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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, July 15, 2019**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 9:11 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mayor John Lewis opened the Executive Session.

Roll call showed present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Jim Rippy, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis. Also present were City Clerk Mary Jo Pemberton, City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and Corporation Counsel Bill Howard.

Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) – Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City.

The Executive Session Minutes of August 6, 2018, September 17, 2018, October 1, 2018, November 5, 2018, January 22, 2019, and May 6, 2019 were presented for approval. September 17, 2018, October 1, 2018, November 5, 2018, January 22, 2019, and May 6, 2019 were approved to be opened for public inspection. The Executive Session Minutes of August 6, 2018 will remain closed because of the need for confidentiality still exists.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported on the ongoing difficult negotiations with the United States Post Office for the construction of a new post office at 10th Street and Jordan Avenue. During the negotiations, a family who works as a real estate investment trust, approached the City inquiring about buyout the City's interest at a discounted price. Bechtel was advised to continue negotiating with United States Post Office for the construction of a new post office and also with the family for a suitable selling price.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Jo Pemberton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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