

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail. Established 1874

Weekly Update July 8, 2016

Administration:

The City has received two applications for the vacant city council position. Chris Parker and Loran Joseph, both downtown business owners have submitted their names for the position created by the resignation of Councilor Sandy Lewis. A big thank you to both of them for stepping up and applying for this important position. Their names will be forwarded to the City Council who will most likely make a decision at their July 12th meeting.

The City Manager met with Senator Ted Ferrioli and discussed wastewater issues and ways to deal with the DEQ as we work towards updating our wastewater facility. The City Manager toured the watershed this week. The final permits from the US Forest Service should be in place early in August to start replacing sections of the mountain line which are leaking and past their functional life span.

Expect to see many new visitors to our City because of the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. Come downtown and enjoy the festivities and please be extra careful. Have a great weekend!

Finance:

Finance Director-The finance department is currently working with Chaves Consulting to restructure our utility billings from every other month to every month. During this transition we have taken the opportunity to update our utility bills. Although they will still be sent on a postcard, we are working to provide more information to the customer along with modernizing the look of the form. Monthly billings are scheduled to begin the third week of July and a letter will be sent to all utility customers explaining the change.

Utilities

- ◆ 18 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 18 customers disconnected service from July 1st through July 7th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today which includes 453 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 76 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ No residential customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due).
- ◆ 83 late notices were sent July 5th.

City Council

July 12th Agenda Items:

- Council Term Lengths/Filing Fees
- Franchise Agreement Charter
- Franchise Agreement OR Telephone
- Liquor License Application Eagle Cap Grill





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 32127 Rice Road, Unity – new residence
- 339 2nd Street, Richland – 18 x 28 addition of sunroom
- 35369 Snake River Rd, Huntington– new residence
- 382 Ash Street, Sumpter – 24 x 36 storage building
- 2715 6th Street, Baker City – demolition of house
- 1175 F Street, Baker City – addition of covered deck and patio

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 17372 Malheur Line Rd, Huntington – foundation only for wind farm substation
- 2005 10th Street, Baker City – extend dry sprinkler system to building extension
- 2425 Oak Street, Baker City – modify entrance

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	4	1	5	6
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	4	1	6	0
MECHANICAL	2	1	1	0
PLUMBING	3	5	0	1
FENCE	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	8	13	7

Historic District Design Review:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Building Department

Planning Department

Public Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission is tentatively set for July 20th at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A Land Use Review for a new storage shed was approved at 2715 6th Street. The property is in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A Land Use Review application for an addition to a single-family dwelling has been sent for inter-departmental review. The property is addressed as 3955 Indiana Avenue and is located in the Low Density Residential zone.
- A Temporary Use Permit request was received for 2175 Clark Street. The request has been sent for interdepartmental review. The property is located in the High Density Residential zone.



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 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 and 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 19th-25th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **31** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

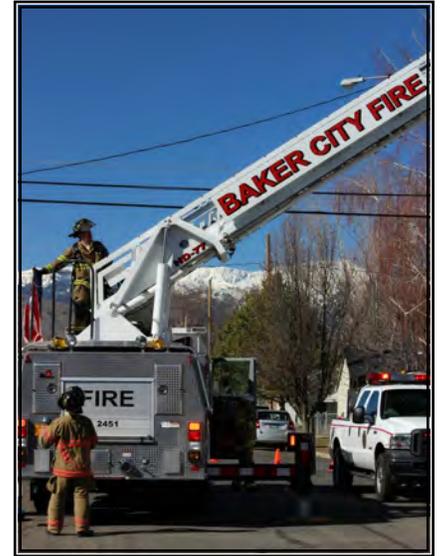
City Calls	25
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 28

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 – 17th / Burn pile
- ◆ Fire – Resort St. / Vehicle fire
- ◆ Fire – 9th / Trash fire

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **43** hours of in-house training:

- ◆ EMS – 12 lead EKG, chart review
- ◆ Fire – Progressive hose lays

STATION MAINTENANCE

25 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 12th.



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POLICE **DEPARTMENT**



In a very busy week, BCPD handled over 270 incidents and opened 37 new cases.

- Six of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants or probation violations.
- Six of these cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
- One of these cases resulted in four arrests of individuals tied to a drug investigation. Two search warrants were also served in this investigation.

- ★ Chief Lohner participated in the monthly 911 User Board meeting, where operational topics related to dispatch are discussed. The Sheriff, Fire Chief and Dispatch Director also participate in this meeting.
- ★ BCPD completed staffing assignments for the 2016 Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. All BCPD personnel will be used during the weekend.
- ★ 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.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dallas Police Department!

Code Enforcement Activities:

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 7 old cases
Started 1 new case
Issued 2 citations for violations
1 case closed (property in compliance)

Animal Violations and Complaints

1 dog at large impounded
2 dogs at large returned to owner

Parking

Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles
Issued 1 parking citation

Followed up with 5 violations

Weeds

Checked 6 properties for compliance

Development Code

1 new livestock permit approved

Found Item

1 found item

Search Warrant

Assisted with 2 Search Warrants



Public Works



Jake took the new City Manager, Fred Warner, to the watershed to tour the area.

Fences were inspected along the route and found to be in good condition. To the right, the fence is doing its job of keeping the range cattle out of the watershed.



At Elk Creek intake, Jake checked the valve settings while Fred inspected the structure.



Public Works-Water



Blain and Scott worked to refurbish a water service on Auburn Ave. The excavation was done using the vector truck with its hydro-excavation system.



To the right, Scott is pictured cleaning the vector debris tank after the job was completed.

Public Works-Wastewater



A call was received this week from a drain cleaner concerning a plugged wastewater lateral on Baker Street. Below, Rick responded to the call and cleaned the mainline.

The opened manhole shown is the end of the line on Baker Street. The line was found to be in good working order; it is not common that wastewater lines block due to a mainline issue.





Public Works



This week crews put out hundreds of cones, barricades, and signs in preparation for the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally.

Justin and Matt worked to clean one of the storm water drainage ditches on D Street. The cleaning work is required to keep culverts from plugging and storm water flowing properly. The berm pictured to the right was loaded with a backhoe and hauled away.



Also this week, a patching crew of Blain, Scott, Riley and Stephen worked to patch wide traverse cracks on Broadway, Baker and South Bridge Streets. To the left, Blain is raking the asphalt (and operating the backhoe) while Scott and Stephen shoveled the asphalt. Riley is pictured in the background operating the roller directly behind the crew.