

PRESENT: Michael Williamson, Mayor; Joe Martin, Mayor Pro-tem; Celia Gaza, Alderman; Jan Smith, Alderman; Rosendo Alcaraz, Jr., Alderman; Mechele Edwards, City Secretary; Richard Salazar, Director of Public Works; Harold Beierman, Code Enforcement Officer; Gloria Robles, Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Monica Gonzales; Kurt Laughren; Becky Heller; Danny Heller

1. Mayor Williamson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on December 11, 2025, with no corrections noted. Martin seconded the unanimously approved motion.
3. B. Heller addressed the Council during Public Input and Comments. She asked for minutes and reports to be put on-line. Mayor Williamson stated she may need to submit a Public Information Request.

4. Departmental Reports:

Written reports were provided by Beierman, Salazar, Robles, Edwards, and Davison. Salazar, Robles, and Edwards reviewed some aspects of their reports.

5. New Business:

The annual review of Ordinance #292 Drought Contingency Plan was conducted. Salazar recommended adding Farmers' Cooperative Compress to the list of large water users affected by the stages listed in the plan. Martin made a motion to approve this change to the plan. The unanimously approved motion was seconded by Alcaraz.

Salazar explained the concerns relating to the dilapidated structure located on a 100' x 207' Tract of land in Labor 1, League 224, Collingsworth County School Land, Lamb County, Texas, part of the Sudan Economic Development Corp., Inc. Business Park. Pictures were provided. With a motion by Martin, seconded by Smith, the Council unanimously voted to move forward with action regarding this dilapidated building, referred to as the old cafe.

A motion was made by Martin to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with South Plains Association of Governments for a Regional Solid Waste Grant. Alcaraz seconded the unanimously approved motion. Salazar was authorized to act on behalf of the city. The application will be for a mini-dump trailer, 14'x83"x4, for \$9,795.00 with no cash match by the city.

During the annual review of the utility billing agreement with the Sudan Baseball/Softball Assoc., Salazar explained the Association would appreciate the details remaining the same. Garza made a motion to continue with no change. Smith seconded the unanimously approved motion. The Assoc. drilled a water well last year, only using city water as a backup option.

Chief Robles provided copies of the department's Racial Profiling Report to be submitted online. The annual report was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Martin, seconded by Smith. (Salazar left 6:24 p.m.)

The city's current resolution establishing a Management System for Emergency Response was unanimously approved to remain in place with no changes on motion by Martin, seconded by Alcaraz.

An election for May 2, 2026, to elect a mayor and two aldermen was ordered on motion by Garza. Smith seconded the unanimously approved motion.

A resolution approving a joint election agreement with Sudan ISD for the May 2, 2026, election was unanimously approved on motion by Garza, seconded by Martin. The mayor was authorized to sign the agreement.

The city's Personnel Policy Manual, Section 4.04, Paid Leave – Holidays, was revised to include MLK Day, Presidents' Day, and half a day on Good Friday. Garza's motion was seconded by Alcaraz. The vote was unanimous.

No action was taken regarding the most recent rate case filed by Atmos Energy.

No action was taken regarding the most recent filing by Xcel Energy/Southwestern Public Service for a Recovery Factor.

7. Sudan Economic Development Corp., Inc.

Mayor Williamson conducted the first reading for an EDC monetary award of \$2,500 to Judith Guitron, dba MG Crafts & Designs, LLC. A motion in support of the award was made by Garza, seconded by Alcaraz, and unanimously approved. Mayor Williamson also conducted the first reading for an EDC monetary award of \$2,500 to Travis Copley, dba Copley Contracting, Inc. A motion in support of the award was made by Smith, seconded by Martin, and unanimously approved. The reappointment of board members was unanimously approved on motion by Garza, seconded by Martin: Clay Carr, Terry Peck, Jan Smith, Clint Humphreys, Dagan Provence, Michael Williamson, and Mart Davison. A motion by Garza reappointed Clay Carr as president, Terry Peck as vice president, and Jan Smith as treasurer. Alcaraz seconded the unanimously approved motion. The 2026 Budget for EDC was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Smith, seconded by Martin. The EDC Report of Activities for 2025 to the Texas Economic Development Council was unanimously approved as presented on motion by Martin, seconded by Garza.

8. Accounts Payable:

Three purchase requests were presented; \$1,704.75 for Coffman's body armor, \$750 for a cabinet at the base of the stairs in the PD/JD office building, and \$1,500-\$1,700 for the replacement of the WatchGuard DVR 4RE in the Ford PD patrol unit. A motion by Garza approved all three purchase requests. The unanimously approved motion was seconded by Smith. Accounts payable were approved for payment on motion by Smith, seconded by Garza. The vote was unanimous.

9. With no further business to come before the Council, a benediction was given, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Michael Williamson, Mayor



Mechele Edwards, City Secretary