

Elmira City Council Meeting Minutes

RE: AGENDA, ELMIRA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2025 – 5:30 PM

2025-72
Corey Cooke

**Act on resolution dispensing with the minutes of the
Special Meeting held on Friday, March 14, 2025.**

Sponsored by Mayor Mandell: CM Cooke absent

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

**PUBLIC HEARING for the purpose of receiving
comments from the public regarding an amendment to
Article XII of Appendix B to add a new section numbered
1201 “Applicability” to provide that the provisions of
Appendix B and B-1 shall not be applicable to any
governmental activity, project, function, plan or
undertaking by the City or its department, the Elmira
Water Board.**

2025-73
Joseph Duffy

**Receive communication from the City Manager and act on
resolution reporting the personnel actions for the City of
Elmira whereby Landon A. Morton is no longer employed
as a Public Works Specialist I, effective February 26,
2025; Anthony E. Hodgkiss is no longer employed as a
Solid Waste Specialist II, effective February 28, 2025; and
Alexander M. Maximiek, Big Flats, NY has been
appointed to the position of Police Officer, effective March
10, 2025 at annual salary of \$63,083.70.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-74
Nan Moss

**Receive communication from the City Manager
announcing the reappointments of Leslie Gordon and
Joseph Cost to the Board of the Elmira Housing Authority
with terms expiring on March 22, 2030.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Nannette M Moss VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-75
Mayor Mandell

**Receive communication from the Mayor and act on
resolution reappointing Joseph Derito to the Historic
Preservation Commission with term expiring on February
29, 2028.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-76
Gary Brinn

**Receive communication from the Mayor and act on
resolution reporting the reappointments of Angela
Niforatos, Anna Eide, and Allen Smith to the Public Arts
Commission with terms expiring on March 31, 2028.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-77
Jackie Wilson

**Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing to Receive Public
Comment on the City of Elmira's 2025-2030 Five Year
Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan for the
Community Development Block Grant and HOME
Investment Partnership Programs.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Jackie Wilson VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-78

Corey Cooke

Act on resolution reporting the results of the Elmira Housing Authority Election of a Tenant Representative to the Elmira Housing Authority, held on March 4, 2025, declaring Leslie Gordon elected with a term to expire March 22, 2027.

Sponsored by Mayor Mandell: CM Cook absent

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-79

Joseph Duffy

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution declaring the abandoned and impounded vehicles as surplus property and authorize the sale of said vehicles.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-80

Mayor Mandell

Act on resolution to approve and execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Elmira with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Church and Water Streets Gateway Study, County of Chemung P.I.N. 6755.60, D041499 (the "Project").

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-81

Corey Cooke

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution awarding a contract to Dalrymple Gravel and Contracting Co., Inc., the lowest bidder meeting all bid specifications, for the East Water Street "Rejuvenation "Project", with the base bid in the amount of \$4,044,830.50, and authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents to implement the contract with Dalrymple.

Sponsored by Mayor Mandell: CM Cooke absent

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-82

Gary Brinn

Receive communication from the City Manager regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Elmira to rezone 1330, 1340, 1344, and 1350 College Ave. to Light Industrial, to be referred to the City Planning Commission and the County Planning Board.

Amended

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-83

Mayor Mandell

Act on resolution rejecting all bids opened on December 20, 2024 for one Parking Access Control Systems for the Centertown Garage and authorize the issuance of a new Request for Bids (RFB) for the purchase of two Parking Access Control Systems.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-84

Act on resolution changing the numbering/title to the local

Joseph Duffy

law to read "A Local Law No. 1 of 2025, A Local Law of the City of Elmira, New York, regulating the unlicensed cannabis sales in the City of Elmira."

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy VOTE: 5- 1
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 5
NAYS: Nick Grasso TOTAL: 1
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-85

Jackie Wilson

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a supplemental agreement with Erdman Anthony for construction support and construction inspection services, at a maximum cost of \$278,000.00, regarding the East Water Street Rejuvenation Project; agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Jackie Wilson VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-86

Corey Cooke

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an access agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. and the City of Elmira to install two wells on City owned property at 1448 Sullivan Street; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

Sponsored by Mayor Mandell: CM Cooke absent

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-87

Gary Brinn

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution reporting the overtime for the Elmira Fire Department for pay periods 4 and 5 of 2025 in the amount of \$42,869.39.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-88
Mayor Mandell

Act on Vacant Rental Property Grant Program Audit.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
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ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-89
Corey Cooke

Act on Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant Program Audit.

Sponsored by Mayor Mandell: CM Cooke absent

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
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NAYS: TOTAL: 0
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ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-90
Gary Brinn

Act on Anti Displacement Learning Network Program Audit.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-91
Nan Moss

Act on Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program Audit.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Nannette M Moss VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Corey Cooke TOTAL: 1

2025-92

Joseph Duffy

**Act on Community Development Block Grant Program
Audit.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
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2025-93

Jackie Wilson

Act on Audit.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Jackie Wilson VOTE: 6- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M
Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 6
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2025-94

Mayor Mandell

Act on resolution to adjourn.

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