

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update November 10, 2016

Administration:

The City Council received a report on Lieutenant Dustin Newman's recent trip to the FBI training facility. Lieutenant Newman was selected to be a participant in an intensive 10 week program with the FBI instructors and police officers from around the country. He briefed the Council on the various classes he attended and shared some of the insights and information which he learned and believes he can incorporate into his job duties as a Baker City Police officer. He is the first Baker City Police officer to attend this prestigious program. Congratulations to Lieutenant Newman for his hard work.

Veterans Day is Friday November 11th. Please join me and all City employees in thanking our Veterans and their families for the sacrifices that they give to all of us each day. Have a great weekend.

City Council

November 22th Agenda Items:

- Election Certification
- HDDRC Term Extension
- Ordinance Adopting Code for Dangerous Buildings



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Nine customers signed up for new water/sewer service and fifteen customers disconnected service from November 4th thru November 10th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed November 9th. This zone includes 461 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 95 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 89 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 51 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Thirty-six residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission held a public hearing and work session at 7:00 p.m. on November 9th to discuss the following:
 - ◆ Continuation of a Hearing from October 19, 2016: 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.
 - ◆ Work Session: Updates to the Baker City Development Code, namely revisions to Chapter 3.5 - *Signs* and Chapter 4.3.130 - *Preliminary Plat Requirements*, as well as the development of exactions criteria for public developments within city limits.

Land Use Decisions

- ◆ An application for a Conditional Use Permit for an oversized accessory structure was submitted for 403 2nd Street in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone. The application will go before the Planning Commission on December 14, 2016. Staff conducted a site visit this week.
- ◆ An application for a Temporary Use Permit was submitted for 2715 Myrtle Street in the Medium-Density (R-MD) Zone.

Building Department

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	7	0	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	1	1
Electrical	10	4	13	3
Mechanical	8	5	2	3
Plumbing	1	2	4	4
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	22	18	20	20

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1555 Balm St., Baker City—
Detached accessory structure

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2035 Main St., Baker City—
Commercial re-roof

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department office.



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 **October 9th—October 15th**, the Fire Department responded to a total of

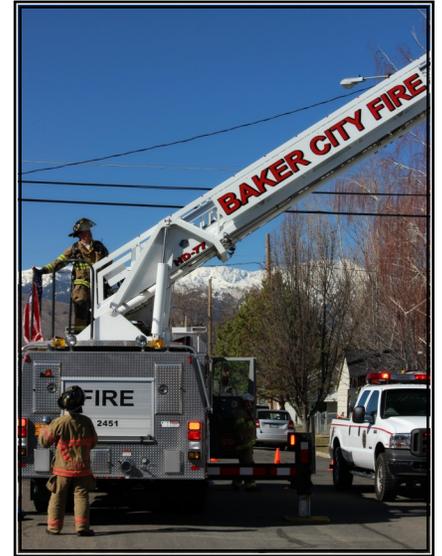
23 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	18
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	17
No Patient Trip	5
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	22

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	1
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	1



Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	6
Triple Calls	0

◆ Fire— Lund/False Alarm

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

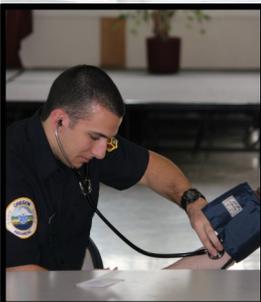
This week the BCFD completed **133** hours of in-house training. Fire – Fire behavior, farm machinery rescue, fire extinguishers.

STATION MAINTENANCE

27 hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections
- ◆ Fire extinguisher presentation for Public Works



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on November 15th.



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POLICE **DEPARTMENT**

- ✪ In a particularly busy week, BCPD opened 39 new cases this past week. One arrest, following a high-speed chase into the foothills near Medical Springs, led to the arrest of Robert Troy Flores who is charged with Attempting to Elude, Reckless Driving and Escape in the third degree. The Baker City Police Department was assisted by the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Union County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management during the pursuit and eventual apprehension of Flores.
- ✪ In another case, police responded to multiple reports of what sounded like gunshots in the area of Fifth and Baker streets that turned out to be middle-school-age juveniles setting off dry ice bombs. This case remains under investigation and while no one was thankfully hurt during this incident, it did scare several residents in the area.
- ✪ The BCPD continues to collect non-perishable food to be distributed to needy families in our community. If you'd like to contribute, please bring your donation of non-perishable items to the lobby of the Police Department Monday thru Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm, closed during the lunch hour. Many thanks to those in the community who have already donated.
- ✪ 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 4 pending cases
- Closed out 2 cases (properties in compliance)
- Followed up on 3 leaf complaints

Found Item

- 1 found item
- 1 found item returned to owner

Animal violations and complaints

- 2 dogs at large impounded
- 1 dog at large returned to owner
- Followed up on 1 animal complaint
- Followed up on 1 dangerous dog case

Development Code

- Followed up on 1 TUP violation complaint
- Followed up on 1 fence complaint

Kennel Permits

- Followed up with 2 kennel permit applications

Parking

- Followed up with 7 violations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 3 parking citations



Public Works: Street



Matt continues to sweep leaves and other debris from city streets this week using the Elgin mechanical sweeper. In this photo he has just dumped a load from the "hopper" into a dump truck he parked on Indiana Avenue, which is in the neighborhood where he was currently sweeping.

Blain, Keith and Scott detoured traffic at the intersection of 17th and Auburn and placed shoulder rock along the asphalt widened curve.

Blain is operating the Cat grader while Scott drives the dump truck loaded with gravel.



Public Works: Stormwater



Crews continue to clean catch basins throughout town this week. Cleaning sediment and other debris from catch basins keeps the runoff water clean, keeps drain lines clear and greatly reduces plugging of pipes.

Jake loosened sediment and debris from the bottom and insides of the catch basin while Karl operated the suction tube (operates like a huge vacuum cleaner) to remove the debris.



Public Works-Wastewater

There were several wastewater problems in town this week. In each case, workers responded and determined that the city maintained collection lines were not the cause.



Keith and Tom responded to one such problem on South Bridge where the sewer line from the house was plugged. They worked with the property owner and drain cleaning professional by using a small push-cam to inspect the lateral and later by video-inspecting the lateral connection at its connection into the main line.



Here you can see the lateral pipe is clear at its connection into the main line. The blockage was determined to be located in the lateral between the house and the city maintained line. The owner plans to excavate and repair the lateral very soon.

Public Works-Watershed



Work on the new 20" pipeline installation project continued at a quick pace this week. Craig drove a flatbed truck and gooseneck trailer to Oldcastle in Nampa, Idaho, this week to pick up some of the last parts needed to complete this year's portion of the pipeline replacement project.



Public Works-Watershed Cont.



Justin, Blain and Scott loaded the remaining pieces of pipe onto the "log bunk" trailer for transportation to the waterline project.

Blain is operating the Cat grader and towing the trailer with the pipe.

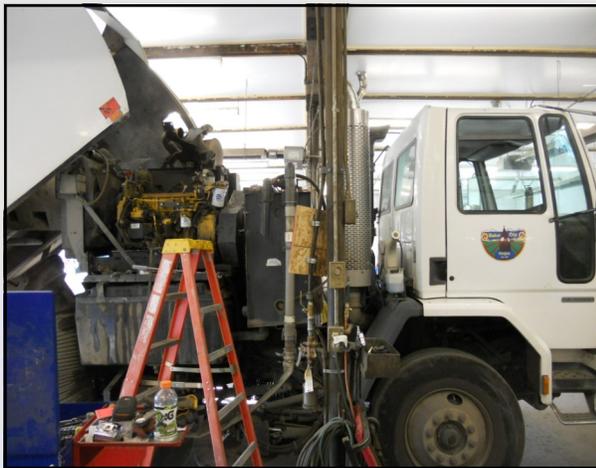
Justin, Blain and Scott are shown here wrestling with a heavy piece of 20" pipe to maneuver it into position. This is the last angle point fitting needing to be installed before reaching the confluence with Big Mill Creek.



Blain continues to backfill the pipeline trench while Justin and Doug discuss logistics on how to complete the next remaining tasks before winter weather puts an end to this year's work.



Public Works-Shop



The upper engine failed on the sweeper. After pulling it apart we found it had dropped a valve. This will require installing a remanufactured head and turbo to get it back up and running for a couple of more months. Repairs should be completed by the end of next week.



Cutting edges were recently changed on the grader so Blain could grade some dirt roads in town.



A bad wheel bearing and replacement of the drums and bearings brought this Public Works vehicle into the shop. This will be back in service on Thursday.