STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF LAMB

CITY OF SUDAN
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

PRESENT: Michael Williamson, Mayor; Joe Martin, Mayor Pro-tem; Jan Smith, Alderman; Celia Garza, 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Monica Gonzales; Rebecca Heller

1. Mayor Williamson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2026, and the Special Meeting on August 20, 2026, with no corrections noted. Smith seconded the unanimously approved motion.

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

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

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:
A Public Hearing was conducted on the proposed 2026 Property Tax Rate to increase the total tax revenue above the No New Revenue Rate. No one addressed the Council and the hearing closed at 6:13 p.m.

Rich moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $.9839/$100, which is effectively a 3.3617% increase in the property tax rate for 2026. Martin seconded the unanimously approved motion.

Maintenance & Operations	$.9839/$100
Interest & Sinking	$.0000/$100
Total Tax Rate for 2026	$.9839/$100.

Martin made a motion to approve the 2026 Property Tax Roll as presented. Smith seconded the unanimously approved motion.

A motion by Rich, seconded by Martin, approved the amendments to Ordinance #295, Setting Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rates and Other Related Fees to include a $.75 increase in base water rates and $.75 increase in base sewer rates. The motion passed unanimously

Adjustments to the 2025-2026 Budget were unanimously approved as presented on motion by Martin, seconded by Rich, which included purchase requests for the following: PD renovations for offices upstairs; PD new computer; PD pass-through evidence lockers; SD new dumpsters and replacement parts; and WS ½ mini vacuum excavator with extended warranty purchased with the City of Amherst. Also included were budget overages to be paid from reserves for the City Hall and Community Center roof replacements, $45,500, and PD vehicle repairs, 9,500, from insurance claims for a hailstorm in last fiscal year/May 2025. The insurance payments were received last fiscal year, but the repairs were not completed and paid until the current fiscal year. The vote was unanimous.

Lamb County Leader News was redesignated as the city's official newspaper on motion by Garza, seconded by Smith, and unanimously approved.

As per the city auditor's recommendation, utility billing accounts deemed uncollectible starting from 12/22/2022 totaling $2,721.09 were charged-off on motion by Rich, seconded by Smith. The vote was unanimous. (Salazar left 6:25 p.m.)

The October council meeting will be moved to the 20th due to a conflict. No action needed.

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.
A motion was made by Rich to approve the authorization of Davison to enter property negotiations to purchase a specific piece of property and the authorization of Carr to enter property negotiations to purchase two specific pieces of property. All three offers will be for up to $5,000 for each property. Each offer will be good for 1 year. EDC will pay for the deeds and recording fees if successful. The motion also included authorization for Carr to enter property negotiations to sell the EDC property located at 206 Main Street. The unanimously approved motion was seconded by Smith.

8. Accounts Payable:
Purchase requests were addressed in a previous agenda item. 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 6:34 p.m.

Michael Williamson, Mayor

Mechele Edwards, City Secretary