

It's been an exciting three months as we settle into our new responsibilities.

We have two new councilmen who took office after their victories in November. They are Bruce Higley and Brent White. They join Elaine Calvert and Chad Costley who are continuing their four-year terms. I took office as the new Mayor after serving two years on the City Council. One of our first actions was to fill the seat I vacated because of my new role as Mayor having also won in November. I nominated Darwin Smith to take that position after he had applied for the open seat. You will remember Darwin from the election where he came in a close third place in the balloting. The Council gave their advice and consent and it passed.

We have had our Founders Day celebration and it was a rousing success. Jenny Garrett was our chairwoman and did a fantastic job. LaFray Kelley was over the program and it was over the top in it's performances. We cannot thanks these two, who happen to be sisters, enough for their contributions along with the many, many volunteers who made this wonderful event happen. Our own Fremont High School is so gracious to let us hold this event in the facilities they have.

We currently have several things that are in the works that affect the city. We are in the process of expanding our sewer system. We are taking a new line west from 2200 north and 4700 west and continuing to 5100 west. We are also taking a line north from 1500 north and 5100 west to the sewer lagoons. This will help alleviate pressure from our lines in town and allow for expansion on our western boundaries. We are almost completed with phase 1 and will start on the second and final stage in the third quarter. The winning bid was our own Marriott Construction. We have already seen some savings when the contractor was able to recommend some design changes that allowed for better flows and eliminated some material and expense.

We are also looking into a project to annex all land within our pioneer boundaries in one action which would protect the city from invading neighbors who are trying to expand into areas which are within our pioneer boundary.

We are seeing a drastic increase in the requests for subdivisions within Plain City . The prices of land are escalating rapidly with many of the developers from Salt Lake and Davis Counties looking for more opportunities up north. We seem to be that opportunity. We are doing our best to protect the city and also plan for that growth.

The last project I will discuss is our General Plan update. Our Planning Commission is leading a project to bring us up to date on our planning for all the reasons mentioned above. We have hired an engineering firm and received funding from the State of Utah , and are moving ahead with help from the Wasatch Front Regional Council and some professional planners. We cannot thank enough the volunteers from the community that have given hours and hours along with their valuable ideas to make this plan ours and not the plan of " outside experts ". This project should be finished by the end of the summer and will bring us up to date on some areas we have been found to be way out of date.

We have opened up the meetings and invite all who have an interest to come up and give us your input on what we can do to improve our great town,

Thanks,
Mayor Jay Jenkins