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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, June 15, 2015**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Old Council Chambers, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor Mary Jane Chesley called the Executive Session for the purpose of setting the sale price for the sale of real estate and for considering terms for purchase of real estate.

Roll call showed present: Council Members Jeff May, Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Also present were Interim City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney David Leggans and City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins.

Bechtel discussed the proposed purchase of property on south 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Jamison and Veterans Memorial Drive. The City has been negotiating on a purchase price for many months. Leggans explained that the City offered \$500,000 to the owner for the parcel of property which contains 18 mobile homes. The owner would be responsible for clearing the land of the mobile homes and allowed to salvage whatever he could from the mobile homes. The owner cannot move the mobile homes inside the City except as to two lots that the City would convey to him which would meet the grandfather provisions for mobile home zoning, although the mobile homes would have to meet all other Code provisions. The consensus of the Council is that the City's original offer can no longer be justified and that the offer should be withdrawn.

Bechtel advised that individuals are interested in the property known as the old Mt. Vernon Motel (1.17 acres). Previously, a Realtor set an asking price of \$125,000. The Realty Contract has expired. Bechtel suggested to sell at \$2.45 per square foot. A TIF Inducement Agreement would be appropriate but no funds are available in the TIF fund. It was suggested that comparisons of nearby property be found and evaluated and no realty contract be entered. There will be further discussion in the future on the sale price of this property.

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: May, McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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