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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, June 17, 2024**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday June 17, 2024 at 7:24 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, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Sale and Lease of Real Property.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated the first item to discuss is the Muni-West Building. The City has received an offer of \$130,000.00 for that property. Mayor Lewis stated that Barber Murphy had originally stated when the property was put on the market, that the City should consider if it hadn't sold within 10 months, the City should consider tearing the building down and selling the property. After discussion, the Council advised City Manager Bechtel to turn down the offer on the property.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel presented information regarding Rushton Drive off of 7th Street. There is a serious stormwater problem. Water is running under the road in a culvert, and it is running into two very small stormwater sewer lines that are degrading and it is causing sink holes in the resident's yards. The City keeps putting rock in the area, but that is not working. It is starting to affect several properties. The approximate cost to fix this problem is \$400,000.00. The suggestion is to purchase the house on the south side, remove it, make an open waterway ditch, and line the north side with blocks. This should take care of the problem. The Council advised City Manager Bechtel to go forward with negotiations to purchase the house so that the City can correct the problem.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechel stated that the City has been negotiating with Barber Murphy on the 18 acres. She will get the sales contract and she will have that at the next council meeting.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel spoke to Mr. Cross and informed him that the Council had made the decision to tear down the building at 805 Main (former Downtown Development Building).

Council Member Joe Gliosci 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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk