

SUMMARY: City Council special session March 16, 2026

At a special session March 16, 2026, the Dickson City Council:

- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-24 expressing opposition to two bills in the Tennessee General Assembly that propose to limit the authority of municipalities and counties to increase the property tax rate. House Bill 1873/Senate Bill 2064 limits increases in the property tax rate to inflation plus three percent of the revenue generated the year before annually or inflation plus 12 percent over a four-year period with an exemption for any increase needed to obtain bonds or make bond payments. The city or county could exceed those limits or exceed the certified tax rate during a reappraisal year only if approved in a referendum. House Bill 2607/Senate Bill 2002 limits increases in the property tax rate to inflation plus two percent annually or inflation plus six percent over a three-year period. The city or county could exceed those limits or exceed the certified tax rate in a reappraisal year if approved by 60 percent of the voters in a referendum. The resolution expressing the council's opposition was forwarded to the city's delegation in the Tennessee General Assembly and the members of the House and Senate State and Local Government committees where it is currently under consideration;
- Approved Resolution #2026-25 expressing support for a bill in the Tennessee General Assembly that would amend the statute regulating annexations by municipalities. Currently municipalities only can annex property by the owner's request or through a referendum of the property owners in the area proposed for annexation. House Bill 1176/Senate Bill 997 would allow municipalities to annex territory without a referendum if two-thirds of the property owners in the proposed annexation territory consent in writing, if the property of the consenting owners is more than half of the total territory to be annexed and there are nine or fewer parcels in the territory to be annexed. The resolution passed 7-0-1 with Councilperson Dwight Haynes (4th Ward) abstaining. The resolution expressing the council's support was forwarded to the city's delegation in the Tennessee General Assembly and the members of the House and Senate State and Local Government committees where it is currently under consideration;
- Unanimously approved Resolution #2026-26 expressing opposition to a bill in the Tennessee General Assembly that would repeal the offense of carrying a weapon in parks, playgrounds and civic centers. House Bill 2064/Senate Bill 2467 also would allow persons convicted of stalking or misdemeanor domestic violence to possess firearms after five years. The resolution expressing the council's opposition was forwarded to the city's delegation in the Tennessee General Assembly and the members of the House and Senate Judiciary committees where it is currently under consideration; and
- Approved Resolution #2026-27 authorizing Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr. to enter negotiations and execute a contract for the purchase of property at 206 South Main Street for a price not to exceed \$450,000. City Administrator David Travis said the property is included in the plans for the new City Center on South Main Street and owner Thomas Berryman has agreed to sell. The council approved the resolution 7-0-1 with Councilperson Haynes abstaining.

With no other business included in the special session, Mayor Weiss adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm without objection.

The next regular session of the Dickson City Council is 7:00 pm Monday, April 6, 2026, in the Council Chambers at Dickson City Hall, 600 East Walnut St. All meetings are open to the public.