

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 30, 2016

Administration:

The City met with representatives of the DEQ to discuss wastewater issues. It is apparent from the discussions that we are going to have to change the way that we dispose of treated water. Presently, we are discharging into the Powder River and with new regulations this process will become impractical and costly. Over the next few weeks we will be updating the City Council on plans to rectify this situation. It is imperative that we begin to move towards a workable solution to our wastewater system as we are finding it challenging to meet the DEQ standards. This process will be expensive and will take a number of years to implement. There will be more to come as we have more information.

The work at Sam-O Swim Center is wrapping up. The new boiler and air handling system should be up and running by the end of the week. The shower project is complete and the pool is filled with water. The pool is scheduled to open again on October 3rd.

Summer is back with us for day or two and then it looks like Fall will return for the weekend. Enjoy the wonderful fall colors and have a safe weekend.

City Council

October 11th Agenda Items:

- Elks Social Gaming License
- Golf Course Lease Agreement



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Zone 7 was billed on the 26th which includes 543 residential and 29 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 120 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today and includes 494 residential and 51 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 18% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Nine customers signed up for new water/sewer service and seventeen customers disconnected service from September 23rd thru September 29th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ One customer for Zone 3 and seven customers for Zone 6 were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. Seven were actually turned off until their past due balance is paid.

Payroll

Eighty-one employees were paid today including thirteen paid volunteer firefighters, a part-time police employee, and the hearings officer. Of those 81 employees 74 or 91% are signed up for direct deposit.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on October 19th to discuss two issues:

- ◆ A potential violation a condition of approval attached to Conditional Use Permit CUP-04-02, relating to the operation of four grass tennis courts located at 2995 Grace Street. This property is located within the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ An appeal of the Planning Director’s decision on a complaint regarding modifications made to a shop at 3060 College Street, located within the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

Notices for both matters were sent to nearby property owners this week.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- ◆ The Planning Department approved a request to modify a previous approval of a duplex to a single family dwelling 2270 Wabash Avenue.
- ◆ A kennel buffer map and address list were generated for the Baker City Police Department.
- ◆ A Land Use Review application was received and sent out for an interdepartmental review. The request is for the siting of a manufactured home at 1815 Pear Street, located within the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review application was received and sent out for an interdepartmental review. The request is for the siting of a manufactured home at 2010 15th Street, located within the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review and Floodplain Development applications were received and sent out for an interdepartmental review. The request is for the siting of a manufactured home at 310 4th Street, located within the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.

Building Department

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	10	1	15
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	4
Electrical	5	8	5	5
Mechanical	4	3	2	2
Plumbing	6	4	0	5
Fence	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	18	25	8	31

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 49830 Spur Rd., Oxbow— Garage Expansion
- 2342 Church St., Baker City— Replace roof truss and roofing
- 555 Court St., Baker City— 25x40 Detached Accessory Structure
- 1341 7th St., Baker City — Demo fire damaged home

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

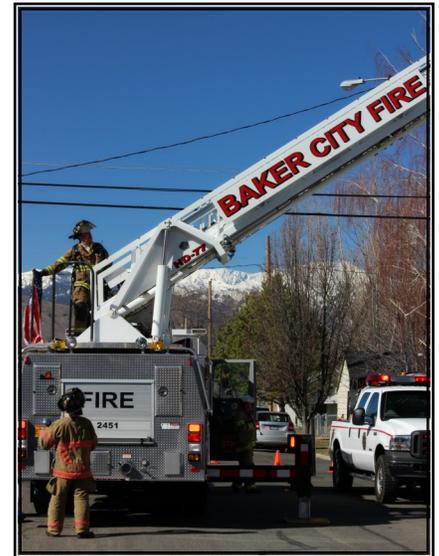
Next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2016, 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department offices.



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 September 11th through September 17th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **27** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	18
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	23
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FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4



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

- ◆ Fire—17th/Burn Complaint
- ◆ Fire—Elm/Odor Investigation/Natural Gas Leak
- ◆ Fire—Washington/Burn Complaint
- ◆ Fire—4th/False Alarm

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **86** hours of in-house training.

EMS – Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support

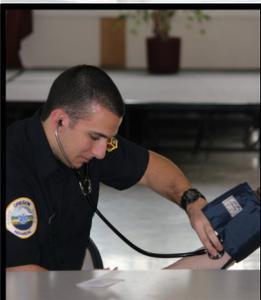
Fire – Roof operations

STATION MAINTENANCE

24 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company Inspections
- ◆ School fire drills/5J
- ◆ 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 October 4th.



"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 180 incidents and opened 33 new cases this past week.

One of those cases resulted in the arrest of a Baker City woman for Child Neglect II, after the investigation revealed she slept in her apartment while her 2 year old child was left unattended outside of the apartment for over 90 minutes.

Five of these cases initiated investigations of alleged Frauds & Thefts.

Four of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and one for a probation violation.

★ School Resource Officer Woodward began a 40 hour training in Spokane, specifically designed for School Resource Officers.

★ Lt. Newman returned from the FBI National Academy after ten weeks of the highest level management training available to law enforcement leaders. Police managers from 48 states and 24 countries attended this session.

★ Chief Lohner attended a meeting of the Baker County Transportation / Traffic Safety Committee. Uncontrolled intersections were talked about in depth.

★ 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 2 pending cases
- Issued 5 citations for non-compliance
- Started 1 new case

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up with 1 barking complaint
- Issued 2 citations for dog at large
- Issued 2 citations for no dog license
- Impounded 1 dog at large
- Followed up on 4 animal complaints
- Issued 1 citation for keeping and pasturing animals violation
- Followed up with 1 Dangerous dog case

Parking

- Issued 3 parking citations
- Followed up with 4 violations
- Orange tagged 4 abandoned vehicles

Weeds

- Followed up on 11 weed violations
- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance

Development Code Violations

- Followed up with 2 Temporary Use Permit violations
- Issued 2 citations for Temporary Use Permit violations
- Followed up with 1 fence violation

Found Item

- 2 found items returned to owner



Public Works-Tree Board

Over the last five years many of the white barked birch trees within our community have fallen victim to the Bronze Birch Borer.

More information can be found on our website at <http://bakercity.com/2165/Tree-Board>.



Photo by: Whitney Cranshaw, Colorado State University, Bugwood.org (above)

Photo by: Steven Katovich USDA Forest Service/Bugwood.org (left)

Public Works-Streets



The Public Works crew patched several streets in town using fine graded (1/4" maximum size aggregate) asphalt.

Here, Jake is compacting one of the patches on Auburn Avenue to fill a low spot where storm water would collect.

Keith, Karl, Scott and Jake F. are patching a street in South Baker eliminating low areas in front of a daycare provider where ice forms during winters months creating a fall hazard (below).



Michelle worked with the owners of Natural Structures this week to determine where to locate the terminus of a new decorative fence along their property boundary on 10th Street.





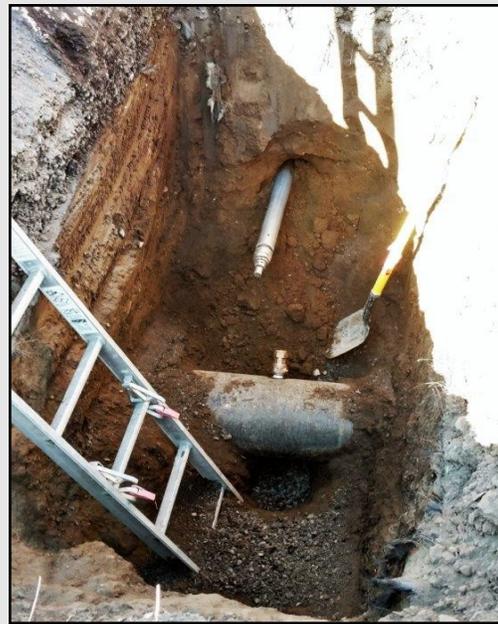
Public Works-Water

Two water service lines were installed this week under existing paved streets. The crew used a technique which utilizes a pneumatic missile to bore under the existing paved road surface. Both projects were successful.

One of the water service locations was on 23rd Street where a building for a new business is being constructed. The pneumatic missile with air supply hose attached was properly aligned and sent on its way under the street.

Boring under the street instead of cutting a trench across the street saves the cost of filling and compacting a trench and patching the streets' surface.

Pictured right, Justin waits for the missile. It takes several minutes for the missile to travel the distance shown.



A synch apparatus is attached to the 1" copper service line which is then attached to the end of the missile. The missile is then put into reverse mode and pulls the 1" copper line back through the bore path.



Here you can see the head of the missile entering the hole in almost perfect alignment with the "corp stop" tap.

Dennis and Craig worked Thursday installing a water meter onto a private domestic water well source which will be used to calculate wastewater rates for billing purposes.



← Before

After →



Public Works-Wastewater

Crew worked in conjunction with a local contractor to replace a wastewater lateral for a resident on Madison Street this week.

Matt used the Case Loader and Hydraulic Zipper machine to pulverize the street asphalt surface (pictured right).



Blain, Karl and Jake used the Vactor truck to safely remove debris from around buried utility lines and expose the existing main line.



Trench shoring was used to protect workers due to the depth of the trench (pictured left).

Karl used the Push-cam to inspect the line after installation. A portion of the contractor installed line had to be adjusted to improve flow characteristics (pictured right).





Public Works-Shop

Winter preparations began this week. Backup generators were filled with fuel for the UV Plant, Thompson Trash Pump, and the Lagoon.



Rough roads in the watershed caused damaged to the generator. The battery cable was replaced and the air cleaner re-bolted.

The charger/inverter was pulled from the ambulance and a higher capacity unit was installed to meet demand.



The battery connection on the Building Inspector's vehicle was replaced and is back in service.