**Mayor, Council recognize Sowell on retirement from City**

Dickson Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr. and the Dickson City Council recognized Rosalind Sowell for her service to the City, including as Director of the Emergency Communications Department, as her retirement approaches

At the Aug. 4, 2025, City Council meeting, Mayor Weiss presented Director Sowell with a proclamation, a plaque and a retirement bonus celebrating her 17 years of service. Mrs. Sowell is retiring Aug. 12.

A Dickson native, Rosalind Alfreda Sowell is the daughter of the late Delois and Milton Fossie, founders of Fossie’s Bar-B-Que. She is a 1976 graduate of Dickson County High School where she was an All District 10-AAA guard for the Lady Cougars in the final year before Tennessee high schools converted from six-on-six to five-on-five girls basketball. She studied nursing at Tennessee State University.

A fellow member of the DCHS Class of ’76, Mayor Weiss said he has known Mrs. Sowell as Alfreda since the first or second grade when Dickson County schools were desegregated.

“The Fossie family has been a stalwart family here in our community for many, many years,” Mayor Weiss said. “Everybody loves Fossie’s Bar-B-Que.”

Mrs. Sowell retired after working 30 years at the Ford Glass Plant in Nashville, now AGH Glass.

“(She) decided that she wasn’t cut out for retirement at the time,” Mayor Weiss said. “And in May of 2008 she decided to join the City of Dickson as a dispatcher. She came to dispatch and was one of the best dispatchers we’ve ever had there at that time. In 2015, I had the pleasure of naming her as the director of communications.”

When Linda Nichols left the Emergency Communications Department, Mayor Weiss named Mrs. Sowell interim director and appointed her director of the department Oct. 5, 2025.

“Since 2015 she has taken that department to new levels and she’s done a great job there,” Mayor Weiss said. “I’m going to miss having her there.”

The proclamation and plaque presented by Mayor Weiss recognized Mrs. Sowell for her over 17 years of service including 10 years as Director of the Emergency Communication Department and for having served the citizens of Dickson “with faithfulness, integrity and loyalty.”

Mrs. Sowell has been married to Bobby Sowell for over 30 years and has a daughter, Tia Collier, a 2020 graduate of the Nashville School of Law.

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**Dickson Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr. (left) reads a proclamation honoring Rosalind Sowell (right) for her 17 years of service with the City of Dickson, including the last 10 years as Director of the Emergency Communications Department, at the Aug. 4, 2025, City Council meeting.**