

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, March 3, 2025**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday March 3, 2025 at 7:14 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City.

Mayor John Lewis opened the Executive Session.

The 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 Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, Attorney Courtney Cox, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna stated the City has received a counteroffer on the property on South 27th Street. The City offered the full appraisal value of \$188,000.00. The owners have countered with an offer of \$214,000.00 for the two parcels, citing comparable properties with less square feet and less acreage. Council Member Botch suggested asking sellers to split the difference and offer \$200,000.00. There was discussion regarding obtaining a second appraisal. Council Member Mike Young stated he did not believe the owners would want to negotiate but might entertain a counteroffer. City Council Member Donte Moore stated he has a problem paying over market value and he remains at \$188,000.00. Council Members directed Assistant City Manager McKenna to try to negotiate a price and offer up to \$205,000.00.

Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna has presented the City's offer of \$70,000.00 to the property owners on the North 8th Street property. They will get back to him with a response.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Barbour

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk