

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update January 20, 2017

Administration:

Once again this week we have seen our fair share of snow. I want to encourage all residents to be sure to use safety precautions when clearing roofs, gutters and removing snow from around your vents. It is recommended that you remove snow and ice from around vents that are ground level as well.

As impressive as the snowfall has been, I am even more impressed with how neighbors and community members are helping one another during these past few weeks—keep up the great work!

For those interested in an opportunity to serve your community, there is still time to apply for the open City Council position. This position will serve until December 2018. The City will be accepting applications through the Office of City Recorder until January 24th at 4:00 p.m. To apply, please visit <http://www.bakercity.com/2168/City-Council> . If you have any questions about the process please contact Julie Smith, City Recorder at juliesmith@bakercity.com or (541) 524-2033.

Be safe and have a great weekend.

City Council

January 24th Agenda Items:

- Oath for Andersen
- Dangerous Dog Ordinance
- School Choice Week Proclamation
- DEQ MAO
- Truancy Ordinance
- Budget Resolution #3781
- Interfund Loan Resolution #3783
- NEOEDD Board Appointment
- City Councilor Appointment to Parks & Rec. Board
- Justice Court Update
- YMCA Contract Update

Finance:

Finance Director

December financial reports will be available on the web at <http://www.bakercity.com/2155/Finance> as of Monday, January 23rd.

As of January 10th the City has received current year property taxes of \$2,860,970 and prior year taxes of \$59,327.

Utilities

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/sewer service and six customers disconnected service from January 13th to January 19th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed today which included 489 residential and 49 commercial accounts. Within that zone, 98 customers (18%) are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed January 18th and included 480 residential and 53 commercial accounts. Within that zone, 89 customers (17%) are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Fourteen residential customers (Zone 2 and Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) two customers were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	3	0	1
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	1	1	3
Mechanical	1	0	0	0
Plumbing	1	0	1	0
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	6	4	2	4

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 February 1, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department office, if needed.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission will meet on February 1st, 2017 at 7:00 pm to hold a public hearing to review proposed changes to the City of Baker City Development Code. Staff sent notices out to ±4,065 property owners within Baker City, and posted a total of ±35 flyers around town. See the flyer on the next page for more information about the Development Code update.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ The Planning Commission held a meeting on January 18th, 2017 regarding an appeal of a partition, City Case No. PP-16-091. The Planning Commission denied the Appeal request, and approved the partition with conditions. Notice of the Planning Commission’s decision will be sent out to property owners within 100 feet and anyone who participated in the hearing.





Planning Department Continued



Baker City Development Code Update

The Baker City Development Code (BCDC) was amended in 2015. During the adoption process, a court decision was released identifying principles that needed to be incorporated into the sign chapter. City Council adopted all of the proposed changes in 2015 except for the sign chapter, and in 2016, the Planning Commission began work to revise the sign chapter. During the Planning Commission's work sessions, other revisions were identified. Some of these revisions are more complex and **may have an impact on landowners**. Other revisions are needed, including inconsistencies and reference corrections, clarifications, clearer organization, and other minor corrections. These types of housekeeping revisions are straightforward and do not materially alter the Code.

Making changes to land use regulations is a Legislative (Type IV) procedure, which is considered initially by the Planning Commission with final decisions made by City Council. A list of revisions was developed during Planning Commission work sessions held in 2016 on January 20th, February 17th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, August 17th, November 9th and December 14th. These changes include:

MINOR EDITS	REVISIONS	ADDITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inconsistencies and reference corrections</i> • <i>Clarifications</i> • <i>Clearer organization of definitions</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Revise Sign Code based on case law principles, as well as to increase readability and ease of use</i> • <i>Modify approval criteria for temporary occupancy of motor homes in residential zones</i> • <i>Clarify language in Lot-of-Record criteria</i> • <i>Clarify and increase size allowances for accessory structures in residential zones</i> • <i>Simplify submission requirements for site plans and preliminary plats</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Add proposed public dedications as part of requirements to submit a preliminary plat</i> • <i>Add requirement that City acceptance of any dedication be indicated on final plat</i> • <i>Add process for determining rough proportionality for development and required public improvements</i>

NEXT STEPS

- Get Input from the Public
- Public Open House on **January 25th, 2017**
- Planning Commission Hearing on **February 1st, 2017**
- Recommendation from Planning Commission
- City Council Hearings

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Request a presentation for your group
- Comment online or in person
- Read details of changes at the Planning Department office or on the website
- Attend the Open House on **January 25th, 2017**

For more information or to comment:

Visit us in person: 1995 3rd Street Baker City, OR 97814

Visit us online: <http://www.bakercity.com/2268/Baker-City-Development-Code-Update>

Email us: planning@bakercity.org

Call us: 541-523-8219



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 January 1st to January 7th the Fire Department responded to a total of

45 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	30
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	29
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 39



Airport Transfers	3
Out of Town Transfers	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	15
Triple Calls	5

STATION MAINTENANCE

22 hours of station, apparatus and equipment maintenance. Additional tasks included: snow removal around station

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	6
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	6



- ◆ Cedar Street—False Alarm
- ◆ Plum Street—Odor of Smoke
- ◆ Dewey Avenue—Flu Fire
- ◆ Structure Fire with BVFPD

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	14
Personnel Arrived for Cover	14
Incidents Not Covered	6



COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Adopt-A-Hydrant Program
- Part-time Firefighter Testing
- Shoveling out hydrants



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 24th.



