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**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**Monday, September 23, 2013**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, September 23, 2013, at 4:10 p.m. in the old Council Chambers, City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

An Executive Session was called to discuss land acquisition and sale of real estate.

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, City Attorney David Leggans and City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins.

City Manager Ron Neibert noted that Linda Lowery is remodeling R & R The Crossing tavern and offered the City \$800 for the wood flooring left in the old Armory Building. Neibert advised there has been no other interest in purchasing the old wood floor. The Council agreed to sell the wood floor to Linda Lowery for \$800.00.

Neibert reported that Kenny Aydt proposes to purchase City owned property (1.92 acres) at 12<sup>th</sup> and Veterans that is next to property owned by Mr. Aydt. Neibert proposed to sell the property for \$33,000.00. Mr. Aydt countered with \$22,000.00 because there are two old buildings on the property to be demolished at a cost about \$11,000.00. Council authorized Neibert to negotiate no lower than \$22,000.00 with Mr. Aydt.

McDonald's and CVS have encroached upon the City's alley behind their businesses. Attorney Brian Drew of Marion owns the lot east of McDonald's and requested an entrance to his property from the alley which is not possible because of the encroachment. Council agreed to take no action at this time. Neibert will send letter to Mr. Drew.

Jack Benoist has been served with a notice to abate the nuisance located at 42<sup>nd</sup> & Veterans in the northwest quadrant. Neibert received an estimate to clear the property in the amount of \$35,000.00. If the City clears the property, City Attorney Leggans will place a lien on the property. Attorney Leggans will send notice to Benoist and give him at least ten days to respond before the City takes action to clear the property.

City Attorney Leggans reported that a settlement conference is set in October with Park Plaza regarding the dangerous and dilapidated condition of the buildings comprising Park Plaza.

Council Member Lash made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wood. Yeas: Lash, McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley.

The Executive Session adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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