

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update August 11, 2017

Administration:

The City is wrapping up the chip seal work this week. Thank you to everyone for their patience while we work to improve the quality of the streets in Baker City. The Baker Fair is going on at the Fairgrounds. There are lots of kids and animals in town with many events taking place. Head on down and check out the festivities.

It looks like next week may bring some cooler weather to our region. Hopefully, the change in weather will clear out some of this smoke.

Have a great weekend!!!

City Council

August 22nd

- Third Reading of Windwave and Inland Franchise Ordinances
- Golf Board Volunteer Application



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ 10 customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and 10 customers disconnected service from August 4th thru August 10th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed August 9th which included 88 residential and 246 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 56 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 488 residential and 61 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 109 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Eight residential customers (Zone 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,760
Cemetery	\$5,654
Wastewater Maintenance & Dumping Fees	\$4,183
Lien Searches	\$1,600
Ambulance	\$455,171
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$5,038
Street Patching & Misc.	\$4,179
Economic Development Support	\$14,667
Golf Course Equipment Lease	\$5,360
Water Meters	\$284
School Resource Officer	\$16,476
Misc.	\$4,207
Total:	\$518,579

Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated August 10th.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent August 9th. The billings were as follows:





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	6	6	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	6	6	12	2
Mechanical	3	6	3	1
Plumbing	3	5	1	3
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	15	23	22	15

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- Wright Ln., Oxbow—Two storage canopies.
- 54916 Hwy 86, Oxbow—Two RV storage canopies.
- 1996 Main St., Baker City—Temporary roof over Geiser Grand addition.
- 2845 Hughes Ln., Baker City—24x48 pole barn.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 14353 Pine Creek, Baker City—Residential addition.
- 31841 Rice Rd., Unity—12x20 detached accessory structure.
- 403 2nd St., Baker City—30x60 detached accessory structure.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 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 the vacation of a portion of undeveloped Allen Street, located within the Commercial-General Zone. The street is located in Township 9 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

- A concurrent property line adjustment and Class A variance request were approved between properties identified as 2431 and 2475 Campbell Street in the Residential Medium-Density (RM-D) Zone.
- A ±385 square foot attached carport was approved at 1991 Plum Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- A ±638 square foot storage structure was permitted at 3815 Pocahontas Road in the Commercial -General (C-G) Zone.
- A bed and breakfast was permitted at 2116 Resort Street in the Residential High-Density (RH-D) Zone.
- A concurrent lot line adjustment and land use review were permitted for the siting of an accessory structure at 1640 3rd Street in the Residential High-Density (RH-D) Zone.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of July 23rd to July 29th the Fire Department responded to a total of **30** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	22
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	14
No Patient Trip	12

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	1

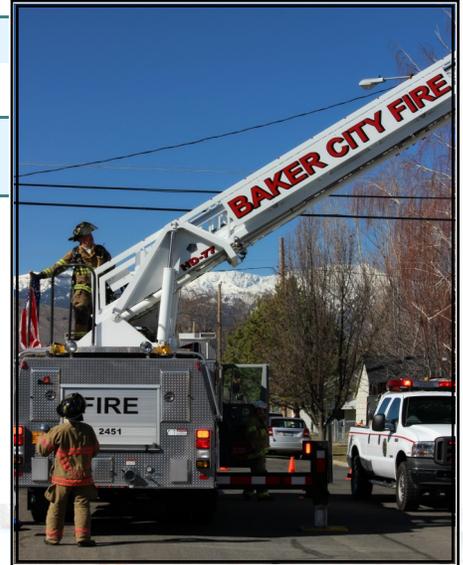
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	4

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 4



- 17th St.—False Alarm, Faulty Smoke Detector
- Spring Garden—Burning During Burn Ban
- 17th St.—Alarm Activation, False Alarm
- Elm St.—Burn Complaint

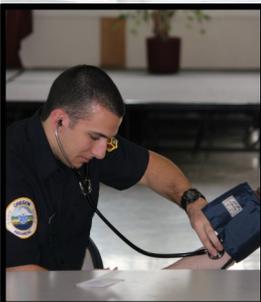


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	12
Persons Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	8

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **45** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **42** hrs of Fire/ EMS or Safety Training-Eclipse Preparations, Standpipe Operations



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 15th.



"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 194 incidents and opened 29 new cases this past week. One case involved the apprehension of a suspect following a short foot pursuit. The following press release was issued following this incident:

A Baker City man suspected of stealing two handguns from a local business on Tuesday is being treated at St. Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City after he told officials at the Baker County Jail that he had taken a large quantity of methamphetamine, according to a press release from the Baker City Police.

Brent Alexander Breshears, 26, was arrested after he fled from police on foot Tuesday afternoon. Breshears is suspected of stealing the two guns from Trader Rays, 2800 Broadway St., about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. He fled the store before police could arrest him.

Baker City Police officers and deputies from the Baker County Sheriff's Office continued to search for Breshears. Police learned Tuesday afternoon that Breshears was at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St. When officers arrived at the library, Breshears fled through the building's emergency exit, which sounded an alarm.

City and county officers caught Breshears on Broadway Street near Second Street and arrested him on a parole and probation detainer. While he was being processed at the Baker County Jail, Breshears told a city police officer that he had taken a large amount of meth. He was taken immediately to the hospital, where he remains.

Police obtained a search warrant and found one of the two stolen handguns in Breshears' backpack. Breshears, who is listed as a transient, will be charged with the gun thefts and possibly on other charges.

Update: Brent Breshears was later transported via life flight to St. Alphonsus in Boise where he is currently receiving medical care.

- ★ Chief Wyn Lohner attended the CIS Law Enforcement Conference in Bend, Oregon.
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant, Phoebe Wachtel and ODOT Traffic Safety Coordinator, Billie Jo Deal presented child occupant safety information at the Parent Resource Fair at Baker High School. Their booth included information about booster seats for school-aged children and other safety information.
- ★ 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: Water Department



After chip seal work was completed for Tuesday the crew of Scott and Brian replaced a broken fire hydrant on Pocahontas Road. Pictured left, Justin is holding the hydrant steady with the backhoe while Scott and Brian tighten bolts and check the hydrant to make sure it is plumb.

Public Works: Storm Water Department



After normal work hours a local resident informed Karl about a potential hazard at the corner of Washington and 6th Streets. Evidently someone had either, by mistake or on purpose, dropped a storm water grate into the catch basin. Had someone stepped into that hole they would have been injured. The grate was "fished out" from beneath the water and reinstalled onto its proper position.

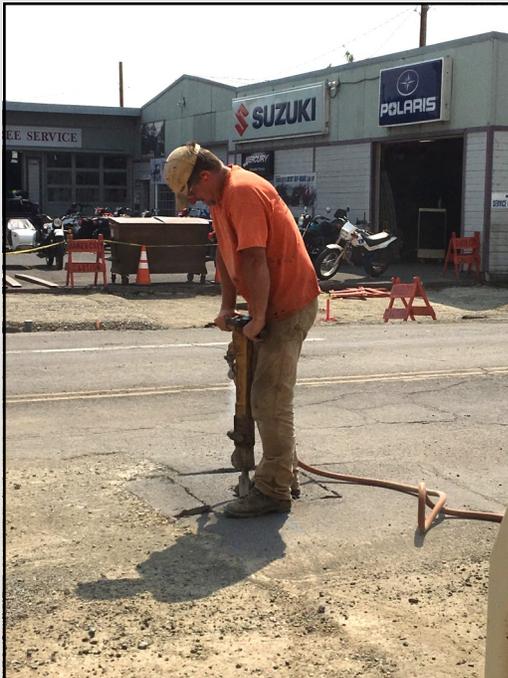




Public Works: Auburn Street Project

VanNevel Concrete & Curb out of Redmond was awarded the contract for concrete work on the Auburn Street project.

Here the crew from VanNevel works to hand form a section of curb near 3rd Street. This week the crews completed a significant portion of the curb work between 2nd and 4th Streets. Their work on the project will continue for at least the next two weeks.



Justin uses the mini-excavator to place backfill behind the new curb on the south side of Auburn while Blain rakes it into place.



After a long day of chip seal, Blain was back on the Auburn project making preparations for the paving work. Here he is shown hammering out asphalt around a water valve that will need to be lowered before the paving crews arrive.



Public Works: Street Department: Chip Seal Project

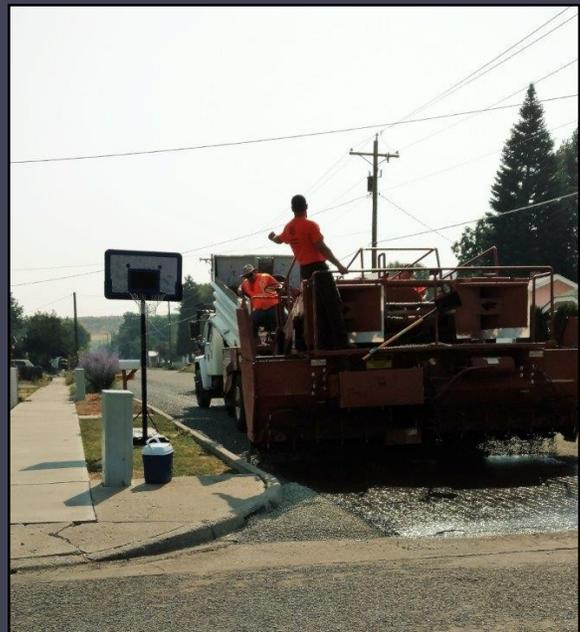
A contractor worked with the Public Works Department this week to spray approximately 120 tons of HFE901S chip seal oil onto Baker City streets. Chip sealing Baker City streets is a very cost effective way to preserve streets. Some of the streets chip sealed this week include portions of Valley Street, Second Street, Broadway Avenue, "F" Street, Grandview Drive, Baker Street, Church Street, Third Street, North Second Street, Court Street, Auburn Avenue and 9th Street.

Preparing for a chip seal project involves everyone from the Public Works Department. Joyce coordinates daily with the oil distributor, Jennifer manages tree trimming and Lynne handles calls and provides information to property owners.

Justin and Craig are the primary chip spreader operators. Dennis often assists - especially when applying chip rock on the right hand side of streets. Truck drivers were Rick, Blain, Karl and Brian. Roller operators were Tommy and Scott. Keith was stationed at the chip rock stockpile site and loaded trucks. Matt swept streets and assisted covering radii with chip rock. Covering manhole covers, valve boxes, monument boxes, catch basins, squeegeeing oil and spreading rock were Jake and Stephen. Flagging traffic, squeegeeing chip seal oil, hand spreading rock, brooming back lines, opening and closing streets, putting out "No Parking" signs, placing traffic control signs, placing out "Fresh Oil Speed 10 MPH" signs etc. were Michelle, Doug, Wes, Jay, Scott, Kevin, Riley and Tom. Jake J. handled serviceman duties and Water Operator responsibilities.

Operators always have to watch for low hanging wires. The trucks are being pulled backwards so the dump truck operators can't see low hanging wires.

The chip spreader operators have to tell them when to lower their truck beds when they are approaching low hanging wires and tree branches.





Public Works: Chip Seal Project Continued



Cul-de-sacs like this one on Baker Street near Sam-O pool are difficult to chip because they are not a consistent width. Here Dennis is on the ground giving directions to the spreader operators regarding how many gates to open to get complete rock coverage over the tapered oil strip.



Tom and Ryan using squeegees to spread chip oil in a curb radius.





Public Works: Chip Seal Project Continued



Wes and Scott kept guard at the Leo Adler Pathway Crossing on Broadway Avenue to make sure no one either walking or riding a bike would cross in front of equipment.



Tommy and Scott operated the rubber tired rollers for the project. Two rollers were borrowed from O.D.O.T.

That made a total of 3 rollers available in case one roller broke down (which did occur on the first day).





Public Works: Chip Seal Project Continued

A lot of hand work goes into a successful chip seal project. Trees must be trimmed, streets must be cleaned so the oil will penetrate and stick, chip seal notices delivered to residents and attached to barricades so no one parks on the street. Traffic plans must be created and used on each street. Then once the chip seal oil and rock is being applied many radii (96 to be exact) have to be hand squeegeed and then rock used to cover the oil.



Jay and Doug work spreading rock over freshly sprayed oil.

Ryan spreads brooms rock back to the edge of the chip oil.



Friday's traffic plan.

Excess oil was applied over asphalt grindings on 9th Street.

