Ivins City Staff Report
City Council Meeting 4/3/2025

Agenda Item: Discuss and consider recommendation of the Ivins City Annexation Policy Plan

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Recommended Planning Commission Action:
Staff recommends approval.

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BACKGROUND:

The current Ivins City annexation policy plan was approved, by ordinance, on January 20, 2005. The plan met the state requirements that were in place at the time and included a map that showed four areas adjacent to the city where potential annexations might occur.

Last year in 2024, there were some residents that were alarmed by some of the areas shown in the plan and were concerned that the City maybe had legitimate plans to annex these areas. The City Council asked the staff and the Planning Commission to work on an updated annexation policy plan to be more consistent with actual future plans as well as to ensure that it was in line with the new General Plan. The first Public Hearing was held at Planning Commission on February 4, 2025, with a minor change requested to the map. The second Public Hearing at the Planning Commission was held on March 18, 2025 and recommended approval.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS:

In discussions, staff proposed that it would be better to just put a buffer around the entire city instead of removing areas to communicate that there are not specific plans, but the City wants to be prepared for any unforeseen situation that might develop rapidly where an annexation might occur.

The new proposed plan has been changed with this concept in mind. Instead of four annexation areas, the new proposal includes now six annexation areas. Also, changes to the text were made, first, to ensure compliance with State laws, second to provide text support for the purposes of the expanded and new areas, and lastly to be in compliance with the new City General Plan. This also includes an update to population projections.

In the text, each area is described and whether or not there are any anticipated annexations which are then reflected in the population projections.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Proposed Annexation Policy Plan
- Annexation Map

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