

1st Quarter 2008

Dear Citizens,

The first quarter of 2008 is in the books and I am reporting to you as to the happenings in the city.

We have a brand new council with three new members joining our two holdovers. It is always a challenge to come in and get accustomed to your new assignments and also make an immediate impact. We have made the new assignments and the updated list is on this website for your reference.

The first things we did this quarter was to reappoint our recorder (Diane Hirschi), our Treasurer (Steve Davis) and also reappoint Artie Pierce to another term on the planning commission. All three have done wonderful jobs and we were very happy to have that done. It was unanimous on the voting. Brett Ferrin volunteered to be appointed as Plain City's representative for the East – West traffic corridor study the State is conducting this year. With his experience he will do well for us.

Steve Davis gave us an update on the City's finances and declared us to be in great shape. We have seen a drastic slow down in new applications for building permits. That impacts us negatively from a financial point of view but most of us are happy to see this rapid pace of building in the City take a breather. We have quite a few available homes on the market and it will allow some of them to move.

We have been working with the Cemetery District for some time now on being able to consolidate the two properties they own by trading with us the property we purchased from the East family net to the current Cemetery. We are most of the way there and should have that done in this next quarter or two.

We have been working with the State of Utah on our Sewer Treatment facility and we are entertaining a new treatment process they are helping to develop from a Professor at the U of U. This involves placing some new mechanisms in one of our ponds and we have applied for a grant from the state to help with this. This is very promising and I will keep you up to date on this. We have brought Don Weston over to this area to run the Environmental Services division within the City and he will be coordinating this effort. The Liberty Bible Church has approached the City and is planning on building a new facility in eastern Plain City. We will be working with them in the next quarter to see how we can help them.

The Planning Commission has been working on updating some of our out of date ordinances and also incorporating the changes made by our Legislature into our codes. That's it for this quarter.

Thank You,

Mayor Jay Jenkins