

SUMMARY: City Council Jan. 5, 2026

At its regular session Jan. 5, 2026, the Dickson City Council:

- Unanimously approved the minutes of the Dec. 1, 2025, regular session with Councilperson Kyle Sanders (2nd Ward) absent;
- Unanimously approved on first reading Ordinance #1577 to amend the Dickson Municipal Code to authorize the signing of contracts within the guidelines of the city's Municipal Purchasing Policy. The amendment allows the City Administrator to sign contracts up to \$10,000 and the Mayor to sign contracts up to \$25,000 while contracts over \$25,000 require council approval. The ordinance faces a second vote Feb. 2;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-1 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Project Addendum with Southern Architecture Workshop, LLC to provide design services for Dickson Fire Department Station #2 under a Master Services Agreement. Administrator David Travis said the city plans to build a 6,000-square-foot station and a training center on 7.28 acres on Marshall Stuart Drive donated by The Jackson Foundation;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-2 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Project Addendum with Southern Architecture Workshop LLC to provide design services for remediation at the War Memorial Building under a Master Services Agreement. Administrator Travis said the project will include reworking the flat roofs of the historic building and addressing other points of water infiltration;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-3 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Construction Manager at Risk contract with Nabholz Construction Corp. to build the new Dickson Fire Department Station #2;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-4 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal for Phase II of an Environmental Site Assessment for the proposed aquatic/recreation center in Henslee Park with ECS Southeast, LLC under a Professional Services Agreement;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-5 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal for Phase II of an Environmental Site Assessment for the proposed City Center on South Main Street with ECS Southeast, LLC under a Professional Services Agreement;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-6 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 3 to the contract with FTM Contracting for construction of Phase I of the J. Dan Buckner Park project. Administrator Travis said the final change order deducts \$15,000 in liquidated damages from the contract to put the final construction cost at \$2,782,200.89, which is almost \$69,000 under the original contract price;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-7 asking the Tennessee General Assembly to amend state statutes to allow the city to use ward-based polling locations for municipal elections. Since 2023, the election commission requires voters to cast ballots in city elections based on their county voting districts, which requires two or three polling locations for each of the city's four wards. The resolution forwarded to the city's legislative delegation asks that Dickson be allowed to conduct city elections with one polling location in each ward or a centralized polling location for all voters;

- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-9 authorizing the city to incur indebtedness not to exceed \$80 million to fund a new city center, aquatic/recreation center and fire station and training center. Administrator Travis said he anticipates the projects will be in the \$60-65 million range and does not anticipate requiring a property tax increase to fund the debt service;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-10 declaring the city's potential intent to reimburse itself from the bonds for expenditures already incurred related to the capital projects;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-11 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of engagement with Oakdale Municipal Advisors, LLC to provide advisory services for the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds for the capital projects;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-12 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Dickson Electric System for installation and operation of a charging station for electric vehicles on public property contingent on the city and DES agreeing to a location;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-13 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Dickson Police Department and Dickson County Emergency Communications District authorizing access to the district's Computer-Aided Dispatch services and related systems; and
- Unanimously approved a request by Councilperson Shane Chandler (2nd Ward) to install an appropriate sign at the crest of the hill on Dogwood Court warning drivers of the approaching intersection with Tanglewood Drive.

During the public comment period, Brandon Jackson of 601 Bruce Road asked the council to reconsider the fee structure for the Dickson Fire Department's Rural Fire Service. Since establishing the voluntary service for residents outside the city limits in 1982, the city has charged a fee equivalent to 0.1 percent of the current appraised value of improvements to properties within five road miles of a fire station to have the department respond to fire calls. In July 2025, the council amended the minimum fee from \$75 to \$125, deleted the maximum fee and began using current appraisals by the Dickson County Assessor of Property to determine the fees. Mr. Jackson claims the current calculation for the fee means Rural Fire Service customers pay more for fire protection than the percentage of property tax collections that go to fund the fire department. He suggested the council consider a fee structure that uses a base amount plus a fee based on the square footage of the structure or based on a cost study for fire protection responses. The council took no action on the request.

Mayor Weiss announced the Finance and Management Committee meeting will be rescheduled to 6:00 pm Thursday, Jan. 22, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. He announced the next regular session of the City Council will be 7:00 pm Monday, Feb. 2.

With no other business to come before the council, Mayor Weiss adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm without objection.