Chapter 4

Vision for Ivins City

Building on past planning and decision making in Ivins City, population and economic projections, results of the 2022 citywide survey, input from Ivins City staff, individual perspectives from many residents, and compliance with Utah state law, Chapter 4 identifies the vision for the future of Ivins City. Nine vision elements and 15 associated goals are presented below. Policies and actions to meet these vision elements and goals, to the extent possible, are given in Chapters 5 and 6 under pertinent Land Use and City Service topics.

Ivins is a community where everyone should feel safe and secure. We belong here. We respect and protect the magnificent landscape that defines the unique and spiritual sense of place honored by the peoples who have lived here for centuries. We carefully plan for change, always remembering that we have borrowed the land from future generations. Our growth stewardship encourages a spectrum of neighborhoods for all who desire to live and work here.

We recognize that any ecosystem, including our community, thrives only with diversity. We have unique neighborhoods emphasizing open spaces where residents recreate, talk, support each other, and work collaboratively for the common good. We have a wide variety of recreational opportunities so that all citizens and guests can be transformed by the grandeur of the place. We draw professional and commercial services that support our citizens and our city's financial needs. We encourage and draw arts and cultural experiences that permeate the community's culture.

In any city decisions are made regularly concerning roads, sewers, parks, schools, new subdivisions, commercial developments, etc. Taken separately, the decisions may not seem related; however the cumulative effect of such decisions has a significant impact on the community and the quality of life of its residents. Clearly defined goals and policies provide a means by which a government can focus these individual decisions for the good of the community. When adopted by the City Council, the goals, policies, and actions of the General Plan become a guide to how Ivins City intends to direct its energies and resources with respect to the many issues it faces. The Ivins City vision for the future is outlined below in nine vision elements and 15 supporting goals.

Vision Element A: A community where we feel safe and secure.

> Goal 1: Regularly evaluate and establish appropriate Public Safety services so that Ivins City remains a safe and well-protected community.
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> Goal 2: Ensure that public facilities, services, and utilities meet the needs of present and future residents of Ivins City.

Vision Element B: We belong here and have unique neighborhoods emphasizing open spaces where residents recreate, talk, and support each other to work collaboratively for the common good.

> Goal 3: Maintain a strong sense of place.
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> Goal 4: Establish and maintain friendly, mutually beneficial relationships with the Shivwits people, Washington County, the cities of Santa Clara and St. George, other Washington County cities, state and federal agencies, and organizations to build community projects and events.

Goal 5: Promote effective government that embraces community involvement.

Goal 6: Protect the quality of life in Ivins City.

Vision Element C: We respect and protect the magnificent landscape that defines the unique and spiritual sense of place honored by the peoples who have lived here for centuries.

Goal 7: Work to preserve the natural beauty and vistas that give Ivins City its unique identity, including Red Mountain and the other natural hillsides that surround the city, the washes, the lava beds, open spaces, and the night sky.

Goal 8: In conjunction with the Washington County Water Conservancy District, and other applicable entities, provide safe, dependable water to met the future needs of the residents, businesses, and amenities of Ivins.

Vision Element D: We carefully plan for sustainability and adaptability, always remembering that we have borrowed the land from future generations.

Goal 9: Foster orderly growth compatible with the character of the community and surrounding natural beauty.

Goal 10: Provide a holistic system that moves people and goods safely and efficiently through Ivins City and minimizes negative impacts, visual and otherwise, on adjacent property. (See transportation master plan)

Vision Element E: Our growth stewardship creates homes for all who desire to live and work here.

Goal 11: Encourage functional neighborhoods with a variety of housing types that meet both the financial and aesthetic needs of a broad cross-section of residents.

Vision Element F: We recognize that any ecosystem, including our community, thrives only with diversity.

Goal 12: Support quality public schools, private schools, charter schools, and higher education.

Vision Element G: We have a wide variety of recreational opportunities so that all citizens and guests can be transformed by the grandeur of this place.

Goal 13: Provide a wide range of recreational facilities and opportunities for all ages.

Vision Element H: We draw professional and commercial services that support our citizens and the City's financial needs.

Goal 14: Attract and sustain businesses that will provide employment opportunities for Ivins City residents and enhance the tax base.

Vision Element I: We encourage and draw arts and cultural experiences that permeate the Community's culture.

Goal 15: Encourage and promote arts and culture, artists, art installations, activities, and education to create a welcoming environment and enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

The following two chapters, focused on Land Use and City Services, identify important topics to consider during planning and decision making and they identify community policies and actions to advance this Ivins Vision.