

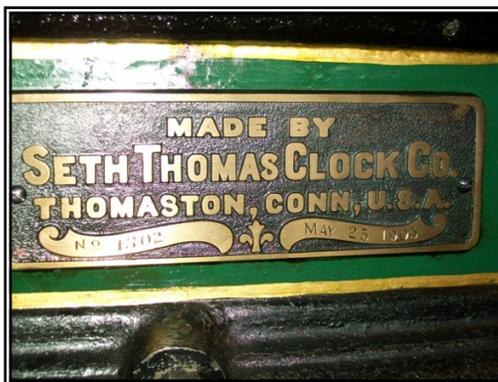
CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update May 20, 2016

Administration:

Happy 111th birthday to the City Hall clock tower clock! This clock was manufactured May 25, 1905 by the Seth Thomas Clock Company.



Finance:

Finance Director-The budget committee will meet Monday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the 2016-17 proposed budget. Public comment will be taken at that meeting. The proposed budget is available on the City's website at <http://www.bakercity.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=24>.

Utilities

- ◆ 16 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 17 customers disconnected service from May 13th through May 19th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which includes 495 residential and 48 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 93 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 88 late notices were sent May 17th.
- ◆ Six residential customers (Zone 2) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

May 24th Agenda Items:

- Executive Session
6:30 P.M.
- Elks Lodge Social Gaming License
- Employment Dept. Presentation
 - City Manager Contract Approval
- Resolution # 3733: Temporary Parking Restrictions for Cycling Classic
 - Third-party Ambulance Billing
- Fire Dept. Update
- Equipment Rental Approval





BUILDING DEPARTMENT



RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1310 D Street, Baker City – new residence
- 860 E Fairway Drive, Baker City – new residence
- 1035 Bridge Street, Baker City – 512’ addition to residence
- North Pole Lane, Sumpter – “A” frame utility building

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS CONTD.:

- 610 Bonanza, Sumpter – detached carport
- 39468 Sumpter Cemetery Rd – Deck rebuild/replace

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- No new permits were issued this week for commercial projects.

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued	Inspections City	Permits Issued	Inspections County
BUILDING	3	3	3	8
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	1
ELECTRICAL	16	6	6	4
MECHANICAL	2	0	2	2
PLUMBING	5	14	0	3
FENCE	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	29	23	8	18

Historic District Design Review:



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Consider volunteering with the Planning Commission!

The Planning Commission currently has one vacancy!

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 City Hall in the Council Chambers.



Planning Department

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission met on May 18th. The Planning Commission approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit, CUP-16-030, for the construction of a ±1,200 square foot shop at 605 Foot-hill Drive. Notice of the decision was sent to landowners within 100 feet of the property and the period of time to appeal the decision is open until 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2016.

The Planning Commission also held a work session to address 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 next Planning Commission meeting will be on June 23 at City Hall.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- ◆ An application was approved to modify the second story of an existing building at 2020 Main Street into two apartments. The building is in the Central Commercial zone.
- ◆ A property line adjustment application was approved between two properties under common ownership, located south of the intersection between Broadway Avenue and 10th Street. The properties are within the Industrial (I) zone.
- ◆ An application for an accessory building at 1505 4th Street was approved. The property is located in the High-Density (R-HD) Residential 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 May 1st-7th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **47** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

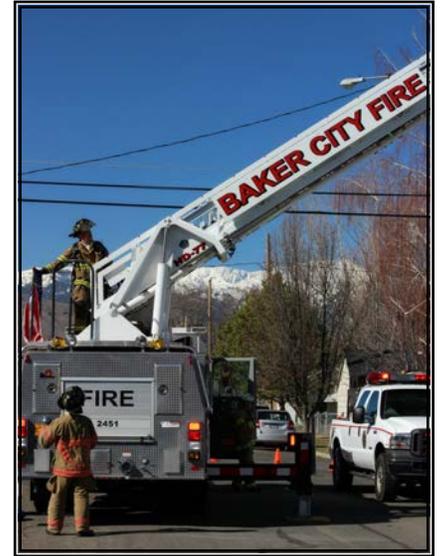
City Calls	39
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	27
No Patient Trip	18

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 45

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	3

- ◆ Fire – 17th St. / Sprinkler activation
- ◆ Fire – E St. / False alarm

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **10** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ Fire—wildland operations, fire prevention

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations
- ◆ Pack test EMS standby
- ◆ Fire prevention program at Brooklyn Elementary with Smokey Bear



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 24th.



