 and prior year taxes of \$91,867.
- ◆ On May 4th, the City had its kick-off meeting for the implementation of the Oregon Records Management Solution (ORMS) system. City staff met with individuals from the Oregon Secretary of State’s Office, Oregon State Archives division and Chaves Consulting. The software will be installed on June 15th and setup and testing will begin at that time. The ORMS system is a paperless archiving system that will allow the City to increase transparency, enhance efficiencies and increase security. For more information on ORMS go to <http://www.arikkan.com/pages/orms.aspx>.

Utilities

- ◆ 22 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 20 customers disconnected service from April 29th thru May 5th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 91 residential and 243 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 48 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Three residential customers (Zone 1) 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.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Fire Department (FD) responded to a total of **41 emergency alarms** for the last reported week.

Breakdown of emergency responses:

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3



Fire response:

- Balm /Burn complaint.
- Campbell /Smoke investigation.
- Campbell /False alarm.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	6
City Calls	30
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	14
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	36



Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	4

TRAINING

10 hours of in-house training, including:

- Fire –auto extrication training, hose operations.

MAINTENANCE/OTHERS:

39 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Additional Services to the community:

- Blood pressure checks at the Senior Center.
- Company inspections.
- Smoke alarm installations.



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

Don't miss the next check on May 10, 2016.



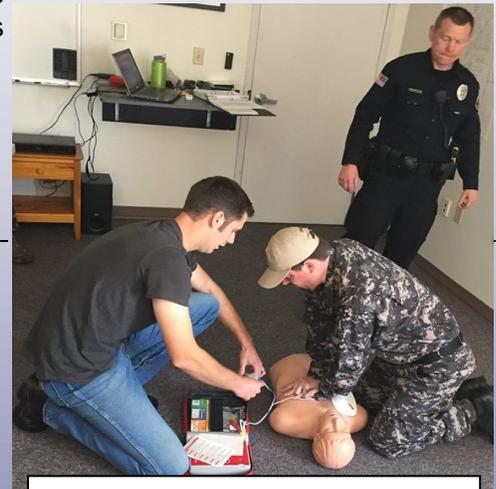
POLICE DEPARTMENT

"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"

- During the previous week, BCPD saw an increase in activity from the week before, addressing 188 calls for service and opening 36 new cases, including multiple arrests for outstanding warrants.
- On Thursday, the Department celebrated the retirement of Detective Sharon Bass. Detective Bass, a thirteen-year veteran of this Department, has faithfully served this community for many years, exemplifying dedication and integrity in everything she does. We wish her well with her next adventure! (Pictured to the right, Detective Sharon Bass).
- BCPD personnel completed First Aid/CPR and Firearms training.
- 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



Members of Sgt. Chastain's patrol team are pictured completing firearms training at the range.



Officer Pelayo and Officer Stanley demonstrate using an AED while instructor, Officer Woodward observes.

CODE ENFORCMENT

Property Maintenance

- Followed up on 2 old cases.
- Started one new case.

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Issued 1 citation for no dog license.
- 1 dog-at-large impound.
- Issued 4 citations for dog-at-large violations.
- Followed up on five animal complaints.

Parking Violations

- Issued 1 parking citation.
- Followed up on 2 parking complaints.

- 2 abandoned vehicles -tagged for removal.

Development Code Violations

- Followed up on four fence complaints.
- Followed up on 2 Temporary-Use complaints.
- Followed up on 1 building complaint.

Weed Complaint

- Followed up on 8 weed complaints.

Graffiti

- Started two new cases.
- Followed up on one case.
- Compliance gained with one case.



IN OUR COMMUNITY



Warren Hinrichs, a contractor from Spokane that specializes in painting flag poles, was hired this week to repaint the flag pole at City Hall.

This work is a family tradition, as Warren says he has been painting flag poles for 58 years while his father was in the trade for 52 years. As can be seen in the photo, Warren still reaches the top of the pole the “old fashioned” way.



