

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update December 30, 2016

City Council

January 10th Agenda Items:

- Oath of Office
- Goal Session Setting
- Board Appointments
- Anthony Silvers Street Tree Program Resolution

Administration:

As the year 2016 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the City Councilors, staff and citizens for their help this past year. This time of year we have a chance to reflect on what has happened the last year, and more importantly, look to the future to find ways to improve. My goals for 2017 revolve around continuing to enhance customer service, use common sense in dealing with difficult situations, and continue to build relationships with our business community.

The New Year promises to be interesting. We will have a new President and an agenda to be determined. The State Legislature will be faced with a nearly two billion dollar deficit and no good plan to deal with it. Though Baker City is covered with a record amount of snow, we are open for business and looking forward to spring.

Be sure to bundle up and take extra time to get where you are going this holiday weekend. Be safe and have a great New Year's holiday.

Human Resources:

Are you or someone you know interested in working for the City? Now you can sign up for email notification when the City advertises jobs to the public. Please visit <http://www.bakercity.com/2241/Employment> and click on the "Job Interest Card" tab on the left hand side. Feel free to select as many job interests as you would like to be notified for. When you no longer wish to receive notification, please email humanresources@bakercity.com.



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 2 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 3 customers disconnected service from December 23rd thru December 29th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed December 28th which included 709 residential and 58 commercial accounts. Of those accounts, 173 or 23% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ During the time period of December 23rd thru December 29th, 18 residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

Seventy-eight employees were paid today including thirteen paid "volunteer firefighters", the dangerous dog hearings officer, and one temporary employee for the Building Department. Of those 78 employees, 73 or 94% are signed up for direct deposit.



Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission will meet on January 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm to hold a hearing on an appeal. A partition, case no. PP-16-091, was approved by the Planning Department on November 14, 2016. The appeal was filed contesting the property boundary line displayed on the preliminary plat map submitted by the applicant. Notice of the hearing was sent to property owners within 100 ft. of the property boundary.

- ◆ The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on February 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm on proposed changes to the Baker City Development Code. The Planning Department will host an open house on January 25, 2017 from 4:00-6:00 pm to answer questions and discuss concerns or proposed changes to the Development Code prior to the first hearing.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application was approved to recognize an existing lot that is below the current lot size for its zone as a “lot-of-record” at 2637 14th Street.

- ◆ The Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for a ±30’ x ±60’ accessory shop at 403 2nd Street on December 14, 2016. Notice of the Planning Commission’s decision has been sent out to property owners within 100 feet and anyone who participated in the hearing. The appeal period on the decision is open until January 4th, 2017.

Building Department:

| | Permits Issued City | Inspections City | Permits Issued County | Inspections County |
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| Building | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Manufactured Dwelling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Electrical | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Mechanical | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Plumbing | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Fence | 0 | NA | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 |
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RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- No residential permits were issued this week.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- No commercial permits were issued this week.

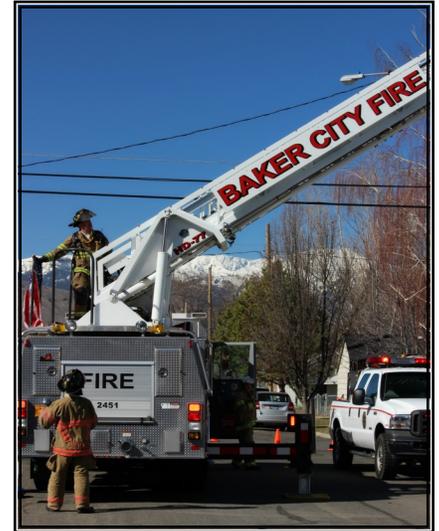
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department office.



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 December 11th to December 17th the Fire Department responded to a total of **23** emergency alarms.



AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

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| City Calls | 15 |
| Rural Calls | 2 |
| Patient Transported | 10 |
| No Patient Trip | 7 |

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| TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES | 17 |
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FIRE REPORTS

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| General Alarms | 1 |
| Dispatched Alarms | 5 |
| TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES | 6 |



- ◆ Fire—Main St. —Electrical Panel Fire
- ◆ Fire—17th St. —Broken Sprinkler Head
- ◆ Fire—8th St. —Flu Fire
- ◆ Fire—Elm St. —CO Detector Activated
- ◆ Fire—Auburn St.— Burn Barrel Complaint



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

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

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| Requests for Cover | 8 |
| Personnel Arrived for Cover | 7 |
| Incidents Not Covered | 2 |

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE

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

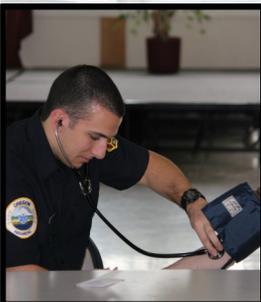
STATION MAINTENANCE

32 hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance including:

- Snow removal around station.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- First Aid training to local Cub Scouts.
- Holiday food baskets delivered to 58 Baker City families.



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on January 3rd.



"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 151 incidents and opened 14 new cases this past week.
 - One of these cases resulted in an arrest of a subject for Violation of a Release Agreement, Burglary I, Harassment, and Menacing when he entered the home of a protected person, remaining unlawfully while threatening the occupants of the home. He is also accused of pushing a door into the foot of one of the occupants.

- ★ With more snowy weather expected in the area, citizens are reminded to park off-street whenever possible to help assist Public Works with snow removal efforts. This will also ensure that your vehicle isn't 'locked' behind a berm of snow and ice.

- ★ BCPD would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year. As we ring in 2017, please remember to celebrate responsibly and if necessary, plan ahead and have a designated driver.

- ★ 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 1 citation for noncompliance

Parking

- Issued 4 parking citations
- Assisted with removal of a parking hazard
- Followed up with 7 parking violations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
- Multiple verbal warnings

Animal Violations

- Followed up with 1 dangerous dog case
- Issued 17 citations for dangerous dog violations
- Issued 3 citations for no dog license
- Issued 2 citations for dog at large

Snow Violations

- Followed up on 3 snow complaints

Driving Violations

- Issued 2 citations for DWS



Public Works: Wastewater



Even with the deep snow, other infrastructure issues must be managed. A wastewater problem was reported Wednesday by a residence near Carter and 4th Streets. Wastewater inspection manholes were located using a metal detector. They were uncovered and the lines were examined. Flow was normal with no blockage in the lines. A professional drain cleaner then worked to solve the problem.

Public Works: Streets

At 2 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, while the crew was plowing the downtown corridor, this steel shaft on the city grader snapped.

The underbelly plow, truck, and the Baker County grader were used to complete the work. Wes has ordered repair parts which should be here by the end of the week.



Crews continue to plow heavy snow from Baker City streets. Pictured left, Blain operates the Baker County grader while Karl, Jake F., and Tom work on 13th Street.

In addition to working on city streets, a crew worked at the airport to remove berms which could cause problems with airplanes. One of Public Works backhoes is currently stationed there for runway work. The Baker County Road Department grader was used there as well this week. The County deserves a "thank-you" for the use of their grader to plow the airport and city streets.



Public Works: Streets Continued

Keeping the streets passable is difficult with the amount of recent snowfall and parked cars. City crews continue to work multiple shifts each day to address community needs.

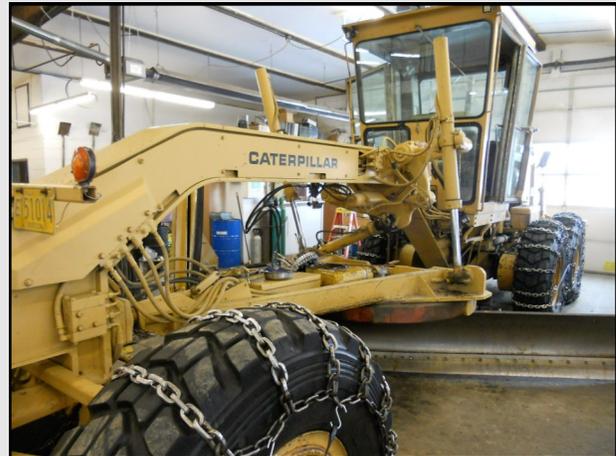


Public Works would like to give a big “thank you” to Don Fink for the donation of his time and equipment in plowing snow on the Leo Adler Memorial pathway last week. Thank you Don!





Public Works: Shop



The center pivot motor shaft and housing broke on the grader this week. A replacement has been ordered and should arrive by Tuesday. Until then the City has rented a new M140 motor grader to help with the plowing.



We are replacing a hydraulic line from the pump to the control valves. It will be back out to the airport today.



We replaced the alternator and performed a maintenance check on the backhoe. It has been cleared and is back in service.



Public Works: Snow Plow Routes

SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2016-2017

