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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, November 20, 2023**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:28 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 Donte Moore, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis, Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney David Leggans, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

Mayor John Lewis 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 City.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel spoke to the Council regarding property owned by the City at 819 S. 22nd Street (former Papa Joe's building). A.P. Petties Community Center, Inc. is interested in the building and is asking if the City would donate this building to their not-for-profit organization. They are wanting to use this for a community center to be used specifically for educational purposes, community service, a small business incubator and for job preparation. City Manager Bechtel stated that the City has met with the Board of Directors. This is a new organization and according to their bylaws if they would dissolve, the interest in the building would go to another not-for-profit. The Council discussed the options of donating the building including entering into a development agreement to give a time frame and conditions that the organization would have to meet. The Council discussed the matter and directed City Manager Bechtel to work on the goal of transferring the property to this organization.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Barbour

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk