

**CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM
NO. 2019-19**

December 12, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Scot Wrighton, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: ANNEXATIONS-COMPLETELY SURROUNDED 60 ACRES OR LESS

RECOMMENDATION: On the Agenda is one ordinance that was tabled from the November 18, 2019, City Council Meeting, annexing thirty-two (32) total properties that are completely surrounded by City of Decatur boundaries and are sixty (60) acres or less. State statutes provide that property that is completely surrounded and sixty (60) acres or less in size may be annexed by the municipality that surrounds it. The City Manager and staff subsequently met with a group of representatives of the 32 parcels off Greenswitch to discuss topics raised during the Council meeting. A copy of this letter is included. Although it is not expected that all impacted residents are going to be supportive of the City's intent to proceed with annexation, these residents were provided information to reassure them that much of their existing lifestyle does not have to change due to annexation.

On October 7, 2019, City Council passed Resolutions indicating the City's intent to annex these thirty-two properties at the November 18, 2019 Council Meeting and authorizing publication of a notice in a local newspaper. That notice indicating the City's intent to annex the subject properties was published for all thirty-two properties on October 17, 2019. Statutory notices were also provided to the taxpayers of record, the owners, the appropriate Township, Fire Protection District, Public Library District, and County officials.

The annexation of these parcels is consistent with the policy previously articulated by the City Council: annex all surrounded parcels and those that are contiguous with a water service agreement in order to increase the census count and eliminate service islands.

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinances.

POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS: There are no known or expected objections, filed at the time of this report.

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BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS: None.