

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update May 31, 2019

Administration:

The City Council met this week and approved temporary parking restrictions in the downtown area for the Baker City Cycling Classic that will be staged on Saturday June 29th. They also authorized the closure of Court Plaza on Wednesday afternoon's from June 5th to October 23rd for the Baker City Farmers Market. The group moved into the downtown area last year and reported that it was very successful.

The Council also had a good discussion about topics that were brought up in the recent budget hearings and will continue to meet to discuss their roles and other current topics. It looks like we might be in for some really nice weather this weekend. Hopefully you will be able to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

City Council

Agenda

June 11th

- Budget Resolutions
- Budget Discussion
- Cost Recovery Ordinance

Finance:

Finance Director: The City has submitted a request for proposal (RFP) for audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The RFP can be obtained online at <http://www.bakercity.com/2175/Current-Solicitations>.

Utilities

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and nine customers disconnected service from May 24th thru May 30th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed May 28th and included 470 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 108 (22%) are signed up for direct payment and 22 (5%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today and included 726 residential and 63 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 209 (26%) are signed up for direct payment and 55 (7%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Sixteen residential customers (Zones 3 and 8) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due). Two of those customers actually had their service turned off until their past due balance was paid.

LID Billings: LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 3.68%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date. Twenty-eight 2014 Resort Street Underground Utility LIDs were billed May 29th. The original assessment for relocating the utilities on Resort Street underground included sixty-three property owners for a total of \$294,879. The remaining balance outstanding is \$124,994 (including current interest due). Three 2004 Birch Street LIDs were billed May 30th. The original assessment in 2004 for Birch Street improvements included four property owners for a total of \$90,416. The remaining balance outstanding is \$18,459.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	1	3	4	9
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	0
Electrical	3	3	4	3
Mechanical	3	2	1	1
Plumbing	2	3	1	4
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	10	11	10	17

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 535 1st Street, Huntington—Home addition.
- 15880 Summerfield Drive, Baker City—Shop addition.
- 519 John Street, Haines—Pole barn alteration.
- 1105 Place Street, Baker City—Canopy cover.
- 42165 Stanciu Road, Richland—Storage shed.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- None to report this week.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings: The next Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. The agenda includes:

- ◆ VAR-19-062 & RP-19-062: An application to partition one ±12,200 square foot parcel into two parcels smaller than the minimum parcel size in the Residential Medium-Density (R-MD) zone. The property is located at 1353 Washington Avenue.
- ◆ SDR-19-063 & VAR-19-064: An application to construct a ±21,890 square foot general office building with a ±10,000 square foot health facility (accessory structure), along with a Variance to the maximum parking spaces allowed for a “General Office Building.” The Baker City Development Code sets the maximum parking spaces for this type of development at ±64, but the applicant requests a total of ±141 parking spaces. The property is located at 3425 13th Street and is in the General Industrial (I) Zone.
- ◆ Work Session: A public work session for the continued discussion of revisions to the Development Code.

Copies of the applications and work session materials will be available for inspection on or before June 12, 2019, at the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 3rd Street. All materials can be viewed for no cost, or provided at a reasonable cost; digital versions can be e-mailed for free. Comments on the proposal may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. If you have questions, please contact the Planning Department at planning@bakercounty.org or 541-523-8219.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of May 21st through May 27th the Fire Department responded to a total of **33** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	15
Rural Calls	13
Patient Transported	21
No Patient Trip	7

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES **28**

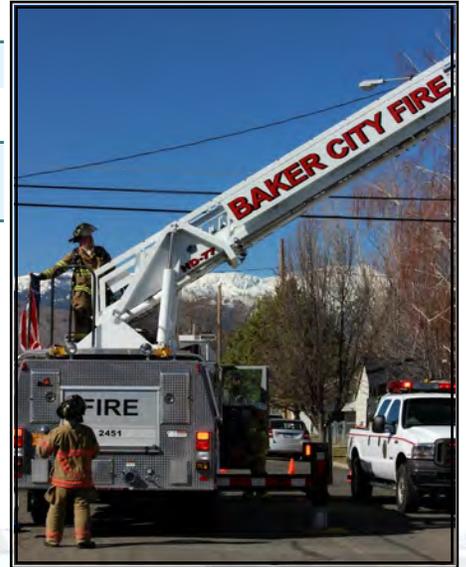


Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	0
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Doubles (2 calls at once)	1
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	4

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	2
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES **5**



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	8
Persons Arrived for Cover	6

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **38 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **66 hrs** of Fire Training
- **2 hrs** of Fire Prevention Inspections
- **4 hrs** of EMS Training
- **13 hrs** of Community Events
- **12** Burn Permits Issued



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. **Don't miss the next check on June 4th.**



"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

- ★ During the previous week, BCPD handled over 177 incidents and opened 36 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainees.
 - ★ It is with great sadness that the Baker City Police Department announced the passing of K9 Turbo. K9 Turbo, BCPD's first drug detection canine, passed away on May 16th, 2019, due to severe pain from medical conditions he incurred due to his age. Turbo was 15 years old. Turbo started his law enforcement career with the BCPD in 2007. He was purchased from Puget Sound Detection Dogs in Marysville, Washington in 2007, and started work with the BCPD soon after. Turbo was handled by three handlers during his career, starting with Officer Wayne Chastain. Officer Chastain relinquished his handler duties to Officer Mike Harris when Officer Chastain deployed to Iraq in 2009. Officer Mike Harris relinquished his handler duties to Officer Rand Weaver when Officer Harris took a job with the La Grande Police Department in 2010. Turbo remained with Officer Weaver throughout the rest of his career, retiring in 2015 after the legalization of marijuana in the State of Oregon. Turbo enjoyed retirement in the ownership of his last handler, Officer Weaver. Turbo participated in numerous community presentations in addition to his detection duties. He was responsible for many drug seizures during his career to include the highlight of his career in 2008 when he alerted to a car on Interstate 84 traveling from Las Vegas, NV, to Seattle, WA. Upon searching the car pursuant to Turbo's alert to the vehicle, officers seized 200 OxyContin pills, 662 pills of Ecstasy, one pound of marijuana and \$9,914.00 in US currency. Several people from the Seattle area were arrested and convicted in that case. Turbo was transported to Halfway where he was cremated by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home. Thank you Turbo for your many years of service to the BCPD and our citizens.
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- ★ Sergeant Mike Regan and Officer Rand Weaver attended Firearms Instructor training which included observing and assisting with in-the-field training and demonstration of learned **skills. Sergeant Regan's team also completed OSHA required training during a regularly-scheduled shift change brief.**
 - ★ Gun locks are available upon request from the Baker City Police Department, located at 1768 Auburn Avenue. These locks, donated courtesy of Project ChildSafe, are available during regular business hours. Please note, the lobby is closed during the lunch hour. More information about Project ChildSafe can be found at <https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>.
 - ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.

Public Works: Storm Water Department

"D" Street Storm Water Project: Excellent progress was made on the "D" Street project even though rainfall somewhat hampered construction efforts.



← Here the crew is installing a 21" pipe south from the manhole at the intersection of 1st and "D" Streets.

A laser Level and receiver unit attached to the survey rod is used to precisely measure elevation of the new pipe.

The 21" P.V.C. pipe is braced against the inside of the precast manhole so that the ensuing pieces of pipe can be pushed together without shoving this pipe all the way through the manhole.



← Brian is using a cutoff blade to remove the bell end of the 15" terra cotta pipe so that a secure connection can be made with the new 21" pipe.



This is the view looking south into the old 15" terra cotta pipe. You can see roots and other debris. This section of pipe is scheduled to be replaced with 21" P.V.C. pipe next fiscal year.



← Another section of natural gas line had to be adjusted so that the new storm line could be installed at the designed grade.

Justin backfilling a portion of the storm line trench.



Pictured above is the old storm wastewater manhole which was removed this week.



Public Works: Storm Water Department Continued



Pictured left, Nate and Brian are connecting the new 21" pipe to the old 15" terra cotta pipe by using special rubber bushings and couplers.

Here you can see the considerable size difference between the 21" and 15" pipes. →



The diesel fueled Thompson pump was cleaned and brought in from the lagoon to pump storm water in case there were heavy rainfalls during the construction project. It was set up at the intersection of 1st and "C" Streets.



The pump quickly pumped the rain water from the manhole at 1st and "C" Streets east and around the corner to Main Street where the water could run into a catch basin which had already been connected to the new storm line.



Public Works: Street Department

O.D.O.T. requested assistance for traffic control on Campbell Street earlier this week. They needed to replace the electrical sensor wires lying within the asphalt in the eastbound lane between Main and First Streets. The deformation of the asphalt surface from heavy vehicular traffic had caused two of the three wires to fail recently.



← The one block detour on Campbell Street.

After setting a 10 foot level across the lane of traffic you can see how much the street surface had "rutted" since it was last overlaid in 2006.



Here the new traffic sensor wires have been installed. →
O.D.O.T. requested that the ruts be filled as soon as possible to protect the new wires from damage.





Public Works: Water Department



Scott and Tom hiked into Goodrich Reservoir on Tuesday. The level of the reservoir continues to rise with the recent rainfall and snow melt.

← Scott heading up to Goodrich.

Pictured below, the panorama feature on the camera distorts the image somewhat. The axis of the dam is straight although it appears "U" shaped in this photo of the reservoir.



← Snow continues to recede around the old cabin.

Substantial open water is visible along the east shoreline.



The 2018 Water Quality Report and Conservation Tips is now available on our website. Please click the following link:
[2018 Baker City Water Quality Report](#)



Public Works: Wastewater Department

The CIPP contractor completed their installation work this week. The last line for them to install was on Baker Street between 10th and 11th Streets.

This line is only 6" in diameter and had heavy root intrusions. Because the line is only 6" in diameter a Public Works crew of Blain, Karl and Jake worked to reconnect two 4" laterals onto the newly CIPP lined 6" main line.



Using the vector truck to carefully hydro-excavate around the brittle terra cotta pipe.



The exposed pipe and connection



Karl measuring the length of pipe necessary for the reinstallation of the connection.

Pictured below are some photos of the contractor (P.E.C.) installing the CIPP line and performing video-inspection work.





Public Works: Shop



The folding bumper on this trailer had some cracks in it. Wes and Scott welded them and it is back in service.



Wes and Scott adjusted the idle and the full RPMs and it is back in service.



The back right hand side door wouldn't open. Scott was able to get the door open, take it apart and repair it.



Scott repaired the exhaust and replaced the air filter on this piece of equipment so that the water crew could get back to work.

Wes and Scott upgraded the tank from being gravity fed to an electric pump. This will cut fill times from a half hour to 2 or 3 minutes which will be a big improvement.

