

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 1, 2016

Administration:

The Baker City Council had a busy session this week. They approved the first two readings of franchise agreements for Oregon Telephone and Charter Communications. They also heard from our consultants about the progress on a wastewater disposal plan. The Council also adopted the 2016-2017 Budget. A committee appointed by the City Manager conducted interviews for a new golf course contractor. The committee forwarded a recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with Mike Brooks, a PGA professional from Durham, North Carolina. Mr. Brooks is a Baker City native and has been a teaching professional golf and in the golf business for over 30 years. We are excited to enter into this partnership to enhance Quail Ridge Golf Course.

The City Manager is working to get clarification from Albertson's on their plan to open an additional Safeway store in Baker City. Though we need an additional grocery store in Baker City, we need assurances that we will have a competitive environment and won't face the closure of one of the stores in the future.

In observance of the 4th of July, City Hall will be closed Monday July 4th.

Happy 4th of July!

Finance:

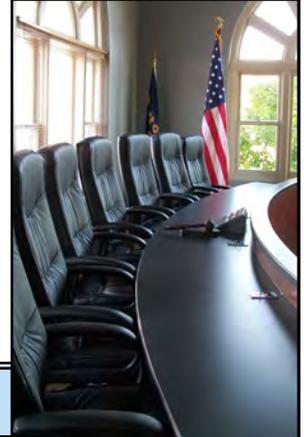
Utilities:

- ◆ Zone 8 was billed Monday which includes 475 residential and 21 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 90 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 91 residential and 247 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 48 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Seventeen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and eighteen customers disconnected service from June 24th through June 30th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ 87 late notices were sent June 28th.
- ◆ This week five residential customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Three of those accounts were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

July 12th Agenda Items:

- Boards and Commissions Appointments
- Council Term Lengths
- Council Filing Fees





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

46527 Cornucopia Hwy, Richland – Detached accessory structure
39844 Sumpter Valley Hwy, Baker City – enclose existing carport, add two lean-to's

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2925 10th Street, Baker City – commercial reroof
- Mill Street, Sumpter – cover over sidewalk into community center
- 3150 E Street, Baker City – Detached accessory building

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	2	9	3	11
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	2	7	10	4
MECHANICAL	2	1	6	4
PLUMBING	4	4	3	5
FENCE	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	21	22	24

Historic District Design Review:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Building Department

Planning Department

Public Meetings

The next Planning Commission meeting will be tentatively set for July 20th at City Hall.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A Property Line Adjustment was approved for the adjustment of the property line between 1485 Colorado Avenue and an adjoining, unaddressed parcel. Both properties are located in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- A Land Use Review was approved for the conversion of an existing garage into a single-family dwelling at 1710 Valley Avenue. The dwelling previously located on the property was lost to a fire last year. The property is in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- The Planning Director is working with the property owners at 3060 College Street to resolve a complaint about an outbuilding.
- Planning staff is working with the property owner and neighboring property owners of the grass tennis courts at 3925 Grace Street to address some concerns about the existing Conditional Use Permit prior to the beginning of tournament play this season.



Volunteer Here!

Currently the City of Baker City has several volunteer opportunities:

- ◆ **Historic District Design Review Commission** - The Historic District Design Review Commission was created to promote the community participation in reviewing and approving applications submitted by the property owners wanting to alter structures within the Historic District. This commission consists of 7 members, 3-year terms. (1 vacancy)
- ◆ **Parks and Recreation Board** - The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board exists to promote and preserve parks and open spaces which are safe, provide beauty, enhance recreational experiences and are accessible to all members of the community. The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations. This board consists of 7 members, 3 positions 3-year term and 4 positions 2-year term. (3 vacancies)
- ◆ **Planning Commission**-The Planning Commission consists of 7 members with 4-year terms. The role of the Planning Commission is to develop, maintain and implement the Baker City Development Code and Comprehensive Plan , 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. (1 vacancy).
- ◆ **Sam-O Swim Committee** -The purpose of this committee is to act as strong advocates for the Sam-O Swim Center, and work with the City Council as well as the city staff to ensure the Sam-O Swim Center remains a viable asset to the community of Baker City and Baker County. This commission consists of 7 seven members, 3-year terms (1 vacancy)
- ◆ **Tree Board** - The purpose of this board is for members to study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding landscaping activities in parks within the public right of way adjacent to streets and in other public areas. Included in those activities is the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs. This board consists of 7 members, 3-year terms (1 vacancy)





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 June 12th-18th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **28** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

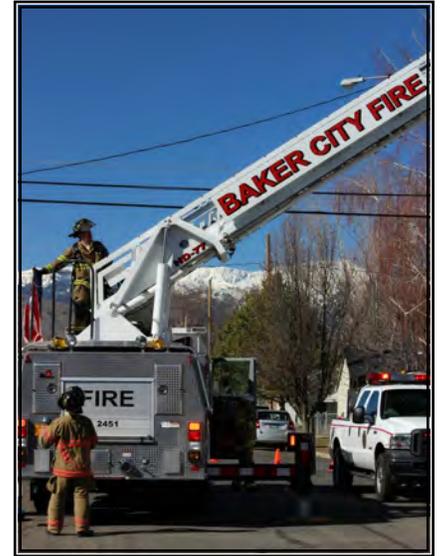
City Calls	22
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3



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

- ◆ Fire – Broadway / Burn pile
- ◆ Fire – E St. / False alarm
- ◆ Fire – Foothill / Burn pile

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **21** hours of in-house training:
EMS – Chest trauma, shock physiology

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ 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 July 5th.



"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**



This week, BCPD handled over **200** incidents and opened **28** new cases.

- ✪ Disturbances and domestic related incidents seemed to be the theme this week as several of these cases resulted in arrests. During one 12 hour day shift period, BCPD officers responded to seven disturbance type calls, with the majority of those being domestic related.
- ✪ BCPD personnel arrested a Baker City woman for DUII, who was operating her motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration over twice the legal limit.
- ✪ Weed violation cases have topped 100 for the year, while only being 1/3 of the way into weed season. Historically these cases typically top out just over a 100 for the entire season.
- ✪ BCPD Reserve Officers assisted with traffic control for the 2016 Baker City Cycling Classic. In the past these assignments were delegated to full time officers.
- ✪ 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 8 old cases
Followed up with 1 new violation

Parking

Orange tagged 7 abandoned vehicles
Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle
Issued 4 parking citations

Animal Violations and Complaints

Followed up on 1 animal complaint
1 Dog at large returned to owner
Followed up with 1 kennel permit application
1 dog at large impounded
Followed up with 3 dog at large complaints
Followed up with 1 Dangerous dog case

Weeds

Followed up on 8 new weed complaints
Checked 13 properties for compliance

Development Code Violations

Followed up with 2 violations



Public Works

To the right, Steve and Scott worked to rebuild a section of the Elk Creek Fence to keep cattle from entering the watershed.



A water leak on 17th Street was reported to Public Works Friday morning. There were two problems found. Both were on the private property side of the water service. The owner was contacted and informed of the problem.

A water leak involving the irrigation system at the Kirkway Park was repaired earlier this week. To the right, Justin and Karl are gluing some of the pvc pipe back together to complete the repair.





Public Works



The crew of Justin, Karl and Matt worked this week to replace an old fire hydrant and control valve that weren't working properly. The project involved working in the O.D.O.T. Hwy. 30 Right of Way (Broadway Avenue). The crew began work at 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning to minimize inconvenience to businesses and residences. The water supply was back in service before 7:30 a.m. After proper advance warning signage and work zone traffic cones were set up, the crew of Justin, Karl and Matt began the project. To the left, they are pulverizing the asphalt using a "Zipper" Machine.

Justin is seen to the right, excavating the site while Matt uses a digging bar to loosen the concrete around the old fire hydrant.



Because the excavation is within the O.D.O.T. Right of Way, special CDF (Control Density Fill) material is required as backfill material.

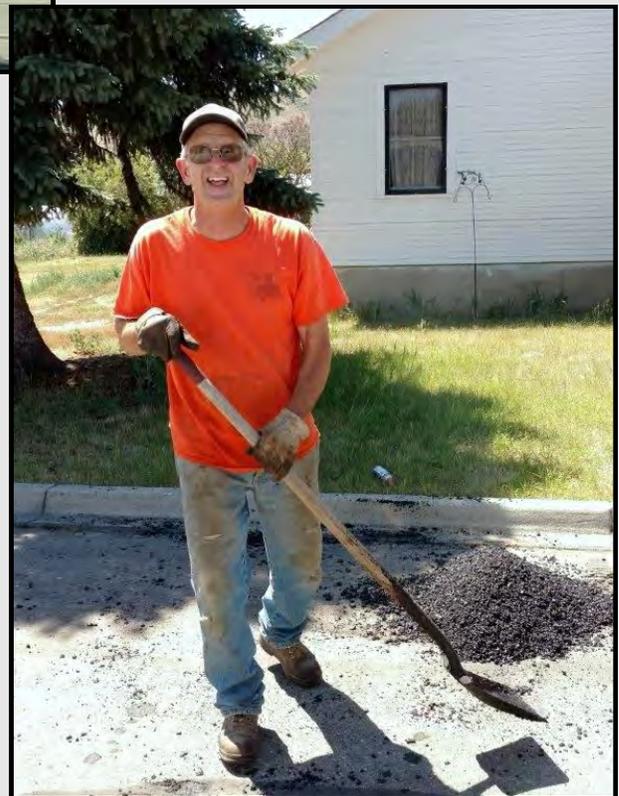


Public Works



Crews used hot asphalt to patch streets both Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. To the left, summer temps Riley and Stephen are applying tac oil on Grandview Avenue in preparation for patching. Tac acts as a "primer" so that asphalt will stick permanently to concrete and asphalt surfaces.

After working for the Baker City Public Works department for over 21 years, Steve Tipton retired this week. He was the longest tenured Utility Worker in the current work force and will be missed.



A section of Grace Street near the grass tennis courts was dust abated this week through the use of private funds. Some of the dust abated liquid settled into potholes in the gravel street. To minimize the splashing and "tracking" of the product, Craig, Riley and Stephen filled the potholes with gravel to absorb the liquid.



Public Works- Shop



Wes and Scott performed a maintenance and safety check on a SUV.

Wes and Scott performed a maintenance and safety check on a Public Works truck.



The burner on the paver had issues where it would shut off on its own. Wes and Scott found a bad pressure switch and replaced it and it is now back in service.