Ivins City Staff Report
City Council Meeting 4/17/2025

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

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Recommended City Council 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 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.

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. 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.

LEGAL IMPACT:

Adoption of an Annexation Policy plan does not obligate the City to annex any land included in the plan in any way. It simply allows the City to consider annexing such land if a petition to annex is later proposed. If a petition is proposed in the future, the process to actually annex

land into the City requires a public hearing, notice to affected entities and land owners, and the exercise of city council discretion regarding whether the annexation is in the interests of the city and its residents.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Draft Annexation Policy Plan Ordinance
- Annexation Map

This statement is not intended to be comprehensive. Ivins City reserves the right to apply any additional authority and/or procedures allowed by law.