

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 7, 2016

Administration:

City Manager Warner and Councilor Dan Lowe attended the League of Oregon Cities meeting in Salem last week. They participated in sessions dealing with Economic Development, a presentation by Union Pacific, Code Enforcement, Developing a Regional Destination for Tourism, Main Street Vitality, Transportation Prospects and Community Engagement. There was lots of information and we look forward to sharing the highlights with the Council.

Stop by Central Park sometime and check out the new art piece. This is part of the Art on Loan Program that has been instituted by the Baker City Public Arts Commission. We also have some new public art at City Hall. On the stairway, we have eight new pieces of art from the local "little big show" held this past month. Stop by and celebrate some of the works of our local artists.

We also have a survey on our website regarding funding for the Sam-O Swim Center and we would like to encourage all community members to participate. The survey can be found at: <http://www.bakercity.com/FormCenter/General-3/SamO-Swim-Survey-37>

Remember that Friday is 1st Friday in downtown Baker City. Saturday is the annual Taste of Baker festival in the downtown area. It is going to be a busy fall weekend. Come out and have a good time.

City Council

October 11th Agenda Items:

- Elks Social Gaming License
- Golf Course Lease Agreement
- 911 Dispatch Agreement
- Wastewater MAO



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 14 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 20 customers disconnected service from September 30th to October 6th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed Monday which included 475 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today and includes 710 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 171 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Four customers (Zone 4), nine customers (Zone 7) and eight residential customers (Zone 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) fifteen were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Finance Continued:

This week PERS announced employer contribution rates for the 7/1/17 to 6/30/19 fiscal years. The current and new rates are outlined in the table below:

Summary of PERS Employer Contribution Rates

Rates shown reflect the effect of side account rate offsets and retiree healthcare contributions, and exclude contributions to the IAP and debt service for pension obligation bonds.

Employer Number Employer Name	Net Employer Contribution Rate 7/1/15 - 6/30/17			Net Employer Contribution Rate 7/1/17 - 6/30/19				
	Tier 1/ Payroll	Tier 2 Payroll	OPSRP General Service Payroll	OPSRP Police and Fire Payroll	Tier 1/ Payroll	Tier 2 Payroll	OPSRP General Service Payroll	OPSRP Police and Fire Payroll
..... Independent Employers								
..... City								
2159 City of Baker City	18.00%	10.69%	14.80%	22.77%	13.63%	18.40%		

PERS rates are set every two years. In anticipation of a rate increase, PERS announced advisory rates last year; those rates are similar to the actual rates published this week. The large increase is due to several factors which include the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn some of the 2013 legislative reforms and the 2015 actual investment return of 2.11% (versus an assumed earnings rate of 7.75%). If the new rates had been applied to the 2016-17 budget, the rate increase would have increased the City’s 2016-17 budgeted personnel costs by approx. \$163,000 (PERS expense of \$865,000 versus \$1,028,000).





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 of 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.

Notice for both matters will be published in the Baker City Herald this week.

Projects and Land Use Decisions

- ◆ A permit to develop a single family dwelling in the floodplain was approved at 2270 Wabash Lane, located within the Residential- High Density Zone.
- ◆ A single family dwelling was approved through a Land Use Review at 2010 15th Street, located within the Residential – Medium Density Zone.
- ◆ A single family dwelling and a permit to develop within the floodplain were approved at 2215 21st Street, located in the Residential – High Density Zone.
- ◆ A carport was approved through a Land Use Review at 1815 Pear Street, located within the Residential – Medium Density Zone.
- ◆ A kennel buffer map and address list were generated for the Baker City Police Department for a property on Rose Street.

Building Department

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	2	3	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	1	5	9
Mechanical	3	5	4	5
Plumbing	4	5	1	2
Fence	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	15	13	13	25

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- 2010 15th St., Baker City— Demolish existing home
- 3710 Baker St., Baker City— Detached accessory structure
- 613 Robert St., Baker City— Interior renovation

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

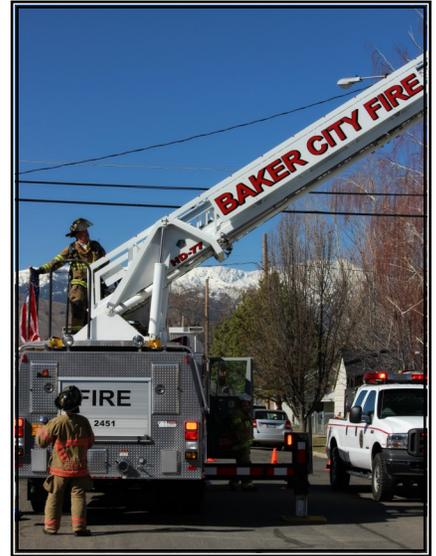
- 120 E Washington St., Huntington—Interior remodel of retail store
- Sweeds Landing Rd., Baker City—Detached accessory structure



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 18th through September 24th, the Fire Department responded to a total of **24** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	18
Rural Calls	3
Patient Transported	13
No Patient Trip	8

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 21

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3



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

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **69** hours of in-house training.

EMS – Tourniquet training, Radiological emergencies

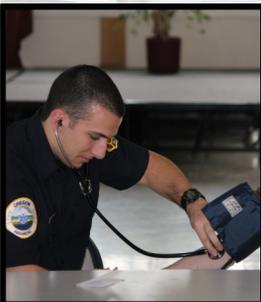
Fire – Commercial fire operations, Extrication, Positive pressure ventilation

STATION MAINTENANCE

45 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance and pump testing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company Inspections
- ◆ School fire drills/North Baker



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 11th.



"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**

Police:

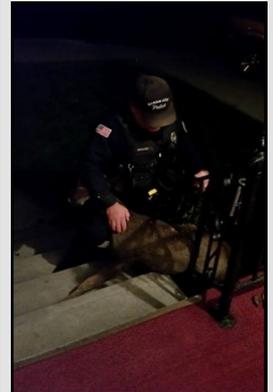
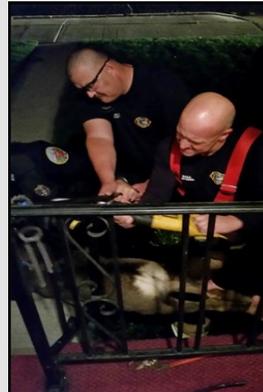
- ✪ BCPD handled over 193 incidents and opened 28 new cases this past week. The following press release was issued regarding a sexual assault related arrest:

On September 29, 2016 at about 2:50 pm, Baker City Police Detective Jay Lohner arrested 69 year old David Hayes (01/20/47), of 1310 C Street in Baker City, for multiple sexual assault related charges to include:

2 counts of Rape 1; 2 counts of Sodomy 1; 2 counts of Sex Abuse 1; 2 counts of Unlawful Sexual Penetration 1

The arrest occurred at the Baker City Police Department, 1768 Auburn Avenue. The victim was a child under the age of 12 years at the time of the assaults, which occurred 6+ years ago in Baker City and Baker County. For more information contact: D.A. Matt Shirtcliff at (541) 523-8205

- ✪ Officer Rand Weaver and Officer Jared Wood received a rather strange call Tuesday night, and with the assistance of the Fire Department, helped to free a young fawn that was trapped in the deck railing of the home of a local residence. The little guy ran off and appeared to be doing awesome. Great job to everyone involved!
- ✪ 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 3 pending cases
- Issued 6 citations for non-compliance
- Started 1 new case

Animal violations and complaints

- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- Followed up on 4 animal complaints
- Issued 1 citation for Dangerous Dog violation
- 1 Dangerous dog hearing

Parking

- Issued 6 parking citations
- Followed up with 4 violations

- Orange tagged 3 abandoned vehicles

Weeds

- Followed up on 3 weed violations
- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance

Development Code Violations

- Followed up with 2 fence violations
- Followed up with a livestock complaint

Found Item

- 1 found bicycle

Building

- Followed up with 1 unsafe building violation



Public Works-Parks & Recreation

The Baker City Public Arts Commission, in cooperation with the Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Parks Department, facilitated the installation of an interactive art piece in Central Park this week. The piece is the first to be installed as part of the " Art on Loan" program being developed by the Commission. The piece is expected to be in place for approximately one year. Thank you to artist Don Herman for his generous contribution to arts in our community!



