



City of Lawton

City Council

Lawton City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
73501-3944

Emergency Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

6:00 PM

**Lawton City Hall
Wayne Gilley Auditorium**

EMERGENCY MEETING

“Emergency meeting” means any meeting called for the purpose of dealing with an emergency. For purposes of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, an emergency is defined as a situation involving injury to persons or injury and damage to public or personal property or immediate financial loss when the time requirements for public notice of a special meeting would make such procedure impractical and increase the likelihood of injury or damage or immediate financial loss. — 25 O.S. § 304(5)

New Business

"New Business" is defined as “Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.”

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Initiator: John Ratliff, City Manager, Randy Warren, Councilman - Ward 8

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Background:

Fiber optic infrastructure projects have accelerated across the City of Lawton, with several companies and their subcontractors actively installing lines in public rights-of-way and residential areas. While these projects support long-term connectivity goals, they have also raised immediate concerns regarding construction practices, site management, and public safety.

A current situation in the Eisenhower Village neighborhood has brought these concerns to the forefront, where a large excavation related to fiber installation has created a significant safety risk. The City has received reports and inquiries from residents about the potential dangers posed by such work, particularly in densely populated residential areas.

This item has been placed on the agenda to allow City Council to address the broader impact of fiber installations citywide and to provide direction to staff regarding urgent safety concerns in Eisenhower Village.

Correlation to the True North Statement:

Safe Community

Exhibit:**Key Issues:****Funding Source:****Recommended Action:**

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ATTACHMENTS:

None