

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update October 18, 2019

Administration:

The Economic Development Council will meet next week to continue their discussion of the future structure of the County's economic development program. They have worked for the past couple of months to strategize what the needs are and how can we deliver services to our existing and prospective businesses in a cost effective way. They are working with all the different stakeholders to streamline and not duplicate services.

The City is dealing with a number of employee vacancies. Check our website for the particulars and tell your friends and family about these openings. Baker City is a great place to work.

The Carnegie Gala sponsored by Crossroads Arts Center is Saturday. Hope to see you there.

It is nice to see the snow on the mountains. Have a great weekend.

Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	5	1	8
Manufactured Dwelling	1	1	0	1
Electrical	3	5	1	2
Mechanical	8	10	6	3
Plumbing	4	4	1	3
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	21	25	9	17

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3325 Pocahontas Road, Baker City—Commercial partial reroof
- 2300 Windmill Lane, Baker City—Fire suppression system installation

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 1720 4th Street, Baker City—Home addition
- 363 Columbia Street, Sumpter—Detached accessory structure

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW:

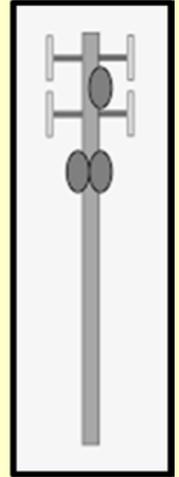
Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 6, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.



Planning Department:

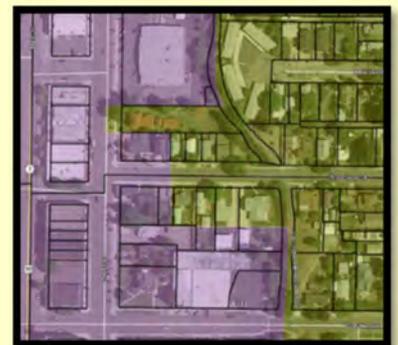
Public Meetings

- ◆ On October 16, 2019, the Planning Commission heard testimony regarding Conditional Use Permit application CUP-19-101, which proposes the siting a ±70-foot-tall wireless communication tower (cell tower) within the 1400 Block of D Street. The Planning Commission granted a continuance request for the hearing (date and time listed below). The record will be left open until that time, and additional testimony may be submitted by all interested persons.
- ◆ The next Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled to **November 13, 2019, at 6:00 pm**, in the Council Chambers at Baker City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and submit testimony for each case, either in writing or orally at the hearing. Only comments on the relevant approval criteria are considered by the Planning Commission in the decision-making process. Contact the Planning Department for information about these criteria. The meeting will include:
 - CUP-19-101: the continuation of a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit request for a ±70-foot-tall wireless communication tower (cell tower) within the 1400 Block of D Street; and
 - CUP-19-114: a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit application for a new ±1,920 square foot accessory structure with a ±14-foot eave height at 505 Valley Avenue in the Residential High Density Zone



Land Use Applications

- ◆ A kennel radius map was generated and provided to the Police Department for 1821 Estes Street.
- ◆ A Sign Permit approval was issued for a new wall sign at 781 Campbell Street in the General Commercial Zone.
- ◆ A Land Use Review was approved for a residential remodel of the second floor at 1828 Main Street in the Central Commercial Zone.
- ◆ An application has been approved for a Lot of Record determination to site a single-family dwelling at 1855 Ash Street in the Residential Medium Density Zone.
- ◆ A lot line adjustment was approved between 1775 Broadway Avenue and a neighboring vacant lot to the west (no addressed issued). The lot line adjustment served to relocate the lot line to the existing boundary between the Central-Commercial (C-C) Zone and the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone on Broadway Avenue.





Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ October is the time of year when irrigation meters are being turned off for the winter and when our “Snow Birds” begin to head south for the winter. This is reflected in the number of turn-on and turn-offs in this week’s report. Six customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and twenty-three customers disconnected service from October 11th thru October 17th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 2 was billed October 15th and it included 465 residential and 13 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 100 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 28 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 7 was billed today and included 560 residential and 26 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 169 or 29% are signed up for direct payment and 36 (6%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ This week 23 residential customers (Zones 2 and 6) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) five of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Boards, Commissions and Committees:

The City of Baker City is seeking volunteers for the following:

- ⇒ Tree Board—3 positions available
- ⇒ Public Works Advisory Committee—2 positions available
- ⇒ Historic District Design Review Commission—1 position available

Most positions are for a 3-year term. Anyone interested in volunteering should visit www.bakercity.com to fill out a volunteer form. You may also email admin@bakercity.com or call 524-2033 for more information.

The direct link to the volunteer form page is: <http://bakercity.com/2149/Boards-Commissions>

Code Enforcement

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 10 previous complaints
- Responded to 2 new complaints
- 2 Preventative contacts
- Opened 1 case

Miscellaneous:

- 1 Found item
- 5 Community service stops
- 20 Miscellaneous community contacts
- 3 Park check3

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Responded to 14 complaints
- Followed up on 7 previous complaints
- Issued 4 citations
- Issued 2 written warnings
- Orange-tagged 1 vehicle
- Responded to 3 camping complaints

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- Impounded 2 dogs
- 7 Animal at large calls
- 1 Animal welfare check



"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 responded to over 144 incidents and opened 34 new cases, making numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and detainers. During this period, BCPD responded to a report of a physical fight taking place in the street between two males. One subject was arrested for Strangulation, Assault IV, Harassment and Disorderly Conduct II for their involvement in this incident.
- ✪ Sergeant Wayne Chastain and Officer Johnathan Parsons attended Operation RUSH Training in John Day. Costs related to attendance of this training are covered by a grant awarded through Oregon Department of Transportation. Operation RUSH is a nationally recognized training designed to train patrol, corrections, drug officers and detectives in their respective job duties to recognize criminal activity including current case law, current drug trends, physiology of how drugs affect the human body and concealment methods, according to the Operation Rush website.
- ✪ Public Works staff started work on the placement of a cement pad behind the Police Department. This project will include a fenced enclosure for the future placement of a transfer switch and generator to provide backup power to the Police Department. This project is made possible by emergency management grant funding awarded through Oregon Emergency Management.
- ✪ 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.

Fire Department Open House

The Baker City Fire Department hosted an open house on Saturday October 12. Oregon State Police, LifeFlight, Baker County Sheriff and Baker City Police Department also participated in the event.



Both kids and adults had an opportunity to climb into a fire truck, watch our very own K-9 Police dog in action, check out the LifeFlight helicopter and watch live demonstrations of our Fire Department team at work performing vehicle extrications.

Hot dogs and refreshments were served, and with the beautiful weather, there was a great turnout.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of **October 8th** through **October 14th** the Fire Department responded to a total of **38** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	9
Patient Transported	22
No Patient Trip	11
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	33

Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Not Accepted	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Doubles (2 calls at once)	8
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	3

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	5
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	5

EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	13
Persons Arrived for Cover	8



TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/ FIRE PREVENTION

INSPECTIONS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **98 hrs** of Station & Equipment Maintenance
- **2 hrs** of Fire Training
- **38 hrs** of EMS Training
- **36 hrs** of Fire Prevention / Inspections
- **39 hrs** of Community Events
- **14** 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 October 22.



Public Works: Street Department



This "Crosswalk Closed" sign was knocked over sometime prior to Thursday morning. This sign belongs to ODOT and was brought to the city warehouse facility until ODOT is able to repair it.



Left: Leaf season is coming on fast. Matt continues to sweep streets regularly.

Right: Excavation work for a new residence on Scenic Vista Lane began recently. Adjustments for the new water meter box near the edge of the road were done this week.



Public Works: Wastewater Department

A resident on Grove Street developed wastewater problems last Friday. The resident had a similar concern this past February, and a local drain cleaner was able to remedy the problem, restoring the flow. This time, however, the plug could not be removed. Repair work started Monday and was completed by the end of the day. Asphalt patching is scheduled for next week.



Above: Repair site marked in preparation for work.



Above: Equipment staged to begin the project.



Above: Brian performed the excavation while Blain assisted.



Above: Additional asphalt near the concrete curb needed to be cut away.

Below: A 4" hole was cut into the concrete pipe and the new lateral was installed



Left: Karl operated the electronic controls while Jake moved the suction tube. Blain operated the high pressure water nozzle to uncover the existing 15" concrete sewer main line.



Above: Brian backfilled the trench line



Public Works: Police Department



Kris and Nate worked to pour concrete on the north side of the police station. This concrete pad will have an Emergency Electric Generator Unit placed on it.



Public Works: Water Department



Blain and Brian installed new water service on Estes Street this Tuesday.

Goodrich Reservoir continues to be lowered down to the point where the outlet piping can be video-inspected. That work is scheduled for early next week (weather permitting).



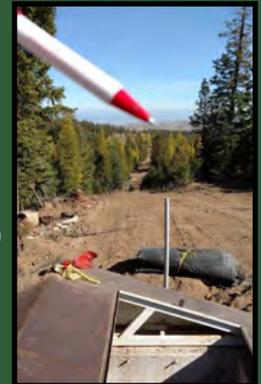
Public Works: Mountain Pipeline

A milestone for the Public Works Department was reached on Wednesday. The new 20' ductile iron water line running all the way from the Elk Creek settling tank—Station 845+95 to Station 1022+00—was put on line. The water which had been conveyed to town through the old line was rerouted into the new 20" line and gravity fed into the new pipe.

Below: Some of the first water from Elk Creek to flow into the new pipe.



Right: The pen tip in this photo shows the bare hillside in the far distance where the new line is now being utilized. It took 350,000 gallons of water to fill the line from the Elk Creek settling tank to the tie in point!!



Right: Any sediment in the line was flushed out at a drain line that was installed on 2018. This "rooster tail" is the result of over 320 psi of water pressure spraying out of a 12" drain valve opened only 5 turns. The outlet drainage route was lined with large boulders to protect the ditch bank. Justin and Tommy drained the line at this rate for only a short time as the water was very clear.





Public Works: Mountain Pipeline continued

The next step was to release the remaining waster pressure at the drain valve (at a greatly reduced flow rate) until the water level was below the tie in point at Station 1022+00. Then the heavy duty plumbing work began. One piece of class 53 ductile iron pipe and two solid sleeve connectors with tandem mega-lugs were used for the final connection.



The tandem mega-lugs are designed so that when the specified torque is reached, the huge nut snaps off. There is a smaller bolt bead below the top nut should the mega-lug ever have to be removed.

It took several hours of fitting, connecting and then installing and tightening bolts before the tie in was complete.

Here Justin, Blain and Brian stand next to the final connection, In the 3.3 miles of line, there are over 1,000 connections, some of which are under extremely high water pressure (as much as 321 psi). Not a single leak was seen! Excellent workmanship!



Public Works: Shop

Below: This truck is getting its engine put back together.



Below: We added a new UTV trailer to the fleet. It will be used for the water shed.



Above: This truck had some electric issues with the regeneration system for the emission. Parts were ordered and it should be done today.