

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update August 5, 2016

### Administration:

We would like to welcome all the Shriners from around the Northwest to town for the annual E/W Shrine Football game. Saturday will start with the Cattlemen/Cattlegirls breakfast in the Park at 6:30-10:00 am. and the parade starts at 11:00 am. Head downtown and support all the entries. Then it is back to the park for a BBQ hosted by Al Kader. The game starts at 7:00 pm and the weather should be outstanding. Kudos to all the volunteers that make **the game a success. Let's all support this great cause.**

The deadline for filing for City Council is fast approaching. To qualify, a candidate must fill out a filing form and get at least 40 signatures. All paperwork must be filed with the City Recorder by August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 5 pm. Stop by City Hall and we can help anyone through the process.

**Don't forget to stop by Crossroads Arts Center and First Friday tonight. They** are hosting The Little Big Show, which features local artists and small original pieces of artwork priced at \$40.00. This is showcase for our local artists as well as a fundraiser for local charities. Hope to see everyone downtown tonight. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

### Finance:

**Accounts Receivable**-Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent August 5th. The billings were as follows:  
Property and Weed Abatement - \$5,090  
Cemetery - \$4,828  
Water Meters and Miscellaneous - \$1,781  
Wastewater Maintenance and Dumping Fees - \$12,410  
Lien Searches - \$1,280  
Ambulance - \$215,666  
Airport Hangar Rent and Ground Lease - \$5,656  
Street Patching and Miscellaneous - \$3,934  
Golf Course Equipment Lease - \$5,085  
Miscellaneous - \$715

**Total Billed \$256,445**

### **Utilities**

- ◆ 27 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 32 customers disconnected service from July 29th through August 4th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed Monday and included 547 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 118 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ No residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay.
- ◆ 112 late notices were sent August 9th.

### City Council

#### **August 9th Agenda Items:**

- Justice Court Update
- Board and Commissions Volunteers
- Sam O Swim Councilor Appointment
- Golf Course Contract Update





## Building Department



### **BUILDING PERMITS**

#### COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- 2021 Main Street – Tenant interior improvements
- 26232 Old Hwy 30, Huntington – temporary job trailer

#### RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 42893 Pocahontas Road – 14 x 40 lean-to addition

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	1	6	2	18
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	2	4	5	6
MECHANICAL	0	1	2	4
PLUMBING	3	4	2	1
FENCE	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>

## Planning Department

### Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on August 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss a violation of Conditional Use Permit CUP-04-002, which originally approved the use of four grass tennis courts for tournament play at 3925 Grace Street in the Medium-Density Residential (R-MD) Zone. This approval was contingent on four conditions of approval, one of which read:

*“Prior to the use of the property for tennis tournaments each year, applicant shall cause that portion of Grace Street from the east edge of the McQuisten property to a point thirty feet west of the applicant’s driveway to be dust oiled to normal and reasonable standards. The dust oil product shall be approved by Baker City. “*

The Planning Department received a complaint and photographs documenting a violation of the condition listed above. Dust abatement appears to have been applied to a point approximately ±160 feet short of the east edge of the McQuisten property referenced in the condition. The hearing will be limited to discussion of the violation and the impact that may have on the standing of the existing Conditional Use Permit. Notice of the hearing will be published in the Baker City Herald this week.

### Projects and Land Use Decisions

A request for a ±660 square foot accessory dwelling was approved for 960 H Street. The subject property is located in the Residential Low- Density (R-LD) Zone.



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 July 17th - 23rd, the Fire Department responded to a total of **26** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

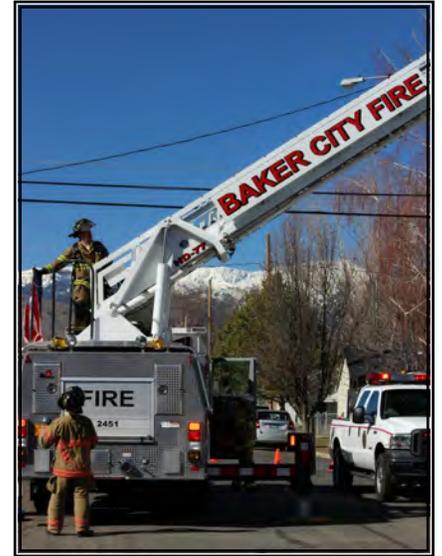
City Calls	19
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	9

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	0

**TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 1**



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

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **37** hours of in-house training.

Fire – Command and control

EMS – Heat stroke, Anaphylaxis, MCI

## STATION MAINTENANCE

**26** hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections

- Fire – General Alarm / Structure / Place St.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.

