

Plain City,

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Well the 3rd quarter of 2008 is behind us and many things are going on in our city. We have had a great summer with the 4th of July celebration being the best so far. One part of that which has surprised everyone is the Car Show. I don't think anyone ever thought it would take off like it has. They had more cars than they could handle this year and it seems everyone wants in. The cars we had this year were absolutely beautiful too.

We also had a Circus visit our city this year for what we believe is the first time ever. It was really fun to see sights usually reserved for larger venues play in our small town.

We have started the recycling program, which so far meets the approval of most all. We have had a handful of complaints, which included the color of the can and the extra cost burden, but most have been happy about the program and the intended goals behind it.

The bulk of our road maintenance is almost finished and we have been able to keep up on what needs to be done. We have an exceptionally high amount of road mileage in our town compared to other cities with our population equivalent and it takes a lot to keep up on the upkeep and so on. Mitch Willson does a great job of scheduling and keeping the new and existing roads to standard. We are actually needing a new truck in that department to help with snow removal this coming winter. You will see one in the near future as it is on order now. It will be a one ton white Ford pickup truck

One other project we finished was the second phase of our annexation efforts. We now have most of the city boundaries established out to our pioneer boundary and only have one other phase to complete. Look for that in the new year.

We have been working with the Weber School district on efforts to make the best use of the old elementary building. We are really not having much success. We are setting that as a priority for next quarter and hope to have a deal in place with them by December to possibly purchase the building from them.

We just approved an update on our capital facilities plans done by our city engineering firm, Wasatch Civil. Along with that we upped all of the building fees on parks and instituted new ones on roads and several other areas. I was not happy with this but the council carried the day. I don't think we need the highest possible fees in every area just because we can have them. Hopefully that will not hurt us.

I saved the best news for last. We have most of the upgrades on our city sewer facilities underway and they should be done by year-end. We have the new PooGloos on their way and Don Weston has been working hard to have all installed and ready to go this year. The only setback so far was our plans to construct some wetlands at our facilities for the water to pass through on its way to the Great Salt Lake. We were told by the Army Corp of engineers that we could not do that because it would destroy natural wetlands.... I know... makes no sense what so ever but we were denied. It would have been a cheap addition to our system and polished off the water leaving our plant to a level cleaner than the surrounding waters. Oh well, we do what we can, or should I say, we do what they let us. We are hoping to have all other upgrades in and running by year-end, and I will keep you informed,

Thanks,
Mayor Jay Jenkins