

February 21, 2024
EDA Meeting

EDA Projects Report

- The developer has sold the site for the second building on the old Hardees/Budget Mart site to Redline Development Group, LLC. TIF was approved for this project. There is enough TIF being generated from the first building to pay the City back for costs associated with realigning Barney Street. Any additional TIF generated from a second building would assist the developer for costs associated with the development.
- The land swap between the City and Cemstone is completed. The City now owns the current Cemstone site and Cemstone owns 14 acres of vacant land in the industrial park. Cemstone will have 5 years to build a new facility on the new site. The City will then redevelop the current site once Cemstone moves out. Tax Increment Financing is being used to assist with the project. Cemstone has completed the plant on their new site. They will be building an office and storage space next year.
- The property at 224 North Cedar Avenue has been conveyed to Oscar and Tammy Mazariago to renovate the building into a wine lounge. Tax Increment Financing has been approved for the project. A development agreement was approved and signed for the project. Costs has gone up on the project from the time the development agreement was signed and the owner is developing a new plan. The EDA gave the owner until February to get a contract signed for the project.
- The City has purchased the property at 117 West Bridge Street formerly owned by Centro Campesino. Construction of a new roof on the building is complete as well as other improvements. The EDA paid for the roof and other improvements with the intent of redeveloping the property and utilizing tax increment financing to recoup those costs from the project. A redevelopment project is being sought for that property.
- The City owns the property at 148 West Main Street that was damaged from a collapsed roof. A redevelopment project is being sought for that property.
- Tax Increment Financing has been approved for the redevelopment of 202 West Bridge Street. The project will renovate the entire building into retail and office space. Construction is complete on the first floor and Graif has moved into that space. A tenant has now moved into the upper level of the building.
- Kamp Automation is proposing to purchase a city owned lot to construct 50,000 square foot manufacturing facility. The company is currently in Waseca and would be moving 25 jobs here as well as adding 23 more jobs. Tax Increment Financing has been approved for the project. The company has applied for the State's Job Creation Fund and Minnesota Investment Funds to help with the project costs. The development agreement and business subsidy agreement are approved. The property has been sold to KAMP and construction has begun on the site. KAMP has occupied the building.

- Plans have been announced for the riverfront redevelopment project north of West Vine Street and west of North Oak Avenue. Redline Development Group will be demolishing 5 buildings, including the Chamber of Commerce building and constructing a bank building and a second building which will contain Mineral Springs Brewery, 20,000 square feet of commercial space and 70 luxury apartments. The EDA owns one of the buildings at 216 North Oak Avenue. Tax Increment Financing has been approved for this project. A development agreement has been approved. The property is being platted and easements and streets are being vacated as part of the project. Demolition of the buildings is complete and construction has begun.
- Scooter's Coffee is proposing to build a drive-through coffee shop on city owned land at the corner of South Cedar Avenue and 18th Street SW. The City Council has approved a conditional use permit for the project and purchase agreement for the property. The property has been sold. Scooters is trying to purchase the tower property and incorporate it into the site before beginning the project. Construction is planned for next year.
- The City has purchased the property at 126 East Fremont Street. Plans will begin to demolish the house and garage on the site. A redevelopment project is being sought for this property and the 4 other lots the City owns. The house was burned on October 22 and the rest of the site has been cleaned up. Staff is working on a plan to develop the property.
- Foamcraft is proposing to construct a 15,000 square foot addition to their existing facility in the industrial park. Tax Increment Financing has been approved for the project. Construction has begun on the site.
- The City Council approved the purchase of 139 East Pearl Street. Closing on the property occurred on October 18th. The City will be demolishing the house in the spring.