

# Incumbents hold seats in municipal election

All four incumbents were re-elected to their seats on the Dickson City Council in the Sept. 11, 2025, municipal election.

According to the unofficial results released by the Dickson County Election Commission, less than 6% of the city's 9,874 registered voters cast ballots with only two of the races contested. The election results are unofficial until certified by the commission at its Sept. 23 meeting.

In the unofficial results:

	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Absentee Ballots</b>	<b>Early Voting</b>
<b>First Ward</b>				
Karen Ramey Bell	59	28	3	28
Jason Epley	110	55	3	52
<b>Second Ward</b>				
B. Kyle Sanders	231	84	9	138
Bill Woods	62	20	3	39
<b>Third Ward</b>				
Stacey Lynn Levine	57	29	5	23
<b>Fourth Ward</b>				
Michael J. Outlaw	50	26	5	19

Following certification by the election commission, the winners of the election will be sworn in to begin their new four-year terms at the Oct. 6, 2025, City Council meeting.

Councilperson Epley was re-elected to his third term and has served as vice mayor for two years. Councilperson Sanders won his second term. Councilperson Levine was unopposed in seeking her second term. Councilperson Outlaw was unopposed in seeking his fifth term.

The remaining seats on the eight-member council (held by Brett Reynolds in the First Ward, Shane Chandler in the Second Ward, Horace Perkins III in the Third Ward and Dwight Haynes in the Fourth Ward) and the Mayor's office will be on the ballot for four-year terms Sept. 9, 2027.

The unofficial election turnout of 5.84% is the lowest in a Dickson municipal election since 2.67% of the voters turned out in 2013 when only one of the four council races was opposed. The highest voter turnout in a Dickson municipal election since 2009 was 17.71% in 2019 when the mayor's race and two council races had opposition.

As has been the trend since early voting was created, more than half the votes (331/57.37%) were cast during the 14-day early period or by absentee ballot with 246 votes (42.63%) cast on election day. In the last nine Dickson municipal elections, at least 52% and as much as 70% of the ballots have come in early/absentee voting. Election day turnout since 2008 ranges from a low of 29.8% in 2023 to a high of 47.9% in 2011 when all four council races were opposed.

With the Dickson municipal election completed, the Dickson County Election Commission immediately turns to the Oct. 7 special election primaries for the 7<sup>th</sup> District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Early voting for the primaries will be Sept. 17-Oct. 2. The early voting schedule is at [dicksoncountyelection.com](http://dicksoncountyelection.com).

The voter registration deadline for the Dec. 2 special general election is Nov. 3 and early voting will be Nov. 12-26.

The Special Election is to complete the two-year term of Rep. Mark Green, who resigned in July. The seat will be on the ballot again along with other federal, state and local offices for primaries Aug 6, 2026, and general election Nov. 3, 2026.