

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 13, 2016

Administration:

A big thank you to the Baker City Lion's Club who took on the project of repairing the Gazebo in Geiser-Pollman Park! The Gazebo is expected to be out of commission for a couple of weeks while the work is completed.



City Council

May 24th Agenda Items:

*Oregon Employment Department Presentation

Finance:

Finance Director-The first budget committee meeting will be May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There will be a public hearing at this meeting.

Payroll - Draw checks were issued May 13th.

Accounts Payable - The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated May 10th.

Utilities:

- 12 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from May 6th through May 12th. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 2 was billed today which includes 449 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 76 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- 54 late notices were sent May 10th.
- No customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due).

Accounts Receivable	
Cemetery	\$ 1,921
Wastewater Maintenance & Misc. Sales	\$ 2,772
Lien Searches	\$ 1,200
Ambulance	\$ 268,685
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$ 1,884
Property & Weed Abatement	\$ 4,617
Street Cuts & Miscellaneous	\$ 3,307
School Resource Officer	\$ 10,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,252
Total Billed	\$ 295,638



BUILDING DEPARTMENT



RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- ◆ 10 Iron Horse Loop, Sumpter – Detached Utility Building
- ◆ 18071 Western Heights Ln – Woodshop construction inside existing utility building
- ◆ 45652 Hwy 12 Spur, Baker City – Dormer addition to existing residence

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- ◆ 22829 Hwy 245, Hereford – 8 temporary structures for “Gold Rush” camera crew
- ◆ 500 Campbell, Baker City – Interior remodel

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	8	11	11
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	3	5	9	22
MECHANICAL	1	1	1	0
PLUMBING	4	4	2	1
FENCE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	9	18	24	34

Historic District Design Review:

Next meeting is scheduled May 18, 2016, 8:00 a.m. in Building Department offices.



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Consider volunteering with the Planning Commission!

The Planning Commission currently has one vacancy open!

The Planning Commission consists of seven members with four-year terms. The role of the Planning Commission is to develop, maintain and implement the Baker City Development Code to protect the integrity of the community's planning process, and to foster the community's long-term interests. 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.

The Commission meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall in the Council Chambers.



Planning Department

Public Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 18th. The Planning Commission agenda includes review of 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.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- Eagle Enterprises has applied for approval of a ±4,000 square foot addition to an existing manufacturing facility located on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 10th Street. Notices were sent to landowners within 100 ft. of the property on May 2nd. The comment period is open, and will end on Monday, May 16th.
- The appeal period has ended for a 3-parcel re-plat located in the Medium-Density Residential (R-MD) Zone. The subject property is addressed as 1201 Reservoir Road and is also identified as Tax Lot 200 of Map 09s40e17ab and Tax Lot 600 of Map 09s40e19ad (Refs. 1610 and 14048).
- A ±512 square foot addition to an existing single-family dwelling located at 1035 S. Bridge Street was approved. The property is located in the High Density Residential (R-HD) Zone.
- A ±288 square foot accessory structure located at 1525 16th Street was approved. The property is located in the Medium-Density Residential (R- MD) Zone.
- An application for a Land Use Review for a ±120 square foot accessory structure at 1505 4th Street was submitted to the Planning Department. The application has been forwarded to other City departments for interdepartmental review.



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 April 24th–30th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	9

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 30

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



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

- ◆ Fire – 10th St. / Natural gas leak
- ◆ Fire – Story Ln. / Structure fire

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 8 hours of in-house training:

- ◆ Fire—volunteer orientation

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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



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

Don't miss the next check on May 17th.



"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**

- ✪ BCPD handled over 180 incidents and opened 34 new cases.
 - ◆ One of these cases resulted in an arrest for Robbery III, after a shoplifter physically resisted a store employee trying to intervene in the theft.
 - ◆ Three of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
 - ◆ Five Theft cases were investigated, along with four Criminal Mischief cases.

- ✪ Chief Lohner and Lt. Newman met with faculty at Baker High School to discuss the Lockdown Drills.

- ✪ On Monday, Anthony Bailey, Baker City Rotary Club President with Ken Krohn, Baker City Rotary Club Treasurer presented funding in the amount of \$1401.40 to Phoebe Wachtel, Administrative Assistant, Baker City Police Department to fund bike helmet purchases to protect children! These funds purchased about 250 helmets that are given free of charge to kids that need them! (Pictured: Students of the Haines Preschool who received helmets as a direct benefit of this program. In addition, Phoebe Wachtel and ODOT Traffic Safety Coordinator Billie Jo Deal, also fit children at Head Start with their own helmet that each student will use until the end of the school year and then be able to take home over the summer). If you know a child in need, you can take them to the police department to get them a helmet that will be properly fit.



- ✪ School Resource Officer Lance Woodward lead a fieldtrip of 1st graders from North Powder around the Police Department. Students met K9 Capa and learned all about the different things officers do.

- ✪ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.





