

Elmira City Council

Meeting Minutes

RE: AGENDA, ELMIRA CITY

Monday, September 22, 2025 – 5:30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

2025-266

Corey Cooke

Act on resolution dispensing with the minutes of the regular Meeting held on Monday, September 8, 2025.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Corey Cooke VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public on the City of Elmira's 2024-2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

2025-267

Joseph Duffy

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution reporting the Personnel Action for the City of Elmira whereby Amie E. Detota has been appointed to the position of Animal Control Director, effective September 1, 2025 at an annual salary of \$78,070.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-268

Gary Brinn

Receive communication from the City Manager recommending the reappointment of Sheree Massey, 1212 Hall St, Elmira, NY to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire on September 30, 2031.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-269

Mayor Mandell

Receive communication from the Mayor and act on resolution reappointing Derek Chalfant to the Historic Preservation Commission with term expiring on October 1, 2028.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-270

Nan Moss

Act on resolution designating the polling places in each Election District of the City Voters to vote in Primary Elections and General Elections.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Nannette M Moss VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-271

Gary Brinn

Receive communication from the Corporation Counsel and act on resolution designating the City as the lead agency and authorizing the City Manager to file a negative determination that the proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance rezoning Tax Map Parcel No. 79.14-1-11, 1526 Grand Central Avenue, from Residential Business to Light Industrial will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy, Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-272

Gary Brinn

Act on resolution scheduling a public hearing on October 6, 2025 in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 317 E. Church Street at 5:30 p.m. to receive comments from the public regarding the amendment of the Official Zoning Map to rezone a City Tax Parcel No. 79.14-1-11, 1526 Grand Central Avenue, from Residential Business to Light Industrial.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-273
Mayor Mandell

**Act on resolution declaring slum and blight spot at 422 W.
Church Street, Elmira, NY in order to meet the
Community Development Block Grant National Objective
Requirement.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-274
Gary Brinn

**Act on ordinance to amend Chapter 31, Article III,
Section 31-51 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
Elmira, as Amended.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-275
Mayor Mandell

**Act on ordinance to amend Chapter 25, Article VII,
Division 1, Section 25-137(a) of the Code of Ordinances of
the City of Elmira, as Amended.**

Withdrawn

2025-276
Corey Cooke

**Receive communication from the City Manager and act on
resolution authorizing an agreement between the City and
Dewittsburgh Housing Development Fund Corporation by
which the City shall provide solid waste collection/disposal
services in consideration of \$23,139.90 for the fiscal year
October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, plus the
total of monthly tipping fees, with an annual escalation of
three percent (3%) on each annual anniversary date; said
agreement to expire September 30, 2030, and authorizing
the Mayor to execute the agreement, a copy of which is**

attached hereto; said agreement 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: Nannette M Moss TOTAL: 1
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-277
Nan Moss

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution accepting the bid of Monroe Tractor as recommended by the Commissioner of Public Works to purchase a new 2025 Hamm HD14i VVTandem Roller at a cost to the City of \$78,500.00 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: Nannette M Moss VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-278
Corey Cooke

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution approving the retention of LaBella Associates, DPC to provide engineering services in preparation for the re-bidding of the Centertown Parking Garage Improvements, Phase II at a total cost not to exceed \$24,850.00 and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with LaBella; said Agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Corey Cooke VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-279
Jackie Wilson

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution approving acceptance of Positive Pay services to be provided to the City by Chemung Canal Trust Company and Five Star Bank to tighten security against any potential for check fraud here at the City and

**authorizing the Mayor to execute Positive Pay agreements
with each bank; said agreements subject to Corporation
Counsel approval.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Jackie Wilson VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-280
Gary Brinn

Act on Vacant Rental Grant Program Audit.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-281
Mayor Mandell

**Act on Anti-Displacement Learning Network Grant
Program Audit.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-282
Jackie Wilson

Act on Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program Audit.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Jackie Wilson VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-283
Joseph Duffy

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

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0

ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-284

Corey Cooke

Act on Audit.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Corey Cooke VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: TOTAL: 0

2025-285

Nan Moss

Act on resolution to adjourn.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Nannette M Moss VOTE: 7- 0
AYES: Daniel Mandell, Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso, Joseph H Duffy,
Nannette M Moss, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson TOTAL: 7
NAYS: TOTAL: 0
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
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