

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 27, 2016

Administration:

As the City Manager recruitment process has been completed the City would like to welcome Fred Warner Jr. as the new City Manager! Mr. Warner can be reached at fwarners@bakercity.com or 541-524-2040. The City would also like to thank Mike Kee for six years of dedicated service as City Manager. We would like to wish Mike all the best in his retirement!

Finance:

Finance Director-The 2016-17 budget was approved by the budget committee on May 25th. A copy of the approved budget is available online at <http://bakercity.com/2155/Finance>. The Council will meet to adopt the budget on June 28th.

Utilities

- ◆ Sixteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and fourteen customers disconnected service from May 20th thru May 26th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ 86 late notices were sent May 24th.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today which includes 717 residential and 63 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 168 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ This week six residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) none of those customers actually had their water turned off.

Payroll- Seventy-six employees were paid today including eleven paid volunteer firefighters and two part-time public works employees. Of those 76 employees 68 or 89% are signed up for direct deposit.

LID Billings—LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.68%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

Thirty-six 2014 Resort Street Underground Utility LIDs were billed today. The original assessment for relocating the utilities on Resort Street underground included sixty-three property owners for a total of \$294,879. The remaining balance outstanding is \$178,419 (including current interest due).

City Council

June 14th Agenda Items:

- Wastewater Effluent
- Public Arts Master Plan
- Railroad Quiet Zone Report
- Oregon Telephone Franchise Agreement





BUILDING DEPARTMENT



RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- TBD Mill Creek Lane, Baker City – New residence
- TBD Shawn Circle, Baker City – New residence
- 13788 Ben Dier Lane – New detached utility building

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 45833 Hwy 30 – Construct new cover over bleachers at Haines Stampede
- 2001 2nd Street – Commercial reroof

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	4	10	2	16
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	1
ELECTRICAL	15	15	7	6
MECHANICAL	1	3	3	2
PLUMBING	5	15	0	0
FENCE	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	28	43	13	25

Historic District Design Review:

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 8:00 a.m. Building Dept offices



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 will hold their next meeting on June 15th. The agenda will include a work session and public hearing. The work session will begin at 6:00 p.m. on June 15th 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 hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. to review a request for the construction of a ±1,280 square foot shop with a ±448 square foot awning at 2368 15th Street, in the Residential – Medium (R-MD) Zone; and a request for a freestanding sign exceeding 15 feet in height at 2400 Broadway Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

The work session and public meeting are open to the public, and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A Site Design Review application was approved for a ±5,600 square foot addition to St. Alphonsus Hospital located at 3325 Pocahontas Road, in the General Commercial zone. Notice of the decision was sent to landowners within 100 ft. of property on May 23rd. The appeal period for the decision will end on Monday, June 6th.
- ◆ A Site Design Review application was approved for a ±4,000 square foot addition to an existing manufacturing facility located on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 10th Street. Notice of the decision was sent to landowners within 100 ft. of the property on May 23rd. The appeal period for the decision will end on Monday, June 6th.
- ◆ The Planning Commission approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit, CUP-16-030, on May 18th, 2016, for the construction of a ±1,200 square foot shop at 605 Foothill Drive. Notice of the decision was sent to landowners within 100 feet of the property and the appeal period for the decision is open until 5:00 p.m. on June 3rd,
- ◆ An application for a 3-parcel re-plat was submitted to the Planning Department. The properties are located on the corner of Colorado Street and Foothill Drive. Both parcels are located in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. Notice of the application was sent to landowners within 100 ft. of the property on May 19th, and comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 2nd.
- ◆ **An application for a ±280 square foot addition at 2935 ‘H’ Street was approved. The subject property is located in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.**
- ◆ An application for a ±500 square foot deck at 1725 Hughes Lane was approved. The subject property is located in the Low- Density Residential (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ An application for a Land Use Review for new ±1,191 square foot single family dwelling and a ±900 square foot barn at 960 17th Street was submitted to the Planning Department. The application has been forwarded to other City departments for interdepartmental review.
- ◆ An application for a Land Use Review for a deck expansion and a cooler room addition at 975 Quail Ridge Lane 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 8th-14th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **45** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

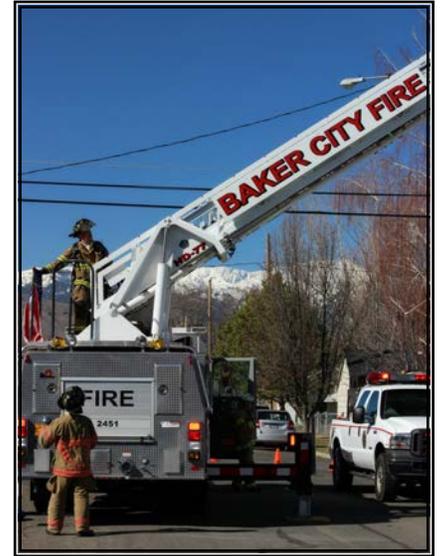
City Calls	34
Rural Calls	7
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	17

