

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update June 9, 2017

Administration:

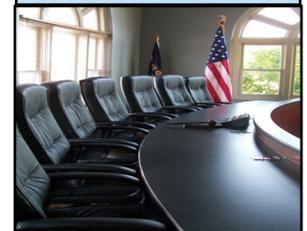
It has been a busy week here at the City. The Council met this week and had a good discussion on fees for service within the City. A town hall meeting to provide information on the Solar Eclipse was held on Wednesday. The discussions were very productive and a lot of great questions were asked by the public. A lot of entities and groups throughout the County are meeting to try to mitigate issues which will arise if the estimated 30,000 to 50,000 people descend on Baker County on the weekend of August 17-21. We will continue to reach out to all citizens over the next couple of months to make sure all are prepared. We will be adding links to our weekly report which will alert folks of places to find information about the eclipse weekend.

It looks to be a typical June weekend. Cool and rainy. Have a great weekend.

City Council

June 13th Agenda Items:

- Ordinance 3354— Public Safety Utility Fee
- 2017-18 Fee Resolution
- Baker City Cycling Classic Parking Resolution



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Eight customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and four customers disconnected service from June 2nd thru June 8th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed on June 6th. This zone includes 87 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 54 or 16% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today. This zone includes 466 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 94 or 19% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twelve residential customers (Zones 1 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) seven were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Receivable: Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent June 9th. The billings were as follows: 

Accounts Receivable	
Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,800
Cemetery	\$4,099
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fees	\$5,112
Lien Searches	\$1,000
Ambulance	\$161,837
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$3,941
Street Patching & Miscellaneous	\$2,360
Economic Development Support	\$2,633
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$5,130
Miscellaneous	\$1,813
Total Billed	\$189,725



Announcements:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	6	5	1	12
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	0	0
Electrical	4	14	8	10
Mechanical	3	2	1	2
Plumbing	2	4	0	2
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	26	10	26

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1995 17th St., Baker City— detached accessory structure
- 3545 Carter St., Baker City— lean-to addition to existing structure
- 1341 7th St., Baker City—new residence
- 2630 Church St., Baker City— interior remodel

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3665 17th St., Baker City—fire suppression system
- 43186 New Bridge Rd., Baker City—detached accessory structure
- 2030 Main St., Baker City— balcony addition

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 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 June 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The Planning Commission will consider two applications:

- ◆ A proposal for the addition of living space to an existing single-family dwelling and an addition to an existing accessory structure. The property is addressed as 1827 7th Street and is located in the Industrial (I) Zone. Notices have been sent to all property owners within 100 feet of the subject property.
- ◆ A request for a variance for a freestanding sign exceeding the area allowance at 175 Campbell Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. Notices have been sent to all property owners within 100 feet of the subject property.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ An application for the re-plat of eight lots into two lots was approved in the 1300 block of Campbell Street in the Commercial-General (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ An application for a temporary use permit for tent camping during the solar eclipse was approved at 920 1/2 H Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- ◆ An application for an accessory structure was approved at 1048 Tamar Street in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 21st to May 27th the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	21
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	15
No Patient Trip	10

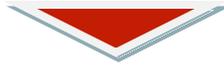
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 25



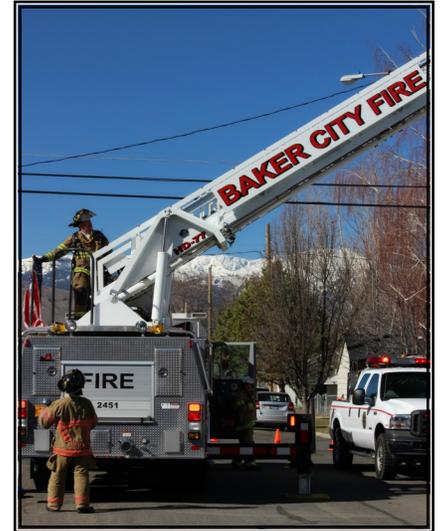
Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	5
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4
TOTAL FIRE	4



- ◆ 2389 Baker St.— Structure Fire
- ◆ 1935 Main St.—False Alarm
- ◆ B St.—Damaged Hydrant
- ◆ 2980 D St.—Faulty Smoke Detector



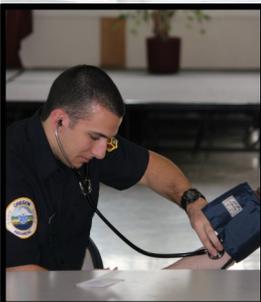
EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	10
Personnel Arrived for Cover	8
Incidents Not Covered	2



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 81 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 56 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Command Training, EMS-Overdose/Poisoning/Trauma



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on June 13th.



"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 180 incidents and opened 44 new cases this past week.
 - Three of these cases initiated investigations into reported assaults, two of which were domestic assaults.
 - Four cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
 - Four individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants and another was arrested for a probation violation.
 - One case resulted in a death investigation of a 1962 Baker High graduate, who served in the Vietnam War and completed a career as a Forensic Investigator for the Coroner's Office in Nevada.
 - BCPD also began an investigation into the reported sexual assault of a child.
- ★ Three BCPD Reserve Officers and three BCPD full time Officers participated in the annual Tip-A-Cop fundraiser for Special Olympics, which is held at Barley Brown's. This fundraiser set a record, raising \$2,850 for Special Olympics!
- ★ 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.





