

Elmira City Council

Meeting Minutes

RE: AGENDA, ELMIRA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 11, 2025 – 5:30 PM

2025-226

Joseph Duffy

Act on resolution dispensing with the minutes of the regular Meeting held on Monday, July 28, 2025.

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

2025-227

Jackie Wilson

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution reporting the personnel actions for the City of Elmira whereby Robert H. Gruber IV, has elected to resign from his position as Accountant in the Chamberlain's Office, effective July 19, 2025; DeAnte Q. Briggs, Elmira, NY, has been appointed to the position of Police Officer, effective July 28, 2025, at annual salary of \$63,083.70; Patrick M. Clearwater, Elmira, NY, has been appointed to the position of Public Works Specialist I in the Department of Public Works, effective July 28, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$19.53; and DeAnte Q. Briggs, has elected to resign from his position as Police Officer, effective July 31, 2025.

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

2025-228

Mayor Mandell

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution designating the City as lead agency directing the City Manager to file a negative determination that Ordinance amending Chapter 25, Article V, Section 25-87(a) will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 6- 0

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

2025-229
Gary Brinn

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution referring rezoning of 1526 Grand Central Avenue (Tax Map # 79.14-1-11) from Residential Business to Light Industrial to the City Planning Commission and the Chemung County Planning Board, if necessary, for their review and recommendation.

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

2025-230
Mayor Mandell

Act on Ordinance amending Chapter 25, Article V, Section 25-87(a) of the City of Elmira Code of Ordinances.

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

2025-231
Corey Cooke

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution approving an amendment to increase of \$5,000.00 the original contract amount granted to Fisher Associates pertaining to the Elmira Church-Water Streets Gateway Project (PIN 6755.60) increasing the original contract to \$110,000.00 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendment; said amendment subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

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

2025-232

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on

Joseph Duffy

resolution accepting the bid of Stephenson Equipment for a new 2024 Leeboy-8530 paver, the lowest bidder as outlined on the attached bid summary, at a cost to the City of \$289,232.03 and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the purchase; said documents subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

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

2025-233

Corey Cooke

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution approving the purchase of two (2) Parking and Access Control Systems equipment for Centertown Parking Garage from Flash Parking, Inc. at a cost to the City of \$150,332.00 and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to effect the purchase; said documents subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

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

2025-234

Gary Brinn

Act on Vacant Rental Grant Program Audit.

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

2025-235

Corey Cooke

Act on Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program Audit.

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

2025-236

Jackie Wilson

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

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

2025-237

Mayor Mandell

Act on Audit.

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

2025-238

Mayor Mandell

**Act on resolution to add on to the August 11, 2025 agenda
a resolution scheduling a public hearing on August 25,
2025 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to receive public comment
and that a 30-day public comment period will be observed
from August 12, 2025 through September 11, 2025
regarding 422 E. Church St, on a proposed declaration of
Slum and Blight in order to meet the CDBG National
Objective requirement.**

ADD-ON

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER DUFFY

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

2025-238

Mayor Mandell

**Act on resolution scheduling a public hearing for August
25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 317 E. Church Street,
during City Council's regularly scheduled meeting, to
receive public comment on a proposed declaration of slum
and blight in order to meet the CDBG National Objective
requirement regarding abandoned property located at 422
W. Church Street and a 30-day comment period be**

observed from August 12, 2025 through September 11, 2025.

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

2025-239

Jackie Wilson

Act on resolution to adjourn.

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