"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 133 incidents and opened 29 new cases this past week.
 - One case resulted in the arrest of an individual for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle. The subject, found to be in possession of a reportedly stolen rental car out of Washington, had failed to return the car as per the rental agreement.
 - Eight of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants.
- ★ The City of Baker City Hearings Officer, Paula Sawyer, heard testimony regarding a potentially vicious dog. The dog in question, currently being held in impound, was subsequently declared by the Hearings Officer, to be vicious as defined by the Ordinance 90.39, *Dangerous and Vicious Dogs within the City Limits*.
- ★ Chief Lohner prepared an amendment to the *Dangerous and Vicious Dogs within the City Limits* Ordinance and Lieutenant Newman developed a Truancy Ordinance. Both potential additions will be presented at the upcoming City Council meeting scheduled for this Tuesday, January 24th.
- ★ 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

Parking

- Followed up on 11 parking violations
- Orange tagged 1 abandoned vehicle
- Issued 3 parking citations
- Impounded 1 abandoned vehicle

Tree Violations

- Issued 1 citation for failure to comply with the Tree Ordinance

Found Item

- 1 found item returned to owner

Snow

- Followed up on 2 snow complaints

Dangerous and Vicious Dogs

- Followed up on 1 dangerous dog case
- 1 vicious dog hearing



Public Works: Streets and Snow Removal

Crews continue to work plowing city streets, hauling off snow, thawing frozen water meters and lines, replacing broken water meters, repairing water leaks, and cleaning wastewater collection lines while still maintaining the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

Crews plowed streets every day this week. After the heavy snowfall Wednesday night and Thursday morning a 4-person crew plowed the downtown corridor starting at midnight, a second 4-person crew started at 12:30 a.m. and began picking up snow berms and hauling them to dump sites.



All of the snow that has been hauled so far this winter has completely filled the dump sites. Because of the depth of the snow on the adjacent ground the City's loader was not able to clear an area on which the trucks could dump additional snow.

The Baker County Road Department offered the use of their D-7 Caterpillar dozer to clear additional snow dumping areas. Pictured above, Wes is operating the dozer to clear the space.

Thank you again to the Baker County Road Department for the use of their grader to plow snow at the Airport and the use of their dozer to clear snow dump sites. We would also like to thank the Baker County Fair Board and the Ellingson Family for access to their properties on which to dump snow.



The midnight crew plowed downtown streets Thursday morning. This picture shows some of the berms on Broadway Avenue.



The snow continued falling from the sky this week. Visibility was less than optimal on "D" Street.



Public Works: Streets and Snow Removal Continued



On Thursday the plow crew worked to plow the city streets around Baker High School in preparation for approximately 200 children who will be dropped off at the Sports Complex and taken to Anthony Lakes for a Skiing event. Pictured above, Blain is plowing on College Street.

Public Works: Water

The extreme cold temperatures have caused several water meters to freeze recently. Sometimes the meters can be sprayed using hot water to thaw them. However if the meters have undergone a long hard freeze they will break causing water to spray out the cracked plastic bottom.

A resident on 18th Street reported that there was no water supply coming into their house. The water meter was uncovered and the meter tested. It was discovered that the copper service line between the main line in the street and the water meter is frozen. A two man crew is currently working to thaw the ice in the line.



The water meter and service line inside a building on Auburn Avenue froze and broke recently. Very few water meters are located inside buildings.

Jake and Tommy excavated the site to attempt to stop the leak. An old broken water valve was discovered buried 4.5 feet deep under the ground.

We assisted the crew by drilling the top of the valve stem and inserting an "easy out" so that the valve could be successfully turned off. A new water meter and service line will be installed at the proper location this spring when time allows.

Jake is standing at the approximate location where the new water meter will be situated.





Public Works: Wastewater



A wastewater problem was reported to Public Works Saturday. Rick Responded to the call and cleaned the line. The city line in the street was blocked. The line was later video-inspected to determine the cause of the problem. This 8" old terra cotta line was "lined" using the CIPP lining process. However, roots had grown into the "lined" pipe by entering one of the laterals from a house and growing down the lateral until it reached the main line. Once inside the mainline it grew so large that it blocked the flow of wastewater. Keith and Rick had used the video-inspection camera to determine the cause of the blockage on Tuesday.

Public Works: Shop



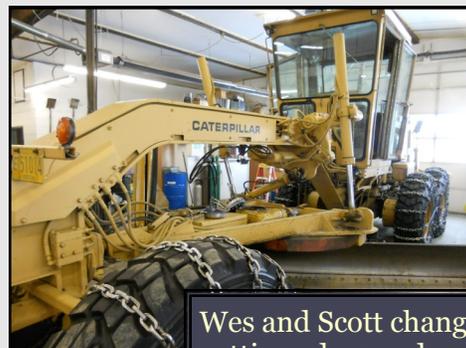
A blown hydraulic filter was replaced on this loader Thursday morning and it is now back in service.



Chains were repaired and one side board was replaced on the dump truck.



This week the gravel truck had two tires replaced and chains repaired.



Wes and Scott changed the cutting edges and repaired the chains and two loose hydraulic lines on the grader. It is now plowing again.



Public Works: Snow Plow Routes

SNOW PLOW ROUTES 2016-2017

