

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, December 2, 2024**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 7:26 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel 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 Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, and Mayor John Lewis. Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney Courtney Cox, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel said she had a visit from Dean Swan this afternoon who had spoken with her previously regarding property by the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Swan owns two parcels adjacent to the North off of Perkins which is approximately two acres. He wants to know if the City is interested in purchasing the property from him. City Manager Bechtel said this would make sense if the City is going to have a solar field on the five acres that the City already owns. These two parcels could be used for ingress/egress for the solar field instead of people coming in to maintain it through the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This makes the plant more secure. The EAV according to Jefferson County is \$22,880. Mr. Swan said that a person in the County had contacted him with interest in this property for an expansion to the animal shelter. City Manager Bechtel stated that the City is partners with the County in the animal shelter and no one has contacted the City regarding expansion. Council Member Donte Moore stated he had received a call stating there is a group of individuals interested in expanding the animal shelter. Council Member Moore told the individual that it would need to come before the City Council for discussion because of the interest that the City has in the animal shelter. Mayor Lewis stated that this land is contiguous with the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which would give us another entrance and keeps it from being landlocked. Mr. Swan wanted to come to the City first regarding selling the property because he had spoken to the City first and had never got back to City Manager Bechtel. If interested the City would have a contract, have a survey done, and an environmental survey. The Council was in agreement that City Manager Bechtel should continue the conversation and move forward with an offer and possible contract with Mr. Swan.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk