

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 10, 2016

Administration:

The City received two responses for the Request for Proposal for the new golf course management contract. The City has put together a committee to evaluate the responses and move forward in the process to select a new golf course manager.

The City Manager met with the Police Department on Tuesday. He thanked all the personnel for their work in the recent incident with an armed individual **that ended peacefully. The City's officers, reserves and support personnel did a great job of diffusing the situation.**

The City Manager continues to work on updating franchise agreements and reviewing partnerships with Baker County for shared services. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 7:00 pm in the Baker City Council Chambers. The City Manager welcomes you to stop by and visit him the next time you are in City Hall.

Finance:

Finance Director: A public meeting will be held on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. The 2016-17 approved budget is available online at <http://www.bakercity.com/2159/Budget-Board>.

As of June 2nd the City has received current year property taxes of \$3,012,151 and prior year taxes of \$100,813.

Utilities:

- ◆ 19 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 17 customers disconnected service from June 3rd through June 9th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 480 residential and 61 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 87 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Five residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.
- ◆ 24 late notices were sent June 7th.

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

City Council

June 14th Agenda Items:

- [Oregon Lodging Association Presentation](#)
- [Economic Development Update](#)
- [Parks and Rec. Board Presentation](#)
- [Fuel Bid Contract Award](#)
- [Sam-O Swim Bid Contract Award](#)





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1725 Hughes Lane, Baker City – 500 sq ft deck addition with cover
- 605 Foothill Drive, Baker City – 30 x 40 detached utility building
- 960 17th Street, Baker City – 30 x 30 detached utility building
- 49011 Cornucopia Hwy, Halfway – 20 x 30, 2-story detached utility building
- 44787 Shaun Circle, Baker City – new residence
- 17573 Deer Park Loop, Baker City – 16 x 18 residential addition
- 107 Phoenix Street, Greenhorn – foundation only for new residence

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2005 10th Street, Baker City – 80 x 50 steel building expansion
- 2935 H Street, Baker City – remove, replace, and expand existing shed
- 2980 E Street, Baker City – Replace with new roof

Permits & Inspections

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	6	8	4	13
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	6	5	13	12
MECHANICAL	1	1	0	2
PLUMBING	8	9	1	4
FENCE	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	33	23	18	31

Historic District Design Review:

No new information this week.

Other: 1120 Campbell Street, Baker City – demo interior of commercial building

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 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. To apply visit www.bakercity.com, boards and commissions or stop by City Hall, 1655 1st Street.





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 pm 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 pm to review a request for a Conditional Use Permit, CUP-16-043, 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 Variance, VAR-16-045, for a freestanding sign exceeding 15 feet in height at 2400 Broadway Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. Signs announcing the upcoming hearing were posted at both properties this week.

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

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A Property Line Adjustment application was finalized for a request by HFT2, LLC (Bob Haynes) to adjust the property line between two properties: Parcel 1, which is addressed as 3645 Cedar Street and Parcel 2, which is undeveloped and therefore does not have a given address, however, the property is accessed via Hughes Lane. Both parcels are located in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone.
- The pre-notice period for a re-plat in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone to create three parcels from two has ended. The subject properties are located at the corner of Colorado Avenue and Foothill Drive.
- A concurrent Land Use Review application and Floodplain Development Permit were submitted to the Planning Department on June 3rd, 2016 for an existing residence located at 285 4th Street. The proposed development includes the construction of a ±1,100 square foot garage addition to the existing home.



