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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday September 18, 2023**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:15 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 Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis Absent: Moore. Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and 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 City.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that since the Municipal West Building is being put up for sale, it will be necessary to lease a space for the Tourism Department. She presented a proposed Commercial Lease Agreement for 123 South 10th Street (former US Bank Building) on the Fifth Floor. The Lease is for 847 square feet at a cost of \$1.65 per square foot, \$1,400.00 per month which includes all utilities. The City would have to hire a cleaning service for this space. There was discussion regarding costs at current building and costs of possible renovations to this space. City Manager Bechtel stated the Council would need to decide when Tourism would move out of the Muni-West Building and into this space and also would have to decide on an end date for the lease, whether it would be a 1, 3, or 5-year lease. There was a discussion, and it was decided to have City Manager Bechtel move forward with the proposed lease agreement with a move-in date of November 1 and a 5-year lease. All were in favor.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk