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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, September 12, 2022**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 4:34 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: City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and City Clerk Administrative Assistant Lindsay Burris.

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.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported that the City has had an offer of \$525,000.00 in for property located at 911 Broadway, formerly the Register News Building since March, 2022. It was on the market at the asking price of \$589,000.00. City Manager Bechtel received a call from the Realtor informing her that the City needed to revise the proposal, as the proposal stated they had sixty (60) days to close, which has passed. City Manager Bechtel stated she initialed and okayed the proposal to keep the offer current. The Realtor stated that there is another offer on the property. City Manager brought this to Council because of the other offer. There was discussion regarding the offer and the City going forward with an additional bid on the building. The Mayor and Council established a maximum bid amount and directed Bechtel to move forward with another offer on this project.

**Council Member Mike Young 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 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Barbour*

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Deputy City Clerk