

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update July 28, 2017

Administration:

We had a busy week here in Baker City. Our Public Works crews are busy getting ready for the paving of Auburn Street between Main and Fourth Streets. We will also be chip sealing many streets in the City in the coming weeks. Be sure to watch for our signs and remove vehicles on the specific days so that we can efficiently get this work done.

The Mayors Council met this week in Haines and discussed many issues that affect all the cities in our County. The Mayors talked about water and sewer issues, street funding and the eclipse. This is a great forum to informally discuss problems and solutions. The many agencies within our region had an eclipse meeting this week. The consensus is that we have adequate plans but we believe that our resources to handle the myriad of issues may be stretched very thin. We are pushing hard on the State of Oregon to be ready to backfill and reposition assets in the Northeast corridor.

The E/W Shrine game is scheduled for the weekend of August 3-6. The annual Shrine parade is scheduled for 11 am on August 5. Due to the tragic death during the Miners Jubilee, the parade route has been changed. The parade will start at the Middle School and proceed south on 4th Street to Valley. It will turn left on Valley and proceed to Main Street. It will end at Madison Street. We apologize for any inconvenience to the viewing public. The Shriners are all about kids and they would like this parade to be a tribute to Dylan Thomas and his family.

Finance:

Guyer & Associates has started work on the preliminary internal control testing and other audit procedures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The timeline set out for the June 30, 2017 audit will allow the audited financial statements to be delivered to the council in December.

Don't forget to register for the new paperless E-billing for utility bills. The registration forms are available online at www.bakercity.com or at the Water Department. Customers that participate in this program will receive a monthly \$1.00 discount on their utility bill. E-billing will replace paper billing for those that sign up beginning with their September bill.

Utilities:

- ◆ 14 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 14 customers disconnected service from July 21st thru July 28th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed July 24th which included 474 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today which includes 714 residential and 63 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 181 or 23% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Forty-one residential customers (Zones 3, 7 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) nine were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

City Council

August 8th

- Planning Commission Board Appointment
- National Historic Preservation Award
- BIG DEAL Grant Applications
- Parking Restriction Resolution



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	7	9	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	0	1
Electrical	8	4	0	0
Mechanical	4	11	4	3
Plumbing	3	4	3	0
Fence	3	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20	27	16	13

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3325 Pocahontas Rd., Baker City—Renovation/Addition
- 300 Oregon Trail Dr., Huntington—Addition of 3 greenhouses
- Hwy 30, Baker City—Detached accessory structure
- 90 W Washington St., Huntington—Detached accessory structure and 1 commercial door replacement
- 210 W Washington St., Huntington—Adding an office trailer

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 46053 Slaughterhouse Rd., Baker City—Pole barn addition
- 14564 Pine Creek Rd., Baker City—New residence

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall to hear a request for a petition for the vacation of a public street, a portion of Allen Street, located within the Commercial-General Zone. The street is located in Township 09 South, Range 40 East, Section 15. A work session is scheduled to follow the hearing to discuss sign code language for the Freeway Overlay Zone and how zoning matches up to existing land use for different areas of the City.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ The Baker City Planning Commission approved an application for partitioning one parcel of land into two at 3510 Cedar Street in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone. Notice of the decision and opportunity to appeal were sent to adjacent property owners this week. The appeal period will end on August 11, 2017.
- ◆ A ±1,152 sq. ft. building was approved at 2845 Hughes Lane in the General Commercial zone. The building is proposed to store equipment and materials associated with an existing RV park.
- ◆ A single-family dwelling was approved at 1425 Colorado Avenue in the Residential-Low Density (R-LD) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 9th to July 15th the Fire Department responded to a total of **39** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

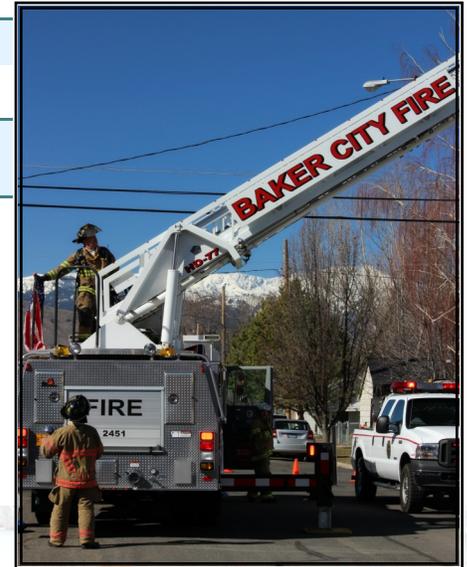
City Calls	30
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	25
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 35

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE 4



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

I-84: Vehicle Fire

Washington St.-Burn Complaint

10th St.-Oven element burned out

Main St.--False alarm for elevator rescue

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	15
Persons Arrived for Cover	9
Incidents Not Covered	6

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 46 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 26 hrs of Fire Prevention Inspections
- 26 hrs Community Events-Haines Rodeo



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on August 2nd.