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 22nd–29th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

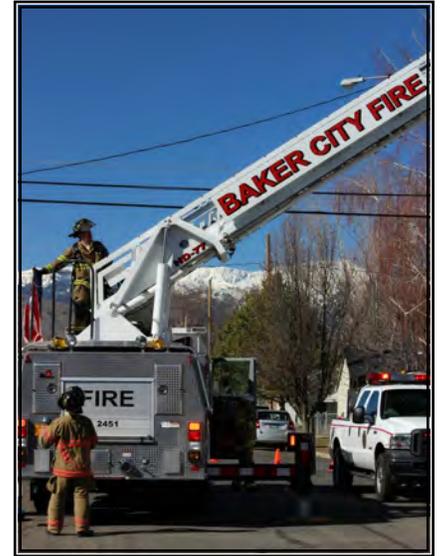
City Calls	26
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	24
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 32

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	3
Triple Calls	0

- ◆ Fire – 13th St. / Structure fire
- ◆ Fire – Resort St. / Grass fire

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **42** hours of in-house training:
Fire – live fire training

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations
- ◆ Station tour for Haines School
- ◆ EMS standby for ODF pack test



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.
Don't miss the next check on June 14th.



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POLICE **DEPARTMENT**

- ✪ BCPD handled over **180** incidents and opened **44** new cases this past week.
 - Three of these cases resulted in arrests for Unlawful Possession of Narcotics.
 - Two cases resulted in arrests for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, to include the barricaded gunman incident. That incident utilized personnel from five different agencies to achieve a peaceful conclusion.
 - ✪ BCPD personnel participated in a department meeting, providing the staff an opportunity to hear about the budget process, planning for the next year and also to express thoughts they had.
 - ✪ BCPD had the insignias added to the Dodge Challenger car we seized subsequent to a drug interdiction stop this past year. The Challenger, all of the lighting and other police specific additions will be paid entirely with funds seized during narcotics related arrests. The Challenger will primarily be used as a patrol car for the School Resource Officer.
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- ✪ 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 5 old cases
Closed out 2 cases (property in compliance)

Animal violations and complaints

1 Barking dog complaint
Issued 1 citation for no dog license
Followed up with 1 pending Dangerous Dog case

Parking

Followed up with 4 violations
Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle

Graffiti

Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)

Weeds

Followed up on 20 new weed complaints
Checked 5 properties for compliance

Development Code Violations

Followed up on 2 Temporary Use Permit violations

City Permission Required

Issued 1 citation for a violation

Found Item

3 Found items



Public Works



Crews patched several locations this week with hot asphalt. To the left, the crew is patching a driveway approach on 2nd Street. 13.20 tons of asphalt was used Thursday to patch most of the sewer lateral trench on Grandview Avenue.

Baker City has begun looking at current makes and models of street sweepers. Both RAVO and TYMCO brands were demonstrated this week.) The RAVO is the most popular sweeper "world wide". It is made in Amsterdam. Enviro-Clean is the local distributor for this brand. It is a small sweeper and has an articulating arm in front which does a good job of removing weeds and debris from "hard to reach places".



Justin and Blain worked this week to construct three short sections of curb at the northeast corner of 2nd and Campbell Streets. To the left, Justin is directing the concrete truck into position while watching for vehicular traffic.

