



# CITY OF SAND SPRINGS

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## **City Council approves redevelopment agreement**

Former Gerdau site to include public safety facility and retail

**Sand Springs, OK-** Representatives from OmniTRAX presented plans for redevelopment of the former Gerdau steel mill site at Monday night's City Council meeting. City Council approved a development agreement, which provides clarity and direction for the City and OmniTRAX to work together on development. Included in this agreement are the terms for possible purchase of a 10-acre parcel for the City's planned public safety complex, a 28-acre parcel for retail and continued use of rail for transportation logistics facilities that also create jobs.

"The City and OmniTRAX have been working together for several months to come to an agreement on the former Gerdau site," said Sand Springs City Manager Elizabeth Gray. "The proposal made by OmniTRAX will lay a positive foundation in revitalizing this site for Sand Springs."

As City administration began the process of design on a public safety facility and study for the best possible location, discussions with OmniTRAX also began to determine the best possible use for the Gerdau site.

"The OmniTRAX team has been very helpful in all of our discussions," said Gray. "Their encouragement to utilize the 10-acre parcel for public safety shows their desire to be a good corporate citizen. This agreement helps in revitalizing and transforming Sand Springs for future generations."

"We are very excited about this agreement and what OmniTRAX is planning for the site," said Vice Mayor John Fothergill. "Since Gerdau's closing almost 10 years ago, this area has sat vacant. The addition of retail and industry will possibly be the largest economic impact Sand Springs has had in over 30 years."

Several steps remain for final approval of the site after Monday's City Council agreement approval. Representatives from OmniTRAX will present specific retail use at a future City Council meeting.

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