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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Thursday, May 5, 2022**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 4:02 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) - The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

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: City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that in the City's budget, there was money set aside in the capital projects for the Public Works Department to build an additional building. A map showing the proposed properties was distributed to council members. There is property adjacent to 12th Street. It is possible for the City to acquire that property, as well as lot numbers 230-014 and 230-011, to add to the 12th Street property and expand to build additional building(s), along with more parking. The first parcel, lot number 230-013, is owned by Chris Michels. It is approximately 2-1/2 acres. Councilman Botch was able to speak to him and there is a proposal to acquire this property at a cost of \$90,000.00. The second and third properties, lot numbers 230-014 and 230-011, are owned by Gary McDaniel. These lots measure approximately 1/2 acre, and the City would like to offer \$10,000.00 for the two lots. The City would also like to purchase the two lots behind, lot numbers 230-005 and 230-006 owned by Marc Black. City Manager Bechtel stated the City would like to offer \$6,000.00 for those two lots. There is one other lot, lot number 230-004, that has a house on it which would not be purchased. The City would have to place a fence around that property. There is a huge ditch that runs through the Michels' property. The City would fill that in, and place concrete culverts to manage the storm water. Gary McDaniel has expressed interest in selling. Council Member Donte Moore knows Mr. Black and he will contact him to see if he would be interested in selling his two lots for \$6,000.00. The City would be accepting the lots "as is." The Council advised City Manager Bechtel to proceed with negotiations to purchase these lots.

Council Member Donte Moore 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 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour
Deputy City Clerk