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 41

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE 4



Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	3

- Fire – 17th St. & H St. / Grass fire
- Fire – Well St. / Burn complaint
- Fire – Court St. / Carbon monoxide investigation
- Fire – Washington Ave. / Burn complaint

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **75** hours of in-house training:
Fire—Hose stream operations, wildland fire training, intermediate fire behavior, Hazardous material trailer training

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations
- ◆ Career fair at middle school
- ◆ 2 station tours



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 31st.



"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 40 new cases this last week.

- ★ One of these cases resulted in several juveniles being cited for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, following the report of an underage drinking party being held at 2645 9th Street.
- ★ There were two motor vehicle crashes this week, which hopefully will serve as a reminder to all motorists that the caution they drove with all winter needs to be carried through the summer months as well.
- ★ Three cases resulted in the arrest of individuals for outstanding warrants.
- ★ Four remaining BCPD personnel completed their 1st Aid/CPR training, which completed the certification process for all of the department members.
- ★ Chief Lohner participated in the Transportation Safety Committee Meeting.
- ★ Chief Lohner met with Rob Dennis from the Prevention Coalition, where underage drinking and Marijuana use was discussed.
- ★ 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 2 new cases
Followed up with 2 complaints

Animal Violations and Complaints

Issued 3 citations for no dog license
1 Barking nuisance complaint
4 Dogs at large complaints (unable to locate)
5 Dogs at large returned to owner

Parking

Checked 2 parking violations for compliance
Followed up with 4 complaints
Orange tagged 5 abandoned vehicles
Issued 2 parking citations

Graffiti

Compliance gained 1 case

Development Code Violations

Followed up on 1 fence complaint
Followed up on 1 Temporary Use Permit violation
Issued 3 citations for Temporary Use Permit violations

Weeds

Followed up on 26 weed complaints
Checked 10 properties for compliance

Kennel Permit

Reviewed 1 new permit for approval

Found

Two found bicycles

Vehicle Crash

Assisted traffic control 1 vehicle crash



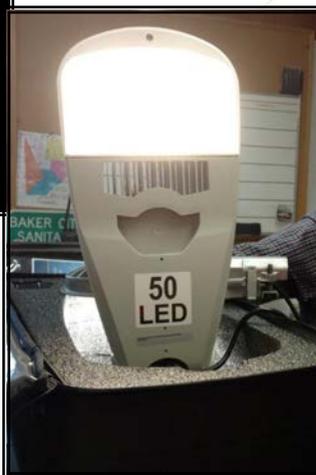
Public Works- Street

Baker City Public Works crew assisted several dedicated volunteers with the downtown beautification project by saw cutting and removing concrete, digging out material, installing root barriers, placing top soil, upgrading electrical outlet boxes and placing new trees along Main Street. Monday morning Justin, Blain and Matt excavated locations for the trees.



The trees arrived Tuesday morning at the warehouse in a large semi truck which Craig, Steve and Blain unloaded.

A salesman stopped by the warehouse and demonstrated the newest street lights this week. L.E.D. lights have improved greatly over the past few years. They are becoming more affordable and the quality of the light they cast has improved significantly.





Public Works—Arbor Day

Arbor Day was celebrated this week when Tree Board volunteers, property owners and other community volunteers assisted in planting six trees along three downtown blocks on the west side of Main Street. Tree wells were enlarged from 4'x4' to 4'x8' in size and root barrier was installed by a Public Works crew in preparation for the project. Many of the trees planted in the '80s during the Main Street reconstruction had reached the end of their life cycle. The Tree Board has identified the downtown area as a priority when reviewing future street tree projects.