Public Works—Watershed

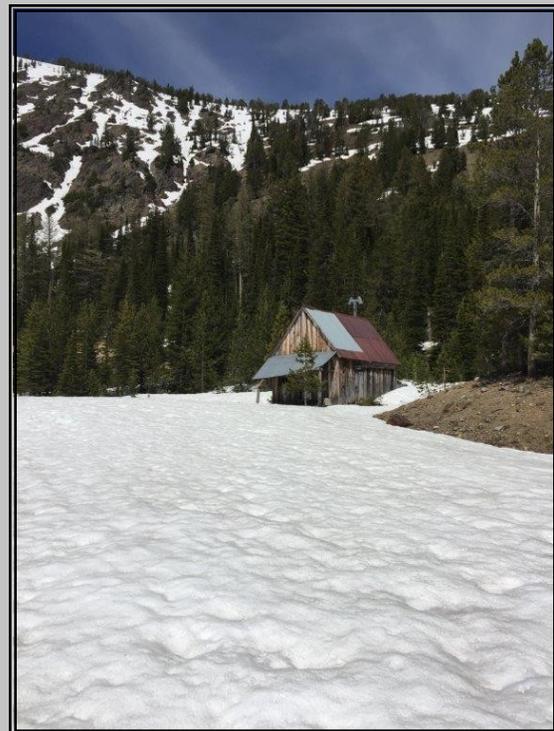
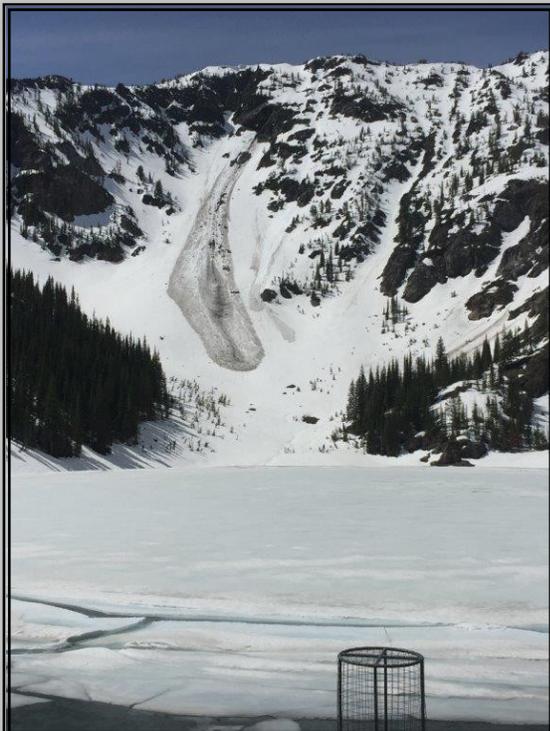


Goodrich Reservoir

It is important that the water level and condition of Goodrich Reservoir be checked regularly. A trip was made to the site Wednesday. Because of the amount of snow, the last 3/4 mile was traveled by foot. Above, Dennis has taken a panoramic photo of the Reservoir, there is not an angle point in the alignment of the dam as shown in this photo - it just appears that way because of the "Panorama" setting on the camera.

Below (left), in the distance you can see where a combination snow/debris avalanche has come partially down the steep slope from high on Elkhorn Ridge.

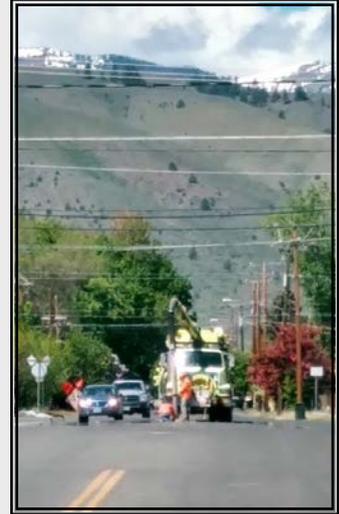
Below (right), the historic goodrich cabin is still mostly surrounded by the snow.





Public Works –Wastewater

Crews worked on several wastewater related projects this week. Keith inspected stormwater and wastewater collection lines which cross Auburn Avenue between Main and First Streets. This work is being done to reduce the possibility of repairs on Auburn Avenue after this year's overlay work. To the right, Keith and Scott are working to remove debris from a line on Auburn Avenue.



Public Works –Street

Crew worked earlier this week to patch a pothole section of "H" Street between 10th and 11th Streets. This stretch of street has been patched numerous times over the past few years. The "Zipper" was attached to the Case Loader and was used to align/pulverize a section of "H" Street. Installing fresh asphalt is expected to remedy the problem for years. Scott rolled the patch while Tip checked for any locations needing additional attention.





Public Works- Stormwater



Until this week, there has been a problem with storm water drainage at the southeast corner of Cherry and Campbell. Because of the street gutter grade at that location water was not able to drain down Campbell Street to Balm Street. It was determined that the best solution was to install a new catch basin at Cherry Street to collect surface water. The storm water main line is located on the West side of Cherry Street. To the left, Tip is guiding Blain who is operating the "Zipper" crossing Cherry Street.

The trench across Cherry Street was dug, the pipe laid, the trench backfilled and patched on Tuesday to limit the inconvenience to the traveling public. To the right, Scott is rolling the patch as Karl gives direction.



Wednesday, Justin and Matt formed up and poured concrete around the new catch basin.



Public Works –Shop



Doug and Wes tested the crack-sealer in anticipation of repair work. They fixed an oil leak and adjusted a pressure switch.

Now that warmer weather is here, the air conditioner needed repair in a public works vehicle.



Doug performed a service check and the Jetter is now back in service.

