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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS**  
**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**Monday, February 2, 2015**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:45 p.m. at the City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the Executive Session to discuss the sale or acquisition of property and personnel.

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

The City Manager reported that an applicant has been offered the position of the Deputy City Manager and that she was considering the offer.

The City Manager reported that the City's appraisal of the property needed for right-of-way on North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street was just received. The owner rejected the appraised offer, but counter-offered. The City Manager stated that he intended to contact the owner and tentatively accept the counter-offer.

Neibert reported on the proposed sale of the City's water and sanitary sewer systems to Illinois-American Water and on his meeting with the union representatives from Teamsters, IBEW and Laborers. Neibert reported that the meeting with the Unions was cordial and that the Unions' primary concerns were job security and the impact upon the City employees that would be affected.

The City Manager then reminded the Council that he would be meeting with the employees of the water and public utilities department the next morning so that the employees would be fully apprised as to the proposed sale. A press conference is to be held on Tuesday February 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the municipal west building; the press conference is for the purpose of officially announcing the proposed sale of the water and sanitary sewer systems.

Council then inquired as to whether each of the Villages and other bulk purchasers, the Chamber of Commerce, the Jefferson County Development Corporation, and the Jefferson County Ministerial Association have been notified of the press conference and whether the Villages and bulk purchasers had each been advised that their contracts were going to be honored by Illinois-American. The City Manager advised that all of the groups have or will be notified of the press conference and that the Villages and bulk purchasers have been notified that Illinois American was going to honor all Water Sale Agreements.

The Council then inquired as to the status of the negotiations for and purchase of property which is needed to extend 27<sup>th</sup> Street to Veterans Memorial Drive. City Attorney Leggans advised that a written contract has been prepared by the City and presented to the owner.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins  
City Clerk