

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update June 30, 2017

### Administration:

The City Council met this week and finalized next year's budget. They also met with the Baker County Board of Commissioners and came to consensus on the operating model for the Consolidated Dispatch Center. As we move into our busy tourist season it is imperative that we provide the structure, resources and tools to our dedicated dispatch personnel so that they can respond to whatever emergency situations that may arise.

Next week will be very busy in the City. The Kid's Parade will be on July 3 at 10 am on the sidewalks on the east side of Main Street and then moving over to Resort Street with the parade ending in Geiser Pollman Park. Come out and enjoy the kids. The festivities move to Haines on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The parade starts at 10 am and the festivities culminate with the fireworks at 10:00 pm. The Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally will kick off on Thursday so expect to hear the sounds of 'bikes' next weekend.

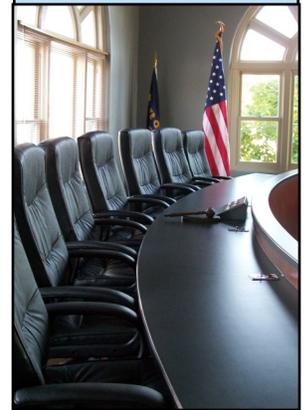
Have a safe and fun weekend and enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.



### City Council

#### July 11th Agenda Items:

- TBD



### Finance:

As of June 20<sup>th</sup> the City has received current year property taxes of \$3,117,403 and prior year taxes of \$144,705. These tax collections are split between the City's General Fund, Street Fund and Samo Swim Fund.

#### Utilities

- ◆ Zone 7 was billed on the 26<sup>th</sup> and included 547 residential and 27 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 122 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed on the 27<sup>th</sup> and included 711 residential and 63 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 184 or 24% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today and included 472 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 106 or 22% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twelve customers signed up for new water/sewer service and seven customers disconnected service from June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru June 29<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Fifteen customers (Zone 7 and Zone 4) were scheduled to have their services disconnected for non-pay. Two customers had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

#### Payroll

Eighty-two employees were paid today including ten paid volunteer firefighters, one part-time building inspector, one part-time clerical worker, four temporary public works' summer workers, and the dangerous dog hearings officer. Of those 82 employees 73 or 89% are signed up for direct deposit.



**Building Department:**

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	1	8	1	11
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	3
Electrical	4	7	6	8
Mechanical	2	4	1	3
Plumbing	2	6	0	0
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 13619 Hunt Mountain Ln., Baker City—new residence
- 1220 Place St., Baker City—detached accessory structure

**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:**

Next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office if needed.

**Parks Department:**



The Cedar Acres Park improvement work was completed this week.

The last item to complete was to reinstall the engraved Tuff Stone rock directly adjacent to the edge of the new concrete ADA ramp.

Quite a nice improvement by the Parks Department!



## **Planning Department:**

### **Public Meetings**

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers a Baker City Hall. The following decisions were rendered:

- ◆ Approval of 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street and is located in the Industrial (I) Zone.
- ◆ Denial of a request for a variance for a freestanding sign exceeding the area allowance at 175 Campbell Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

### **Land Use Decisions & Projects**

- ◆ An application for an accessory structure was approved at 2550 Ash Street in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
  - ◆ An application for an addition to a single-family dwelling was approved at 2043 Grove Street in the Residential-High Density (R-HD) Zone.
  - ◆ An application for a carport was approved at 555 Court Avenue in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
  - ◆ An application for a garage was approved at 1220 Place Street in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone.
  - ◆ A sign permit application was approved at 1924 Broadway in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- # CLUB 24
- ◆ A temporary use permit was approved for 11 tent-camping sites for the Solar Eclipse from August 18<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2309 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the Residential-Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
  - ◆ An application for a partition of property located at 3510 Cedar Street in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) was received this week. Pre-notices were sent to property owners within 100 feet of the subject property to inform them of the application and provide an opportunity to submit comments.
  - ◆ An application for a generator that will be accessory to the County Courthouse at 1995 Third Street was approved in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **June 11th to June 17th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	34
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	16
No Patient Trip	20

## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 36



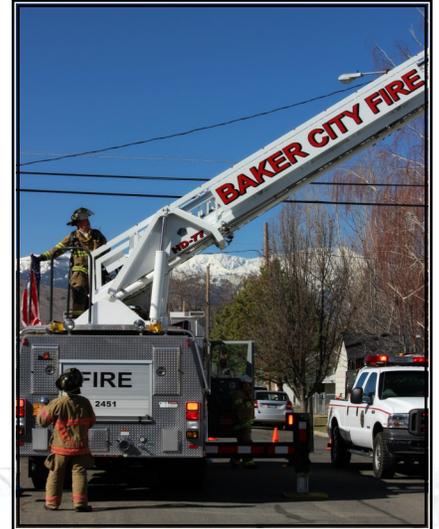
Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	
Public Assists	6

## FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Dispatched Alarms	1
<b>TOTAL FIRE</b>	<b>2</b>

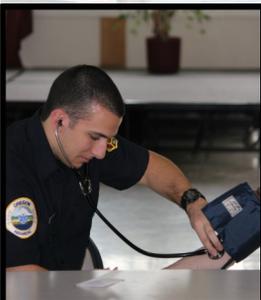
## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Incidents Not Covered	18



## TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 27 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 37 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 July 11th.



*"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 225 incidents and opened 42 new cases this past week.
  - One case resulted in the arrest of two individuals for possession of MDMA Ecstasy, subsequent to a traffic stop.
  - Six cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
  - Five individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants.
  - Four cases resulted in investigations for reported vandalism.
  - BCPD investigated two cases that resulted in 4 reported runaways from the Elkhorn Adolescent Treatment Center.
- ★ BCPD completed routine updates to our Policy Manual and completely changed our Commendations and Awards Policy, which we hope to use more frequently to recognize exceptional service by officers and citizens.
- ★ 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 3 pending cases
- Issued 5 citations for non-compliance

#### **Animal Violations and Complaints**

- 4 dogs at large impounded
- 4 dogs at large returned to owner
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- 1 kennel compliance check

#### **Parking Violations and Complaints**

- 1 abandoned vehicle impounded
- 4 abandoned vehicles orange tagged
- Followed up on 8 parking violations
- Issued 2 parking citations

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 2 found items returned to owner
- Followed up on 10 weed violations
- Followed up on 2 building code violations



## Public Works: Street Department

Crews worked on several different aspects of street maintenance this week.

There was a house fire on 9th Street Monday which may have been started by a lightning strike.

Public Works assisted the Fire Department by closing off the streets in the vicinity of the fire so fire crews could safely do their work.



Public Works worked in cooperation with the Baker County Library, a local tree trimming company and Baker County Road Department to assist in the safe removal of a huge tree which was rotten in the middle. Dennis and Brian began their work shifts early Monday setting up traffic control on Resort and Campbell Streets. Most of the wood will be distributed through the local Compassion Center.



Pictured left, you can see that a large portion of the tree has already been safely removed. The work was accomplished without closing Campbell Street, which was a benefit to the traveling public.

Pictured right is the crew from the library and tree trimming company who removed the tree. (Anthony, Alex, Jacob, Ed and Trevor)





## Public Works: Street Department Continued

Crack fill work is progressing well.

The crew of Riley, Kyle and Ryan (in the far distance) are removing weeds and debris from cracks on Grandview in preparation for future crack fill work.



OSHA requires that certain training be completed annually. Forklift training is one of those requirements. Operators are shown here carefully driving a load through a prearranged course.

Representatives from three different backhoe manufacturers brought new backhoes for Baker City Public Works Department Operators to use and compare.

All three backhoes were driven to the undeveloped portion of the cemetery and holes were dug as part of the rating process. All three were excellent high quality pieces of equipment and performed very well. One backhoe is scheduled to be purchased this year.



Pictured here Blain is performing a lift test with one of the backhoes.





### Public Works: Wastewater Department

Keith has spent several days cleaning collection lines throughout town this week. This work is critical for preventing sewer system overflows.



A small sink hole developed next to a repair trench on First Street recently. Asphalt covering the area was removed and the underlying base compacted to remedy the problem. The surface will be patched with new asphalt the next time street patching work is scheduled.

### Public Works: Water Department

Hydrant flushing is continuing this week and is scheduled to be completed next week. Jake and Stephen are pictured here flushing one of the hydrants on 10th Street.





## Public Works: Airport

Both asphalt and concrete surfaces, plus base work and drainage structures are being improved at the airport. Here you can see that the asphalt is severely cracked and has heaved through the years allowing weeds to grow. Airplanes typically do not have suspension systems designed for travel over rough surfaces. It is important that airport runways, taxiways and staging areas be as smooth as possible.



A large pile of material is being generated from the airport improvement project. Some of this material will be stockpiled by Baker City Public Works Department and stored for future projects.

A portion of the tarmac at the airport has been removed and is being rebuilt by the contractor while a portion of the section remains in service.



Pictured here you can see a trackhoe and loader working in the area where drain pipes are being installed.



# Public Works: Airport Continued

These pictures show some of the progress on the airport apron reconstruction project.



Removal of the old asphalt occurred first. The asphalt was crushed and then placed in the airport parking lot for an improvement to the surface.



Day 1: June 12th



Excavation fabric was installed with rock for the sub base.



Day 14: June 29th

A portion of the concrete fuel island was poured and the asphalt paving of this phase of the project will take place after the 4th of July.



## Public Works: Shop



An attachment was built to use when hydrants are being flushed. This attachment will direct water to the storm drain instead of in the roadway.



Wes and Scott repaired the a/c system in the tractor and had to weld the tire back on the rear mower deck. It is now back in service.



A strobe light was mounted on the roof of this Public Works Tech Services vehicle to help with visibility and safety.

The Public Works Department is scheduled to add a backhoe to its inventory in the upcoming weeks. Below are additional pictures of the equipment that was brought to the Public Works Shop for a demonstration. The demonstration went very well and a decision will be made soon.