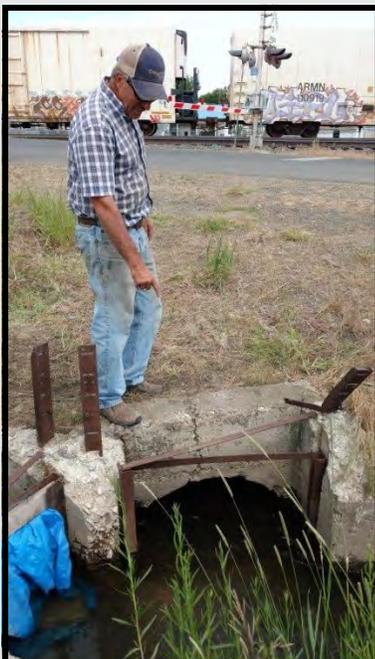
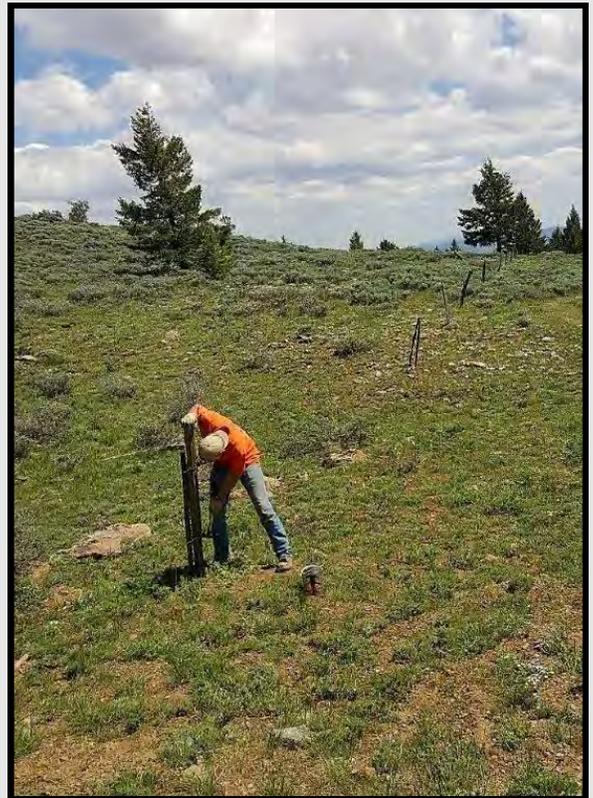


Public Works



Crews assisted the Police Department by closing streets where there was a gas leak on Kirkway Avenue and also where there was a stand-off with an armed citizen on Grove Street.

Public Works crews worked this week on the fence that runs along Elkhorn Ridge along the boundary of the Baker City Watershed. The fence was found to be in poor condition after the winter. The existing wire needed to be repaired in many places. To the right, one of the Public Works summer workers is mending a section of fence on Elkhorn Ridge.



Over the weekend someone dumped tires into the irrigation ditch which crosses under 17th Street. On Saturday Jeff from Baker Valley Irrigation District and Craig (farmer/irrigator) were able to retrieve the tires from inside the culvert under the road. Thursday, Tom met with Craig to discuss the issue. It was decided that the Public Works Department will video-inspect the pipe for damage at a later date when irrigation flows are reduced.

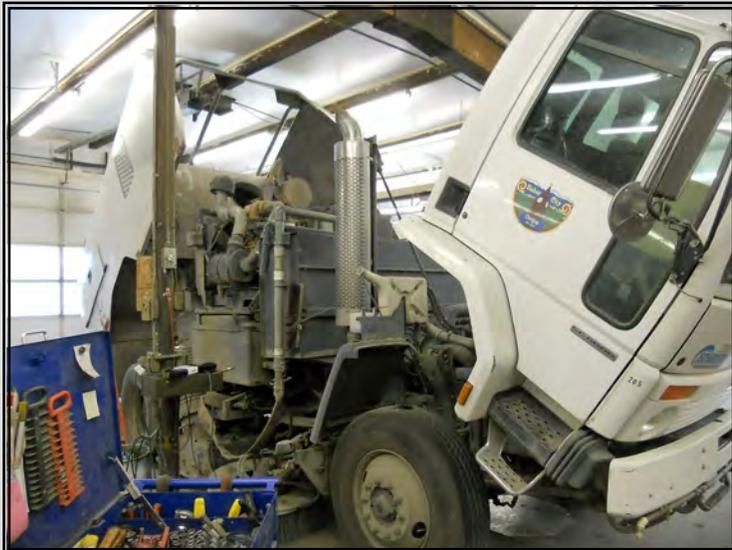


Public Works- Shop



Work continued this week wiring the “hot dog” system to the horn in the K9 vehicle to let the officer know the vehicle is getting too hot if the officer is out of the car. Scott and Wes continued to work on the air conditioner and expect to have it completed next week. This week the City welcomed a new mechanic, Scott. He is already a great addition to the crew!

Wes and Scott have found a low oil pressure problem in the high pressure oil system and are working on targeting the issue.



Work continued on the sweeper and it is anticipated to be back in service next week.