

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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*Weekly Update August 18, 2016*

## **Administration:**

The City Council will meet on August 23, 2016. They will be taking a look at changes to the agreement between the City and the YMCA for the operation of Sam-O Swim Center. The YMCA is proposing a management fee to run the pool. The Council will also look at accepting grant funds to pave runways and aprons at the Baker City Municipal Airport.

It appears that summer is upon us. Enjoy the outdoors this weekend but remember to hydrate and look for some shade. If you are headed to the mountains, remember that we are in extreme fire danger. Be extra careful out there and have a great weekend.

## **Finance:**

### **Utilities:**

- ◆ 10 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 15 customers disconnected service from August 12th through August 18th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed Monday which includes 248 residential and 91 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 48 or 14% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 77 late notices were sent August 16th.
- ◆ Six residential customers (Zone 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due), four were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

**Payroll:** Draw checks were issued August 15th.

### **LID Billings:**

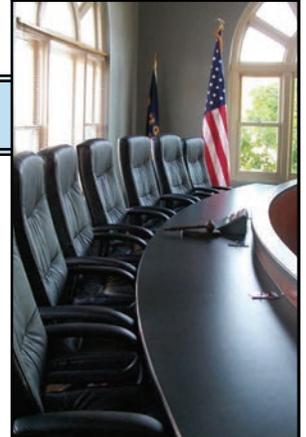
LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 1.79%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

One 1997 Birch Street Improvement LIDs was billed August 18th. The original assessment in 1997 for improvements on Birch Street (H to J and L to Park Street) included 16 property owners for a total of \$63,281. The remaining balance outstanding is \$1,301.

## **City Council**

### **August 23rd Agenda Items:**

- Sam O Swim Contract
- Airport Apron Project
- 911 Consolidated Dispatch Center Contract





## Building Department



### **BUILDING PERMITS**

#### COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- Qty 2 – 26232 Old Hwy 30, Huntington – temp office trailers
- 363 Mill Street, Sumpter – revision to addition on structure
- 210 Washington Street, Huntington – temp office trailer

#### RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- Qty 3 – 1, 2, & 3 Eagle Island Loop, Oxbow – 3 Duplexes for Idaho Power
- 37495 Boulder Flat Lane, Baker City – Residential addition
- 13851 Loennig Road, Baker City – 24x24 3-store residential addition

	<b>Permits Issued City</b>	<b>Inspections City</b>	<b>Permits Issued County</b>	<b>Inspections County</b>
BUILDING	1	8	11	10
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	6	4	8	5
MECHANICAL	0	3	3	5
PLUMBING	2	4	2	7
FENCE	0	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>

- 341 Austin Street, Sumpter – 12x20 2-store residential addition
- 107 Phoenix, Greenhorn – new residential living
- 1565 East Street, Baker – temporary wheelchair ramp

## Planning Department

### **Public Meetings**

The Planning Commission held 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.

The Planning Department received a complaint and photographs documenting a violation. Dust abatement appeared 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 was limited to discussion of the violation and the impact that it may have on the standing of the existing Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission acknowledged that a violation had taken place but determined that it was not substantial enough to revoke the Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to uphold the Conditional Use Permit.

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

- A Sign Permit (SP-16-070) was sent out for inter-departmental review on August 16th, 2016. The applicant is requesting approval to replace the face of an existing free-standing sign, located at 2212 10th Street for the Gas-N-Snack, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.
- Land Use Review (LUR-16-071) was sent out for inter-departmental review on August 16th. The applicant is requesting a ±470 square foot addition to an existing building to create a tool room at the Powder River Correctional Facility, located at 3600 13th Street located in Commercial General (C-G) 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 31st - August 6th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **35** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	26
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	9

<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>30</b>
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## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5

<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>5</b>
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Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	5
Triple Calls	0

- Fire – Grove St. / False alarm
- Fire – 15th St. / Controlled burn
- Fire – Mitchell / Burn complaint
- Fire – 14th St./ Burn complaint
- Fire – 11th St. / Illegal burn

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **13** hours of in-house training.

