

Mayor re-appoints Vice Mayor and Department Heads

At the Dickson City Council meeting following the municipal election, Dickson Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr. re-appointed Councilperson Jason Epley as vice mayor, David Travis as city administrator and all of the city's current department heads, among several other appointments.

At its Oct. 6, 2025, meeting, the Dickson City Council unanimously ratified more than 45 nominations presented by the Mayor.

Having been re-elected to his third term in the Sept. 11, 2025, municipal election, Councilperson Epley (1st Ward) was nominated by Mayor Weiss and elected by the City Council to his second two-year term as vice mayor.

Dickson County president and chief retail officers for TriStar Bank, Vice Mayor Epley was elected to his third four-year term on the City Council in September.

Mayor Weiss nominated and the City Council ratified Travis to his first full two-year term as City Administrator. Employed by the City of Dickson since 1995, Travis was named Acting City Administrator July 1, 2024, following the retirement of Rydell Wesson and was named City Administrator July 7, 2025. He previously served as Director of the Public Works Department.

Mayor Weiss nominated and the City Council approved the re-appointment of all of the mayor's administrative department heads:

- Jason Pilkinton has served as Director of the Office of Planning and Zoning since 2007;
- Richard Greer has served as Dickson Fire Department Chief since 2009;
- Tammy Dotson has served as Treasurer since 2010;
- Angie Brown has served as Tax Collector since 2013;
- Joan Rial has served as Director of the Senior Activity Center since 2017;
- Chris Norman has served as City Recorder since 2022;
- Gina Swaner has served as Municipal Court Clerk since 2024;
- Seth Lyles has served as Dickson Police Department Chief since 2024; and
- Bret Stock has served as Director of the Public Works Department since July 2025.

Jerry Smith was re-appointed as City Attorney with Ross Smith re-appointed as Assistant City Attorney.

Stan Reynolds was re-appointed as Municipal Court Judge, having served since the court was reorganized in 2017.

Other appointments approved at the council meeting include:

- Brandon Cardwell, Jason Epley and Kyle Sanders to the Municipal Planning Commission;
- Michael Outlaw to the Water Authority of Dickson County board of directors;
- David Brown to the Board of Zoning Appeals;
- Dr. John Stritikus to complete the term of Johnnie Morris on the Board of Zoning Appeals expiring in October 2026;
- Warner Taylor and Cynthia Hernandez to the Tree Management and Beautification Board;
- Andrew Moore to complete the term of Nikki Holland on the Community Access Programming Committee expiring in October 2027;
- Dwight Haynes, Michael Outlaw and Horace Perkins III to the Cemetery Committee;
- David Travis, Tammy Dotson, Seth Lyles (alternate) and Richard Greer (alternate) to the Classification and Compensation Committee;

- Cameron Smith, Robby Street, Chad Fussell and Cherie Wilson to the Safety Committee;
- Tammy Dotson, Richard Greer and Kyle Sanders to the Sick Leave Bank Trustees;
- David Travis, Richard Greer, Tammy Dotson, Jason Pilkinton, Gina Swaner and Seth Lyles (alternate) to the Title VI Advisory Committee;
- David Travis as the mayor's designee to the South Central Tennessee Railroad Authority; and
- David Travis to the Solid Waste Regional Board.

All of the appointments are for two-year terms and are filled at the first City Council meeting following the municipal election in September of odd years.