



Mayor McShan: Winter Storm, Mara

ELGIN, Texas— The past few days have been difficult for all of our citizens of Elgin and the entire State of Texas. I am aware of the complaints of how some have perceived my handling of this ice event that has appeared on social media. Just so you understand that I live in Elgin and had no electricity and six grandchildren as well and my car may be totaled. City staff were monitoring the conditions of roads, the status of electric outages and did not receive any calls from citizens stating that they needed shelter. The Recreation center can open as an emergency shelter when there is a need to shelter people displaced from their homes. Regarding a warming center – on Tuesday and Wednesday the weather and road conditions were such that it was safer to have people shelter in place than travel. Elgin is a community that takes care of neighbors. I believe that our neighbors watch out for each other and take care of each other. To that point, if there were citizens in danger, they would have called someone. On Thursday Road conditions and the weather had improved and the City opened the

Recreation Center from 8am to 4pm for people to charge phones, enjoy some hot beverages, and use the free Wi-Fi. The Recreation center is open again today from 8am to 4pm for that same purpose. There is always room for improvement, and we will be evaluating this event. I share my thanks on behalf of the City Council, for all the work by our city staff. We know they have worked long hard hours to keep city services available when in fact they were just as impacted. We are not Manor or Taylor, we are Elgin strong. This is a great community of faith and love, and we work together to make it that way. One Town One Team One Family. If you or I need overnight shelter, we contact Bastrop County Long Term Recovery that is the centralized group for our county in these types of situations. 512-521-3001 or www.bcltrt.org/ and on Facebook Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team. Priority is give to those who are medically compromised and elderly.

God, I thank you for the continued health and safety of the citizens of Elgin. I pray that we can review all actions and improve in the interest of our city. Help those to understand that there are no ill intent towards our citizens and that we only doing what we can within the rules at this present time. Please cover everyone, restore our electrical power and provide warmth and food to those in need.

In the darling name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen