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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, December 17, 2012**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, December 17, 2012, at 8:10 p.m. in the Rolland W. Lewis Bldg. at Veterans Parks, 800 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the Executive Session to order.

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

Mayor Chesley requested that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss the price and terms of a lease of public property according to the Open Meetings Act, Section 2C, Item 6.

T. J. Parrish and the Moose Club approached Mayor Chesley about transferring the Moose lease to Mr. Parrish. Mayor Chesley questioned the Council as to a price and terms of a lease should the City agree to this transfer. The property consists of 14 acres, on Jaycee Lake, which lake was the City's water source many years ago. The Moose Club is experiencing financial difficulties and wants to sell their lease to Mr. Parrish. He proposes to divide the property into parcels for the construction of private residences.

According to Parks and Recreation Director George Bryant, there are dilapidated buildings on the property that appear to be beyond repair. Pursuant to the City's lease with the Moose, the lease renews on May 1 of each 5-year interval starting on May 1, 2011 unless the City or the Moose give written notice of its intent not to renew the lease. The Council was reminded that the Comprehensive Plan contains a quality of life chapter which lists several goals for Jaycee Lake.

There was a consensus that the City Council did not want to set terms and price for a lease with Mr. Parrish but give notice to the Moose that the City does not intend to renew their lease. The City desires to keep the property for future recreational development.

Council Member McEnaney 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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