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CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, November 18, 2013

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building located at Veterans Memorial Park.

An Executive Session was called to discuss personnel, litigation and land acquisition

Roll call showed present: Council Members Ron Lash, Dennis McEnaney, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Council Member David Wood was absent. Also present were City Manager Ron Neibert, City Attorney David Leggans and City Clerk Secretary Lindsay Burris.

City Manager Ron Neibert noted the City received a request from McDonald's on Broadway to vacate the alleyway.

City Manager Neibert asked for direction from the Council on a personnel matter. The Public Service Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA) Law requires the City to provide health benefits to Fireman and Policeman who are permanently disabled in the line of duty while responding to an emergency situation not only for them, but for their spouse and children so long as the children are eligible. Former Captain Tom Vowell was injured and received disability pension; PSEBA benefits for him and his wife at the time. He has since divorced his wife and remarried and is asking for PSEBA benefits for his new spouse. Council agreed to look into the issue further.

City Manager Neibert continued with potential Litigation with the possibility of Acquisition of Property related to the shootings at the Mt. Vernon Townhomes. Neibert met with Attorney Leggans and the City Inspectors last week and decided the properties were likely under a Judgment-Proof Corporation and involved out-of-state individuals. Council agreed to move aggressively to take over the property and go through the demolition process.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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