

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update November 18, 2016

### Administration:

I am pleased to announce that Tom Wills has accepted the interim Fire Chief position. Tom comes to us from Anaheim California and has over 35 years in the Fire/EMS work. He retired in 2015 as an Administrative Captain. He visited Baker City this week and was impressed with both the City and the Fire Department and staff. Tom is scheduled to start his position on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Community Development held a couple of meetings this week with downtown restaurants to talk about the Sidewalk Café ordinance. The consensus of the group was that sidewalk cafes add to the vitality of the downtown core but that pedestrian access was of utmost importance. The talks will continue over the winter and hopefully we can come to consensus on any changes which meet the goals of our downtown businesses, visitors and local citizens.

Last night's "Third Thursday Downtown" seemed to be a huge success. There were lots of people roaming the streets shopping, listening to music and having a good time, in spite of the cold weather. Kudos to the event organizers and be sure to watch for other events in the downtown area.

It looks like next week could bring some much needed snow to the area. The City will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving weekend. Have a great weekend.

### City Council November 22th Agenda Items:

- Update from Justice Court
- HDDRC Term Extension
- Crusher Bucket Purchase



### Finance:

#### Finance Director

As of November 9<sup>th</sup> the City has received current year property taxes of \$618,465 and prior year taxes of \$45,821.

#### Utilities

- ◆ 9 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 14 customers disconnected service from November 11<sup>th</sup> thru November 18<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed the 16<sup>th</sup> which includes 484 residential and 57 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 88 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 2 will be billed today and it includes 457 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 79 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twenty-seven residential customers (Zones 1 and Zone 6) 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.

#### Payroll

Draw checks were issued November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Accounts Receivable	
Property & Weed Abatement	\$2,818
Cemetery	\$1,502
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fees	\$8,480
Lien Searches	\$2,738
Ambulance	\$204,385
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$10,258
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$1,569
Street Patching & Miscellaneous	\$5,952
Water Meters	\$852
Economic Development Support	\$5,266
Rent	\$2,825
Miscellaneous	\$77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$246,722</b>



## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

- ◆ The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and work session at 7:00 p.m. on December 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the following:
  - ◆ A Conditional Use Permit CUP-16-106, for a ±30' x ±60' accessory shop at 403 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. This property is located within the Residential High-Density (R-HD) 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.

### **Land Use Decisions**

- ◆ A partition application (PP-16-091) has been approved for the partition of an existing property into two parcels. The property is located at 3510 Cedar Street, within the Residential Low-Density (R-LD) Zone. The 14-day appeal period ends on November 28<sup>th</sup>.



## **Building Department**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	0	4	0	10
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	0	0
Electrical	4	3	1	5
Mechanical	4	3	5	8
Plumbing	1	2	0	4
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- No new structural projects permitted this week.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- No new structural projects permitted this week.

**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 30th—November 5th**, the Fire Department responded to a total of

**32** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

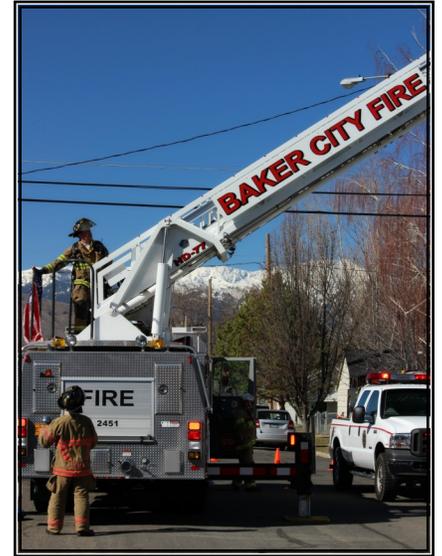
City Calls	21
Rural Calls	8
Patient Transported	23
No Patient Trip	6

**TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 29**

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3

**TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3**



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	2
Triple Calls	0

- ◆ Fire—Carbon Monoxide Alarm/Auburn
- ◆ Fire—Carbon Monoxide Alarm/Park
- ◆ Fire—Burn Complaint/J Street

## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed **56** hours of in-house training.

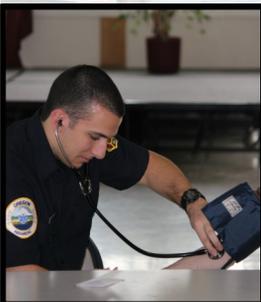
- EMS—Pediatrics

## STATION MAINTENANCE

**37** hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ◆ BP checks at the senior center
- ◆ Company inspections



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 22nd.



