

SUMMARY: City Council Feb. 2, 2026

At its regular session Feb. 2, 2026, the Dickson City Council:

- Unanimously approved the minutes of the Jan. 5, 2026, City Council regular session with all eight members present;
- Unanimously approved on second reading Ordinance #1577 to amend the Dickson Municipal Code to allow the City Administrator to sign contracts up to \$10,000 and the Mayor to sign contracts up to \$25,000 while all contracts over \$25,000 require council approval. City Administrator David Travis said the change corresponds with the city's purchasing policy;
- Unanimously approved on first reading Ordinance #1579 to increase the city's permit fee for fireworks stands from \$1,000 to \$3,500. Administrator Travis said most of the 5-6 stands that set up each year are out-of-state companies and the city receives no sales tax revenue. The amendment also removes the \$200 cleanup deposit and authorizes the city to deny a permit to any vendor who does not maintain its site and clean it up within 24 hours of ceasing sales. The ordinance faces a second reading March 2;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-8 authorizing the Board of Public Utilities to make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) to the various municipalities and counties served by the Dickson Electric System, including \$1,224,821.39 to the City of Dickson for fiscal year 2025;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-14 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 to the agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates for traffic signal design services for the Intelligent Transportation System Phase II project to upgrade the traffic signals on Highway 70 West at Weaver/Beasley drives. Administrator Travis said the amendment will allow Kimley-Horn to design placement of the new signals to accommodate a widening of the intersection recommended in the Safe Streets For All Safety Action Plan for an additional \$12,700 for a total cost of \$216,400;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-15 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Task 2 under a Master Consulting Services Agreement with CONSOR North America Inc. to provide floodplain-related services for City Lake as part of Phase II of the renovation project at J. Dan Buckner Park. Administrator Travis and Public Works Director Bret Stock said the task will provide a Letter of Map Revision outlining the floodplain of the lake to determine potential elevations for the reconfiguring of Field #1 into three smaller ballfields for a price not to exceed \$28,000; and
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-16 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 to the Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging grant contract for the Senior Activity Center. Administrator Travis said the amendment adds \$8,857 to the grant for 2026 and 2027 for a total of \$31,857.

Mayor Weiss rescheduled the Finance and Management Committee meeting to 6:00 pm Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026, due to the Presidents Day holiday and announced the next regular session of the City Council will be 7:00 pm Monday, March 2, 2026, in the Council Chambers at Dickson City Hall, 600 East Walnut Street.

The Mayor scheduled public hearings for the March 2 meeting for:

- Ordinance #1578: An ordinance to amend several sections of the Dickson Zoning Ordinance; and

- Resolution #2026-17: A resolution to amend the City of Dickson's Urban Growth Area Plan.

The Mayor and City Council recognized Dickson Fire Department Assistant Chief Kane Sesler who is retiring after 31 years with the department.

Dickson Electric System General Manager Darrell Gillespie presented the system's annual report that shows:

- Operating revenues increased 10.41 percent to \$110,080,685;
- Cost of purchased power was \$78,456,033, or 71.27 percent of operating revenues, down from 73.9 percent;
- Operating expenses were \$12,129,709, or 11.02 percent of revenues, down from 15.59 percent;
- Maintenance expenses were \$8,092,088, or 7.35 percent of revenues, down from 10.13 percent;
- Depreciation was \$5,053,083, or 4.59 percent of revenues, down from 4.91 percent;
- Taxes and tax equivalent were \$1,845,209, or 1.68 percent of revenues, down from 1.96 percent;
- Interest for long-term debt was \$2,505,508, or 2.28 percent of revenues, up from not having any long-term debt in the previous year;
- Net revenues were \$2,080,834, or 1.89 percent of overall revenues, down from 8.89 percent;
- Kilowatt-hour sales increased 3.09 percent compared to an increase of 0.21 percent the previous year; and
- Total DES consumers increased from 38,634 to 39,152 across the five-county service area.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Council heard updates on the impact and recovery efforts from winter storm Fern from Mayor Weiss, City Administrator Travis, Councilperson Stacey Levine, who is executive director of the Tennessee River Chapter of the American Red Cross, Dickson Family YMCA Executive Director Paul Pitney and Dickson Electric System General Manager Gillespie.

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Weiss adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm without objection.

Dickson City Council regular sessions are broadcast at 8:00 pm Thursdays and Saturdays on the Community Access Channel (Comcast 19).