

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 22, 2016

Administration:

City Manager Fred Warner and Economic Development Director Greg Smith travelled to Portland on Tuesday to meet with senior officials of Albertsons. They presented the community's concerns about the decision to locate two Safeway stores in Baker City. They shared the lack of competition, number of jobs created and overall sentiments of the community. Albertsons agreed to work with Baker City to come up with a solution that fits their economic model and works for our community. We appreciate their willingness to work through these issues. We will keep you posted as plans finalize.

The City Manager attended the Prison Advisory Committee meeting and heard an upbeat report from prison officials. The Alternative Incarceration Program continues to be a success as recidivism rates are extremely low. This is good for the State and the offenders. As Powder River Correctional Facility is one of our largest employers, it is great news that they are successful in their endeavors. It looks like summer is finally arriving. Get out and enjoy the summer weather. Have a safe and happy weekend.

Finance:

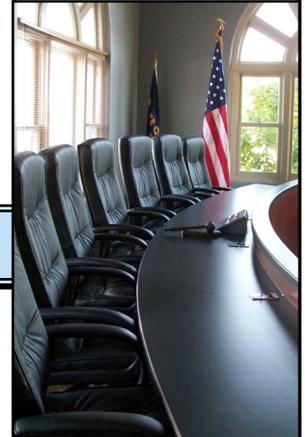
Utilities

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and fourteen customers disconnected service from July 15th through June 21st. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed Thursday, July 21st in order to switch over the billing software to the new monthly billings. Zone 4 includes 720 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 167 or 21% are signed up for direct payment
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today and is the first zone to be billed monthly. Zone 5 includes 470 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 104 or 21% are signed up for direct payment. The first cycle of monthly bills will be on the City's current utility billing form. Future billings will be on a new form that will provide additional information to customers.
- ◆ Six residential customers (Zone 3) 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.
- ◆ 90 late notices were sent July 19th. In the future late notices will be combined with the next month's bill which will save costs for postage and printing and make the billing system more efficient.

City Council

July 26th Agenda Items:

- City Councilor Appointment
- Board and Commissions Volunteers
- Public Arts Master Plan





Building Department



BUILDING PERMITS (Two Weeks Total)

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- 3950 17th Street, Baker City – Interior tenant improvements
- 179 Mill Street, Sumpter – Add prefabricated office building to property
- 520 E 3rd Street, Huntington – Add 3 prefabricated modular buildings for dormitories

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 43930 Old Wingville Road, Baker City – New residence
- 1725 Hughes Lane, Baker City – 24 x 10 deck cover
- 210 NW New Street, Sumpter – 14 x 40 detached accessory building

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	4	19	6	23
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	0	0	1	0
ELECTRICAL	10	17	43	19
MECHANICAL	8	5	8	5
PLUMBING	4	7	1	4
FENCE	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	27	48	59	55

- 3705 Baker Street, Baker City – Roof alteration for solar installation
- 2601 Oak Street, Baker City – Installation of 4 metal premade trellis units

Planning Department

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will meet on August 17th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A request for a ±222 square foot addition to a single-family dwelling was submitted for 500 Broadway Street. The subject property is located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone. The request has been sent out for review by other impacted departments.
- A request to site a ±420 square foot pre-fabricated carport was approved for 840 Broadway Avenue. The subject property is located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A violation letter was issued regarding unpermitted signs at 815 Campbell Street, Suite A.



Volunteer Here!

Currently the City of Baker City has several volunteer opportunities:

- ◆ **Historic District Design Review Commission** - The Historic District Design Review Commission was created to promote community participation in reviewing and approving applications submitted by the property owners wanting to alter structures within the Historic District. This commission consists of 7 members, 3-year terms. (1 vacancy)
- ◆ **Parks and Recreation Board** - The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board exists to promote and preserve parks and open spaces which are safe, provide beauty, enhance recreational experiences and are accessible to all members of the community. The Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations. This board consists of 7 members, 3 positions 3-year term and 4 positions 2-year term. (3 vacancies).
- ◆ **Planning Commission**-The Planning Commission consists of 7 members with 4-year terms. The role of the Planning Commission is to develop, maintain and implement the Baker City Development Code and Comprehensive Plan, to protect the integrity of the community's planning process, and to foster the community's long-term interests. The Planning Commission is a decision-making body that has the legal authority to make decisions on requests for land use and development. (1 vacancy).
- ◆ **Sam-O Swim Committee** -The purpose of this committee is to act as strong advocates for the Sam-O Swim Center, and work with the City Council as well as the city staff to ensure the Sam-O Swim Center remains a viable asset to the community of Baker City and Baker County. This commission consists of 7 seven members, 3-year terms (1 vacancy).
- ◆ **Tree Board** - The purpose of this board is for members to study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding landscaping activities in parks and within the public right of way adjacent to streets and in other public areas. Included in those activities is the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs. This board consists of 7 members, 3-year terms (1 vacancy).





