

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 29, 2016

Administration:

The Baker City Council had a short meeting this week. Congratulations to Loran Joseph on his appointment to the Council. We look forward to his perspective on City issues. The Council also adopted the Public Arts Master Plan. I would like to thank the members of the Baker City Public Arts Commission for all of their hard work in putting together a framework to add art to our community. As we proceed with projects throughout the City, we will engage with the Commission to facilitate art into the process.

The City Manager and Councilor Abell attended the Baker County Mayors Council in Haines. It was a good discussion and it was nice to catch up with leaders from the small cities in Baker County.

It looks like summer is here to stay. Get out and enjoy the weather and have a safe weekend.



City Council

August 9th Agenda Items:

- Justice Court Update
- Board and Commissions Volunteers



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Zone 6 was billed on the 25th and includes 484 residential and 61 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 89 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Ten customers signed up for new water/sewer service and sixteen customers disconnected service from July 22nd thru July 28th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ 88 late notices were sent July 26th.

Payroll

- Seventy-eight employees were paid today including ten paid volunteer firefighters, two temporary summer workers, a part-time building inspector, a part-time police employee, and the hearings officer. Of those 78 employees 68 or 87% are signed up for direct deposit.



Building Department



BUILDING PERMITS

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

2795 10th Street, Baker City – Roof & building extension

17372 Malheur Line Road, Huntington – Prefabricated Control Enclosure

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

37102 Woods Lane, Richland – new residential dwelling

42940 Sunnyslope Road, Baker City – new residential dwelling

1400 Cracker Street, Sumpter – new residential dwelling

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
BUILDING	1	4	4	14
MANUFACTURED DWELLING	4	0	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	2	4	7
MECHANICAL	2	5	7	5
PLUMBING	3	2	1	2
FENCE	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	15	13	16	28

Volunteer Here!

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **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).



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. Notice of the upcoming hearing was sent to nearby property owners this week.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- The Planning Director attended a meeting on July 28th held by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to discuss changes coming to the National Flood Insurance Program due to settlement of a lawsuit against FEMA. Most changes to the program will not immediately affect Baker City, but may begin to over the next few years.
- A request for a ±2,040 sq. ft. enclosed covered storage area was approved for 2795 10th Street. The addition is proposed to be connected to an existing manufacturing building located in the General Commercial Zone.
- A request for a ±222 square foot addition to a single-family dwelling was approved for 500 Broadway Street. The subject property is located in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A request for a duplex and ±960 square foot garage to a single-family dwelling was submitted for 1912 Balm 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 for a ±9.6 foot high courtyard wall was submitted for 1935 Valley Street. The subject property is located in the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone. The request has been sent out for review by other impacted departments.
- A request for a ±660 square foot accessory dwelling was submitted for 960 H Street. The subject property is located in the Residential Low- Density (R-LD) Zone. The request has been sent out for review by other impacted departments.



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 10th - 16th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

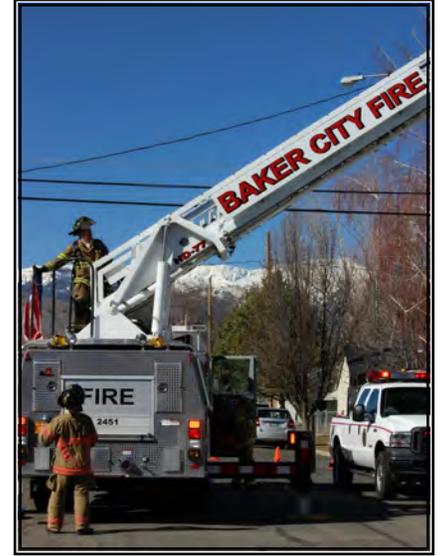
City Calls	17
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



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

- Fire – General Alarm / Mutual aid to Medical Springs / grass fire
- Fire – Balm / Burn complaint
- Fire – F St. / Illegal burn
- Haz Mat – Grove / Diesel spill

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **10** hours of in-house training.

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ Smoke alarm installations
- ◆ Broncs & Bulls 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 August 2nd.



"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 **220** incidents and opened **29** new cases this past week.
- ✪ Officers and investigators handled multiple Domestic Violence related cases, to include assaults and reports of sex abuse.
- ✪ **Chief Lohner completed updates to our department's policy manual, which are periodically provided by our policy management company, Lexipol.**
- ✪ 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.

✪ Officer Wray was sworn-in July 26th as he joined the department after the retirement of Detective Bass. Officer Wray has over 21 years experience in law enforcement. The City welcomes Officer Wray and his family to Baker City!

At the end of the Missoula Children's Theater production of Rumpelstiltskin, the cast wished to thank law enforcement for their service. To the right, Officer Daniel Pelayo (left side of the stage) and Reserve Officers Daniel Batchelor and Justin Phalum (right side of the stage) receive a standing ovation. The children made signs thanking law enforcement which are being held up by various cast members. This was at the end of the Saturday matinee on July 23rd. Sergeant Chastain had also been honored on behalf of law enforcement at the end of the Friday evening showing, July 22nd.





Public Works-Street



A Cooperative Street Improvement Project was completed this week on Grace Street directly adjacent to South Baker School. 5J School District, private contractors, Baker County Road Department and Baker City Public Works Department worked in harmony to greatly improve the drainage, sidewalk, curb and street surface next to the school. To the left, Jake F. and Riley carefully spray tack oil onto the street next to the new concrete curb and sidewalk.

Nolan, Assistant Baker County Road Master, applied a layer of tack oil to the street surface in preparation for placement of hot asphalt.



Justin, Blain, Matt & Scott work to spread the fine graded "D" mix asphalt over the tacked street surface to fill in wheel ruts (from heavy school busses) and other irregularities in the street surface.



Public Works-Water



Yesterday while checking a portion of the Watershed a plume of smoke from a fire was seen in the distance. It was immediately reported to U.S.F.S. officials. The fire appeared to be located between Black Mountain and Hwy. 7.

Public Works-Golf Course



The Quail Ridge Golf Course Water Hazard dam repair was completed earlier this week. A 20" diameter piece of pipe and a pre-cast catch basin were used for the repair. A layer of Bentonite was used to seal the surface of the dam - large rock (rip rap) was then used to cover the sealed surface. To the left, Justin placing some of the rip rap rock.

The crew is seen here loading some debris into a dump truck after completion of the repair work.





Public Works-Wastewater

A new wastewater lateral was installed for a resident on 4th Street Tuesday. The entire installation including excavation and street patching work was accomplished in one day. The street remained closed at the request of the contractor for safety reasons. They needed to install the remainder of the lateral between the street and the house. Justin, Karl and Scott worked to uncover the Wastewater Mainline buried deep under the street and then attach the new 4" lateral pipe using an Insert-a-Tee connection.



Once the lateral was successfully installed, the trench was backfilled and compacted and the street surface patched with asphalt.

It is very difficult to successfully compact material under an existing curb, so a reduced strength cement slurry (CDF) was used to support the curb section and prevent future settlement.





Public Works

Wes and Scott jacked the pump up, pulled the tires and put it on blocks. This will extend the life of the tires.



The radar trailer was converted to solar with a 100 watt panel and charge controller. It should be able to be left out and continue operating the entire time.

Scott repaired the a/c system, recharged it and returned the ambulance to B.C.F.D.

