

Dear Citizens,

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007

The end of the second quarter is here and I wanted to update you on the occurrences of the last quarter and what we are up to in the city.

Let me start out by telling you a story about a couple who live here in our city and have been one of the pillars of our community for as long as I can remember. The other day I was out doing some work on getting permissions for putting in some sidewalk and pathway access for our new elementary. As you can imagine, I get every reaction under the sun. Sometimes it is a bit disappointing as a city official when you are working on a project for the betterment of the city as a whole and people don't care how or whom it helps but what is in it for them and that is the total scope of their vision. Now contrast that with the comment made by Blaine Jensen as I sat with him and his wife Joyce on their patio. I was starting to explain what we were trying to do and I was concerned as they have just built a new home and done a beautiful job of landscaping it and fixing the front of the property where it joins the road. Blaine stopped me as I was explaining what we wanted to do and said that we should do whatever we needed to do and they would fix around it later. I continued to try to explain what we had in mind and he again stopped me and repeated that we should do whatever we needed to do and he would work around it. Some of you will know that Blaine and Joyce have done very well in their lives and they will agree but more in reference to the fantastic family they have with over 150 kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He always downplays his other accomplishments which are numerous but I think these two epitomize the saying that " You can get anything in this world that you want if you just help enough other people get what they want." We are extremely lucky to have people like the Jensen's numbered among our citizens.

We have had a few setbacks, which rippled out to cause other problems. Our final annexation has been slowed with some citizens not wanting to come into Plain City. It has unfortunately not allowed us to plan for safe paths all the way to the new elementary from all sides. As it stands, we should have most of the area covered with more being able to be done every year ahead.

The General Plan update was finished and we appreciate all who participated. We feel we have a strong workable plan to go off of now.

We also had the Fire Station addition completed. We are happy with the way it was done and give kudos to Brad Barto, who as I mentioned before is one of the States premiere builders and he happens to live right here in Plain City.

We were able to upgrade some of our equipment at the city landfill and we stand in good shape at that facility. We encourage everyone to recycle and keep as much green waste out of the cans as we can.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is in a couple of days and the Higley's have been working hard to get that set. We appreciate those efforts and look forward to seeing all of you there.

One last reminder that the open filing period is coming up in early July and there are three open seats available on our City Council. We would love to have a large group of willing candidates to have everyone choose from so please consider throwing your hat in the ring.

Thank You,  
Mayor Jay Jenkins