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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
City Council Workshop Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2014**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Ron Lash, Dennis McEnaney, Todd Piper, David Wood and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Also present were City Manager Ron Neibert and City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins.

Fire & Police Commission

Mayor Chesley presented for Council's consideration the Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Article 8, Section 8.1, Fire & Police Commission, Allowing for Immediate Solicitation of Internal and External Candidates for the Position of Police Chief, Fire Chief, Assistant Police Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-18 Amending Article 8, Section 8.1, Fire & Police Commission, Allowing for Immediate Solicitation of Internal and External Candidates for the Position of Police Chief, Fire Chief, Assistant Police Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief. Seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

Discussion Related to Policies Regarding 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinances.

After an extensive discussion related to policies regarding 1st and 2nd reading of ordinances, the Council requested that City Manager Neibert compile a questionnaire containing issues on what circumstances the Council would favor suspension of the rules or not along with different criteria. Neibert will forward a draft of the questionnaire to Council for their review before it is finalized.

Wood also requested that the Council review the method by which items are placed on the City Council meeting agenda. Neibert will survey the Council members as to their preference in placing agenda items on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Chesley requested that the Council move to executive session in order to discuss possible land acquisition and litigation. **Council Member Piper made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, Piper, McEnaney, Wood and Chesley.**

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Wood made a motion to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lash. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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