

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 28, 2025

COACH D PARK – 101 HILL CREST DRIVE

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a special session on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Fred Downey and the following members present: LeeAnn Armstrong, Bobbi Jo Frazier, Connie Nation, Karen Paris, and Phillip Smith. Absent was Justin Wayman. Also, in attendance were City Attorney Chelsey Brammell, City Clerk Robin Mullins, Public Works Director Troy Popp, Jonathan Bates, J.R. Ellis, and Steve Metcalfe.

Mayor Downey called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The special meeting was called to address safety concerns and a budget for park repairs.

Member Armstrong reported the main reason she had requested the meeting was for park safety and it has taken too long to bring the park up to code.

Attorney Brammell stated once we know there is a problem the liability lies with the city if someone is hurt.

Member Armstrong detailed the concerns she has, the broken boarder around playground, the cracked sliding board, the mulch needs to be replaced with another product, and the broken concrete.

Mayor Downey reported we have applied for a grant to replace the mulch but have no idea when we will know when and if we will get it. So, he gave three options to address the park:

Option A: Replace the Barrier – which will cost \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00.

Option B: Put Up A Fence – Put Closed due to Destruction of Play Area.

Option C: Sale Old EMS Building – Build put money back in park

Mayor Downey reported the budget for the new play area would be approximately: \$390,000.00

\$250,000.00 for Playground Equipment

\$100,000.00 for Mulch Replacement

\$ 40,000.00 for Concrete


Attorney Brammell reported if the Old EMS Building was sold, it would still take at least one to two years before a new park project could be completed; due to ordering playground equipment.

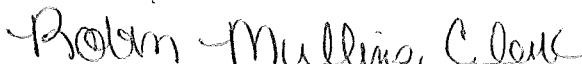
Also, Mayor Downey reported that the pump house that houses the equipment for the splash pad needs attention.

After walking around the park. The council came back and decided the pump house needs to be torn down at a later date. Mats need to be put at the end of the slides and the borders around the play area need to be replaced.

So, the consensus of the council was to go with Option A and put mats at the end of the slides.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion made was by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Smith to adjourn. All members present voted "Yea". The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


FRED DOWNEY, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 
ROBIN MULLINS, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY