

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## ***Weekly Update September 23, 2016***

### **Administration:**

It has been a very busy week here at the City. Robin Nudd, our new Community Development Coordinator and the City Manager met with various groups to talk about a wide range of topics. We met with a group of interested folks who are trying to do some strategic planning around attracting the 25-40 year old demographic. We did a lot of brainstorming about the strengths and weaknesses (mostly our strengths) in our community and how do we get that message out. The talks were really productive and the group is very motivated to get some results. More to come on this. We also met with representatives of the School District and Baker Technical Institute to talk about avenues to help train our workforce. We will continue to interface with them and our other workforce partners to try to enhance our workforce to meet the needs of our businesses.

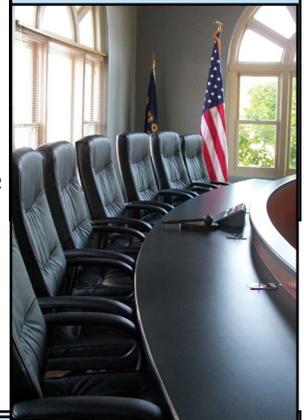
The City Manager made a trip into the watershed this week to check on the progress of crews which are replacing our Mountain Line. It was extremely enlightening and I want to applaud the crew. They are working on the side of the Elkhorn Mountains at around 6000 ft. elevation on a sixteen foot road and laying 20 inch pipe in places that are solid rock. It is really impressive how they are accomplishing the job. Kudos to the entire crew.

The weather has cooled considerably. Grab a coat and have a great weekend.

### **City Council**

#### **September 27th Agenda Items:**

- Economic and Community Development Updates
- Charter Franchise Ordinance
- Vehicle Bid Award
- Liquor License Application – Safeway



### **Finance:**

#### **Utilities**

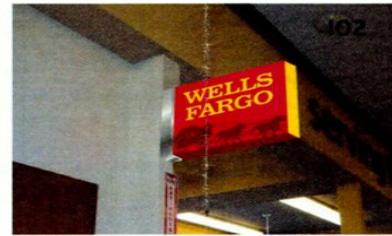
- ◆ 10 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 13 customers disconnected service from September 16<sup>th</sup> thru September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed September 19<sup>th</sup> which includes 486 residential and 60 commercial accounts.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed today which includes 454 residential and 13 commercial accounts.
- ◆ Seven residential customers (Zone 2) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four of those were actually turned off until their past due balance is paid.



## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on October 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential updates to the Baker City Development Code. Some proposed changes include revisions to the Sign Code and preliminary plat requirements. The public is invited to attend and give input. Other items may be added to the agenda closer to the meeting.



### **Projects and Land Use Decisions**

- ◆ A Temporary Use Permit (TUP-16-083) has been approved for 2305 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential Medium (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ Sign Permits (SP-16-084) have been approved for 1120 Campbell Street in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A sign Permit (SP-16-085) has been approved for 1205 Campbell Street in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.

Notices were mailed to property owners within 100 feet of 3825 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to provide information about a Site Design Review application from Gyllenberg Construction on behalf of property owner, Hop Heaven, Inc. The applicant seeks approval of a ±4,000 square foot hop processing facility. The property is located within the Industrial (I) Zone. Notice signs were posted at the subject property earlier this week.

## **Building Department**

### RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	8	4	14
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	1
Electrical	7	6	6	16
Mechanical	5	2	6	6
Plumbing	2	3	9	6
Fence	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>43</b>

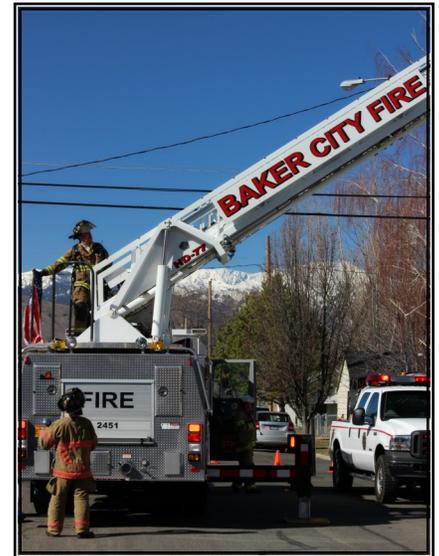
- 855 Eureka Ave., Sumpter— 12x36 Detached Accessory Structure
- 174 Claude St. , Halfway—624 Detached Garage
- 980 Resort St., Baker City— Foundation repair/replacement under home
- 613 Bourne Ave., Sumpter—12x24 Detached Accessory Structure
- 39709 Golden Chariot Rd., Sumpter— Solar structure added to roof



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 September 4th through September 10th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.



## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	26
Rural Calls	1
Patient Transported	10
No Patient Trip	17

<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>27</b>
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## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	6
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>7</b>



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

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **20** hours of in-house training.  
EMS – Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support

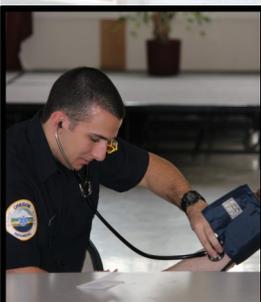
## STATION MAINTENANCE

**38** hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company Inspections
- ◆ EMS standby for Baker High School football game
- ◆ School fire drills/5J

- ◆ Fire – 7th/Working structure fire/general alarm
- ◆ Fire – Cherry/Stove Fire
- ◆ Fire – Washington/False Alarm
- ◆ Fire – College/Smoke Investigation
- ◆ Fire – Grove/Smoke Investigation
- ◆ Fire – Ohio/Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- ◆ Fire – 17th/False Alarm



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.  
Don't miss the next check on September 27<sup>th</sup>.



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## **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**

BCPD handled over 215 incidents and opened 31 new cases this past week. One case involved arrest of two juveniles who stole a taxi cab out of Meridian, Idaho. The department issued the following press release regarding this incident:

### ***Idaho Juveniles Arrested in Motor Vehicle Theft Case***

*On the morning of Thursday, September 15, 2016, Baker City Police Officers were contacted by Meridian Idaho Police Officers who advised that two run-away juveniles, driving a stolen taxi cab, may be headed to Baker City. The vehicle was described as a red colored 2008 Ford Fusion taxi cab and an Idaho license plate number was provided to our officers. In addition, photographs of the two fifteen year old males were sent to Baker City Police Officers.*

*Sergeant Mike Regan, Officer Coleton Smith, and School Resource Officer Lance Woodward began searching parking lots in the business district along Campbell St.*

*At about 1217 PM Baker County Consolidated 9-1-1 dispatch received a telephone call from a resident on B Street adjacent to Albertson's Market reporting a suspicious red taxi cab parked in front of the location. Officers responded and recognized the vehicle as the reported stolen from Meridian. They began a search of the area and saw one of the subjects, whom they recognized from the photographs, walking in front of Albertsons. That subject was detained and arrested.*

*The second 15 year old was standing close by and upon seeing the officers fled on foot. That subject was later found in the area by Sergeant Regan and was also taken into custody. Both subjects were taken to the Baker County Juvenile Department pending their release to Meridian Idaho authorities.*

In addition, BCPD is currently investigating the break-in and burglary of two local businesses. The department issued the following press release regarding this incident:

### ***Local Businesses Victims of Break-Ins***

*At 10:55 PM on September 20, 2016 a guard at the Powder River Correctional Facility called Baker County 911 Dispatch to report suspicious activity involving two males (no further description) alongside The Little Pig restaurant, 3685 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The subjects were observed near the rear door of the closed business. Officers responded and determined that no one was at the location but that it appeared the business had been broken into. The owner was contacted and it was determined that approximately \$150 worth of merchandise had been stolen.*

*At about 2:00 AM Officer Rand Weaver conducted a routine business check at the Coffee Corral, 1705 Campbell. He noted that that business appeared to have been broken into. The owner responded and it appears that nine bags containing an unknown amount of employee tips had been stolen.*

*If citizens observe persons loitering on the property of closed businesses, particularly during hours of darkness, they are encouraged to call Baker County 911 Dispatch at 523-6415 to report suspicious activity.*



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# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT CONTINUED**