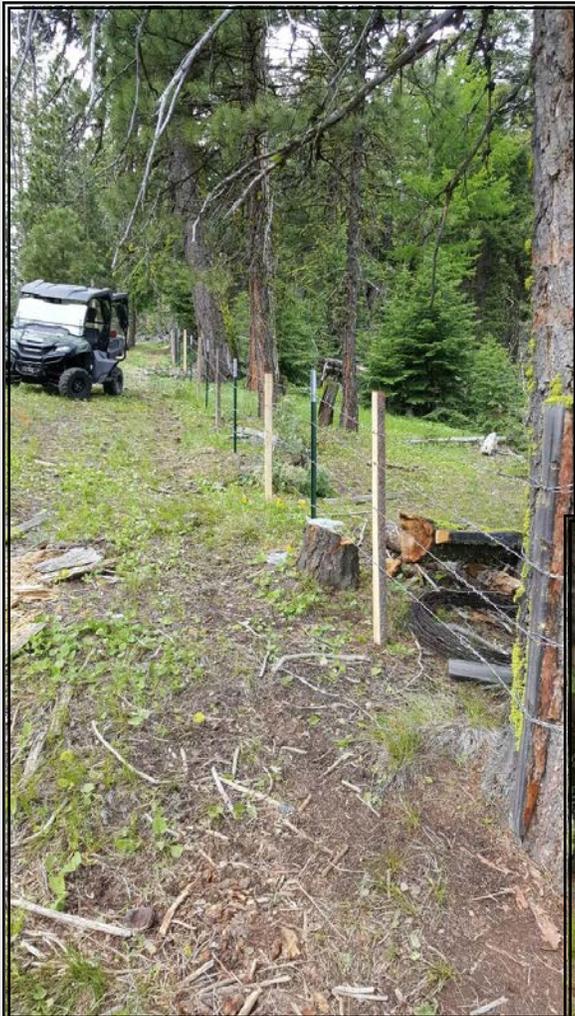


Thank you volunteers!



Public Works

Dispatch called late Friday night to report that a tree had fallen across the Leo Adler Memorial Pathway just North of "D" Street. Dennis responded to the call and used a chainsaw to cut the large tree into pieces and then pushed the tree away from the path with one of the City's backhoes. A fence in the distance was slightly damaged by the falling tree.



Crews worked this week repairing fences in the Baker City watershed. To the left is the repaired section. Below is the next section that will be repaired.





Public Works- Wastewater



A resident living on Grandview Avenue experienced wastewater problems this week. Public Works assisted by checking the main line and using the push-cam to inspect and trace the lateral location. It was determined that the lateral was not in good condition and is connected with the neighbors line. A new lateral is planned to be installed next week for the residence.



Public Works- Stormwater

The retiring City Manager, Mike Kee, stopped by with the crew of Rick and Karl to clean a storm water line on Auburn Avenue. Mike will be greatly missed by all city staff!



Last Friday Public Works responded to a call about a storm water catch basin which was not draining. Water was backed up to within inches of flooding over a driveway and into a garage. Scott responded to the call and cleaned the line which temporarily solved the problem. There appeared to be an issue with the line and work may continue.

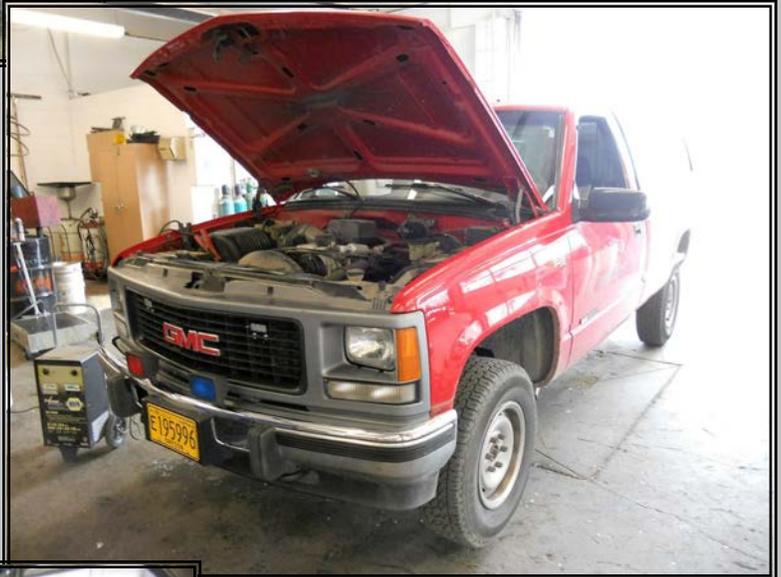


Public Works –Shop



Wes and Doug went to the lagoon and adjusted the mower deck and it is back in service.

Wes and Doug towed the Code Enforcement pickup back to the shop and replaced the starter.



Doug serviced and checked over a Public Works vehicle and it is back in service.



Public Works –Shop

On Thursday, Doug Parker, Public Works Utility Worker, celebrated his retirement lunch with some of the crew. Mr. Parker began employment with the City in July 2004 and will retire the end of this month. Best wishes to Doug in his retirement!

