

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 16, 2016

Administration:

We had a lot of activity on our streets this week. We want to thank everyone for their patience as we worked on Cedar and 17th Streets. The public works folks did a good job of moving people towards their destinations. Today, at City Hall Day, we are discussing ways to enhance transportation needs throughout the State and find ways that we can continue to update our streets.

The Baker City Public Arts Commission met this week and is working on some really cool projects. In the near future you will see an art piece in Central Park which is made out of recycled metal and should be a good addition to the Park. They are also working on putting artwork on the traffic signal boxes in the downtown area. The committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and they welcome any ideas or suggestions.

It looks to be another fine fall weekend. If you are out and about, be careful and have a great weekend.

City Council

September 27th Agenda Items:

- Economic Development Update
- Charter Franchise Ordinance
- Vehicle Bid Award
- Golf Course Manager Contract



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 15 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 12 customers disconnected service from September 9th through September 15th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed September 14th which includes 468 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 102 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 91 residential and 248 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 48 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Three residential customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one of those was actually turned off until their past due balance is paid.

Accounts Receivable-Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent September 12th. The billings were as follows: 

Accounts Payable-The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated September 12th.

Accounts Receivable	
Cemetery	\$ 2,745
Wastewater Maintenance	\$ 10,316
Water Line Hookups and Misc	\$ 1,695
Street Cuts and Misc.	\$ 3,727
Lien Searches	\$ 1,720
Ambulance	\$ 190,518
Airport Hangar Rent and Ground Lease	\$ 4,197
Property and Weed Abatement	\$ 2,464
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$ 5,091
Misc.	\$ 937
Total	\$ 223,410



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission meeting for the month of September is cancelled. The Planning Commission will meet again on October 19th.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A ±128 square foot storage addition to an existing restaurant was approved at 2915 10th Street in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A Floodplain Development Permit has been approved for a 96 sq. ft. addition at 2215 Ohio Avenue in the Residential High Density Zone.
- ◆ A map and address list for a kennel application was prepared for the Police Department.
- ◆ An inventory of all known floodplain development permits and elevation certificates for the City of Baker was completed this week. Elevation certificates were digitized and catalogued to provide a quick-and-easy, searchable reference system.



Building Department

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2915 10th Street, Baker City –128 sq ft addition to existing building

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 3325 Grace Street, Baker City – Remodel of interior of existing shop
- 1120 Campbell Street, Baker City – Fire System installation

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	6	0	10
Manufactured Dwelling	1	0	1	0
Electrical	10	11	6	14
Mechanical	3	7	2	6
Plumbing	0	2	0	3
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	18	26	9	33



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

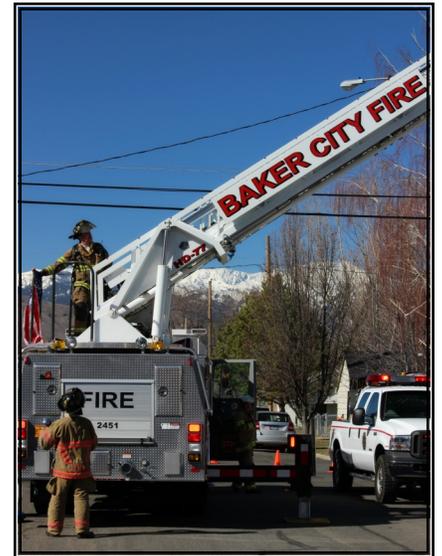
During the week of August 28th - September 3rd, the Fire Department responded to a total of **33** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	6
Patient Transported	18
No Patient Trip	10
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	28

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5
TOTAL FIRE	5



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	6
Triple Calls	0

- ◆ Fire – 19th / Burn complaint
- ◆ Fire – 14th / Burn complaint
- ◆ Fire – Madison / Carbon monoxide alarm
- ◆ Fire – 19th / Smoke investigation
- ◆ Fire – College / Burn complaint

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **24** hours of in-house training.

EMS – Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support

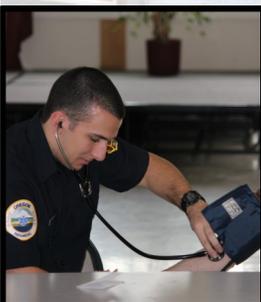
Fire – Scene management, Multi-casualty management

STATION MAINTENANCE

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Business inspections
- ◆ EMS standby for Baker High School 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 September 20th.



"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 **202** incidents and opened **32** new cases this past week. One case involved the arrest of an individual who attempted to flee on a bicycle after being stopped for a traffic violation. It was later learned that the suspect had an outstanding warrant. The individual was arrested for the outstanding warrant and Interfering with a Peace Officer.
- ✪ BCPD welcomes back to Baker City, Officer Jonathan Stanley who graduated from the Basic Academy on September 9, 2016. Officer Stanley has returned to active patrol and will be completing Field Training over the next several weeks. Lieutenant Dustin Newman has completed the FBI National Academy, Executive-Level Law Enforcement training held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Congratulations to both Officer Stanley and Lieutenant Newman!
- ✪ 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 Activity

Property Maintenance

Followed up on 1 pending case
 Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)
 Stared 1 new case

Animal Violations and Complaints

Followed up with 2 barking complaints
 6 dogs at large returned to owner
 Issued 1 citation for no dog license
 Impounded 1 dog at large
 1 Dangerous dog hearing
 1 Dangerous dog appeal hearing

Parking

Orange tagged 4 abandoned vehicles
 Followed up with 5 violations

Weeds

Followed up on 1 new weed complaint
 Checked 6 properties for compliance

Development Code Violations

Followed up with one Temporary Use Permit violation

Found Item

2 Found items

Traffic Crash

Assisted traffic control with 2 traffic crashes



Public Works-Street

Baker City Public Works Department worked in conjunction with an O.D.O.T. patching crew to Grind and Inlay patch approximately 100 deteriorating locations on Cedar and 17th Streets on Thursday. The O.D.O.T. crew followed the same procedures used when they repair sections on the Freeway and on the highway (Broadway and 10th Streets) through town. The crew began the work Thursday near the intersection of Cedar and Hughes Lane grinding out asphalt, creating an open trench where potholes had formed or were expected to form over the next few years.



The trenches were broomed out to remove any loose debris. Several streets had to be detoured while the work was being performed. Next Baker City personnel (Jake and Riley above) applied a coating of tack oil to the surface (works as an adhesive so that the hot asphalt will have a permanent bond to the underlayment). Then the O.D.O.T. crew placed hot asphalt into the trench using a dump truck and specially designed screed attachment (left).

Locations at the corner of 17th and Auburn were repaired to eliminate potholes in the street and on the inside corner of the intersection. The equipment on the right is grinding out old asphalt and gravel while the equipment on the left is placing fresh asphalt.





Public Works-Street Cont.



The grindings which were generated from the repair process were used to surface a short section of graveled 9th Street. Justin used the City Grader to smooth out the crushed grindings.

Blain watered and rolled (roller was borrowed from the Baker County Road Department) the grindings to obtain good compaction.



A view of the compacted street surface on the 9th Street.



Public Works-Wastewater

A resident on Madison Street has been suffering with Wastewater Problems recently. A professional drain cleaner hired Baker City personnel to inspect the lateral and locate the problem areas. To the right, Keith and Rick are using the ViVax Push-Cam to inspect the line.



Public Works-Water

The mountain line crew continued to make good progress installing the new water transmission line running between Little Mill and Mill Creeks this week. Below, Scott is moving into position to assist Justin in placing another section of pipe. Blain is operating the Trackhoe with the Crusher Bucket attachment. Matt (not pictured) is behind Blain's Trackhoe operating the bull dozer to smooth out the road surface. Laser technology is used to assure that the pipe is laid at the proper designed grade.



Above, you can see remnants of the old 12" concrete line. It was too shallow, had numerous cracks, leaked at cracks and at pipe joints and had roots inside the pipe in places blocking the flow of water. The pink painted line shows the new 20" pipe alignment.



Public Works-Shop



The water pump went bad in the street sweeper so Wes and Scott replaced it and it is back in service now.

Wes and Scott replaced the fuel pump on the Emergency Response vehicle and it is now back in service.



Wes and Scott replaced the step motor for the side entrance of the ambulance.