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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, March 16, 2020**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:23 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Center, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th 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 were City Clerk Mary Jo Pemberton, City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and City Attorney David Leggans.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) – The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel advised the City Council that Thrive Adult Recreational Cannabis is interested in a land parcel in the Rolland W. Lewis Industrial Park. Thrive will use the 10 acres to grow craft cannabis. Bechtel asked for guidance for the price negotiations. She suggested that if the Council is willing to sell the property to Thrive that they be offered the same deal that Magna Steel received when they purchased their property in the RWL Industrial Park. The Council directed the City Manager to continue negotiations with Thrive by offering them the same deal that Magna Steel received.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:30 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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