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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, October 1, 2018**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:26 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center, Veterans Park, 800 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) – The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public.

Mayor John Lewis opened the Executive Session.

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

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel spoke on the purchase of a property for the relocation of the US Post Office currently located in the former Park Plaza Shopping Center. Bechtel reported on the offer and counter-offers with the owner; the Council authorized another counter proposal and the Council directed the City Manager to obtain permission from the owner to have the building inspected by a qualified inspector and a structural engineer to determine the renovation costs before negotiations are continued.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to close the Executive Session. Council Member Mike Young seconded. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippey, Young, and Lewis.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:40 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, looped "M" and "P".

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