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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, March 20, 2017**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 9:10 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, IL.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) — Sale of Property and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) – Litigation.

Roll call showed present: Council Members Dennis McEnaney, Donte Moore, Todd Piper and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Council Member Jeff May was absent. Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney David Leggans and City Clerk Jerilee Hopkins.

The setting of a price was discussed for the small tract of land owned by the Benoist Family Trust.

A lawsuit filed by a pregnant woman who fell through a grate at the Aquatic Zoo is moving forward. All the grates are under warranty and will be replaced. The City is a party to the lawsuit filed by the Plaintiff.

In 2012 a Police Officer filed a worker's compensation claim against the City. All of the officer's doctor bills were paid by the City. The City was required to pay his wages during the time the disputed worker's compensation claim was being decided totaling \$7,000.00. The Appellate Court found for the City. The Human Resources Director sent a letter to the (now former) officer requesting payment of the amount owed, but received no response. The individual contacted the City Manager but has failed to pay. Council discussed whether a collection action should be filed immediately.

Council Member Piper made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Moore. Yeas: McEnaney, Moore, Piper and Chesley. Absent: May.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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