

**SAFETY & CODE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday April 2, 2026
6:45 AM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brandon Tijerina (Chair) and Sarah Heising

STAFF: Brandi Galbraith, John Arps, Mayor Huner, Tucker Fredericksen, Danny Markley

Councilor Tijerina called the meeting to order at 6:47 a.m. on April 2, 2026

Optic Fiber Policy Standards

- Brightspeed, Spectrum, and Omni Fiber want to bore in Wauseon.
- The Safety Committee was presented with a packet of Ordinances, and applications about what other towns were doing when it came to construction companies wanting to bore into the ground for optic fiber.
- Spectrum has cables in the air to connect to the telephone poles because it is cheaper to hang from the poles than to dig. They can also complete their projects faster.
- Construction companies have been going through the county than the city.
- Companies are leaving projects undone and wires exposed and hitting lines from boring to deep.
- **Tucker** is finding that communications with whoever is in control of the projects are not having control of their depth control.
- Companies are parking vehicles in driveways, going on private property and installing in the city's right of ways installing lines that were not approved.
- Discussion was had on a possible bonding percentage before boring.
- The policy has been tabled until the Optic Fiber Policy Standards are revised.
- There were no recommendations or actions at this time.

Cellular Towers

- Danny presented to Safety and Code an AT&T communications tower located at 570 W Linfoot Street.
- There was a letter of intent, a letter from AT&T stating that they don't mind a tower being built next to their tower, a breakdown of where it is located and what is planned to be done on the tower.
- The existing tower was built before the city had codes for the district. It is in the M2 District.

There being no further business, Councilor Heising moved to adjourn, and Councilor Tijerina seconded. The Safety & Code Committee meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Galbraith
Clerk of Council