"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 220 incidents and opened 28 new cases this past week.
 - One case initiated an investigation into a hit and run where a vehicle swerved into the bike lane, made contact with a skateboarder and ran over the skateboard.
 - One arrest was made for furnishing alcohol to a minor.
 - Eight cases resulted in investigations for reported thefts.
 - One suspect was arrested on a probation violation.
- ★ BCPD personnel continued to follow up on the stabbing incident from the week before. The suspect in that case was indicted for Assault I.
- ★ School Resource Officer Woodward continues to spend the majority of his patrol time on a bicycle, patrolling the pathway, parks and downtown area, along with responding to calls for service in the core area of the city.
- ★ Lt. Newman attended the Baker County Transportation Safety Committee meeting.
- ★ 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 1 foul smelling property complaint
- Followed up on 14 weed violations
- Followed up with 1 tree violation
- Followed up on 1 pending case

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 5 parking violations
- Issued 1 parking citation
- Orange tagged 4 abandoned vehicles
- 1 abandoned vehicle was impounded

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 1 barking complaint
- Followed up on 2 animal abandonment cases

Found Items

- 3 found items
- 1 found bicycle returned to owner



Public Works: Street Department

Crews continue to make excellent progress on the Auburn Avenue project. Pictured right Justin is using the rented trackhoe to remove the old curb and sidewalk on the south side of Auburn between Main and 1st.



Blain is using the City's mini-excavator to dig out the curb line on the north side of Auburn west of Main.

Brian assists on the ground by watching for buried utilities and making spot checks of the finished elevation.

Blain and Scott work to set the base for a new catch basin. The string line provides the alignment for the new face of the curb and Scott is using a laser level to make sure the base is set to the proper grade.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

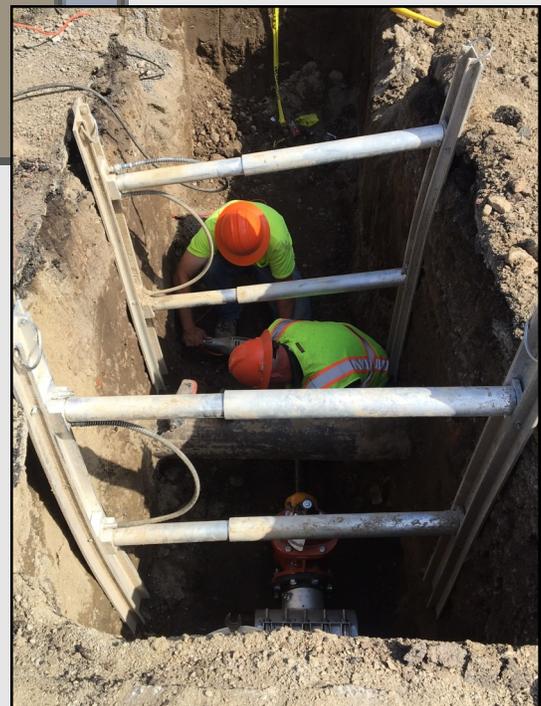


One of the complicating factors on this project are the signal sensors at the Main Street intersection. An employee from ODOT was on-site this week to install new conduit that will pass beneath the future curb. This conduit will hold the signal wire from a loop detector that will be installed after the Auburn paving project is complete.



A fire hydrant at the corner of 1st and Auburn had to be replaced as part of this project. Here an employee from LaGrande Public Works is assisting the City crews by performing a hot tap into the existing 12" main line.

By making the connection with a hot tap, the hydrant installation was completed without any disruption of water service to the nearby businesses.





Public Works: Street Department Continued



Crews have been very productive this week crack filling and patching streets in preparation for this year's chip seal project.

Pictured below, Karl is raking asphalt next to a driveway approach on 5th Street. Tommy is operating the backhoe in the background while Kyle shovels asphalt.



Keith is compacting asphalt along a sunken spot along the 3rd Street curb North of Campbell Street.

Notice the low hanging Pine Tree branches directly behind the roller. Those branches will have to be trimmed to a height of 12 feet so that chip seal equipment will be able to perform the necessary work.



On Grandview Avenue a land survey monument box was lowered to remove a high spot in the street.

Access to the survey monument remained intact and no damage or movement of the monument occurred.

One more day of street patching is scheduled before the chip seal project begins on August 8th.



Public Works: Street Department Continued



In preparation for our upcoming chip seal project August 8th - 11th, we would like to remind all property owners to prune any tree limbs or vegetation that may be overhanging the street so that there is at least 12' of clearance above the street's surface.

Section 94 of the Baker City Municipal Code requires that property owners maintain 12' clearance above streets and 8' of clearance above sidewalks.

A list of local tree companies is available in the Public Works Department. Thank you!

Public Works: Airport

Pictured right is the completed airport apron reconstruction and fuel storage expansion. The project was completed Sunday with the final striping and clean-up work. A project walk-through took place on Monday. Thank you to ConnectOregon and the Federal Aviation Administration for funding the improvements!

Baker City Public Works Director Michele Owen attended the Oregon Aviation Industries quarterly meeting in John Day on 7/11. Discussions were held regarding the economic development opportunities at rural airports and the interest in attracting unmanned aircraft (UAS) operators to test and locate at rural airports. Oregon is one of six Federal Aviation Administrations UAS drone test ranges in the nation and our airport, which is owned by the City of Baker City, is included in the UAS Pendleton Test Range geography.





Public Works: Wastewater Department

A drain cleaning professional requested that Public Works inspect a wastewater lateral on behalf of his client on Estes Street. The lateral was found to be orangeburg pipe and in very poor condition. He plans to replace that portion on his property. While video-inspecting the 6" wastewater main line which serves the Estes Street house it was discovered that the inside of the pipe showed severe signs of distress. The pipe has holes and the concrete surface has deteriorated to the point where it could fail.



The upstream manhole is located in the backyard of a home on Estes Street so the inspection camera had to be carried to that manhole for the inspection work. The control cable was laid across the lawn and then ran through a pulley down into the manhole.



← In this photo you can see all the exposed aggregate on the inside of the 6" concrete pipe.

One of the holes is visible in this photo. This line will be further inspected and scheduled to be lined as part of the next CIPP wastewater lining project. →





Public Works: Shop



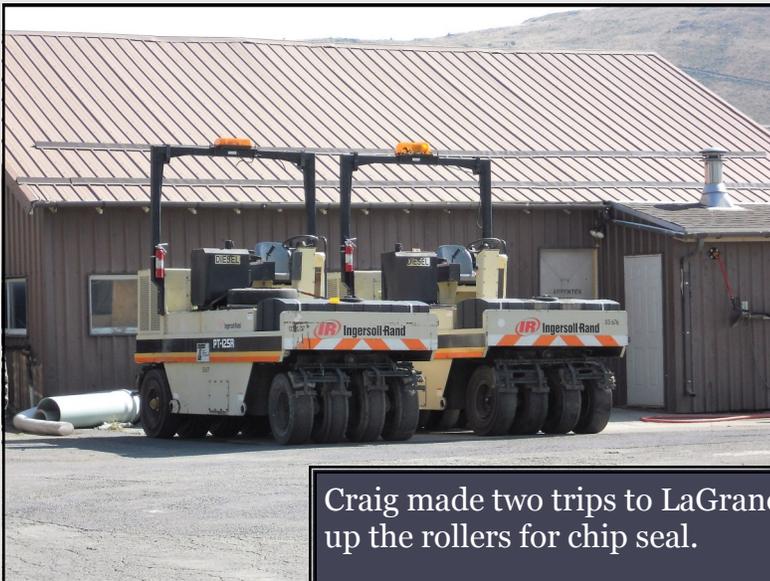
Wes and Scott are busy getting the chip seal machine ready. The radiator was found to be full of scaled rust. It was pulled and cleaned out.

The radiator will go back in next week so that calibrations can be finished in time for the chip seal project.

Pictured right, Scott is finishing repairs to the Zipper.



The ambulance had a check engine light come on this week. Wes and Scott found that the DEF heater was malfunctioning. Fortunately this part is under warranty and will be repaired by Ford next week.



Craig made two trips to LaGrande to pick up the rollers for chip seal.