"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 **190** incidents and opened **29** new cases. One of these cases resulted in multiple charges against a 13 year old female to include:
 1. Assaulting a Public Safety Officer
 2. Assault IV
 3. Criminal Mischief II
 4. Resisting Arrest
 5. Runaway X 2
- ⊛ Chief Lohner met with two university students from England who were studying the topic of Marijuana legalization. Those students then went on ride-alongs with BCPD officers, something they never dreamed would be allowed. Their next stop in the U.S. is San Francisco. When asked their impression of Baker City, the young ladies told us that Baker City is exactly what they had envisioned the United States to be like.
- ⊛ BCPD Administrative Assistant Phoebe Wachtel, along with a representative from ODOT, met **with children in the "Head Start" program to fit and provide them with bicycle safety helmets.**
- ⊛ 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 Activities:

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 2 old cases
Started 1 new case
Followed up with 3 complaints

Development Code Violations

Followed up on 2 fence complaints
Followed up on 1 Temporary Use Permit violation
Issued 1 citation for a fence violation

Animal violations and complaints

Issued 1 citation for no dog license
Followed up on 3 animal welfare complaints
Followed up on 3 animal violations
Issued 1 citation for unnecessary noise (Rooster crowing)

Graffiti

Compliance gained 1 case

Weeds

Followed up on 15 weed complaints
Checked 9 properties for compliance

Parking

Checked 4 parking violations for compliance
Followed up with 6 complaints
Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles

Livestock

Approved 2 new permits

Kennel Permit

Reviewed one new permit for approval



Public Works—Watershed

On Tuesday, Tom met with the Baker County Water Master, Rick Lusk, and traveled to Goodrich Reservoir to check on the level of the reservoir. The reservoir was 6 feet below the "Glory Hole" outlet structure. There was deep snow preventing vehicular travel all the way to the reservoir.



Craig purchased fence materials this week. Annual maintenance work on the watershed fence began this week.



Public Works –Water

A new 3/4" water service was installed on 18th Street this week. Below, Blain is operating the high pressure spray wand while Steve operates the remote control for the suction tube portion of the Vactor Truck. This work was done to locate the end of the 3/4" copper water line which was installed under 18th Street in 1982 for future use (the future arrived this week).



A two man crew of Scott and college worker Stephen worked this week flushing fire hydrants. This work is performed annually to remove sediment from transmission lines and to verify that all fire hydrants are in proper working condition. To the right, Scott and Stephen are flushing a hydrant on Foothill Road. To properly flush sediment from the system, hydrants must be opened fully, run for a long time and at a high volume.



Public Works- Street



In preparation of the Auburn Street overlay work, an additional inspection was performed this week on the portion of the storm water collection system which lays under Auburn Avenue. An asphalt covering over a storm water manhole was jack hammered and removed by Blain and Steve.

The pipeline inspection camera was used to inspect the collection line from the manhole at the intersection of 1st Street and Auburn Avenue.



Six new trees will be installed along Main Street next week. In preparation of this work, Craig and Matt used a saw to cut concrete Friday morning. To the left, Matt is operating the "Demo-Saw" with a concrete cutting blade while Craig sprays water on to the blade to keep it cool and reduce dust.

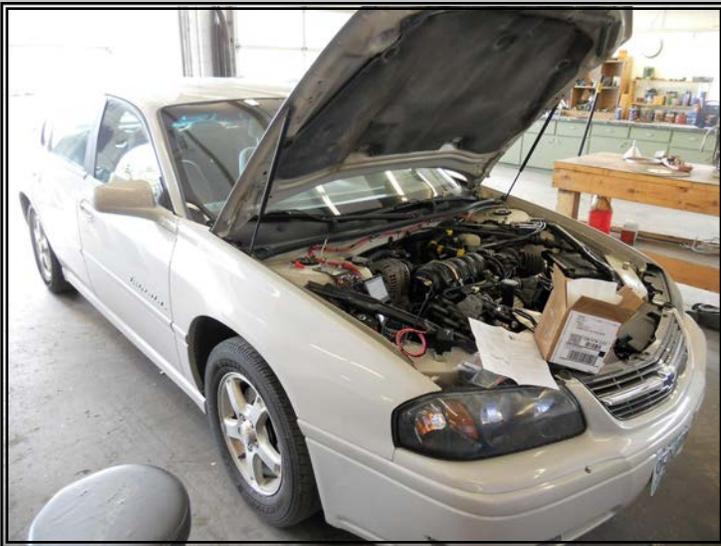


Public Works –Shop



Wes and Doug did a tune up and service check on an airport fuel truck.

Doug changed seals and short section of the suction tube on the Vector Truck.



Wes and Doug wired in a new timer for the radio and accessories on a police vehicle.