

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 9, 2016

Administration:

The City lost one of its valuable employees this week. Glen Honsvick, facility specialist, passed away suddenly on Tuesday night. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be missed by all.

The annual Christmas parade was a huge success. There were a record number of entries and they were all of great quality. It was also the biggest crowd for a Christmas parade that anyone can recall. The Christmas tree lighting was a huge success and a big thank you to all that helped make this a great event.

The City Council will be having their last meeting of the year next Tuesday. This will be Mayor Mosier and Councilor Langrell's last meeting. We should all take time to thank them for their service and countless hours spent making Baker City a wonderful place to live.

Saturday night is the annual K-9 fundraiser. There will be a Prime Rib dinner and auction to raise funds for "Capa". Get your tickets at businesses downtown. Have a great weekend.

City Council

December 13th Agenda Items:

- EPA Community Assessment Grant Application
- Election Certification
- EDC Agreement
- 2017 Goal Setting & Orientation Discussion
- Outgoing Council Presentation



Finance:

Finance Director

As of December 1st, the City had received current year property taxes of \$2,600,164 and prior year taxes of \$53,648.

Utilities

Seven customers signed up for new water/sewer service and six customers disconnected service from December 2nd thru December 8th. This includes all service changes.

Zone 1 was billed December 8th which included 89 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 52 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.

Zone 1 was billed today which included 457 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 98 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.

This week, 27 residential customers (Zone 8 and Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) 4 of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and work session at 7:00 p.m. on December 14th to discuss the following:
 - ◆ A Conditional Use Permit CUP-16-106, for a ±30’ x ±60’ accessory shop at 403 2nd 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 the development of exactions criteria.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A Land Use Review application (LUR-16-111) has been approved for a ±2,363 square foot home and a ±576 square foot attached garage at 895 Scenic Vista Lane. The property is located in the Residential – Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
- ◆ An appeal of a partition at 3510 Cedar Street was filed.
- ◆ A Land Use Review was submitted for a patio cover at 1625 Hughes Lane.
- ◆ Planning staff members participated in a day-long training for Measures for Flood Risk Management and a two-day training on Oregon Land Use Law issues.

Public Works: Snow Removal



Ready for snow? Assistance may be available to those who are elderly or physically disabled and unable to remove snow that has accumulated at driveway approaches from City snow plows. To receive this snow removal assistance, you must apply for a snow stake in the Public Works Department at City Hall.

Once priority streets have been plowed by crews, driveways of those that have received City-issued snow stakes will be addressed as time allows.

Do you already have a snow stake? If so, it is necessary that you renew your snow stake request each year.

Please call (541) 524-2047 or stop by City Hall.

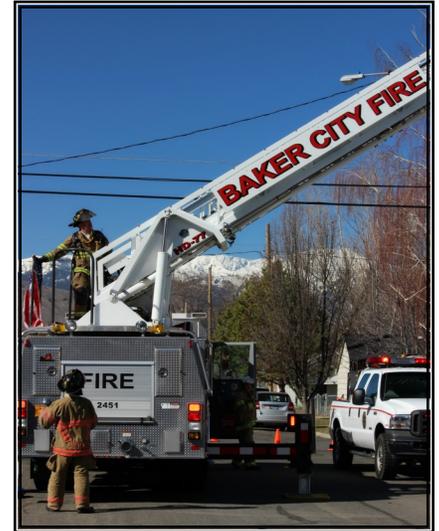




The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to protect the community through quality preparation and excellent service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of November 20th to November 26th the Fire Department responded to a total of **34** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	14

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 30

Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4
Simultaneous Calls	2
Triple Calls	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

This week the BCFD completed 0 hours of in-house training

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	4

- ◆ Fire—D St.—Chimney Fire
- ◆ Fire— I-84—Vehicle Fire
- ◆ Fire—Eldon St.—Faulty Detector
- ◆ Fire—Sunridge Ln.—System Malfunction

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Incidents Covered	11
Personnel Arrived for Cover	13
Incidents Not Covered	3

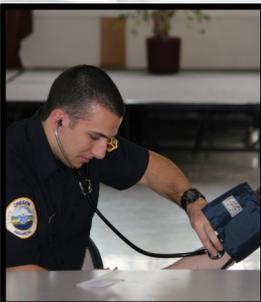
STATION MAINTENANCE

33 hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance including:

- Extrication equipment maintenance.
- Mounting snow tires on ambulance.

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 December 13th.



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POLICE **DEPARTMENT**

- ★ BCPD handled over 180 incidents and opened 20 new cases this past week.
 - Nine of the cases resulted in arrests and 4 of those arrests were for Probation Violation Detainers.
- ★ BCPD implemented new policy changes to help protect officers from potential exposures to fentanyl, which is an opioid drug that is 100 times more powerful than heroin. Across the country law enforcement personnel are suffering life threatening injuries from fentanyl exposure.
- ★ BCPD personnel assisted two very dedicated volunteers with final preparations for the K9 fundraiser.
- ★ BCPD supervisory staff received a detailed orientation, regarding our new body camera system. Our sergeants will be training officers and deploying the cameras this weekend.
- ★ 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 violations
- Abated 1 nuisance property per court order

Animal violations and complaints

- 1 horse at large returned to owner
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- Multiple verbal warnings for dogs at large
- Followed up with 1 dangerous dog case
- Issued 1 citation for no kennel permit
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large and no dog license.

Parking

- Followed up with 8 violations
- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle
- Issued 1 parking citation

Safe Keeping

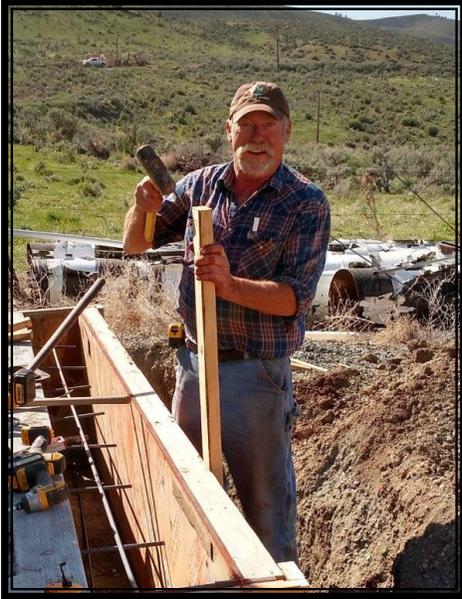
- 1 bicycle

Development Code

- Followed up on 1 fence complaint



Public Works: Glen Honsvick



It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of one of our co-workers here at the Public Works Department. Glen passed away Tuesday evening. He was multi-talented, had a positive and professional attitude and will be greatly missed.

The Christmas tree shown beautifully at the tree lighting ceremony. Glen did quite a lot of the tree decorating and decoration installation the past two weeks.



Glen was also very instrumental in helping to build the City's float this year. We couldn't have done it without him.



Public Works: Water



A developer and contractor are currently developing a building lot on Scenic Vista Road. During some of the excavation a privately owned active water line was encountered.

Information concerning the location of the line had been lost over time. Public Works assisted the owner of the line, the developer and the contractor by using the Vi-Vax Locator and Duct Hunter unit to trace the exact location of the line so that it could be successfully reconnected and water service reinstated to the affected house.

Jake did some water inflow adjustments this week to meet customer needs. Here is a picture of the Goodrich Diversion early in the day on Thursday. At this time there was around 7" of snow. There is considerably more snow there by now.



Public Works: Street



A view looking down Lund Lane Thursday.

Winter won't officially arrive for almost another two weeks but on Thursday a steady snowfall fell in Baker City.

Crews worked to salt and sand streets and also prepared snow plowing equipment for use in the very near future.



The zipper unit that is regularly used to pulverize asphalt was removed and the snow bucket was attached to the Case Loader for loading berms.



Public Works: Wastewater

Crews worked on several wastewater projects this week. A new replacement lateral was installed for a resident on 3rd Street Monday. The old terra cotta line was successfully replaced with new 4" plastic PVC pipe.



