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### RESOLUTION 2021-04

#### **A resolution addressing the power grid failure causing citywide electrical blackouts imposed by Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and the response by AEP Texas.**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Ganado, Texas was involved in a major winter weather event during an approximately 85-hour period beginning Sunday, February 14, 2021 and lasting until Thursday, February 18;

**WHEREAS**, this weather event was forecasted for at least two weeks prior, and was predicted to include ice, sleet, snow, and sub-freezing temperatures as low as 9 degrees Fahrenheit, for extended periods;

**WHEREAS**, the forecast of this event prompted predictions that power usage could reach levels that would lead to rolling blackouts or power failure due to excess demand over supply;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the predicted excess power usage over supply, the effects of the winter weather also hindered power generation in numerous ways, affecting wind, solar, coal, nuclear, and natural gas;

**WHEREAS**, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for all 254 counties in Texas, due to severe winter weather which posed an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing rain statewide;

**WHEREAS**, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared that an emergency exists in the State of Texas and ordered federal assistance to supplement state and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from a severe winter storm;

**WHEREAS**, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, Mayor Clinton W. Tegeler declared that an emergency exists in the City of Ganado due to the emergency conditions resulting from a severe winter storm;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ganado, Texas is served exclusively by American Electric Power (AEP Texas) in an area designated a Single Certified Area by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC);

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ganado received no reliable official communications before, during, or after the event by AEP Texas regarding power usage, management of rolling blackouts, repair of infrastructure, or power restoration;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ganado experienced an outage located in the Southeast quadrant of town affecting approximately 100 households and includes the city's water well and only water tower for a period beginning Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 p.m. and lasting until Thursday, February 18 at approximately 12:30 p.m. Houses in this neighborhood reported temperatures that fell into the 20's;

**WHEREAS**, no efforts were made during any of the 84-hour period of outage to repair or restore power to this neighborhood by AEP Texas;

**WHEREAS**, there was no visible or apparent attempt by AEP Texas to manage controlled power outages to comply with ERCOT's demand to shed usage, while not depriving households of power for extended periods;

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Ganado public works personnel had to work around the clock to manually alternate running water wells and booster pumps on a single generator to maintain minimal water pressure, resulting in a "Boil Water Notice" for the entire city, including households with no power;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ganado, Texas purchased \$8,800 of water to distribute door-to-door for our water customers to have minimal potable water;

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Ganado was given no official or reliable updates regarding the status of service throughout the duration of this event;

**WHEREAS**, the leadership and management of the City of Ganado were left to answer to our citizens with no official or reliable updates from AEP Texas, and was forced to answer to our citizens for the poor mismanagement of the event overall on the part of AEP Texas, ERCOT and the PUC;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the City of Ganado, Texas respectfully requests and expects a full investigation and explanation for the failures and breakdowns experienced during this event by the Texas Legislature, ERCOT, the PUC, the utility providers, and any other individuals or agencies involved in these failures, as well as a plan going forward to insure that a failure of this kind will never happen again;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the City of Ganado, Texas respectfully requests and expects accountability and explanation for the management failures by and on the part of AEP Texas to provide for our community. This is to include a renewed and regular ongoing dialogue with city officials on current status and future plans to ensure that a failure of this kind will never happen again.

Passed and effective this 9th day of March, 2021.

Approved:

Clinton Tegeler, Mayor

Attest:

Kristi K. Rogers, City Secretary