

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Dec.19, 1913
Members present: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Kearfott and Wood.

X On motion the ordinance relative to the shooting of fire-crackers
within the Town limits was suspended as follows, to-wit: from 7 P.M.
Dec. 24, 1913 to 6 A.M. Dec. 26th and from 7 P.M. Dec. 31st 1913 to
6 A.M. Jan. 2nd 1914.

On motion the following committee was appointed to wait on MR.Seay
and Mr. Dearborn relative to having a phone put in the depot for the con-
venience of the people of the Town. Bowman, Joubert and Wood.

On motion Council adjourned.

W. Seay

Edward Meeks

Mayor.

Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Jan.9th 1914.
Members present, Edward Meeks Mayor presiding,
Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott and Wood.

On motion the account of Dr. Mosby G.Perrow of \$5.00 was allowed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved by the Council of the
Town of Amherst that all the rights and privileges now exercised and con-
trolled by the present telephone line operated by Mr. R.T.Seay, without
a franchise, shall terminate and extinguish with its license on June 30th
1914.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be served on
Mr. Seay within 30 days.

Whereas, Mr. R.T.Seay is now operating a Telephone System in Town of
Amherst without any franchise from said Town,

Therefore, be it ~~ordained~~ resolved by the Council of the Town of Amherst that
no telephone system will be allowed to be operated in said Town without
first obtaining from said town after June 30, 1914.

Resolve further that the ordinance Committee be instructed to prepare
a proper franchise ordinance and that same shall be presented to this Coun-
cil at the next meeting to be acted upon according to law.

The following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Amherst, that Dr.R.Kearfott
be allowed as damages for the taking by said Town of sufficient land for t
the erection and construction of a side walk from the corner of R.M.Cox's
property on Main Street of said Town to the double wire gate beyond said
Kearfotts yard running in the direction from said Cox's property toward

that of Dr. R.B.Ware, equal to the one fourth(or assessment) of the erection and construction of said sidewalk continuously prolonged from said double wire gate to the street or road extending from the said Main Street or Macadam Turnpike, towards O.V.Hanger's.

The Street Committee was authorized to build the said sidewalk.

On motion Council adjourned.

W. H. Wood
-----Clerk.

Edward Meeks
-----Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst Mar. 3, 1914.

Members present Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding:

Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Joubert, Kearfott and Ward.

The matter of allowing the Baptist Church to extend its fence on a line continuously with the line of the fence of Mr. E.M.Beard was presented and after discussion the Council adjourned to meet at the Baptist Church, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

At the adjourned meeting of the Council from Tuesday Mar. 3, 1914 held Mar. 4, 1914 at the Baptist Church it was decided to allow the Baptist Church to extend its fence on a line as mentioned above upon the condition that they make a good road and sidewalk in place of the one taken in by the act of moving their fence.

On motion Council adjourned.

W. H. Wood
-----Clerk.

Edward Meeks
-----Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held April 4/ 1914. Members present, Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding,

Bowmwn, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott and Wood.

On motion the Council supplemented \$25.00 to the damages allowed

W.K.Smiley by County for road leading to J.R. and J.V.Ware's.

The account of E.L.Chappelle of \$8.90 for making registration books was allowed.

On motion Council adjourned.

W. H. Wood
-----Clerk.

Edward Meeks
-----Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held May 20/14. Members present, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Joubert, Kearfott and Wood:

On motion the Mayor was appointed a committee of one to negotiate with proper parties in regard to surface treatment of the roads in the Town to this extent: (1) To accept the proposition of 10 bbls at \$50.00 if deemed expedient from the circumstances of the inquiry or: (2) As suggested proposition of 20 bbls at same rate if deemed more satisfactory than the 1st:

The Mayor was instructed to phone to, or make a trip to see the proper parties if necessary.

On motion Council adjourned: *Edward Meeks* Mayor:

W. P. Reed Clerk:

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held 6/16/14.

Members present: Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Hanger and Keafott.

The canvass of the election of June 9, 1914 resulted as follows:

For Councilman: Baldock 10, Bowman 9, Cox 8, Dearborn 9, Hanger 11, Joubert 6, Kearfott 10, Wood 10, who were declared elected members of the Council. For Mayor: Edw. Meeks 11, and was declared elected.

On motion the following were appointed a committee to draw up franchise for telephone. O.V. Hanger, D.W. Dearborn and J.E. Bowman.

On motion the Mayor and Mr. Whitehead Atty. were requested to appear before the Supervisors of the County for aid to oil the road in the town.

On motion Council adjourned.

Edward Meeks Mayor:
W. P. Reed Clerk:

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held July 6, 1914

Members present: Edw Meeks, Mayor, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott.

On motion the Mayor appointed J.E. Bowman as a Committee of one to report to the Board of Supervisors of Amherst Co. the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Council of the Town of Amherst. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Amherst contribute one-half of a sum not to exceed \$1000.00 for the purpose of Macadam Road surface treatment in the Corporate limits of said Town with a material or materials that shall be approved by the State Highway Commission or those in authority.

Edward Meeks Mayor,
W. P. Reed Clerk:

At a meeting of the Council of The Town of Amherst held Aug. 22, 1914.
 Members present: Edw. Meeks Mayor, presiding,
 Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott.

The Committee on telephone franchise submitted the following:

"AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE _____
 ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO USE THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES
 OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA, FOR ITS POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS, CABLES,
 AND FIXTURES. "

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, AMHERST COUNTY,
 VIRGINIA, that the _____ its successors
 and assigns, for a period of thirty (30) years be, and is hereby authorize
 and empowered to construct maintain and operate its posts, poles, conduits,
 manholes, ducts, cables, wires, and all other necessary overhead and under-
 ground apparatus on, over, along, in, under and through the streets, alleys,
 highways and other public places within the limits of the Town of Amherst,
 in the County of Amherst, in the State of Virginia; and to use the property
 of others companies and permit other companies to use its property upon
 such arrangements as the two companies may agree; PROVIDED,
 Section 1. That all the poles erected by said company shall be neat and
 symmetrical, and the length thereof shall not be less than twenty (20)
 feet above the surface of the ground, and shall be so located as in no
 way to interfere with the safety or convenience of the persons traveling
 on or over the said streets, alleys, highway and other public places; and
 in the installation and maintenance of its underground system, said
 Company shall not open or encumber more of any street, alley, highway
 or other public places than will be necessary to enable it to perform
 the work with proper economy and efficiency.

Section 2. That the erection of poles and construction of conduits under the
 provisions of this ordinance, shall be subjected to the supervision of the
 Chairman of the Street Committee or some other representative appointed
 by said Town Council, and said Company shall replace and properly relay
 any sidewalk or street pavement which may have been displaced or damaged
 by its in the construction and maintenance of its system.

Section 3. That space on the poles erected or in the conduits constructed
 under the provisions of this ordinance, shall be reserved, free of charge,
 for the purpose of carrying wires of any Fire Alarm or Police Telegraphic
 system owned and maintained by said Town, provided the said wires are
 placed and maintained in such a manner as may be prescribed by the said Com-
 pany and in no case used to carry electric lights or high tension currents.

Section 4. That the said Company shall maintain its lines in good and safe

order and condition ; and shall at all times fully indemnify, protect and save harmless the said Town from and against all claims arising from the erection, construction or negligent maintenance of its said lines.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to grant unto the said Company any exclusive right or to prevent a grant of similar privileges to other companies.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Adopted 22nd August 1914.

Approved 22nd August 1914.

Edward Meeks, Mayor.

Teste, *W. P. Reed* Clerk.

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott.

The following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, COUNTY OF Amherst, VIRGINIA, that the annexed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE _____ ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO USE THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA FOR ITS POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS, CABLES AND FIXTURES", be advertised once a week for four successive weeks in the Amherst New Era, a newspaper published in the Town of Amherst and having a general circulation in the Town of Amherst ; and that said advertisement shall invite bids for the franchise proposed to be granted in said ordinance, which bids are to be in writing and delivered to the presiding officer of the Council at its open session to be held on the 26th day of Sept. 1914, at 8 o'clock P.M., the right being reserved to reject any and all bids.

The following were appointed a committee to investigate the needs of a night watchman. Cox, Bowman and Joubert.

On motion Council adjourned.

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Edward Meeks, Mayor

Clerk. *W. P. Reed*

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst of Amherst held 9, 26, 1914

Bid of Mrs. R. J. Gray for telephone franchise received & laid on table.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held, Oct. 10, 1915
 Members present, Edward Meeks, Mayor, presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Dearborn, Cox, and Hanger.
 Mr. Hanger for the Committee on Telephones reported that they had not had time to investigate the matter as thoroughly as they would like to and requested more time.

On motion Council adjourned.

W. R. Reed

Edward Meeks Mayor.

-----Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Oct. 21, 1914.
 Members present: Edward Meeks, Mayor, presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger and Wood.

The Mayor appointed the same standing committees as of the year 1913-14

The Finance Committee made the following report: We recommend that the following budget of appropriation be made:

Streets	\$500.00
Lights & Water	25.00
Salaries	225.00
Printing	25.00
Sanitation	25.00
Miscellaneous	700.00
	<u>1700.00</u>

On motion the budget of appropriation as recommended was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger and Wood.

The following ordinance was presented: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST; That the ordinance approved July 19, 1910 entitled "An Ordinance to impose taxes on Real Estate and Personal Property and Licenses" be and the same is hereby continued in force for the year ending June 30, 1915.

Which ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger and Wood.

The above ordinance was amended as follows:

X Section 39. was amended so as permit issuing of license for two-horse hack, phaeton, etc. and two-horse wagon etc. at the rate of \$1.00 per month and one-horse buggy, phaeton, etc and one-horse wagon etc. at the rate of \$.50 per month.

The Town Treasurer was authorized to pay to the Court House District School Board on High School as soon as he could spare the money from

the treasury

On motion Council adjourned. *Em*

Edward Meeks Mayor.

W. P. Reed Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Nov. 2, 1914.

Members present: R.M.Cox, presiding.

Resignation of Edward Meeks as Mayor was presented and on motion was accepted.

On motion Mr. R.M.Cox was elected President of the Council.

On motion W.P.Reed was elected Clerk and Treasurer with same salaries and fees. W.F.Gregory was elected Sergeant with same salary and fees.

On motion Mr. W.W.Gilbert was elected Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Meeks, resigned, by the following vote.

Ayes: Baldock, Cox, Hanger, Joubert, Kearfott and Wood. Noass: NONE.

On motion Kearfott, Hanger and Joubert were appointed a committee to secure an office for Mayor and Council to meet in.

Telephone Committee asked for more Time.

On motion Council adjourned.

W. P. Reed Clerk. -----Pres.

Atba meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Dec. 1, 1914.

Members present: W. W.Gilbert Mayor, presiding,

Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott and Wood.

Telephone Committee requested more time.

On motion Mayor appointed Mr. Wood a committee to have pump, on the lot with the stalls, repaired.

On motion the Council authorized the committee appointed to secure Mayor's Office to secure stove for said office.

Mayor reported Rolling Stock Bill to the Council and same was referred to the Town Counsel.

The question of dispensing with the ordinance relative to the shooting of fire-crackers was tabled until Dec. 5th

On motion Council adjourned.

W. P. Reed Clerk. *W. W. Gilbert* Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council held Dec. 5, 1914. Members present: Baldock, Bownwn, Cox, Hanger and Kearfott. The Telephone Committee was authorized to confer with Mr. R.T.Seay and get his proposition in writing.

At a meeting of the Council of the town of Amherst held January 16th, 1915. Members present: W. W. Gilbert Mayor presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Hanger.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO MR. R. T. SEAY HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED AS COMPANY, HIS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO USE THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA, FOR ITS POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS, CABLES, AND FIXTURES.

WHEREAS a proposed ordinance, entitled "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE _____ ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO USE THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA, FOR ITS POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS, CABLES AND FIXTURES", was ordered to be advertised by the Council of the Town of Amherst after its terms had been approved by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS the terms of said ordinance were approved by the Mayor and same has been published once a week for four successive weeks in the Amherst New Era, a newspaper published in the Town of Amherst, and having general circulation in said Town of Amherst which said advertisement invited bids for the franchise proposed to be granted in said ordinance, said bids to be in writing and delivered upon the day and hour named in said advertisement to the presiding officer of the Council of Town of Amherst, in open session; and

WHEREAS at the session of said Council to receive said bids the presiding officer read aloud the only bid received, being the bid of Mr. R. T. Seay in writing, and for the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00); and

WHEREAS inquiry was made by the presiding officer if any further bids were offered; and

WHEREAS there were no further bids offered, and the presiding officer thereupon declared the bidding closed; and

WHEREAS the said proposed ordinance and said bids were referred to the Telephone Committee as a committee of the whole, which reported in favor of accepting said bid and adopting said ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Amherst that Mr. R. T. Seay, his successors and assigns, for a period of thirty (30) years be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and operate its posts, poles, conduits, manholes, ducts, cables, wires, and all other necessary overhead and underground apparatus on, over, along, in, under and through the streets, alleys, highways and other public places within the limits of the Town of

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Amherst, in the County of Amherst, and State of Virginia; and to use the property of other companies and permit other companies to use its property upon such arrangements as the two companies may agree; PROVIDED:

SECTION 1. That all poles erected by said Company shall be neat and symmetrical, and the length thereof shall not be less than twenty (20) feet above the surface of the ground, and shall be so located as in no way to interfere with the safety or convenience of persons traveling on or over the said streets, alleys, highways and other public places; and in the installation and maintenance of its underground system said Company shall not open or encumber more of any street, alley, highway or other public place than will be necessary to enable it to perform the work with proper economy and efficiency.

SECTION 2. That the erection of poles and construction of conduits under the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the supervision of the Chairman of the Street Committee or some other representative appointed by said Council, and said Company shall replace and properly ~~re~~pay any sidewalk or street pavement which may have been displaced or damaged by it in the construction and maintenance of its system.

