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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, May 1, 2017**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 8:15 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 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 reported that in November 2016, the Appellate Court unanimously voted in favor of the City regarding a worker's compensation claim. Because of the ruling, a former Police Department employee owes the City \$7,500. By law, the City is required to pay wages to Police and Fire Officers until the determination is made on the worker compensation claim. Bechtel sent a letter to the former employee requesting repayment of the \$7,500. The former employee does not feel like he owes the money. Bechtel said that the money is owed.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel will send a second letter and if it is not paid within the specified time, City Attorney David Leggans will send a collection letter with authority to file the necessary suit if he does not pay.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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