

# Roanoke

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the past six months.

Brooks's appointment is effective immediately, but he is not expected to begin full-time work in Roanoke until the end of this month. Bernard Dean has been serving as Roanoke's interim police chief.

The council also hired Kim Stone, a certified city clerk and Wedowee resident who has experience as a clerk in Heflin and Tarrant among other municipalities.

Stone's hire, which was also unanimously approved, is also effective immediately, and she will take over the vacant position left by the departure of Davis.

The only reappointment among the five positions was for the city's fire chief. Ronald Cameron will retain that role.

The council also appointed Greg Varner as the city's judge and Mandy Baker as the city prosecutor.

The appointments closed out a process that began when mayor Adam Melton and three new city council members took office in November. Rather than make the appointments immediately the group chose to wait 90 days in order to open up the positions for applications. In all, the council conducted a total of 22 interviews for the five open spots.

In a related move the city also plans to hire an assistant city clerk for the first time. City hall has typically been staffed by three employees, but at councilmember Tammi Holley's request the city will now hire a fourth person to work at city hall.

The measure passed by a 4-2 vote, with Tim Jacobs and Ouida Delashaw voting no.