

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update March 24, 2017

Administration:

The Public Works Committee met this week to review the Capital Plans for Public Works for the upcoming fiscal year. The committee asked a number of pertinent questions and gave input on the Plans. The Committee adopted the Capital Plans and moved to send them on to the City Council for their review. The City Council is scheduled to review and potentially adopt at their meeting next Tuesday.

The Baker County Mayors Council met this week in Baker City. They discussed the Solar Eclipse (August 21, 2017) and the different planning efforts, emergency management issues and other details specific to the individual Cities. It appears that these couple of days will present some opportunities and challenges. They also networked with their counterparts on water and wastewater issues.

Spring break is next week for the schools in the area. Get outside and enjoy the start of Spring. Have a great weekend!

City Council

March 28th Agenda Items:

- Public Works Capital Plans
- Discussion on Council Goal Setting Dates
- Sidewalk Grant Application Resolution
- Golf Course Liquor License
- LAMP Resolution



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Zone 7 was billed on the 22nd which included 539 residential and 27 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 119 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today and includes 708 residential and 58 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 174 or 23% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and four customers disconnected service from March 17th thru March 23rd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Six Zone 3 customers were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. One customer's service was turned off until their past due balance was paid.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	1	1	10
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	3	1	6
Mechanical	1	1	1	5
Plumbing	2	6	1	4
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	8	11	4	25

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 105 Foothill Road, Baker City— Demo existing residence

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 1996 Main Street, Baker City— Demo portion of building damaged by snow
- 41298 Chico Road, Baker City— Garage conversion

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

Next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings:

The Planning Commission's next meeting will be held on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

Land Use Decisions & Projects:

- ◆ A single family dwelling and attached garage was approved on Columbia Avenue.
- ◆ A property line adjustment was approved that will eliminate the dividing line between two lots on Columbia Avenue and Highland Drive.
- ◆ An application was submitted for a new storage building to be used in conjunction with an existing cabinetry business at 2710 15th Street. Notice of the proposal was mailed to property owners within 100 feet this week, providing an opportunity to comment.
- ◆ Proposed changes to the Baker City Development Code have been adopted through Ordinance No. 3351. These updates will go into effect on Thursday, March 30th, 2017. Please visit <http://www.bakercity.com/2268/Baker-City-Development-Code-Update> for more information about the Development Code update, and feel free to contact the Planning Department with questions.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 5th to March 11th the Fire Department responded to a total of

53 emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	33
Rural Calls	12
Patient Transported	28
No Patient Trip	17

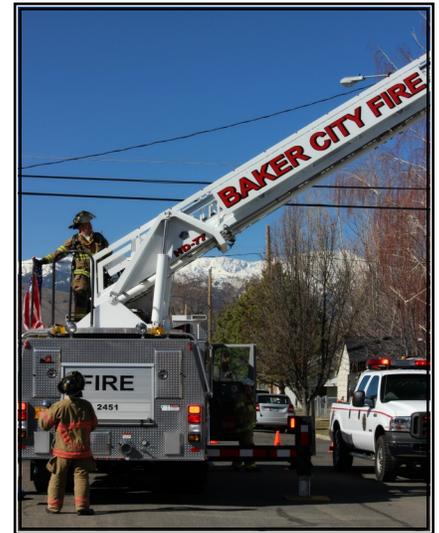
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 45

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

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	8
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	8

- ◆ Midway St.—Overheated Appliance
- ◆ Cedar St.—Grass fire
- ◆ Myrtle St.—Good intent
- ◆ 7th St.—Trash fire
- ◆ Hospital Landing Zone
- ◆ Walnut St.—Odor investigation



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	14
Personnel Arrived for Cover	6
Incidents Not Covered	9

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **45** hours of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- **70** hours of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **9** hours of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **10** hours of Community Events Involvement



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on March 28th.



"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 150 incidents and opened 31 new cases this past week.
 - Nine of these cases resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants and one other resulted in an arrest for probation/parole violations.
 - BCPD served a drug related search warrant at 2175 Clark Street and arrested four people from the residence. Drugs, paraphernalia and firearms were seized.
 - BCPD personnel made another drug related arrest, subsequent to a hit and run investigation.
 - BCPD personnel were tasked with investigating the tragic death of a 14 year old girl.

- ⊛ 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
- Started 1 new case
- Closed out 1 pending case (compliance gained)

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 5 animal related complaints
- 1 dog at large returned to owner
- Followed up on 2 barking complaints

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 4 parking complaints
- Issued 3 parking citations

Miscellaneous

- Followed up with 1 curb violation
- Assisted Officers with 2 search warrants



Public Works: Water Department

Crews in the Water Department began work this week on a project to replace the water meter near the 3 million gallon reservoir at the Water Treatment Plant. The existing meter, which is designed to monitor the amount of water delivered to the distribution system from the reservoir, has failed and needs to be replaced. However, the meter is located in-line with the primary 24” pipeline that serves the entire distribution system. Before the old meter can be removed, crews first have to install a bypass line so that water can be routed around the meter location.



The bypass line is being installed just downstream of the 3 million gallon reservoir where the reservoir’s discharge pipe runs parallel to the “Indiana Line” that was installed as part of the recent UV Treatment Facility project. Pictured left, Karl works to expose the Indiana Line while Justin operates the excavator to uncover the reservoir piping.

Once the mainlines were exposed, crews installed tapping sleeves and valves on each pipe. Justin and Karl work to tighten the numerous bolts on the tapping sleeve to make sure it is water-tight. Each tapping sleeve weighs approximately 200 pounds.



