

Local & Entertainment

City Council

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Boards and Commission Appointments

Three positions were open on the Historic District Design Review Commission (HDDRC). A December 27, 2017 press release notified of three vacancies on the HDDRC.

Carol Phillips and Mary Apple both submitted applications for those vacancies.

Recent updates to requirements for HDDRC service state that preference will be given to applicants that are downtown property owners.

Apple and Phillips both meet that requirement. Ann Mehaffy and Gail Duman who both served on the HDDRC with terms that expired Jan. 1, 2018 also reapplied.

Julie Smith advised Council that of the three positions open two are three-year terms and one was a partial term of only two years.

Councilor Joseph moved to appoint Carol Phillips to one of the three-year terms. Councilor Abell seconded that motion.

Council voted unanimously in favor. Councilor McQuisten then moved to appoint Gail Duman to the remaining three-year term and Ann Mehaffy to the two-year term.

Councilor Abell seconded that motion and again a unanimous vote was cast.

Public Works Ductile Iron Pipe Bid Award

Michelle Owen, Public works director addressed council.

She informed Council that three bids for the pipe, which was included in the current budget years capital plan, were received.

The pipe is for improvements to the mountain line construction project.

City rules require that Council approve any spending of monies over \$50,000 even though the money has already been budgeted and allocated for this project.

Work is tentatively scheduled to begin around April 2018.

Owen advised Council that the lowest bid was from Core and Main for \$604,494.89 and included both the pipe and fittings.

This bid is below what was budgeted for. Councilor Abell asked if the City had worked with Core and Main before.

Owen stated that the City had and said that Core and Main was only the distributor of the product, that the manufacturer of the product was U.S. Pipe whom the City had also worked with before.

Councilor McQuisten moved to approve the award of the bid to Core and Main in the amount of \$604,494.89.

Councilor Joseph made a second. Council voted unanimously in favor.

2018 Non-Represented Employees Salaries Schedule

In 2014 Council adopted resolution #3726. That resolution stated that in January of each year Council would make appropriate changes the salary schedule of City employees.

City Manager Fred Warner advised Council that he had done research and found that Cities comparable in population and economic status such as La Grande and Ontario had significantly higher base pay scales.

Warner told Council that he was recommending a base pay increase for the position of Human Resources Manager/City Recorder.

His basis for this increase was, "This is an extremely important position which deals with a myriad of employee issues, labor union issues, laws and regulations dealing with employee rights and benefits."

He went on to say, "Having a highly knowledgeable Human Resources Manager helps us control our legal costs."

Warner also was proposing 1% merit increases for employees that had completed all of their step increases and noted that

some of the increases were union negotiated obligations that had to be met.

Councilor McQuisten voiced his concerns about any pay increases due to the budget struggles the City was currently experiencing and warned that any pay increases now would not be of any help as the City prepared to head into new budget negotiations in the next few months.

Regardless of McQuisten's opposition, Councilor Joseph moved to approve, with a second by Councilor Nilsson.

All Councilors voted in favor, except Councilor McQuisten who opposed, passing the motion.

City Manager/Director Comments

City Manager Warner advised Council that a heater at the Police Department had to be replaced.

He also stated that he had completed a letter to the Forest Service about work that he felt critically important to begin cleaning up in the watershed.

He had forwarded a draft to Councilor Andersen for review and comment before sending on to the Forest Service.

Warner also advised Council that recent changes to the sign code are again becoming a concern as Grocery Outlet will be attending the January 17, 2018 Planning Commission meeting and asking for a variance for a larger sign.

Further scouting of the location uncovered new concerns about the sightline of the sign for the new business.

Warner advised that if the planning commission chose, then City Council could very well see the issue before them again for review.

Warner said that he was very concerned as he didn't want the sign issue to be a reason that Grocery Outlet does not end up opening a store here.

Council Comments

With no Council comments, Mayor Downing adjourned the meeting.

Bebe's word search

John Wayne

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- RIO BRAVO
- SHOOTIST
- HONDO
- YELLOW RIBBON
- LEATHER NECKS
- KENTUCKYENS
- TRUE GRIT
- EL DORADO
- BATON
- WAR WAGON
- QUIET MAN
- GREEN BARET