Public Works: Street Department

Blain and Scott worked to remove a section of curb on Valley Street this week as part of a cooperative effort where a property owner is replacing a section of sidewalk and their water meter is being relocated from the basement to the new sidewalk.

Work to construct the new curb will be completed next week.

Pictured right, you can see one of the historic brick archways in the basement of the building where the sidewalk will be replaced.



Public Works used 25+ tons of hot asphalt to patch several streets in town Wednesday.

Kyle and Stephen are digging out gravel from in front of a new driveway approach so that it can be patched with asphalt.



In this photo Tommy is digging out crushed rock from a water line trench on "G" Street, while Matt operates the dump truck.



The patching crew working on the "G" Street waterline trench.



Public Works: Street Department Continued



Brian continued work this week painting additional crosswalks and railroad crossings. This was Brian's first railroad crossing - so Craig assisted him by providing some helpful tips.



Casey Howard of Howard Marble Works volunteered his time to remove and replace tree well pavers within three tree wells along Resort Street so replacement trees could be planted.



Tree Board volunteers Lyle Kuchenbecker and Clair Button recently worked with the property owner of Artcraft Paint & Glass to directionally prune the flowering plum tree in front of the business to eliminate some of the dead wood within the tree's canopy and to address the tree's conflict with the building's awning.



Public Works: Water Department

All of the work the crews have done recently to cut roots from the inside the old concrete transmission line between Marble and Salmon Creeks in the Baker City Watershed has paid off. Water flow before the work was done was a paltry 700,000 gallons per day. After the work was completed this week a full 2,500,000 gallons per day is able to be conveyed through the pipe.



Here is a photo of Justin using the rental track hoe to widen the pipeline road so that root cutting equipment can safely access the site where the repair work needed to be done.

Had this road work and root cutting work not been accomplished it would have been very difficult to provide water for the upcoming summer months.



Snow pack at Goodrich Reservoir is diminishing some as seen in this photo below. With the water level down slightly below the Glory Hole an adjustment of 5 revolutions on the outlet gate valve was made.

Jake, Stephen and Kyle worked to repair the watershed fence in the Elk Creek area this week.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

Crews began work this week on a project to improve the telemetry and controls at the Water Treatment Facility. This project will bring flow information from the Goodrich and mountain pipelines into the SCADA system and will also automate the turbidity bypass controls so that SCADA can automatically bypass water in the event of a turbidity spike without an operator having to manually operate the valve. In this picture, Scott and Justin work to install conduit between the turbidity bypass vault and the Chlorine Building which will house the signal and control wires.



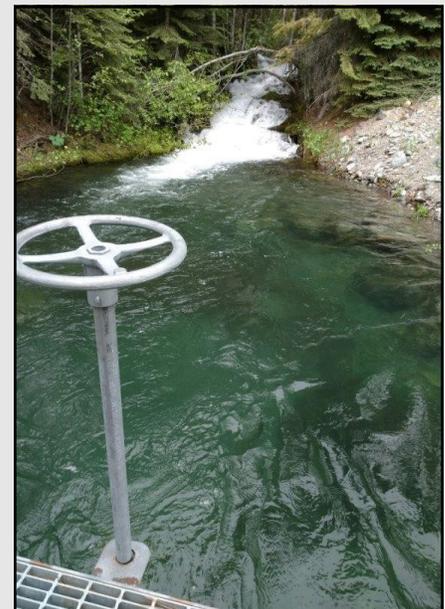
Pictured left, Blain and Scott are working to install a new water service on 10th Street in the Hillcrest neighborhood.



The water clarity at the Goodrich diversion structure has improved significantly over the last week.

← Last week in May.

This week. →





Public Works: Wastewater



← New hydraulic shoring was used for trench protection while installing the wastewater lateral for the new house in the Hillcrest neighborhood.

Karl and Jake F. performed work for a local contractor at a manufacturing business Thursday by using the Vactor truck to hydro excavate material from a drainage structure. Equipment and labor expenses will be charged to the contractor.



Public Works: Announcements

City Hydrants Being Tested

The Baker City Public Works Department will begin its annual fire hydrant testing and flushing on Monday June 12, 2017. It is expected that the testing will continue for approximately two to three weeks. This testing is done annually to flush sediment from the system, ensure all hydrants are functioning properly and are delivering water at the correct pressure and volume. Through this testing/flushing process small silt-like particles may become “stirred up” in the lines. These are particles which have settled in less active water lines. Water may appear yellow or cloudy as a result of this flushing process. If your water has this appearance, please run your faucet full force for five minutes. After such time, the water should again run clear. If you are using a water filtration system in your home, please remember to clean the screen to restore full water flow. If your water continues to be cloudy you may contact the Baker City Water Department at (541) 523-6541.



Public Works: Shop



The dump truck blew a tire and damaged some of the hydraulic lines. Wes and Scott repaired the lines and replaced the tire. It is now back in service.

The brakes on the back hoe were making noises. The rear end was drained and serviced and it is back to work.



This police cruiser had its spotlight repaired and new windshield wipers were installed.

Wes and Scott repaired a hydraulic leak on the rented Volvo 160 excavator.



Wes and Scott finished rebuilding the #3 discharge valve and returned the engine to the fire station.