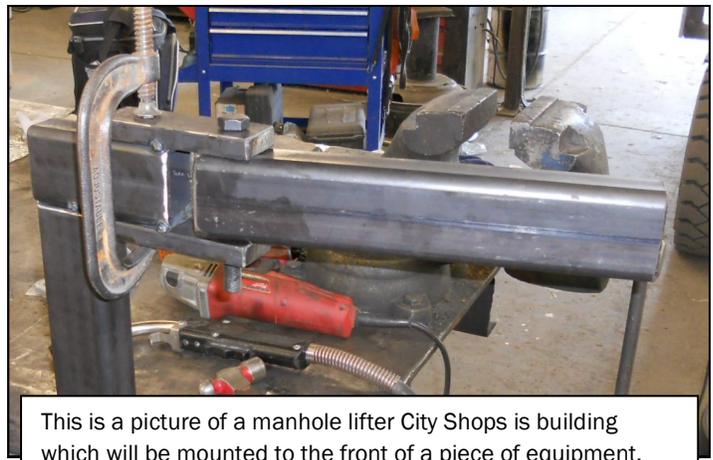
This ambulance was experiencing some difficulty in maintaining a charge in the batteries. The shop was able to rewire a converter and put the unit back in service.

PUBLIC WORKS

CITY SHOPS



This front loader is in for service and should be available to return to work later today.



This is a picture of a manhole lifter City Shops is building which will be mounted to the front of a piece of equipment. When in use, this should be a safer way to remove manholes.



PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department

Baker City Public Works crew worked Tuesday to patch Baker City streets.



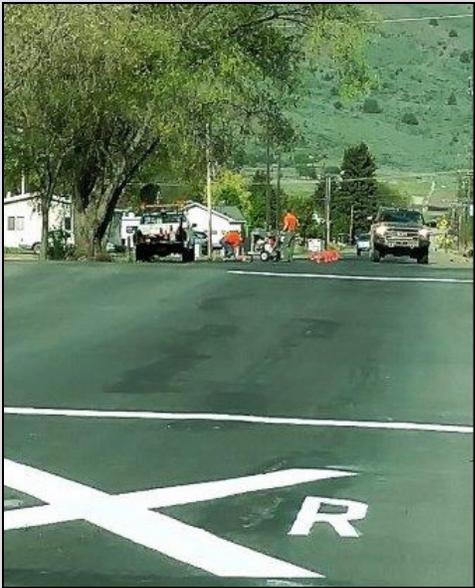
A Public Works crew used approximately 8 tons of asphalt to patch Birch Street where a contractor had constructed a new concrete driveway approach.



A downtown beautification project will be done this month. Six new trees will be planted in the Main Street sidewalk. The locations are marked and underground locates have been called in for the work.

Auburn Avenue Overlay: Public Works is planning to overlay several city blocks of streets this year. On Wednesday, Doug, Steve and Tom conducted inspections to determine which items will need to be repaired/replaced.

Doug is discussing sidewalk options with a resident on Auburn Ave.



A resident recently reported a problem with a streetlight on 8th Drive. A bird had built a nest within the broken globe. It is rare that globes break unless through some act of vandalism.

With the dry weather this week, Public Works began painting crosswalks and railroad crossings. Craig and Matt can be seen in the distance working on the Auburn Street Railroad Crossing.



Water Department



Dennis discovered a water pressure problem on a service line on Baker Street this week.

This is not an accident scene. Dennis is lying on the ground so that he can access the "yoke" which holds the water meter in place. Blain operated a long-handled pry bar while Tip shined a light. Plumbing was disconnected inside the water meter box during the repair.

Wasterwater Department

An additional wastewater lateral was requested for a Church on 1st Street this week. Public Works was able to complete the work in a day.

Blain and Tip are using the Vactor Truck to excavate the line and inspect it for defects. It was determined that there was a blockage where the service line connects onto the water main line. The problem was resolved.



Once underground utilities were marked the crew of Justin and Scott used asphalt zipper to pulverize the street surface.



Scott is inside the trench shoring working to expose the 12" terra-cotta main line.



Wastewater (continued)

This line was lined years ago using the CIPP Lining System. Under the clay outer layer there is another hardened and cured durable resin layer. In this photo, Justin is chipping away the terra cotta pipe to expose the inner pipe. The inner pipe was then precisely core drilled to make a near-perfect hole in which to insert the tapping connector.



To the left, the Inserta-Tee is in place in the mainline.

To the right, the new line was installed at 2% slope from the mainline to beyond the curb of the street. At that point, a 45 degree fitting was attached and a piece of pipe extended to above the ground surface. The contractor who performed the remaining work between the curb and the building could then cut off the pipe at whatever elevation is required to have positive flow from the building.



To the left, Keith and Rick video-inspect an alley wastewater line to determine the location of a lateral which hadn't been used for several years.

To the right, there was a wastewater problem on 3rd Street this week. Keith and Tom worked with the property owners and determined that the house with the problem is connected to the neighbor's lateral.

