

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 12, 2016

Administration:

Looks like the weather will be great for this weekend. The Baker County Fair is in full swing. Welcome to all the kids and their animals and projects. Be sure to stop by and take a look at all that takes place out at the Fairgrounds.

The City Council met on Tuesday for a light agenda. They heard from Michael Finney, Justice Court Administrator about how the municipal court was doing and answered questions from the Councilors. Baker City and Justice Court partner to provide services and it is a cost effective way for the City to handle municipal court functions.

The Council also met the new Golf Course Contractor, Mike Brooks. Mike is here visiting and will be returning to operate Quail Ridge Golf Course, taking over on January 1st, 2017.

Have a great weekend!

Finance:

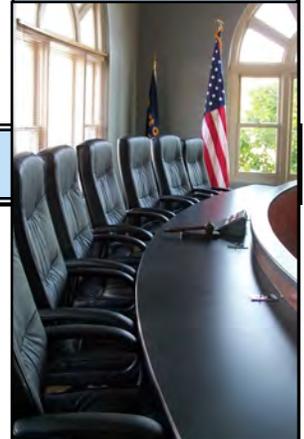
Utilities:

- ◆ 14 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from August 6th through August 12th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 474 residential and 19 commercial accounts.
- ◆ 101 late notices were sent August 9th
- ◆ Three residential customers were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) no one was actually turned off for a past due balance.

City Council

August 23rd Agenda Items:

- Golf Course Contract
- Union Contract Ratification
- Sam O Swim Center Contract
- Non-Represented Employee Pay Schedule



**There is still time
to file for City
Council! All materials
must be completed by
August 30th, 5 pm.**





Building Department



BUILDING PERMITS

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- No new permits were issued this week.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 2368 15th, Baker City – Detached accessory structure

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	4	5	3
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	0	1
ELECTRICAL	6	6	7	17
MECHANICAL	3	0	4	5
PLUMBING	3	3	4	2
FENCE	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	13	20	28

- 325 E Madison, Huntington – Detached garage
- 42278 Washington Gulch Rd, Baker City – new residence
- 41494 Washington Gulch Rd, Baker City – new residence
- 148 W High St, Sumpter – detached accessory structure

Planning Department

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on August 17th 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. Staff reports were mailed to the Planning Commission, and Planning Department staff conducted a site visit this week.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- An application for conversion of an existing single family dwelling to a duplex with an attached garage was approved for 1912 Balm Street. The property is located in the Medium-Density Residential zone.
- The Planning Department participated in an educational webinar put on by the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association.



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 24th - 30th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **43** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

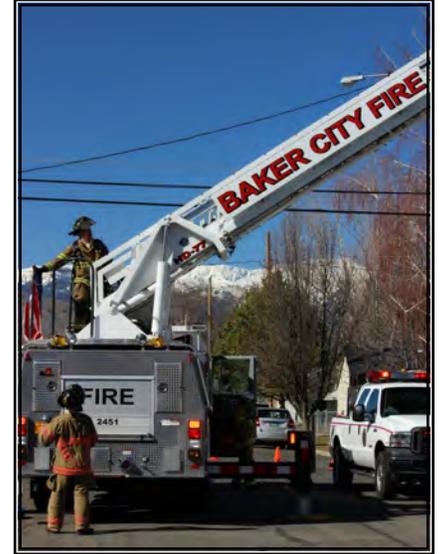
City Calls	35
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	29
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 39

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Simultaneous Calls	11
Triple Calls	1

- Fire – False Alarm (2)
- Burn Complaint
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **16** hours of in-house training.

Fire – Command and control, wildland

EMS—Depression, suicide and aging differential diagnosis

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ EMS Training at Baker County Event Center



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 16th.



"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 170 incidents and opened 39 new cases this past week.
 - ★ Six of these cases were reported Thefts
 - ★ Six of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants or probation violations
 - ★ One of these cases resulted in two arrests for delivery of Methamphetamine. A subsequent search warrant resulted in the seizure of 5 ounces of Meth.
 - ★ One case resulted in the arrest of a juvenile female for Assaulting a Public Safety Officer after she became resistive during an arrest at the Juvenile Department
- ★ BCPD personnel provided traffic control for the 2016 Shrine Parade and provided security for the 2016 East vs. West Shrine Football Game. Due to recent events in our nation and local concerns, BCPD provided extra personnel to aid in the safety of the players and spectators during this annual event
- ★ 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 Activities

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 5 old cases

Started 1 new case

Animal violations and complaints

Issued 1 citation for dog at large

3 dogs at large impounded

1 dog returned to owner

Started 1 new dangerous dog case (dog bite)

Followed up on 1 animal complaint

Parking

Issued 1 parking citation

Followed up with 3 violations

Weeds

Followed up with 7 violations

Found Item

1 found item



Public Works-Water



Justin and Blain worked to plumb together the heavy duty 12" ductile iron pipe.

Jake replaced a vandalized advance warning sign near the Baker City Watershed to warn drivers of a locked gate on the road ahead.



This week Justin and Blain worked to remove part of a rock outcrop on the Pipeline Road. To the left, Justin is using a hydraulic breaker attachment on a rental trackhoe to remove the rock and slightly widen the road. The road needed to be widened for safety and to allow for installation of the new waterline.



Public Works-Safety



Trevor, a U.S.F.S. chainsaw expert, provided valuable safety training to the Baker City Public Works Department Thursday morning. Public Works Personnel regularly use chainsaws while working on watershed projects and whenever trees fall down or are blown down in town.

Public Works-Street

Crew of Karl, Scott, Jake and college workers Riley and Stephen patched several streets in town this week. Several potholes on Reservoir Road were patched Wednesday.



Above, the crew is shown patching a wastewater lateral trench on College Street.





Public Works-Wastewater



A wastewater problem was reported on Cliff Street this week. Karl and Scott promptly responded to the site and cleaned the mainline which was located in the alley. There was no problem found in the city line. The lateral coming from the house was plugged. The owner called a local Professional Drain Cleaner who cleared the blockage.

To the right is a photo of the Jetter nozzle entering a manhole 400 feet away from where the Jetter Truck was being operated. The high pressure water spraying from the nozzle is very effective in cleaning lines.



With the increased use of the airport during this fire season the wastewater line at one of the airport offices became plugged this week. Keith and Karl took the Vactor truck to the site and uncovered the existing septic tank lid. After the tank was uncovered a new 12" concrete riser and lid was installed so the tank is now more accessible.



Public Works



Wes and Scott put new tires on a Public Works truck and replaced the front brakes. The truck will be back in service today.

Wes and Scott finished installing the wings on the self cleaning screen at the Big Mill Diversion.



To the left, Scott is fabricating the screen for the Big Mill Diversion.