

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday April 17, 2023**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 8:02 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)(6)– Setting a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that the Council had heard Mr. Cross speak during the regular meeting regarding the former Downtown Mt. Vernon Development Corporation office located at 809 Main Street to be used for his not-for-profit organization, Animals of America. City Manager Bechtel had met with him, and he had been shown the building. The building was appraised at \$67,000.00 previously. There have been no offers, other than two people who also wanted the building donated to them. Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna stated that one person wanted to tear it down and use the lot for a parking lot and the other wanted the building for an office, and he has already found a building elsewhere. There was a discussion regarding the building and the fact that the Council had previously rejected donating the building to several other people. Mayor John Lewis suggested opening the property back up for bids. There was discussion regarding the property and how to move forward on either donating or putting back up for bids. City Manager Bechtel suggested to open for bids with the right to reject before going forward with anything else on the building. Council Member Donte Moore suggested opening back up for bids with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated the second item on the agenda is regarding the Muni-West Building. A recommendation was made by Council Member Joe Gliosci for someone to perform the appraisal of the building. City Manager Bechtel stated the appraisal would be completed first before moving forward with the proposals from Realtors.

**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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Becky Barbour". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk