

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update September 8, 2017

Administration:

I hope everyone is coping with our smoke filled sky. This is the worst smoke in the valley that I can ever remember. Hopefully, they will get some of the fires put out in the Northwest or the winds somehow blow this out of the County.

We met this week with a landowner for discussions about land application and storage for our wastewater treatment plant. We are working to get a plan in place by the end of the year and the timelines are getting tight. The City has been awarded a grant from the federal government to fund up to 62% of three additional fire/EMS personnel. The City Council will be reviewing and discussing the options that the City has in relation to finding the matching funds to accept this grant.

Summer continues to hang on here in Baker City. A little bit of rain would be appreciated. Have a great weekend!!!

City Council

September 12th

- Social Gaming Application: Elks Lodge
- CIPP Bid Award for Wastewater
- Ordinance: Vacation of Allen Street
- SAFER Grant Discussion



Finance:

Finance Director

Ebills were successfully sent out this week for Zone 1 and Zone 5 utility customers that were signed up. These customers received a \$1.00 discount on their utility bill as an incentive for using this service. Anyone that would like to sign up can get the registration form either online at www.bakercity.com or at the Water Department. Approximately 60 customers signed up for this service during August. July's financial report is now available on the City's website.

Utilities

- ◆ This was a busy week for service changes due to the three day weekend. Thirty-seven customers signed up for new water/sewer service and Forty-three customers disconnected service from September 1st thru September 7th.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed September 5th and included 466 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 110 or 23% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed today which includes 91 residential and 249 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 57 or 17% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ Due to the billing skip week last week there were no turn-offs for non-pay this week.

Accounts Payable

The first of two accounts payable check runs for September was generated today.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	5	8	3	8
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	5	3	3	1
Mechanical	2	4	3	6
Plumbing	1	3	1	0
Fence	0	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	13	18	10	15

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 19775 Hwy 86, Baker City— ODOT storage building.
- 3665 17th St., Baker City— Phase II, Marvin Windows new building.
- 1912 Main St., Baker City— Reframe front of building w/ windows & doors to historic.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 885 G St., Baker City— Foundation repair.
- 2408 Tracy St., Baker City— Demolish house.
- 15441 Goodrich Creek Rd., Baker City— Detached accessory structure.
- 205 Record St., Hafway— Detached accessory structure.
- 425 Foothill Rd., Baker City— Replace roof system.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Office.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

- ◆ The Planning Commission made a recommendation to City Council to approve an application to vacate a portion of undeveloped Allen Street, located east of I-84 in the Commercial-General Zone. The street is located in Township 9 South, Range 40 East, Section 15. The request will be heard before the Baker City Council on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 7:00pm for the first of three City Council Ordinance readings.
- ◆ The Planning Commission will meet on September 20th, 2017 at 7:00pm for a work session to discuss revisions to the chapter text and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay Zone. Staff reports were mailed to the Planning Commission this week.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A request for an extension of time for correction of a violation at 3060 College Street was not approved, as progress correcting the violation had not been made since approval of a prior extension.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of August 20th to August 26th the Fire Department responded to a total of **47** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	36
Rural Calls	4
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	18

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 40



Airport Transfers	1
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Doubles (2 calls at once)	2
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	9

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	7

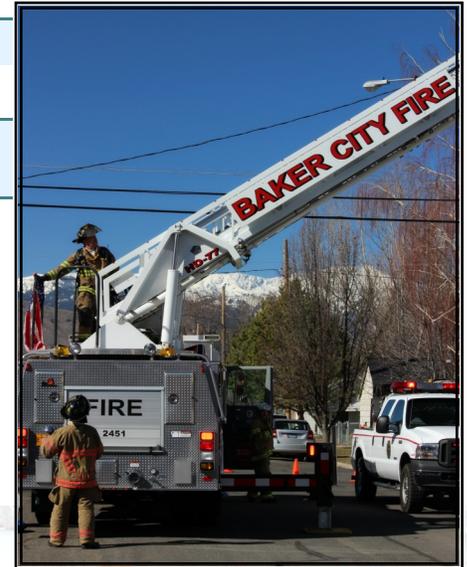
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 7



11th Street—Monitor fire from previous night.
Indiana Avenue—False alarm.