The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

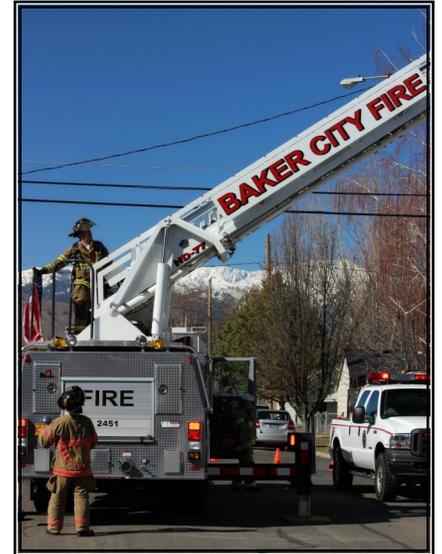
During the week of July 2nd - 9th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	12
Patient Transported	19
No Patient Trip	15
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	34

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4



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

- Fire – 17th / Malfunctioning smoke alarm
- Fire – Myrtle / Burn complaint (2)
- Fire – Kirkway / Malfunctioning appliance

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

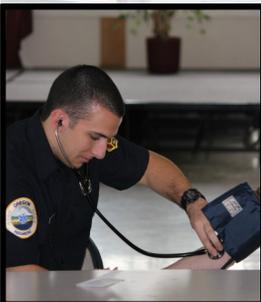
This week the BCFD completed **54** hours of in-house training.

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations
- ◆ Haines Rodeo Standby



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on July 26th.



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POLICE **DEPARTMENT**



BCPD handled over **220** incidents and opened **36** new cases this past week.

- ✪ Five of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants or parole and probation violations.
- ✪ Another case resulted in the arrest of a Baker City man for failing to register as a sex offender and two cases resulted in arrests for Harassment.

BCPD full time officers and reserve officers assisted with traffic control and general safety during the 2016 Miner's Jubilee celebration. Two OLCC inspectors from Portland assisted BCPD staff with alcohol related events over the weekend.

Chief Lohner met with a training captain from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to discuss state level police training.

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 8 old cases
- Started 3 news cases
- Closed out 1 case

Animal violations and complaints

- Issued 1 citation for a barking violation
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- 2 dogs impounded
- 1 chicken impounded
- Closed out 1 dangerous dog case (compliance gained)

Parking

- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 2 parking citations
- Followed up with 4 violations

Weeds

- 10 new weed complaints

Street Trees

- Followed up with 4 tree violations

Found Item

- 1 found item



Public Works



There is approximately \$2,600 remaining in the Sidewalk Replacement Grant Program!

Thus far, 15 property owners have been awarded grant funding through the 2016/2017 grant cycle. Over 7,300 sq. ft. of public sidewalks are proposed to be replaced through this year's grant. Grant applications can be found at www.bakercity.com or in the Baker City Public Works Department in City Hall

Crews began work on a repair at the small pond on hole #7 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. Water found its way around the existing outlet structure and eroded away a portion of the bank and the bedding under the culvert to the point where the pond would no longer hold water. The existing outlet structure was removed and the pond allowed to drain. A new outlet structure and culvert will be installed once the ground surface has a chance to dry out sufficiently to complete the work.



Work on the roof of the FSS building at the airport continued this week. Re-roofing of the north side of the building is complete and work on the south side of the building is now under way. This project was delayed somewhat due to the threat of rain earlier in the week. Crews decided to postpone removal of the old roofing until Wednesday when there was no chance of rain in the forecast.



Public Works-Street



Crews this week performed weed control work, crack-filled streets and did some clean-up work within the Resort Street Right of way. To the left, Blain and Scott worked to haul off remnants of a tree that blew down earlier this summer and they removed weeds in the area.

Public Works-Wastewater

We have been storing influent at the Lagoon since June 24th as a precautionary measure because the pH level had been rising near the 9.0 maximum limit. Preliminary B.O.D. tests will be performed this week prior to beginning treatment and discharge scheduled for early in August. Through this spring and early summer months dozens of waterfowl broods have hatched at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (Lagoon).



Karl and Rick worked on the 9th Street Wastewater main line checking its condition and verifying connections.



Public Works



Wes and Scott repaired the back arrow board wiring and serviced the vector truck. They also modified the front bumper and built a receiver in it to hold the new man hole lift.

All the parts arrived to build a new p.t.o. drive line this week. Wes and Scott installed the parts and it is back in service.



Scott and Wes replaced the cab filters and engine air filters and adjusted the driver's door on the backhoe/loader.