- ✦ Sergeant Wayne Chastain attended *Law Enforcement Medicine/Tactical Medicine Instructor Course* in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This course, designed to build upon the fundamentals of first aid and emergency care, introduces the latest concepts in emergency treatment and incorporates instructor development training with the knowledge, tools, and resources to provide Tactical Medicine training to other law enforcement personnel including members of BCPD.
- ✦ 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 Weekly Activity**

### **Property Maintenance**

Followed up on 1 pending case  
Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)  
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

### **Weeds**

Followed up on 1 new weed complaint  
Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

### **Animal violations and complaints**

Followed up with 3 barking complaints  
4 dogs at large returned to owner  
Issued 2 citations for dog at large  
Impounded 1 dog at large  
1 Dangerous dog case closed  
1 new Dangerous dog case started

### **Development Code Violations**

Followed up with 2 Temporary Use Permit violations

### **Found Item**

1 found bicycle

### **Parking**

Issued 1 parking citation  
Followed up with 6 violations

### **Dangerous Building**

Followed up with 1 violation



### Public Works-Street

Crew of Keith, Tommy, Glen, Jake F. and Riley used over 11 ton of "C" Mix asphalt to patch streets in Baker City on Tuesday. Three of the patches were locations where Cascade Gas Company had performed repairs on their supply lines.

Jake F. is using the roller to compact asphalt near the intersection of Birch and Washington where a gas line had been repaired the previous week.



### Public Works-Cemetery

The roof on the south half of the cemetery office was in poor condition and needed to be replaced. Glen and Riley started the project this week. Here the old roofing has been removed and the building has been dried-in with roofing paper. The shingles on the rest of the roof were in good shape and are not scheduled to be replaced at this time.



### Public Works-Water



Dennis worked on a water leak on "G" Street Tuesday. The leak is very near the water meter. After some detective work it was determined that the leak is most likely on the resident's side of the meter.

In this photo you can see how the area around the water meter has settled. The water on asphalt is from when Dennis pumped water from inside the meter box. Since the leak is on the house side of the meter, the homeowner will be responsible for the repair. If it was determined that the leak was on the street side of the meter then the city would have been responsible for the repair work.



## Public Works-Water Cont.



Blain and Matt work on installing the pipeline and conduit while Justin discusses the specifics of the project with City Manager Fred Warner (pictured above).

### Mountain pipeline project

Crews continue to make excellent progress on the mountain pipeline project. Crews have installed nearly a half-mile of pipe so far this fall and construction is scheduled to continue for another several weeks provided the weather holds out.

Justin, Blain, Matt, and Scott use come-alongs and a specially designed pipe clamp to install a fitting onto the pipe. Because the installation of each fitting is so labor intensive, the alignment of the pipeline has been designed to reduce the number of angle points as much as possible (pictured below).



At each angle point, a short PVC "pup" is needed to make the plain-end connection to the fitting. Here Scott is grinding the end of the pipe to create a beveled edge that can then be inserted into the bell of the fitting.



### Goodrich Reservoir

This photo shows the current water level at Goodrich Reservoir. The volume of water in the lake is currently at about 60 million gallons. The total volume of the lake when completely full is 200 million gallons.

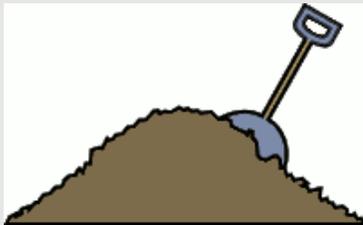




## Public Works-Wastewater

Construction has begun on an industrial lot on 23rd Street this week. Water and wastewater services will be provided on the 23rd Street frontage of the property.

Tommy is using the John Deere Backhoe to perform the work (right).



Pictured below Tommy is operating the Case Loader with the asphalt Zipper attachment while Jake guides him from the street surface.





# Public Works-Shop



The Power Rammer was tuned up. Repairs included replacing the spark plug, air filter and adjusting the carburetor (left).

The controls are kicking out of the backhoe we are working on repairing the problem (below).



Two broken seal plates on the street sweeper were welded and the seal was replaced between the hopper and water tank (above).



Front and rear brakes were replaced on the Building Official's vehicle. Wes and Scott are now working on the transmission (right).

