

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update December 15, 2017

### Administration:

The City Council met this week and worked on the update to our Wastewater Facility Plan. Our current wastewater facility is approaching 55 years old and does not meet the existing regulations as to wastewater disposal. The City signed a Mutual Agreement and Order (MAO) with DEQ which protects the City from fines for being out of compliance, but also sets us on the path of upgrading our wastewater operations and disposal. The City Council approved the updated plan which calls for applying treated water to agricultural ground. As soon as DEQ approves the plan, the City will begin to implement the various aspects of the plan.

The City Council also adopted rules governing parades in the City. We believe that this will make our parades safer in the future and will provide a heightened awareness for organizers and participants.

Last year at this time we were inundated with snow. It is time that we started our snow dance (at least for the mountains). It looks like a chance for snow this weekend so stay warm and be safe.

### City Council

#### Agenda

January 9th

- Board/Committee Appointments



### Finance:

#### Utilities

- ◆ Seven customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and ten customers disconnected service from December 8<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed December 12<sup>th</sup> which included 455 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 93 or 20% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 482 residential and 55 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 112 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Twenty residential customers (Zones 2 and 5) 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.

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| Property & Weed Abatement                      | \$1,989          |
| Property Rent                                  | \$2,825          |
| Cemetery                                       | \$7,565          |
| Wastewater Maintenance                         | \$888            |
| Street Utility Maintenance<br>Patching & Misc. | \$3,853          |
| Lien Searches                                  | \$1,360          |
| Ambulance                                      | \$530,461        |
| Airport Hangar Rent & Ground<br>Lease          | \$3,575          |
| Economic Development<br>Support                | \$22,220         |
| Misc.  | \$1,536          |
| <b>Total:</b>                                  | <b>\$576,272</b> |

#### Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Accounts Receivable

Monthly accounts receivable billings were sent December 11<sup>th</sup>. The billings were as follows:





**Building Department:**

|                        | Permits Issued City | Inspec-tions City | Per-mits Issued | Inspec-tions County |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Building               | 2                   | 9                 | 1               | 5                   |
| Manufac-tured Dwelling | 0                   | 2                 | 0               | 0                   |
| Electrical             | 1                   | 6                 | 12              | 6                   |
| Mechanical             | 5                   | 11                | 8               | 5                   |
| Plumbing               | 0                   | 1                 | 6               | 3                   |
| Fence                  | 0                   | NA                | N/A             | N/A                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>8</b>            | <b>29</b>         | <b>27</b>       | <b>19</b>           |

**RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:**

- 43517 Spring Creek Loop, Baker City—Foundation only for modular home.
- 2439 4th Street, Baker City— Remove and replace residential roof, including sheeting.

**COMMERCIAL PERMITS:**

- 2019 Main Street, Baker City— Addition of interior walls.



**HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 27, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

**Planning Department:**

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public work session on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the re-zoning of specific properties throughout the city which have existing structures and uses that are not consistent with the current zoning allowances. The purpose of this work session is to create a scope for areas that could be considered for a future re-zone.

The Commission will also discuss the development of standards and language for the proposed creation of a Residential-Professional District. This district is intended to act as a buffer between the uses of the Central-Commercial district and surrounding residential zones, providing a desirable mix of residential and light commercial land uses in the center of the city.

Once a scope of potential areas is developed, the next step will be outreach to determine interest and concerns.



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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of November 26th through December 2nd the Fire Department responded to a total of **16** emergency alarms.

## AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

|                     |   |
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| City Calls          | 9 |
| Rural Calls         | 2 |
| Patient Transported | 9 |
| No Patient Trip     | 2 |

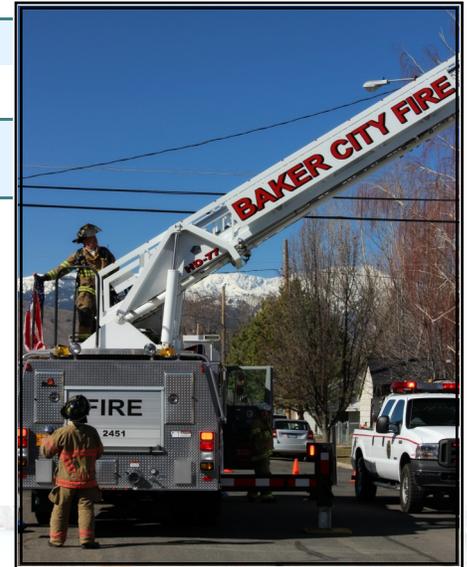
## TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 11

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

## FIRE REPORTS

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| General Alarms    | 1        |
| Dispatched Alarms | 4        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRE</b> | <b>5</b> |

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| Sunridge Ln.—Alarm activation.                        |
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| Sunridge Ln.—False alarm.                             |
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| Mill Creek—Structure fire. Mutual aid to Baker Rural. |

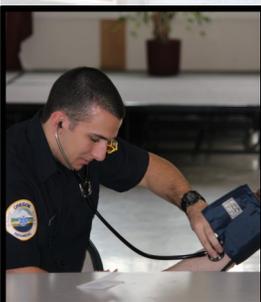


## EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Requests for Cover        | 4 |
| Persons Arrived for Cover | 4 |
| Incidents Not Covered     | 0 |

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

- **40** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **76** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training—Cardiology, FFI Training
- **12** hrs Community Events—BP Checks, Christmas Parade



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on December 19th.



*"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 29 new cases this past week.
  - Officers made three arrests for domestic related assaults and two arrests for harassment.
  - Six cases led to investigations of reported thefts.
  - Two cases resulted in the arrest of suspects for outstanding warrants and another arrest was made for a probation violation.
- ★ BCPD personnel, along with several volunteers, put on the 2017 BCPD Drug Prevention/Canine Fundraiser. Over \$30,000 was raised during the event, which had tremendous support from our community.



- ★ Several BCPD Officers completed an Intoxylizer 8000 training.
- ★ 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

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

- Issued 1 parking citation
- Followed up on 4 parking violations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles

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

- Followed up on 2 animal complaints
- Followed up on 3 barking complaints
- 2 dogs at large returned to owner

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 3 found items
- Issued 1 citation for DWS violation
- 1 sewer violation follow up



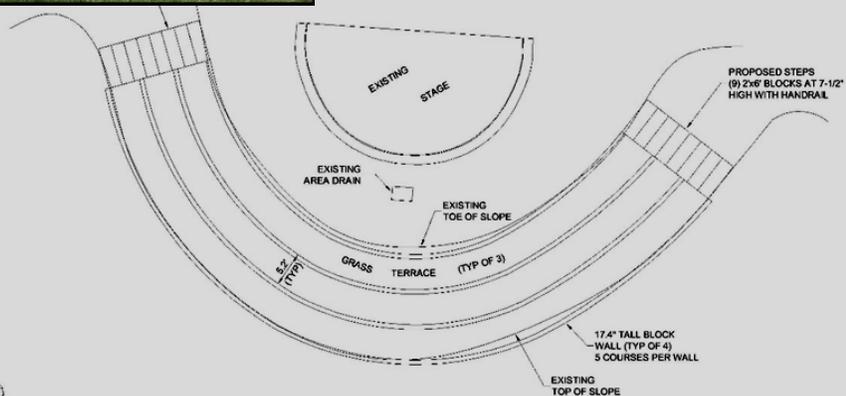
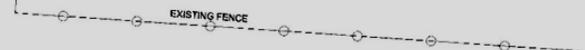
## Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department

Thanks in part to a generous \$10,000 grant from the Leo Adler Foundation, the Amphitheatre at Central Park will see substantial enhancements in the spring of 2018! These improvements will include installation of electrical service to the stage area, three row terraced seating area surrounding the stage, and access stairways at each end of the seating areas. Approximately \$22,000 of the estimated \$26,592 project cost is funded at this time, and efforts are underway to raise the remaining \$4,600 +/- . Other future improvements to the Amphitheatre will include aesthetic/acoustical screening behind the stage area and planting of shade trees behind the seating areas. The Amphitheatre has grown in popularity in recent years with several one time events and concerts being held in the area. In the summer of 2017, the Amphitheatre became home to the weekly community movie nights presented by the Baker County Safe Communities Coalition. Completion of these improvements will further enhance Central Park, which has seen the addition of the community Art on Loan program and construction of the Baker City Labyrinth in the last year.



# Thanks Leo!

CENTRAL PARK PAVILION  
TERRACING CONCEPT  
8/24/17



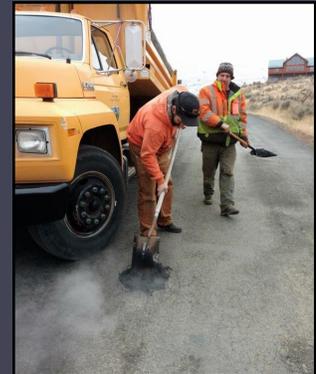


## Public Works: Street Department



Tommy, Blain and Scott worked to patch over 50 potholes throughout town this week.

Pictured here, they are working to fill potholes on Reservoir Road.



Two new school crossing signs were installed on "D" Street Thursday. Karl and Jacob cut the sign posts to the proper length and then attached the lime green signs. Special rivets are used to attach the signs. These rivets don't rattle loose in the wind like bolts do sometimes and they also make it more difficult for thieves to steal.





## Public Works: Wastewater Department

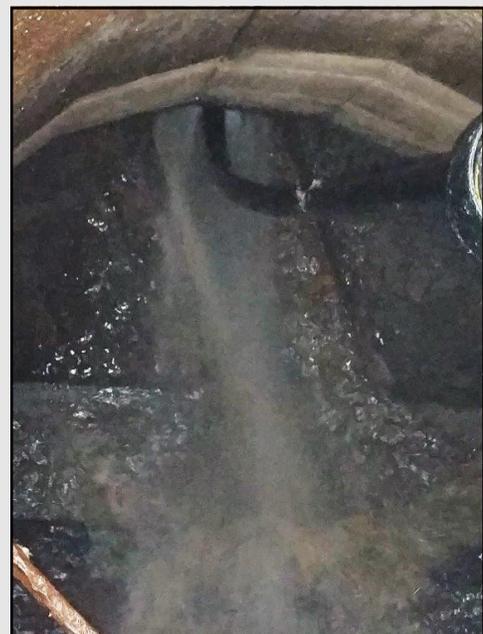
Every month there is a list of wastewater collection lines which need to be cleaned so that they continue to work properly for the upcoming month.

Karl and Jacob are pictured here working to clean an alley line from where it connects onto a larger line under 5th Street.



Here the Jetter nozzle and hose is inside the line running west from 5th Street.

Once the 600+ PSI water pressure is applied to the nozzle it shoots up the line and cleans it thoroughly.





## Public Works: Water Department



Monday morning started off early with a water emergency. A local resident stopped by the warehouse facility around 7 a.m. to report that water was coming up through the street surface at the intersection of 7th and Washington.

Justin and Craig immediately headed to the location. There was no problem determining the problem, a small 2" diameter cast iron water main line had broken.

An Emergency Underground Utility Locate was requested immediately. Once underground utilities were marked work began for the repair.

Justin and Brian used the asphalt zipper attached to the new Volvo front end loader to pulverize the asphalt surface.

The CAT backhoe was used to excavate the majority of the material from around the water leak.



Justin, Tommy and Brian used the vector truck to induct material that was in close proximity to the water pipe and other underground utilities.





## Public Works: Water Department Continued

Water valves were turned down to greatly lower the pressure and reduce the amount of water flowing out of the broken pipe. If the valves weren't turned down the water would be spraying 50 feet instead of only a few feet. Water valves are not turned all the way off during this type of repair because you shouldn't create a negative pressure in the system which could result in drawing contaminants into the distribution system.



Justin was working the wrench so quickly in this photo that it is just a blur.



The rubber and stainless steel repair clamp held securely after full water pressure was restored.



The repair was completed in a timely fashion and the street surface will be patched in the spring when hot asphalt is available.





## Public Works: Christmas Auction

Looking for that perfect Christmas present for that someone special? How about one of the items Public Works will be auctioning through the govdeals.com website. Perhaps a Case Front End Loader (gift wrapping not included) or a vintage metal "CAMPBELL ST." street sign? These are just a few of the 50 plus surplus items available. Here are a few of the items to be sold:



Used Homelite demo saw with blade.



Vintage signs.



Scrap pieces of pvc pipe.



1981 Ford F-700 bucket truck.



1982 Case W20C Front End Loader.



Used concrete saw with blades.



1994 4-wd Ford Ranger Pick-up

1994 2-wd Ford Ranger Pick-up



A complete list of the items will be available on the govdeals website starting this Friday night. The auction will run for a full two weeks, ending the evening of Friday December 29th. So take a look at the items, register as a govdeals bidder and buy something.



### Public Works: Shop



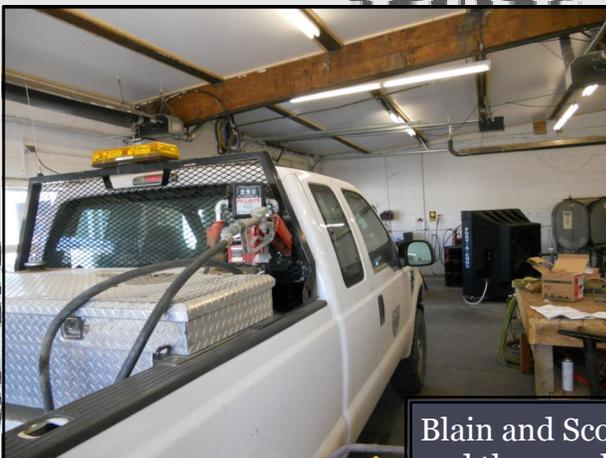
Wes and Scott serviced and inspected this truck. The right front wheel speed sender was replaced and it is back in service.



Blain serviced and checked this dump truck. A few repairs have been scheduled.



This front end loader was inspected. Parts have been ordered and repairs will be made before the snow falls.



Blain and Scott serviced these two vehicles and they are back on the road.