**Don't miss the next check on August 9<sup>th</sup>.**



*"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 **200** incidents and opened **42** new cases this past week.
  - ✪ Twelve of these cases were reported Thefts
  - ✪ Two of these cases resulted in arrests for Assault IV
  - ✪ One of these cases resulted in an arrest for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
- ✪ Chief Lohner provided Active Shooter & Workplace Violence Training for the employees of OTEC.
- ✪ Officer Regan began a week long training in Hood River, which covers a new model of Field Training and Evaluation.
- ✪ BCPD completed preparations for the 2016 Shrine Parade and East vs. West Football Game.
- ✪ 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.

To the right, Officer Wray and Officer Pelayo are pictured with a banner made by the children attending the Baker Summer Academy.





## Public Works-Water



The City of LaGrande assisted with the fire hydrant relocation project Wednesday. They have the equipment necessary to perform "hot taps" on potable water lines. By using this technique instead of draining the line and cutting into it, the line can remain under pressure and serviceable by all the other residents connected onto this same line. If the "cut-in" procedure had been used 16 residences would have been without water during the process. It is more cost effective to hire the LaGrande Public Works Department to perform these jobs for Baker City than for us to buy the expensive equipment required for the job. Left, Justin and City of LaGrande employee work together to perform the "Hot Tap" into the 8" ductile iron water line.

The completed installation of the "hot tap" connection for the new fire hydrant location.



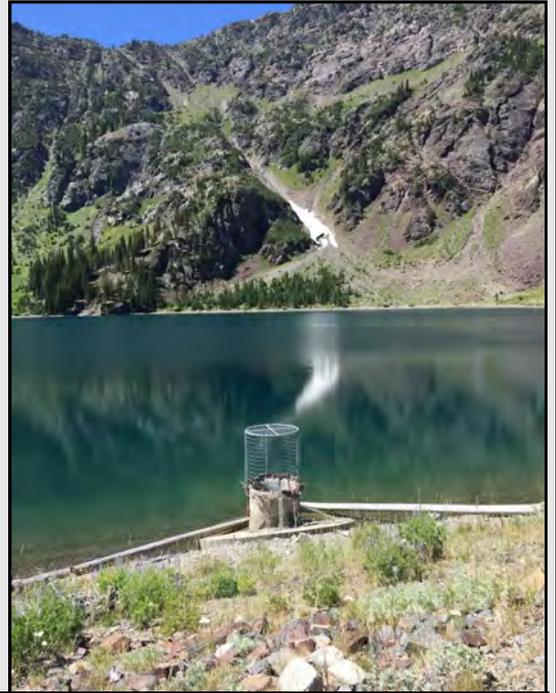
The hydrant was set and the trench is ready to be filled. CDF will be used to support the concrete curb.





### Public Works-Water Contd.

With the new monthly water/wastewater billing cycle in affect it required that the meters be read twice within a two month period. Below, Tommy is reading one of the meters in Zone 5.



Goodrich Reservoir pictured August 3rd.

### Public Works-Street



A new ADA compliant concrete curb was constructed by Justin and Karl this week at the intersection of Balm and Place Street. The existing fire hydrant had to be moved to accommodate the sidewalk location and ADA ramp. To the left, Justin and Karl excavated the site for the new hydrant location.



## Public Works-Wastewater

The crew of Blain, Matt and Scott worked to install a new wastewater lateral for a resident on College Street this week. The house had previously shared it's lateral with the neighboring house. Because of the depth of the excavation the crew used trench shoring for protection against cave-ins. Paul, the owner and his friend Rick are visible on the right side of the photo observing the work.



Matt and Scott work to connect the lateral into the main line while Blain assisted from above.



The excavation site was backfilled and cleaned up before the end of the day. The trench will be patched next week when other street repair work is scheduled.



The wastewater inspection camera is a vital piece of equipment which is used regularly. Within the last week it began having electrical problems. Here, Keith and Karl are checking the continuity of the wiring in the main cable line. They were able to isolate the problem, remove a section and repair the cable thus avoiding the purchase a new cable which costs over \$5,000.



## Public Works



Wes and Scott took delivery of the rental excavator and had to add valving to run the crusher bucket and the hammer. They set the pressures in the excavator for each attachment and added quick couplers to excavator. Wes and Scott also built hoses and tested the crusher bucket and hammer for the work on the mountain line.

The truck was having brake issues. They found the master cylinder was bad and replaced it. They are now working on repairing the rear brakes.



Wes and Scott are finishing up the Big Mill self cleaning screen which will be completed today.