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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
City Council Public Hearing
Monday, October 15, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor John Lewis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building at Veterans Park.

Present at the Public Hearing were Mayor John Lewis, Council Member Jeff May, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Jim Rippey, Council Member Mike Young, City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, City Clerk Mary Jo Pemberton, Corporation Counsel Bill Howard, Crosswalk Community Action Agency Executive Director Debbie Jackanicz, Crosswalk Housing Specialist Jacob Wach, and approximately 100 people in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor John Lewis explained that the Public Hearing is to inform the public of the State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant Application process. Crosswalk Community Action Agency Executive Director Debbie Jackanicz explained that the agency is in the process of writing a \$450,000 grant application to repair and improve ten (10) homes. The grant will be available to City residents who qualify. Jackanicz explained the grant's timeline. She stressed that this is not a quick process. As the first step, audience members were instructed to complete a survey. Everyone who completed a survey will be contacted by Crosswalk with instructions on how to complete an application. Crosswalk Housing Specialist Jacob Wach explained the application process and what to expect if one was awarded a grant. The repairs must be for health and safety issues, only. Wach urged the residents to obtain a Warranty or Executor's Deed for their property. A Contract for Deed or Quick Claim Deed would not be adequate. Jackanicz stated that the applications would be narrowed down to ten homes, but they will continue to apply for more funds from the State due to the need in Mt. Vernon.

Mayor John Lewis asked if there were any further comments. No comments were heard.

The Public Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Jo Pemberton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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