STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LAMB

CITY OF SUDAN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2026

PRESENT: Joe Martin, Mayor Pro-tem; Jan Smith, Alderman; Celia Garza, Alderman; Rosendo Alcaraz, Alderman; Tim Rich, Alderman; Mechele Edwards, City Secretary; Richard Salazar, Director of Public Works; Harold Beierman, Code Officer; Gloria Robles, Police Chief; Mart Davison, Municipal Judge; Mike Hill, Fire Chief; City Attorney joined briefly by phone at 6:05 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Monica Gonzales

1. Mayor Pro-tem Martin, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. An Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code was entered at 6:02 p.m. to consult with the city attorney regarding game rooms and redemption machines. Chief Robles joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The open meeting reconvened at 7:13 p.m. with the following action resulting. (Davison did not return) Rich made a motion to adopt the draft ordinance regulating game rooms and redemption machines as presented with the following changes and additions, pending final approval of legal counsel:

1. Requiring an amusement redemption machine game room owner to conduct fingerprints and criminal history background checks on owners and employees. Records to be submitted with application, maintained on site and available for inspection by the Mayor or his designee, law enforcement officers, and the city inspector/code enforcement officer. Failure to maintain or provide documents upon request shall be cause for denial or revocation of license.
2. Requiring continuous video surveillance of the interior and exterior of the amusement redemption machine game room and property with a 30-day backup available for view by the Mayor or his designee, law enforcement officers, city inspector/code enforcement officer, and the chief building official.
3. Application fee $100.00
4. License fee $15,000.00
5. City tag fee $100.00
6. Change distance from a school, daycare, church and medical facility to 750 feet
7. City licensing requirements are in addition to any licensing, permitting, or regulatory requirements imposed by Lamb County under Texas Local Government Code.

The motion was seconded by Smith and unanimously approved.

3. Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2026, with no corrections noted. Smith seconded the unanimously approved motion.

4. No one addressed the Council during Public Input and Comments.

5. Department Reports:
Written reports and brief reviews were provided by Beierman, Salazar, Chief Robles, Judge Davison, and Edwards.

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:
Chief Hill explained difficulties staffing EMS with volunteers. He stated D. J. Provence and himself are providing 90% of coverage, plus a driver. Hill provided a proposed budget for review. His proposal would add the EMS to the city's budget as a new department, hiring a small full-time staff, and paying volunteers as part-time employees. No action was taken. (Salazar left 7:53 p.m.)

Garza's motion approved the continuation of the city's participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System with no changes to the current plan. Smith seconded the unanimously approved motion.

The budget workshop was scheduled for August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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.

8. Sudan Economic Development Corp., Inc.
No action was needed regarding EDC activities.

9. Accounts Payable:
No purchase requests were presented for consideration. Accounts payable were approved for payment on motion by Smith, seconded by Garza. The vote was unanimous.

10. With no further business to come before the Council, a benediction was given, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Mechele Edwards, City Secretary