Public Works-Building Maintenance



The roofing project on the cemetery office roof is nearly complete. Here Glen is tacking down the final few shingles to tie in the new roof with the existing portion that was not removed. Next the crews will install some new siding under the gable to replace the old siding that was rotten and had to be removed.

A masonry contractor out of Kuna, ID was in town this week to repoint some of the tuff stone in the foundation of City Hall.

Over the years, the mortar joints between the stones had degraded to the point where much of the exposed mortar was missing. The mason was able to repoint the joints and restore the structural integrity of the foundation without disturbing any of the historic stones.

Under this contract, the mason treated about 1/4 of the foundation stones that are in need of attention. Additional work is planned in future years as funds become available.



Before



After



Public Works-Mountain Pipeline

Crews continue to make excellent progress on the Mountain Line replacement. Here Jake F. helps guide a new section of 20" pipe into place while Justin operates the excavator.



Approximately 3000 lineal feet of pipe has been installed so far this year, and staff expects to complete another 700-800 feet before shutting down construction for the winter.

Public Works-Water & Watershed

Jake J. gave local residents a tour of the UV Treatment Facility and provided an overview of the collection and treatment process that Baker City uses to provide safe and reliable drinking water to its residents. Here Jake is shown discussing the plant's control features and SCADA system which provides continuous, automated monitoring of all of the facility's critical operations.



Karl and Scott worked with Steve to expose and measure the depth of underground utilities on "G" Street. This work was done so that the grade and alignment of the new waterline could be successfully designed before construction.



Jake installed new Watershed signage at strategic locations along Watershed boundary road access areas prior to the start of rifle deer season.





Public Works-Wastewater

Several homeowner laterals were inspected this week at the request of a local drain cleaner. The drain cleaner is charged for the inspection work.

Keith inspects the line while Rick runs the camera down the line.

A "cutter head" was encountered inside the 4" service line. The cutter head had broken off the head of the cleaning cable and will have to be removed from the line before it causes a blockage problem.



Public Works-Streets



Karl and Scott formed and poured a short section of concrete curb on Madison Street. The existing curb had settled and was removed during a lateral repair project last week.

Public Works-Airport

Steve "Tiny" has been maintaining the lighting system at the airport for the last 15+ years.



He will be retiring at the end of October. Here, "Tiny" is departing some of his knowledge to Dennis, who will now be performing maintenance of runway lighting.

Here one of the P.A.P.I. (Precision Approach Path Indicator) lights is out. P.A.P.I. lights are important to pilots because the color of the light helps indicate that an approaching plane is coming into land at the right trajectory (glide slope) for a safe landing.



When a red light is visible, it signifies that the plane is approaching too low. When a white light is visible the plane is approaching the runway at a little steeper angle.





Public Works-Shop



The two way radio on the water truck was repaired and the installation of a new AM/FM radio with speakers was completed.

Wes and Scott went up to the new water pipeline installation and repaired the cat dozer by fixing the fuel system, adjusting the alternator and fan belts, changing air filters and charging the batteries.



Wes and Scott replaced the alternator and charged the battery and the Police Department's Tahoe is back in service.

Baker City Partners for PAWS

Dog
Park!



October 20th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Fetch your friends and join us for an informational meeting to learn about a potential **Dog Park** in Baker City.

Presented by: Baker City Partners for PAWS @ City Hall Council Chambers



What is a dog park?

Wikipedia definition:
"A dog park is a park for dogs to exercise and play off leash in a controlled environment under the supervision of their owners."

Why dog parks are good for the community:

- A dog park creates a community center of activity where friends and neighbors gather.
- Dogs that are highly socialized & exercised are happier, healthier, and less aggressive in behavior.
- Dog parks encourage people to exercise & stimulate social interaction with others.

Partners for PAWS

Community Volunteers
Baker City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Baker City Parks Department

For more information, contact Gail: gduman@live.com

