

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, December 16, 2024**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7:17 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, Council Member Mike Young, 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. Absent: Council Member Ray Botch.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated there is property on 27th Street across from the Police Station that the owner is interested in selling. The City could use this property for parking, overflow parking for the Police Department, or it could be used for pickleball, basketball, etc. The State is still moving toward electrification of municipal police. If that is the case, the City would definitely need more parking. The City would need to get an appraisal to move toward acquisition of the property. The building is being used almost daily for meetings, so parking is needed. Council Member Mike Young knows this family well and the owner's son has been talking to him about selling the property. The Council wants City Manager Bechtel to move forward on obtaining an appraisal and purchasing the property. Council Member Young will speak to the owner and let him know that the City is interested in the property and would like to have an appraisal done.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Barbour

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk