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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 5:10 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) – Litigation.

Mayor John Lewis opened the Executive Session.

Roll call showed present: Council Member Jeff May, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Jim Rippy, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney David Leggans, and City Clerk Mary Jo Pemberton.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel updated the Council on the potential litigation regarding the reopening of 7th Street. The City received a letter from an attorney representing Milano. Mayor John Lewis said that the City has a legally binding contract with Milano and the City is not trying to break any contract. This is a negotiation between City, Milano, and the Evansville Western Railroad to reopen 7th Street at the crossing. A letter responding to the attorney's letter will be drafted to Milano.

City Attorney David Leggans advised the Council that the Clinton Taylor matter will more than likely be in litigation next week.

Council Member Donte Moore made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Jeff May. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Jo Pemberton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "M" and "P".

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