SECTION 3. That space on the poles ^{erected} or in the conduits constructed under the provisions of this ordinance shall be reserved, free of charge, for the purpose of carrying wires of any Fire Alarm or Police Telegraph System owned and maintained by said Town, provided the said wires are placed and maintained in such a manner as may be prescribed by the said Company and in no case used to carry electric light or high-tension currents.

SECTION 4 That the said Company shall maintain its lines in good and safe order and condition; and shall at all times fully indemnify, protect and save harmless the said Town from and against all claims arising from the erection, construction or negligent maintenance of its said lines.

SECTION 5 That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed ~~to~~ to grant unto the Company any exclusive right, or to prevent a grant of similar privilege to other companies.

SECTION 6 This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that R. T. Seay before proceeding to act under this ordinance shall execute a bond, in the penalty of \$1,000 (with good and sufficient security), in favor of the Town of Amherst condition-

upon the construction and putting into operation and maintaining in good order, the plant provided for in this franchise, and the furnishing of efficient telephone service at reasonable rates.

APPROVED

TESTE:

MAYOR

W. S. Reed

_____, Clerk

BE IT ORDAINED that the following agreement as to rates and service submitted by the said R. T. Seay is hereby accepted by the Town of Amherst ~~in order~~ to be recorded:

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST:

I hereby submit the following proposition:

That in consideration that the said Town of Amherst will grant to me a franchise to conduct a telephone exchange and to lease and hire telephones to the citizens of said town, I hereby agree that the said exchange shall be kept open and operated between the hours of six a. m. and nine p. m. of each day except Sunday and legal holidays and that on Sunday and legal holidays said exchange shall be opened from nine a. m. to ten a. m. and from five p. m. to six p. m.; that a call bell will be installed so that after the hour of nine p. m. the operator of the exchange may be notified so as to answer said call and the connection desired by the call will be given.

The following schedule of rates shall be maintained:

SCHEDULE NO. 1

Business Rates per Annum		Residence Rates Per Annum	
Direct or Private Line \$	36.00	Direct or Private Line \$	24.00
Four Party	24.00	Four Party	18.00
Multi-party not more than four on line in corporate limits unless agreeable to subscribers on said line	24.00	Multi-party not more than four on line in corporate limits unless agreeable to subscribers on said line	18.00
Extension Stations (wall or desk)	6.00	Extension Stations (wall or desk)	6.00

A charge of 10% may be made for all calls after nine p. m.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE TELEPHONE.

The use of a subscribers telephone is limited to the subscriber, his family or employe, in his interest. Subscribers have not right to allow its use by other parties. The telephone may be removed if this

condition of the contract is disregarded. Subscribers are requested to refer those desiring the use of the telephone to the nearest PAY STATION.

(Signed) R. T. Seay.

Which ordinances were passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Hanger (5).

Nees: None.

On motion, the Council deeming Mr. Seay's bond sufficient, did not require surety.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST that the ~~office~~ Mayor's court shall be held at the office of the Mayor, or in the Courthouse at his option, which was adopted by the following vote:

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Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Hanger (5).

Nees: None.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST that the attorney for the Town of Amherst is hereby authorized to collect by legal proceedings, if necessary, all fines due the town.

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On motion Council adjourn

May 14

W. Reed Clerk

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Mar. 12, 1915. Members present; W.W.Gilbert, Mayor, presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Kerafott and Wood.

On motion the following ordinance was passed:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST: That be Attorney for the town be ~~and~~ authorized to draft ordinance relative to the daily use of lime in the dry closets in the town and also to amend the penalty for disorder on the Streets to read from \$1.00 to \$10.00 in the discretion of the Mayor.

The bill of Mr. Thos. Whitehead for \$10.00 was allowed.

On motion the Council adjourned.

W. P. New
Clerk.

W. W. Gilbert
Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held May 15, 1915. Members present: W.W.Gilbert, Mayor presiding, Cox, Hanger, Baldock and Kearfott.

On motion the Mayor appointed the following a committee to investigate the street per the plot of Mr. E.L.Chappelle:

Cox, Baldock and Hanger.

The following ordinance was presented:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST: That from and after the 1st day of June 1915, all persons having upon their premises a dry closet, shall use in said closet, daily, lime and for the violation of this ordinance the offender shall be fined not less than \$1.00 for each offence.)

Ayes: Baldock, Cox, Hanger and Kearfott. (4)

Noes: NONE.

On motion the Council adjourned.

W. P. New
Clerk.

W. W. Gilbert
Mayor.

At an adjourned meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held on the the 10th day of July 1915.

Members present : W.W.Gilbert, Mayor, presiding,

Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott and Wood.

Capt. T.O.Troy, Chairman of the Local Board of Review of Assessment for Amherst County, this day appeared before the Council and stated that the said Local Board of Review of Assessments had before it the books for review the books of re-assessment of the real estate of