Chestnut Street—Burn complaint.
Dewey Avenue—Burn complain, unable to locate.
1st Street—Fuel leak.

Washington Avenue—Burning during closure
5th Street—Burning during closure.



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	15
Persons Arrived for Cover	2
Incidents Not Covered	13

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 65 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 17 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.
Don't miss the next check on September 12th.



"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 35 new cases this past week.
 - One case resulted in an arrest of one person for Assault IV, Escape III and a probation violation.
 - Four cases resulted in vandalism investigations and two for reported thefts.
 - Four of these cases initiated investigation into reported juvenile runaways.
 - Three cases resulted in investigations for Hit and Run motor vehicle crashes.
- ★ Lt. Newman attended a Human Trafficking class, which provided our department insight into this tragic crime.
- ★ 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.
- ★ BCPD unexpectedly lost a valued friend and co-worker this past week with the passing of Jodie Averett. Jodi came to Baker County after serving as a Police Officer and Detective with the Seattle Police Department. With BCPD, Jodie worked as a Code Enforcement Officer for several years and was still on our department's roster as a "Special Detective", who would come in and help as needed with complex investigations. Jodie's skills in law enforcement were excellent, but not nearly as extraordinary as the person she was and the legacy she left. The entire BCPD Family wishes to send our sincerest thoughts and prayers to the Averett family.

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Followed up on 4 weed violations
- Followed up on 2 development code violations
- Issued 1 citation for a development code violation
- Followed up with 1 sidewalk violation

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 4 violations
- Multiple verbal warnings

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 4 complaints
- 7 dogs at large returned to owner
- 1 dog at large impounded
- Issued 2 citations for dogs at large

Miscellaneous

- Assisted with a search warrant
- 1 found item returned to owner
- 1 found item logged



Public Works: Water Department

Jake has been monitoring the Baker City Watershed for fire precaution and security purposes. Surface water is being brought to town from nearly all the Mountain Line creek, spring and reservoir diversions for customer usage this week.

Public Works: Wastewater Department

Because of the recent algae bloom and high pH level of treated wastewater at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, disinfection treatment and discharge has ceased. Work was done this week on ground maintenance, the alarm system and one of the well pumps.

Public Works: Sam-O Swim Center



Sam-O pool maintenance was performed this week.

The sand within the sand filter vessels was removed and new sand placed.

This is maintenance which needs to be done annually.



Public Works: Street Department

Public Works crews worked on several streets in the downtown corridor in preparation for a new concrete treated base and new asphalt paved surface next week. The old asphalt surface on those short blocks of Madison, Baker, Church, Washington and Valley Streets situated between Main and Resort Streets along with Auburn Avenue between Main and 4th Streets was ground off Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Those streets were last paved in 1968, 1968, 1968, 1983, respectively, Valley Street in 1960 with an overlay in 1991 and Auburn was paved in 1958 with an overlay in 1992. The asphalt surface of all of those blocks was in very bad condition.

Underground natural gas lines and fiber optic lines had to be carefully excavated and measured to assure that the base work would not damage those utilities.

The streets to be treated were first cold-milled to a depth of about 3-1/2". This helps to remove excess material so that the new street will match original grade once the new asphalt is placed.



Grinding of the old asphalt surface began on Madison Street.



Pictured above, Tom gives directions to Craig so that the dump truck stays in proper position ahead of the milling machine.



Pictured left is Washington Street after the milling work was completed. The wires left in the pile of grindings are from the traffic signal loops that were embedded in the removed asphalt. ODOT assisted the City by placing the traffic signals on a timer before the loop detectors were destroyed. ODOT will replace the signal loops and put the traffic signals back into normal operation mode next week after the paving work is completed.

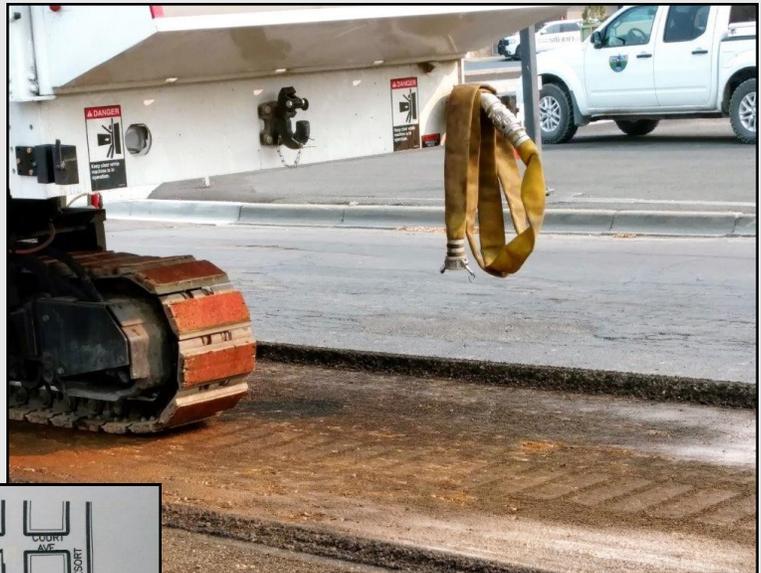


Public Works: Street Department Continued



The second street to be ground was Baker Street. In this photo Doug is walking along with one of the City dump trucks to assist the truck driver. The truck drivers have no way to tell when their truck bed is full or where material needs to be placed to maximize efficiency. Doug is acting like a spotter communicating when the truck needs to be sped up, slowed down or when the grinder operator needs to STOP shooting grindings into the full bed.

The asphalt grinder uses an 8 foot wide cutting head to pulverizing the asphalt leaving a smooth surface and a vertical edge.



Traffic plans were designed for the necessary street closures for the street work.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

After the asphalt surface was removed the remaining street base material was ground, watered, mixed with cement and compacted.

After the milling work is completed, the remaining AC is pulverized prior to grading. 



Prior to introducing cement into the base, the street is graded to approximate finished elevations and any excess material is removed.

This grading work is conducted by Roger's Asphalt out of La Grande who is the general contractor for this project.



The City assisted with AC prep in a couple of areas that could not be reached by the large milling machine. Pictured left, Karl operates the zipper to remove some asphalt at the corner of 2nd and Auburn. The asphalt in this area was too high due to a prior overlay and had to be removed to allow for a smooth transition into the sidewalk ramp.

The cement is mixed into the base material by a final pass of the pulverizer. During this pass, water is injected into the mixing drum from a water truck connected to the pulverizing machine. The water is introduced at a specified rate to achieve the proper water content in the mixture. A water truck from Britt Sand & Gravel was hired to assist with this portion of the project. 





Public Works: Street Department Continued



Pictured left, the pulverizer is mixing cement into the treated base at 1st & Auburn while a grader works to shape the material that was just recently mixed.

Once the cement is added, the base is shaped to finished grade and rolled to achieve proper compaction. Here an operator from Roger's Asphalt completes some finish rolling on the cement treated base material in Madison Street.



After grading and compaction, the base material is covered with a seal to prevent the cement mixture from drying out too rapidly. With the seal applied, this street is prep'd and ready for paving. The paving work is scheduled to occur Monday thru Wednesday of next week.



Here, Tom (local Consulting Engineer) is using a Nuclear Densometer to measure the density of the compacted street base material. Tests showed excellent compaction on those streets which were tested.



Public Works: Street Department Continued



Some of the asphalt grindings were hauled and placed on Walnut Avenue between Campbell and "C" Streets. Walnut Street was the only street along the entire length of Campbell Street which was gravel.

Placing and compacting grindings there will be a benefit to those citizens who live along that street and also to those who travel there.



The new L.E.D. stop sign for 17th and Campbell arrived recently. Dennis worked to cut a piece of perforated square stock to proper length for installation.

No you don't have to stop twice at this intersection because of there are two signs.

The new sign was installed closer to the road to improve visibility.



The stop sign on the right was removed, the sign shortened and repurposed to hold the street signs for 17th and Campbell Streets.

Pictured right is completed installation.





Public Works: Street Department Continued

OTEC was on-site this week to reconnect the street light that had been relocated at the corner of 1st & Auburn. This light is now back in operation.



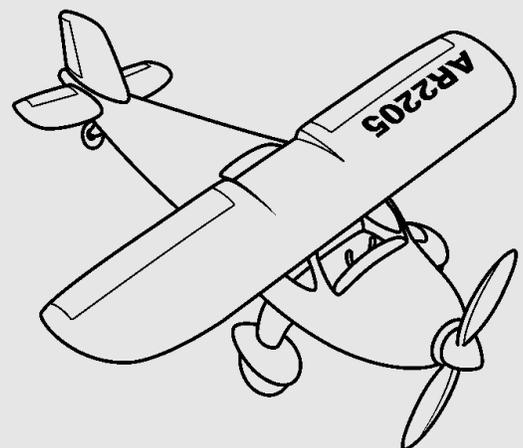
O.D.O.T. crews were patching State Highway routes through town this week. They patched Dewey Street (State Highway 7) Wednesday and 10th Street (Highway 30) Thursday. In this photo they are working on Highway 30 (10th Street).

Public Works: Airport

AIRPLANE HANGAR SPACE OPPORTUNITY

The Baker City Municipal Airport has a hangar space available for lease (West Bay Quad Hangar).

The lease shall be for five years of \$150/monthly payments. It is available now. It is located approximately 450-feet north of County Road 741, and approximately 350 feet west of the principal Airport Access Road. If you are interested, have any questions, or wish to view the hangar, please contact Michelle Owen, Public Works Director, at 541-524-2031.





Public Works: Shop



Front brake pads and rotors will be replaced on this vehicle. Additional repairs to wiring will be completed on Friday.



The engine blew a lower radiator hose. Wes and Scott repaired, filled and tested the radiator. It is now back in service.



A full service was completed on this dump truck and mud flaps were replaced.



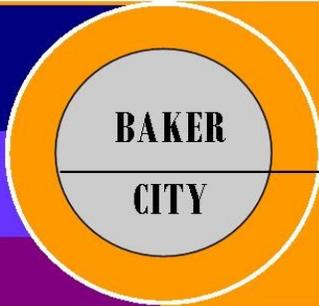
A new set of cutting bits were mounted and the wing repaired for the work on Walnut Street.



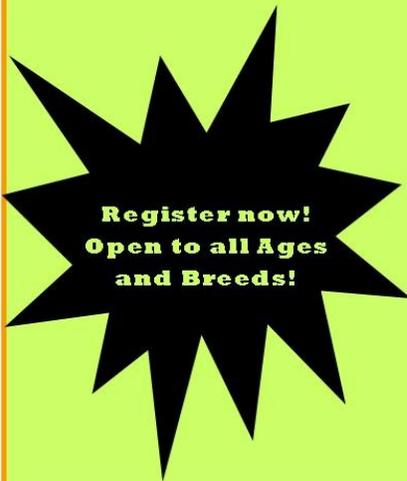
The engine was running rough on this truck. Wes and Scott tested the fuel pressure, replaced the spark plugs, cap and rotor and it is now back in service.



Public Works: Announcements

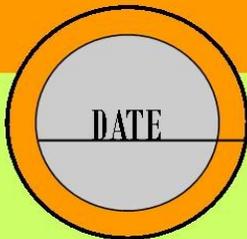


Partners for Paws Present...
1st Annual



Dog Jog!

Join us for a fun run/walk starting and ending at Central Park. All proceeds go to support construction and maintenance of a Dog Park in Baker City! Prizes will be awarded for best "dressed" pet and participant. All pet participants will receive a treat at the finish line. *Dog optional for participation!*



October 7, 2017



9 am



Forms are available at City Hall or may be downloaded from the Baker City Partners for Paws Facebook Page

☉ fun ☉ PRIZES ☉ Pet treats ☉ T-shirts ☉

