

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 24, 2016

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Proposed agenda for Tuesday, June 28th

- Public Hearing Regarding Possible Uses of State Revenue Sharing Dollars
- Public Hearing Regarding the Allocations in the 2016-2017 Approved Budget
- Consideration of Resolution #3776 Electing to Receive State Revenue Sharing Dollars
- Consideration of Modifications to the 2016-2017 Approved Budget
- Consideration of Adoption of the Appropriations for the General Fund's Administration Services Department
- Consideration of Adoption of the Appropriations for the General Fund's Community Development Department.

Administration

- The City Manager attended the 30 year anniversary celebration at Marvin Wood Products this week. The President of Marvin Wood Products was in attendance, as well as other top executives of the firm. It was enlightening to hear about the history of the company. We can be proud to have this company in our City. Marvin has 150 full-time employees making them one of our largest employers. They are also getting ready to embark on an \$11 million plant expansion later this summer. Here's to 30 more years of prosperity for Marvin and Baker City.
- We met with representatives from Business Oregon and toured our water facilities as well as spent time updating them on our various public works plans. Business Oregon, through their infrastructure authority, have been good partners with the City on financing of water, sewer and wastewater projects.
- The Baker City Cycling Classic starts on Friday. Come out and enjoy the races and be extra careful throughout the City and County as there will be riders everywhere. Have a great weekend.

Finance Director

- A public meeting will be held on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. The 2016-17 approved budget is available online at <http://www.bakercity.com/2159/Budget-Board>.
- May's revenue and expenditure report will be available online at <http://www.bakercity.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=81> on Monday, June 27th.

Utilities

- Zone 8 will be billed on Monday due to staff vacations.
- Twenty-four customers signed up for new water/sewer service and twenty-one customers disconnected service from June 17th thru June 23rd. This includes all service changes.
- 82 late notices were sent June 21st.
- This week seven residential customers (Zone 7) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

- Seventy-nine employees were paid today including twelve paid volunteer firefighters, three temporary summer workers and the hearings officer. Of those 79 employees 70 or 89% are signed up for direct deposit.



BUILDING

Project Highlights

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 44042, 44062 and 44054 Gossi Road, 49830 Spur Road and 44058 Clark Road, Oxbow –Interior Remodel.
- 1525 6th Street, Baker City –12 x24 detached utility building.
- 2626 7th Street, Baker City –roof reinforcement for solar installation.
- 285 4th Street, Baker City –48 x24 detached garage.
- 1545 Oak Street, Baker City –roof adjustment for solar.
- 37548 Snake River Rd., Huntington –addition of pole style roof over manufactured home
- 18932 Alpine Lane, Baker City –320sf addition to garage.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- 2020 Main Street, Baker City –interior remodel.
- 1120 Campbell Street, Baker City -interior remodel.

Permits issued for...	CITY	COUNTY
BUILDING	6	7
MANUFACTURE DWELLING	0	1
ELECTRICAL	12	4
MECHANICAL	1	2
PLUMBING	4	3
FENCE	0	0
TOTAL	23	15

Inspections

Last week, 40 inspections (plumbing, building and mechanical) were completed within Baker County.

Historic District Design Review

No new information this week.

Compliance

No new information this week.

Public Meetings

PLANNING

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be July 20th at City Hall.
- The Planning Commission met on June 15th. The Planning Commission approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a ±1,280 square foot shop with a ±448 square foot awning at 2368 15th Street, in the Residential – Medium (R-MD) Zone, and a Variance for a freestanding sign exceeding 15 feet in height at 2400 Broadway Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. Notice of both decisions were sent to landowners within 100 feet of the property. The period of time to appeal the decisions is open until 5:00 p.m. on July 1st, 2016.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- A new, ±1,574 square foot single-family dwelling was approved at 1025 South Bridge Street, located in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.
- A new gable covering on an existing dwelling was approved at 1175 F Street, located in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- The appeal period ended for a re-plat to create three parcels from two in the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. The properties are located at the corner of Colorado Avenue and Foothill Drive.
- A conversion of an existing duplex at 1401 & 1405 Valley Avenue into single-family dwelling was approved.
- A Temporary Use Permit was issued for 2350 Canal Avenue.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Baker City Fire Department (FD) responded to a total of **24 emergency alarms** for the last reported week.

