

Elmira City Council

Meeting Minutes

RE: AGENDA, ELMIRA CITY

Monday, December 29, 2025 – 5:30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

2025-375

Gary Brinn

Act on resolution dispensing with the minutes of the regular Meeting held on Monday, December 15, 2025.

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

2025-376

Mayor Mandell

Act on Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) for the Leading in Lead Prevention Pilot Program

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

2025-377

Joseph Duffy

Act on Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) for the Vacant Rental Improvement Program (VRP)

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

2025-378

Nan Moss

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution declaring abandoned and impounded vehicles located at the Department of Public Works as surplus property and authorizing the sale of said vehicles outlined on the attached list by way of either an on-line auction by Auctions International, Inc. or sale of the vehicles to Pick-A-Part in Horseheads, NY.

CM Moss absent, sponsored by Mayor Mandell

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

2025-379
Corey Cooke

**Act on resolution proposing amendments to the Proposed,
but not yet adopted, City Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026.**

MOTION: SPONSORED BY: Corey Cooke VOTE: 2- 4
AYES: Corey Cooke, Nick Grasso TOTAL: 2
NAYS: Daniel Mandell, Joseph H Duffy, Gary Brinn, Jackie Wilson
TOTAL: 4
ABSTAIN: TOTAL: 0
ABSENT: Nannette M Moss TOTAL: 1
RESOLUTION FAILED

2025-380
Jackie Wilson

**Act on resolution approving an increase of \$59,500.00 to
the original 2022 Agreement with LaBella Associates to
provide design and construction inspection services on the
Fassett Road Stormwater System Project increasing the
amount total to \$465,500.00 for the Project reflected in a
Supplemental Agreement #1, a copy of which is attached
hereto, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the
Supplemental Agreement; said agreement subject to
Corporation Counsel approval.**

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Jackie Wilson 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

2025-381
Mayor Mandell

**Receive communication from the City Manager and act on
resolution approving the hiring of Hunt Engineers,
Architects & Land Surveyors, PC to provide professional
engineering services requested by the City from January
1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 with the charges for
said services not to exceed the sum of \$12,500.00 and
authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with
Hunt; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel
approval.**

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

2025-382
Joseph Duffy

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an intermunicipal agreement between the Town of Baldwin, Chemung County and City whereby the City's Animal Control Department will provide animal control services enforcing Article 26 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, which services will be at a cost of \$6,250.00 commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026 and which amount will be paid to the City by Chemung County on behalf of the Town; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

CM Grasso motioned to table agenda item. Seconded by CM Cook. Motion was not approved.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy 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

2025-383
Gary Brinn

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an intermunicipal agreement between the Town of Erin, Chemung County and City whereby the City's Animal Control Department will provide animal control services enforcing Article 26 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, which services will be at a cost of \$6,250.00 commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026 and which amount will be paid to the City by Chemung County on behalf of the Town; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

CM Grasso motioned to table agenda item. Seconded by CM Cook. Motion was not approved.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Gary Brinn 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

2025-384
Nan Moss

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an intermunicipal agreement between the Town of VanEtten, Chemung County and City whereby the City's Animal Control Department will provide animal control services enforcing Article 26 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, which services will be at a cost of \$6,250.00 commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026 and which amount will be paid to the City by Chemung County on behalf of the Town; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

CM Moss absent, sponsored by Mayor Mandell.
CM Grasso motioned to table agenda item. Seconded by CM Cook. Motion was not approved.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell 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

2025-385
Mayor Mandell

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution approving an agreement between Chemung County and the City commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026, whereby the City shall provide services to the County consisting of the operation of Youth Court and a full-time Fraud Investigator for the County Department of Social Services for a total consideration to the City not to exceed \$241,500.00 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Daniel Mandell 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

2025-386
Gary Brinn

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution approving a fire protection safety contract for City Hall with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at a total annual cost of \$1,100.00 (\$550.00 semi-annually) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the inspection renewal agreement; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

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

2025-387
Joseph Duffy

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement whereby the City provides Hazardous Materials Incident Response to Chemung County at an annual cost to the County of \$35,000.00; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

CM Grasso motioned to table agenda item. Seconded by CM Cook. Motion was not approved.

MOTION: Approve SPONSORED BY: Joseph H Duffy 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

2025-388
Jackie Wilson

Receive communication from the City Manager and act on resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Chemung County under which the City will provide to the County's Rabies Program animal handler and specimen services pertaining to dogs, cats, ferrets, wildlife or other mammals commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026 at a cost to the County of \$5,562.00; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

CM Grasso motioned to table agenda item. Seconded by CM Cook. Motion was not approved.

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

2025-389
Nan Moss

Act on resolution approving and directing the Mayor to enter into a one-year agreement with NextRequest, a copy of which is attached hereto, at an annual term commencing January 1, 2026 in the amount of \$12,080.88 with an automatic one-year renewal with a five percent (5%) increase on the renewal date; said agreement subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

CM Moss absent, sponsored by Mayor Mandell.

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

2025-390
Mayor Mandell

Received communication from the City Manager and act on resolution approving the overtime for the Elmira Police Department for pay periods 21-24, in the amount of \$54,214.93.

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

2025-391
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

2025-392
Corey Cooke

Act on Anti Displacement Learning Network Grant Program Audit.

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

2025-393

Jackie Wilson

Act on Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program Audit.

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

2025-394

Joseph Duffy

Act on Community Development Block Grant Program Audit.

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

2025-395

Nan Moss

Act on Audit.

CM Moss absent, sponsored by Mayor Mandell.

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

2025-396

Mayor Mandell

Act on resolution to adjourn.

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