*"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 170 incidents and opened 35 new cases this past week.
  - 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.
- ★ Chief Lohner completed updates to the department’s policy manual. These were standardized updates from Lexipol, who we contract with for policy development.
- ★ BCPD personnel completed the annual hearing test, which is mandated by OSHA.
- ★ 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
- Closed out 1 case (property in compliance)
- Followed up on 3 tree violations

### **Animal violations and complaints**

- 3 dogs at large impounded
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- Followed up on animal complaint

### **Parking**

- Followed up with 3 violations
- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle
- Issued 1 parking citation

### **Found Item**

- 1 found bicycle

### **Development Code**

- Followed up on 1 TUP violation

### **Dangerous dog**

- Followed up with 1 pending case

### **Driving violation**

- Issued 1 citation for driving while suspended



### Public Works: Christmas Decorations



It's that time of year again, and Public Works is planning on hanging Christmas decorations around town next week. Craig works to replace burned out bulbs on the snowflakes so they are ready to be displayed.

### Public Works: City Hall

This week Glen installed a snow break along the west side of the City Hall roof. This area has had issues in the past with ice sheets forming and falling from the ledge, and the snow break will help to protect the HVAC equipment, parked vehicles, and pedestrians from the hazards of falling ice.



### Public Works: Streets



Crews continued to clean catch basins this week to make sure they are ready to handle the wet weather. Keith is preparing to induct a catch basin at the intersection of Court and Balm Streets.



### Public Works: Streets Continued



Keith and Jake F. removed a small piece of sidewalk and excavated a hole in order to reinstall a parking sign which was damaged last week.

Keith is using the compressor and jackhammer to break up the concrete slab and new concrete was poured the same day.

Matt continued to sweep leaves from city streets this week.

He was able to sweep over 100 blocks on Thursday compared to a mere 20 blocks earlier in the month when the leaves were falling like snowflakes.

### Public Works: Parks Department



The Baker City Parks Department owes a huge THANK YOU to MARK BOGART!

Mark volunteers to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and is an active member of the Baker City Lion's Club. He has taken on several projects on his own this year to make improvements in Geiser Pollman Park. This summer he scraped and resealed the wood on the Lion's picnic shelter in the park. Most recently he painted the oldest playground equipment in the park giving it new life and color scheme to match the newer equipment. Mark is a great example of community spirit!





## Public Works-Wastewater

A sewer mainline replacement project is scheduled later this month for the alley line located north of Nevada between 4<sup>th</sup> and David Eccles. This pipe will be replaced with a new 8” HDPE pipe using a trenchless method called “pipe bursting”. Crews worked this week to prepare the project for the pipe bursting crews.



Justin is shown excavating around a manhole on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. This manhole had to be removed so that the pipe bursting head could pass through the full length of the pipe that is scheduled to be replaced.

Blain and Jake work to cut the pipe just outside the manhole. Once the pipe was cut, the manhole was lifted out of the way and a PVC patch was installed on the pipe.



Crews used the push-cam this week to inspect two wastewater service laterals. One on Grandview was determined to be Orangeburg pipe and found to be in deplorable condition. The other line was on Campbell Street.

Keith and Jake use the push-cam to inspect a lateral on Campbell Street. The line was found to have grade problems and considerable grease build-up inside the 4" line.



## Public Works—Mountain Pipeline Replacement

All of the pipeline scheduled for replacement this year has been completed and crews are now working to button up a few loose ends at the Big Mill diversion. This photo shows a section of culvert pipe being moved into position at Big Mill Creek.



A precast "transition vault" was constructed Wednesday to connect the new 24" P.V.C. line into the old 14" I.D. concrete line. Pictured to the left, Karl and Keith are placing the fresh concrete inside the squash pipe base. The vault will be installed Friday morning.



The view looking directly down into the new manhole vault.

The new 20" P.V.C. line was filled with 106,000 gallons of water and flushed to rinse out any dirt and other debris.



### Public Works-Cemetery



After a short delay waiting for materials, Glen was able to complete the siding on the gable end of the cemetery office this week. When the building was re-roofed earlier this fall, this section of siding was found to be rotten and had to be removed. This completes the scheduled work on the cemetery office building and the building is now water-tight and ready for winter weather.

### Public Works-Lagoon

A wall mount heater inside the pump house at the Wastewater Treatment facility quit working. It is an important heater because it keeps temperatures inside the pump house at a constant temperature. The pumps located in this facility are responsible for pumping all the wastewater from Baker City into the Lagoon Treatment System.



The photo to the left shows the wastewater from town flowing through the Parshall Flume where it is measured and recorded for reporting to Oregon D.E.Q.



# Public Works-Shop



The police radar trailer was recently hit. Scott replaced a light and straightened out some brackets.

Wes brought the pump back from the Watershed to defrost the engine which had been frozen solid. It was inspected and put back to work.



The Elgin sweeper blew a hydraulic hose but we were able to replace it and get it back sweeping.

After a high speed pursuit this police vehicle was checked over and found it needed both front tie rods replaced and an alignment. It is now back in service.



Work continues on the Schwarze sweeper. Wes and Scott are putting the engine back together.