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### Council Report

Meeting Date:	February 1, 2016
Agenda Item:	Petition for Annexation of Marcotte Tract
Prepared By:	Christina Steele

Background Information:	In September of 2012, the City entered into a three-year agreement with the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department to purchase 60.81 acres of land known as the Marcotte Tract. This property is located outside the City limits adjacent to Elk Road which is within the City. The property was most recently used as a public hunting area, however, encroaching development within the City rendered the property no longer suitable for the purpose of hunting.
Cost, Benefit or Risks:	The City completed the purchase of this property in July of 2015. Since this property is now owned by the City of Sturgis, it is recommended that it be taken into the City limits via the annexation process. The property is well suited for future development of recreational and/or limited residential purposes. The City has completed preliminary land use studies for the land but a final decision is not going to be made at this point.
Budget Impact:	There is no anticipated impact to the City budget at this time. Specific plans for future use has not yet been identified, however, during the purchasing process, the state required the property to be purchased at full market value, it was indicated then that in order to recoup the cost of the purchase and fund future recreational development some limited residential development may occur.

Recommendation:	Staff recommends the annexation of this property into the City limits.
Submitted by:	Christina Steele – Planning and Zoning Coordinator