Fire – Wildland shelter deployment

EMS – Myocardial infarction, EMS protocols

## STATION MAINTENANCE

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

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ National Night Out
- ◆ Medical standby for Shriners football game



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 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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# **POLICE** **DEPARTMENT**

- ★ BCPD handled over 200 incidents and opened 32 new cases this past week.
  - ★ In two separate cases, 5 juveniles were cited for Minor in Possession of Marijuana
  - ★ One burglary suspect was arrested on a nationwide felony warrant for escape
  - ★ BCPD investigated 3 additional burglary cases
  - ★ BCPD investigated 3 assault cases
- ★ Chief Lohner attended a large gathering at the Baker Department of Human Services (DHS) facility to meet the new (proposed) State Director for DHS.
- ★ Officer Weaver began a 3 day training to become certified as an Armorer, capable of servicing our patrol rifles
- ★ 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.

### **Property Maintenance**

Followed up on 4 old cases

Started 1 news case

Closed out 1 case

Issued 2 citations for non-compliance

### **Animal violations and complaints**

1 dog at large returned to owner

Followed up on 2 barking complaints

### **Parking**

Issued 5 parking citations

Followed up with 3 violations

Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle

### **Weeds**

Followed up with 27 violations

### **Found Item**

1 found item returned to owner

### **Development Code**

Issued 1 citation for non-compliance

### **Tree Violations**

Issued 2 citations for non-compliance

Followed up on 2 pending violations



## Public Works-Wastewater

This week a crew worked in the Hillcrest area inspecting lines. The lines in this section of town were installed many years ago (1950 - 1960 +/-) by a developer. The line the crew inspected on Hillcrest Circle unfortunately consists of 6" diameter Orangeburg Pipe. Orangeburg Pipe was developed way back in the 1860's and has been installed as sewer lines as late as the 1970's. At the time, Orangeburg Pipe was a low cost alternative to clay, concrete and metal pipe materials. Under ideal conditions Orangeburg Pipe normally lasts around 50 years. The section of line that was inspected this week showed major signs of distress. It is oval in shape (instead of round) and was beginning to "blister" on the inside. These wastewater lines were not installed so that they could be easily accessed and repaired. This line actually runs under two different houses, through private yards and on roadway fill slopes. Below, Keith and Karl have parked in a driveway and carried the inspection camera across a resident's lawn to access the line.



In this photo you can see that the line is no longer round. It is oval in shape. The inspection camera was only able to travel 80 feet down the 330 foot long pipe before becoming wedged in the line. A smaller hand operated camera will be used to inspect the remainder of the line.



### Public Works-Street



Jake and Riley worked to crack fill several blocks of city streets this week. To the left and below the crew is working on a section of Chestnut Street near Washington Street. Cedar Street and 17th Streets (and a few others) were marked for patching this week by Doug and Tom.



To the left, Doug is marking a patch on 17th Street near Campbell Street.



### Public Works-Water



Justin, Blain and Matt worked this week to widen a section of the pipeline road. The quantity of fresh water diverted into transmission lines for use by Baker City residents typically needs to be adjusted several times per week to meet user demands. The access road is very narrow, dangerous and needs to be widened to provide safe access and to provide a firm base for installation of the new water line. The existing waterline is old concrete pipe which leaks, is undersized and susceptible to blockages from tree and grass roots penetrating into the line. To the left, Blain is operating the dozer and using native material to widen the pipeline road.



## Public Works



An air compressor was needed for the suspension. The crew ordered a new one and anticipate it arriving Friday.

Wes and Scott brought over one of the fire engines to do a service and maintenance check.



Wes and Scott are installing the new brake light switch on the backhoe.

## Public Works-Trees



### Don't Forget to Feed Your Tree!

Baker City Tree Board volunteers would like to take a moment and ask that you please set aside time each week to water your trees.

Here are some watering options to consider:

- \* Turn a hose on low for 15 minutes at the base of the tree;
- \* Fill a 5-gallon bucket with holes in the bottom of it and place it near the base of the tree;
- \* Install a slow-release watering bag around the tree's trunk.

Please help preserve and protect this important feature of our community by watering your trees on a regular basis.