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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Friday, January 28, 2022**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 3:26 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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 public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

Mayor Pro Tem Donte Moore opened the Executive Session.

Roll call showed present: Council Member Ray Botch, Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, and Council Member Mike Young. Absent: Mayor John Lewis. Also present: City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, Finance Director Steve Tate, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

A LoopNet report regarding 911 Broadway Street (old Register News building) was given to members present for review. City Manager Bechtel stated this property was included in the grant that was submitted on behalf of the City of Mt. Vernon by Jefferson County Development Corporation and DMDC. The current listing price is \$589,000.00. If the City does not receive the grant or while a decision is being made on the grant, the building could sell, then the plans on the grant would not go through for the redevelopment of the property. The proposal to the Council is to go ahead and try to purchase the building, so the City would have control of it for future development. There was discussion regarding the grant, purchase of the building, price, and possible future development of the property. The Council advised City Manager Bechtel to proceed with negotiations to purchase the building.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour
Deputy City Clerk