The Littles' crossword puzzle

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Across

- 1- Doesn't keep;
- 5- Happy;
- 9- Gag reflex?;
- 13- Baseball's Moises;
- 14- Flowery verse;
- 15- First-rate;
- 16- Aromatic plant;
- 17- Arrested;
- 18- Six-sided state;
- 19- Rum cocktail;
- 21- Harem room;
- 22- London gallery;
- 23- Shade trees;
- 25- They, in Trieste;
- 27- City in N Henan province China;
- 31- Reliable;
- 35- Knee-slapper;
- 36- Monetary unit of Western Samoa;
- 38- Clarinetist Shaw;
- 39- Slugger Mel;
- 40- Construct;
- 42- S.A.T. company;
- 43- Fires;
- 46- Like the White Rabbit; 47- Will-___-wisp;
- 48- On the beach;
- 50- Treacle;
- 52- Man, in Milan;
- 54- Harangue;
- 55- Over-50 org.;
- 58- Blunder;
- 60- Innumerable;
- 64- Tale teller;
- 65- Connect with;
- 67- Romeo's last words;
- 68- Nose out;
- 69- Norwegian dramatist;
- 70- Relinquish;

Down

- 1- Chicago mayor Emanuel;
- 2- Olive genus;
- 3- Singer Amos;
- 4- Implicit meaning;
- 5- ___ few rounds;
- 6- Carson's successor;
- 7- Line in a play directed to the audience;
- 8- Potentate;
- 9- Arrogance;
- 10- Proceedings;
- 11- Qualifying race;
- 12- Queens stadium;
- 14- Archbishop;
- 20- Clay, now;
- 24- Growl angrily;
- 26- Madrid Mrs.;
- 27- Language with click consonants;
- 28- Tiny amounts;
- 29- Angular indentation;
- 30- Beam of light;
- 32- Cancels a dele;
- 33- One tenth, usually;
- 34- Approvals;
- 37- Participant;
- 41- Column in the form of a man;
- 44- Dark-brown wild ox;
- 45- B'way hit sign;
- 47- Flightless bird;
- 49- Ipecac, e.g.;
- 51- Unspecified quantity;
- 53- Small antelope;
- 55- "Hard ___!" (sailor's yell);
- 56- Verdi heroine;
- 57- Torn clothing;
- 59- Take a breather;
- 61- Bean sprout?;
- 62- Helps;
- 63- Low in pitch;
- 66- Pigskin's perch;



January 2018 Menu

Community Connection of Baker County
2810 Cedar Street, Baker City OR 523-6591

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	2 Hearty Beef Stew Peas Cornbread Three Bean Salad Cookies	3 Boneless Chicken Breast w/ Creamy Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Bread Cottage Ch. w/Fruit Pudding	4 Baked Ham AuGratin Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll, Pasta Salad Cheesecake <i>Entree Sponsor Pyhillis Galloway IMO Harry Galloway</i>	5 Breaded Pork Loin Baked Potato Broccoli Blend Roll Coleslaw Cake <i>Entree Sponsor Grumpy's Repair</i>
8 BBQ Ribs Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll Broccoli Bacon Salad Lemon Bars <i>Entree Sponsor Darlene Maher IMO Ray Maher</i>	9 Cheeseburger w/ Trimmings Potato Wedges Peas Pasta Salad Cookies	10 Beef Burgundy over Fettuccini Mixed Vegetables Bread Green Salad Bread Pudding	11 Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Hollandaise Baked Potato Green Beans Roll, Potato Salad Cake <i>Entree Sponsor Idaho Power</i>	12 Chicken Broccoli Alfredo over Fettuccini Califlower Biscuit Cottage Ch.w/Fruit Pudding
15 Closed In Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	16 Swedish Meatballs Over Rice Mixed Vegetables Biscuit Three Bean Salad Brownies	17 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread Green Salad Cheesecake	18 BBQ Chicken Legs & Thighs Baked Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Bread Cottage Ch.w/Fruit Tapioca	17 Ham & Beans Potato Wedges Peas & Carrots Cornbread Carrot Raisin Salad Cookies
22 Hot Turkey Sandwich Stuffing & Gravy Broccoli Blend Veg. Fruit Cup Ice Cream	23 Chicken-fried Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Bread Beet & Onion Salad Lemon Bars	24 Old Fashioned Steak Rice Pilaf Green Beans Bread Pea & Onion Salad Cake	25 Pork Filet Mignon Baked Potato Peas & Carrots Roll Macaroni Salad Pudding <i>Entree Sponsor Terrie Everts</i>	26 Orange Glazed Chicken Tenders Fried Rice Oriental Veggies Bread Asian Salad Brownies
29 Chicken Ala King over Biscuit Broccoli Blend Veg. Fruit Ambrosia Pudding	30 Cheese Manicotti w/ Meat Sauce Peas & Carrots Garlic Bread Stix Green Salad Bread pudding	31 Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Bread Broccoli Bacon Salad Birthday Cake**	Senior & Volunteer Suggested Donation \$4.50 Non-Senior Charge \$ 6.75 Under 12 Charge \$4.50	** Dining Center Cake sponsored by Grays West and Safeway Store. Meals on Wheels cake sponsored by Heart N Home Hospice. Thanks!