Justin, Scott and Jake F. use the Vactor truck and backhoe to excavate and install the new pipe.

Once the line was installed, the excavated material was placed back in the trench and compacted. The street surface will be patched when hot asphalt is available in the spring of 2017.



A church on Washington Street has been having sewer lateral problems recently. Public Works has been working with a representative from the church to determine how to resolve the problem.

The Vactor truck was used to hydro-excavate vertically to a depth of 7 feet to measure the elevation of the City main line in the street.

The 7 foot hole was filled in immediately after measurements were taken to eliminate the hazard.



Public Works: Shop



The air tanks were cleaned and alcohol was added to help cope with the cold weather. The snow bucket was also mounted this week for snow removal.



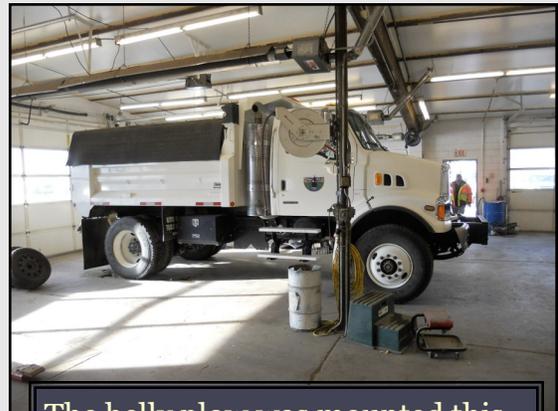
The air system was cleaned out, alcohol added and a new windshield wiper was installed.



The grader received a new beacon light and the hydraulic wing was mounted for snow removal.



This Public Works vehicle was serviced and is now back on the road.



The belly plow was mounted this week to help with snow removal.



CITY OF BAKER CITY, OREGON

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Baker City announces that it is seeking volunteers for the following boards:

Airport Commission: (one partial-term vacancy)

The Airport Commission has the power and duty to advise the City Manager regarding the management, care and control of the Municipal Airport; to recommend rules and regulations; and to recommend expenditures for the Airport. The meetings take place on an as needed basis. Although this Commission has four-year terms this partial term ends January 2019.

City Planning Commission: (one partial-term vacancy)

The Planning Commission is a decision-making body that has the legal authority to make decisions on requests for land use and development. The Planning Commission also makes recommendations to City Council for zoning and code amendments, and any other matter relating to the planning and development of the city and surrounding area. Although this Commission has four-year terms this partial term ends January 2020.

Tree Board: (one partial-term vacancy)

It is the duty of the Tree Board to study, review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the urban forestry program. The urban forest consists of vegetation within public parks and land as well as within the public right-of-way area. This board consists of seven members with three-year terms. This partial term will end July 2017.

Golf Board: (three full vacancies, one partial term vacancy)

The Golf Board was created to promote the Quail Ridge Golf Course owned by the City, which is considered one of the most important assets of our community. This board consists of five members, three-year terms. One of these terms will expire November 2017; the other three will be November 2019.

Budget Board: (three vacancies)

The Budget Board works with the City Council to review and set the budget for the City. The board typically meets once in January and typically three days the third week in May. This board consists of seven members and three-year terms.

Historic District Design Review Commission: (three vacancies)

The Historic District Design Review Commission was created to promote the community participation in reviewing and approving applications submitted by the property owners wanting to alter structures within the Historic District. This Commission consists of seven members, three-year terms.

Public Works Advisory Committee: (three vacancies)

The Public Works Advisory Committee was established to promote the community participation in advising the City Council regarding matters in the public works area, including, but not limited to, street construction and maintenance, and water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer line construction and maintenance. This board consists of seven members, three-year terms.

Anyone interested in volunteering for appointment to any of the Boards may contact Julie Smith at City Hall, 524-2033 or juliesmith@bakercity.com. The volunteer application form is also available on the City's web site, www.bakercity.com.

Baker City operates under an equal opportunity policy and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Citizens are encouraged to apply, especially women, minorities, and the disabled. For ADA assistance, please call 523-6541.