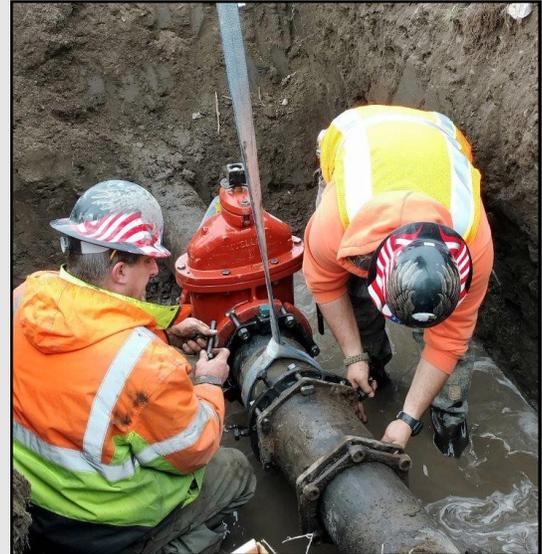
Tapping sleeves and valves are now in place on both mainlines. The lines will be “hot-tapped” next week and then the rest of the bypass piping will be installed, pressure tested, and disinfected before being placed into service.



Public Works: Water Department Continued

A new valve was installed on an existing water line located within an unopened right of way on Clark Street just south of "H" Street.

Blain and Jake F. are bolting together the solid sleeve fitting onto the pipe after installation of the new 8" valve.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

The CIPP Lining crew from Helena, Montana is back in town this week working on Baker City lines.

Pictured below the crew is working on the Tracy Street line. Once the resin infused liner is in place the line is pressurized to approximately 8 P.S.I. and 180 degree steam used to cure the resin. The escaping steam resembles a heavy fog.



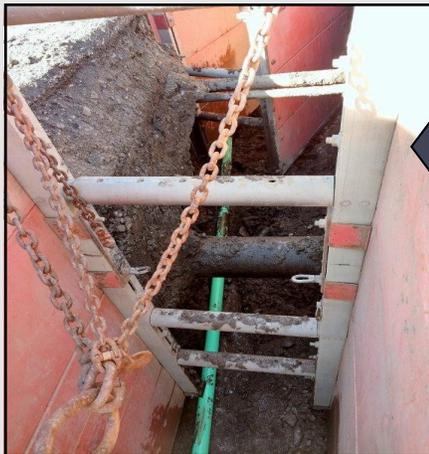


Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A residence on Spring Garden has been having wastewater problems lately. Recently, the owner decided to have the problem resolved. Payment was made at City Hall and work began Thursday. The trench was 9 feet deep and the soil poor for digging. Two sets of trench shoring had to be used to protect workers from cave-ins.

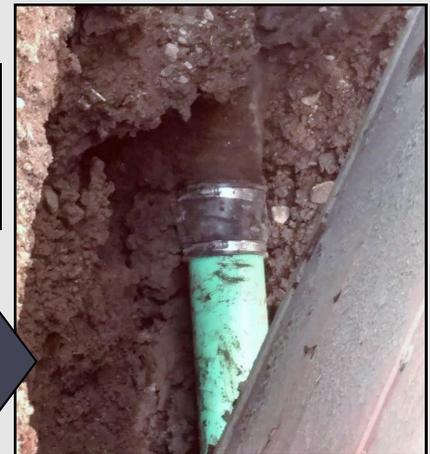


Blain, Tommy and Karl began excavation early in the morning. Blain and Karl continued throughout the day. They used the Vector to remotely excavate some of the material around existing utilities.



The wastewater lateral crosses under both a new water line, an old abandoned water line and an active natural gas line.

That portion of the wastewater lateral lying between the street curb and the house was found to be in good condition.



The new lateral was connected to the cast iron line using a Fernco Coupler. After the new line was installed the VIVAX VCAM was used to inspect the entire lateral from the clean out in the yard to the main line in Spring Garden Avenue.

A local plumber inspected the line and reported the information to the owner. The view on the screen shows where the lateral connects into the 10" concrete mainline in Spring Garden Avenue.



Public Works: Storm Water Department



Heavy rains earlier this week led to some minor flooding. Most of the problems were within a block or two of the intersection of First and "C" Streets.

Here you can see water is flowing up out of a storm water manhole at the intersection of First and "C" Streets.

Water is supposed to be going into catch basins not bubbling out of them as seen in this photo.

Tree roots are a common problem for storm water lines in this area of town. Tree roots catch other debris (plastic bags and other garbage) and can create a dam which inhibits the flow of water down the line.



Tommy and Scott are operating the Jetter truck on 1st Street attempting to dislodge the blockage in the line.

Improvement work on this storm water system is planned for the future.



Public Works: Shop and Street Department



Repair work was done this week on the Jetter truck.

Three leaky water valves were replaced and the broken transmission dip stick was repaired. Now that winter is officially over studded tires are being changed out with non-studded tires.

A shipment of traffic paint arrived Thursday.

Once the weather dries and temperatures raise crosswalk painting will be scheduled.



Announcements:

Baker City citizens and the Baker City Park & Recreation Board are working towards funding a dog park. The City has approved property to use for this purpose near the Sam-O Swim Center.

Any money raised for the dog park will be used to purchase fencing materials and other equipment needed to operate and maintain the park.

A Go Get Funding account has been set up to raise funds.



[https://gogetfunding.com/
baker-city-dog-park/](https://gogetfunding.com/baker-city-dog-park/)



Announcements Continued



CITY OF BAKER CITY TO RECEIVE THE 2017 OREGON URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY AWARD

“Over the last 32 years, the City of Baker City has positively *grown* their urban forestry program. The City has shown that it is dedicated to being a steward of their urban forest, and to the development of a diverse, healthy tree canopy throughout its city limits.”

~Ruth Williams, President, Oregon Community Trees

