

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, October 21, 2024**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:25 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor Pro Tem Donte Moore opened the Executive Session.

The roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor Pro Tem Donte Moore. Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney Courtney Cox, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Donte Moore requested an Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) - The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that the City has completed the purchase of the property on Zachery Drive which is approximately 19 acres. The all-in cost was \$293,382.50. South Central Transit is interested in purchasing part of this property – 8 to 10 acres where they want to combine some of their services and offices and add a transfer terminal. Our cost is approximately \$15,441.18 per acre. They are interested in the northern section of the property which leaves the southern section for the City which is closest to the Industrial Park. There was discussion regarding the property and selling it so South Central Transit at \$15,500.00 per acre. The City would prepare a Development Agreement and South Central Transit would go forward with grant applications, etc.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel received the appraisal for 514 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This is the property that the City is looking to purchase because of a storm sewer project needed on that property. The appraisal came in at \$50,653.00 for this property. The City is asking the owners to move, and City Manager Bechtel will need direction on negotiations on this property. The City either needs to buy the house or it would need an easement for the property for a large storm sewer which would affect their driveway and the use of their property. In preliminary talks with the owner, he does not want to have a house payment and needs assistance with moving. There was discussion regarding buying the house and coming up with an offer. This home is being bought contract for deed and the person buying on contract says he owes three more payments. City Manager Bechtel has not seen the contract for deed paperwork. After discussion, the Council directed the City Manager to talk with our attorneys on moving forward.

City Manager Bechtel had a proposed design for the next item on the agenda regarding improvements to 27<sup>th</sup> Street/28<sup>th</sup> Street. There was discussion on appraisals and other options to relocate roadway. The consensus from the Council is that this is not a priority. City Manager will tell the owner that the Council is not favorable to moving forward on this at this time.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk