

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, July 6, 2015**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:50 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 price for the sale of real estate and for litigation.

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.

Police Chief Chris Deichman was in attendance. Bechtel informed Council that Taylor v. City of Mt. Vernon is set for hearing soon in the Jefferson County Circuit Court; the hearing is review of the Workmen Compensation Commission's decision in favor of the City. Taylor, a former City Police Officer and now a County Deputy, filed a worker compensation case while working for the City. The City's insurance carrier and Taylor have been litigating the case for quite some time. The insurance carrier is offering Taylor \$7,500 for his injury with the requirement that Taylor pay back to the City the amount of pay and benefits he received while off work (\$7,000) because he lost his claim at the Commission. Taylor is asking the City to forgive the repayment. After discussion, the consensus was to not waive the \$7,000 and not authorize the insurance carrier to give more than \$7,500 for the injury. Chief Deichman left the meeting.

Bechtel reported that the evaluation on the property known as the old Mt. Vernon Motel came in at \$2.45 per square foot. There was a consensus to price the parcel at \$125,000.

Bechtel asked for direction on the price of two parcels of property located adjacent to the old Big Lots. Consensus was to price the property at \$2.25 per square foot.

The 3.35 acres known as the Mt. Vernon Townhomes is now cleared and needs to be priced. Consensus was to price the property at \$2.25 per square foot.

The City will place "for sale" signs on these properties and no brokers will be utilized. It was suggested that these properties be placed on JCDC and DMDC websites as well as buildmtvernonil.com.

Council Member Piper 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilee Hopkins
City Clerk