Breakdown of emergency responses:

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	5
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5



Fire response:

- 8th St. /Powerline down.
- Kirkway Ave. /Natural gas leak.
- Main St. /False alarm.
- Main St. /False alarm.
- Main St. /False alarm.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	3
City Calls	16
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	9
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	19



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

TRAINING

7 hours of in-house training, including:

- Fire –hose testing.

MAINTENANCE/OTHERS:

37 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Additional Services to the community:

- Blood pressure checks at the Senior Center.
- Company inspections.
- Smoke alarm installations.



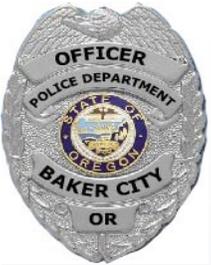
The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am.

Don't miss the next check on June 28th, 2016.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

"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"



- BCPD handled over 150 incidents and opened 29 new cases this past week. One of these cases resulted in the arrest of a local man who attempted to sell Marijuana to children in Geiser Pollman Park. That subject was also arrested for Resisting Arrest and Assaulting a Public Safety Officer.
BCPD recovered a stolen vehicle, which was being driven by an Enterprise man. That subject was lodged in the Baker County Jail for Possession of a stolen vehicle and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.
Lt. Newman began the background investigation on a certified applicant, who will replace Sharon Bass if that applicant is successful with further testing and evaluation.
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 ENFORCMENT

Property Maintenance
Animal violations and complaints
Parking
Weeds
Development Code Violations
Safe Keeping



WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION



In preparation for constructing another section of the mountain line later this summer, Justin and Doug met with a contractor on the pipeline road to discuss options for widening the road where it passes a couple of large rock outcroppings.

The existing road in this area is only 10 feet wide. A road width of 16-20 feet is needed to safely move equipment and complete the trenching for the new pipeline. The road is bordered by this rock face on the uphill side and an extremely steep slope on the downhill side. This is just one of many obstacles that will be encountered as the pipeline traverses the rugged mountain terrain.

CITY SHOPS



This front loader was running hot so the radiator had to be pulled apart and blown out to address this issue.



While performing routine maintenance, City Shops found that the right-rear assembly was leaking. This was replaced to include turning the rotors and installing new brake pads.



BCPD Unit 64 showed a check engine light as well as an airbag light. The check engine light was resolved by cleaning the fuel cap system and the air bag, a seatbelt buckle issue, was covered under warrant and Unit 64 is back in service.



PUBLIC WORKS

CITY SHOPS



(Pictured to the left): The door switch wiring was grounded in the door. It was replaced so that the radio would shutoff when the door was opened.

(Pictured below): Scott finished replacing the door pins and repaired the spotlights.



Street Department

Crew of Justin and Karl worked with contractors and members of the 5J School District in a cooperative effort to improve the street curb, sidewalk and roof drainage from the South Baker School Building. Here Justin is Zipping the Asphalt while Karl guides the alignment.

Public Works Crew crack-filled streets this week. Tree roots sometimes cause problems with street surfaces. Cracks are typically weeded and cleaned before hot tar is used to fill cracks. Larger cracks are filled using fine graded hot asphalt.

Riley and Stephen are removing weeds and cleaning cracks on Broadway Avenue between 19th and 21st Streets.





STREET DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)



Tiny swept debris from the street before crack-filling commenced.



This wide crack will be patched using "D" Mix asphalt.



Riley and Stephen are pictured filling cracks with 300+ degree tar.



WASTEWATER

Doug and Keith inspected a private wastewater line which had been recently lined using the CIPP process. The owner of the line has requested that Baker City assume ownership of the line. Additional inspection work will be done before a decision is reached.



Water Maintenance

A tree was noticed lying completely across the Powder River slightly downstream from the Myrtle Street Bridge. Jeff at Baker Valley Irrigation District was contacted and quickly responded to remove the tree (pictured below) which would have been a hazard to river floaters.

