

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday April 3, 2023**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:25 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor John Lewis opened the Executive Session.

Roll call showed present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney David Leggans, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – Purchase, or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that there are two items to discuss. The first item is regarding the Municipal West Building. A memorandum was sent to Council Members regarding selling the building. The issues are does the City want to manage the sale of the building or have a realtor manage the sale of the building. Council Member Joe Gliosci stated that first a value should be determined, and it has not been appraised. Council Member Gliosci will work with City Manager Bechtel to get an appraisal and a course of action. That information will be brought back to the Council to make a decision on how to move forward.

The second item to discuss is regarding the Sewer Treatment Plant. City Manager Bechtel stated that the City owns five acres adjacent to the Sewer Treatment Plant. The City is considering installing a solar field to serve the Sewer Treatment Plant on that property. The solar field would be used to subsidize the cost of the Sewer Treatment Plant. In addition, there are eight acres next to these five acres that the City would like to purchase. Chris Michel owns these eight acres. This land is not for sale at this time, it would be in Chris Michel's estate. City Manager Bechtel would like permission to negotiate a price to purchase the land to see if it can be purchased reasonably. She stated she would bring that information back to the Council after negotiations.

City Council Member Ray Botch asked what the cost would be to install the Solar Field. City Manager Bechtel stated that there is no cost, as the City would be entering into a long-term contract to purchase the solar that is generated from this field.

Council Member Ray Botch made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: Botch, Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Barbour".

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk