

CITY OF GRANTS PASS, OREGON
SURVEY OF HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

COUNTY: JOSEPHINE

HISTORIC NAME: Grants Pass City Hall
ADDRESS: 214 SW 4th ST
OWNER: ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIST
MAILADD: 3345 REDWOOD HWY
CITYST: GRANTS PASS, OR ZIP: 97527
CONTRACT:
TWN: 36 RNG: 05 SEC: 18
TAXLOT[S]: 4300
ADDITION: Original Town Site
BLOCK: 47 LOT: 18-24
MAP: 41 ZONE: CBD

COMMON NAME: Old City Hall
YR BUILT: 1912
ORIG. USE: Government; City Hall
PRESENT USE: Work in Progress
ARCHITECT: Bowen, W.F.
BUILDER: Clark, M.J.
STYLE: Am. Renn.
RESOURCE TYPE: BUILDING
THEME: 8c
CONDITION: Good

PLAN TYPE: Rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIALS: Concrete
ROOF FORM: Flat, single slope
WALL CONST: Brick

NO. OF STORIES: 2
BASEMENT: Yes, Daylight
ROOF MATS.: Unknown
STRUC. FRAME: Bearing Masonry

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Historic 6/1 wood sash dbl-hung [removed at date of survey/work in progress]
EXTERIOR SURFACE: White glazed brick on front & side elevations. Red brick
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Sheetmetal cornice, stucco doric columns flank entry belwo multi-layer hood/cornice. Three-sided parapet

OTHER:

EXT. ALTERATION & ADDNS: Complete rennovation in 1992. Cornice and front porch rebuilt. Windows?
LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Fire Sstation wing, accessory bldgs to W. (additions), see statement of significance

SETTING: NW Corner of the intersection of SW 4th and SW H Streets at the edge of the downtown commerical core.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

S.see Attached Statement of of Historic Significance. Building is listed on the Nation Register of Historic Places. Pleas

ROLL #: 3
DATE: May 2, 1992
RECORDED BY: KRAMER/CHAPPEL, HP CONSULTANTS

FRAME[S]: 27a

RANKING: PRIMARY
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The Grants Pass City Hall and Fire station, constructed in 1912, served as the City Hall, jail and fire station of 63 years. Designed by prominent Ashland architect W.F. Bowen, the building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

Local building contractor A.J. Green was initially awarded the construction contract for the new city hall at \$19,450 but public objection to the cost created a controversy. The City voted to advertise for a new contractor who would agree to under the project for less than \$10,000. M.J. Clark, son of Grants Pass Councilman H.J. Clark, submitted the lowest bid at \$8,016. Council members immediately complained of a potential conflict of interest between Clark, the elder councilman, and his son. Nevertheless, the contract for the building was awarded to M.J. Clark and construction began.

The original building design included a garage for the City's fire truck with sleeping quarters above. Council Chambers were also located on the second floor. The exterior of the building was of white glazed brick imported from the Willamina Brick Company of Yamhill County, Oregon. Interior finishes were of terrazo, Douglas fir and maple.

In 1950, a new fire station was added to the rear of the structure and the Rogue River Water District moved into the former garage area. In 1976, City government vacated the building and moved to the present City Hall at 6th and A Streets. The fire department followed in 1983. After a period of vacancy and deterioration, the building was conveyed to the Rogue River Community College. It is currently undergoing restoration for use as an arts center.

SELECTED REFERENCES:

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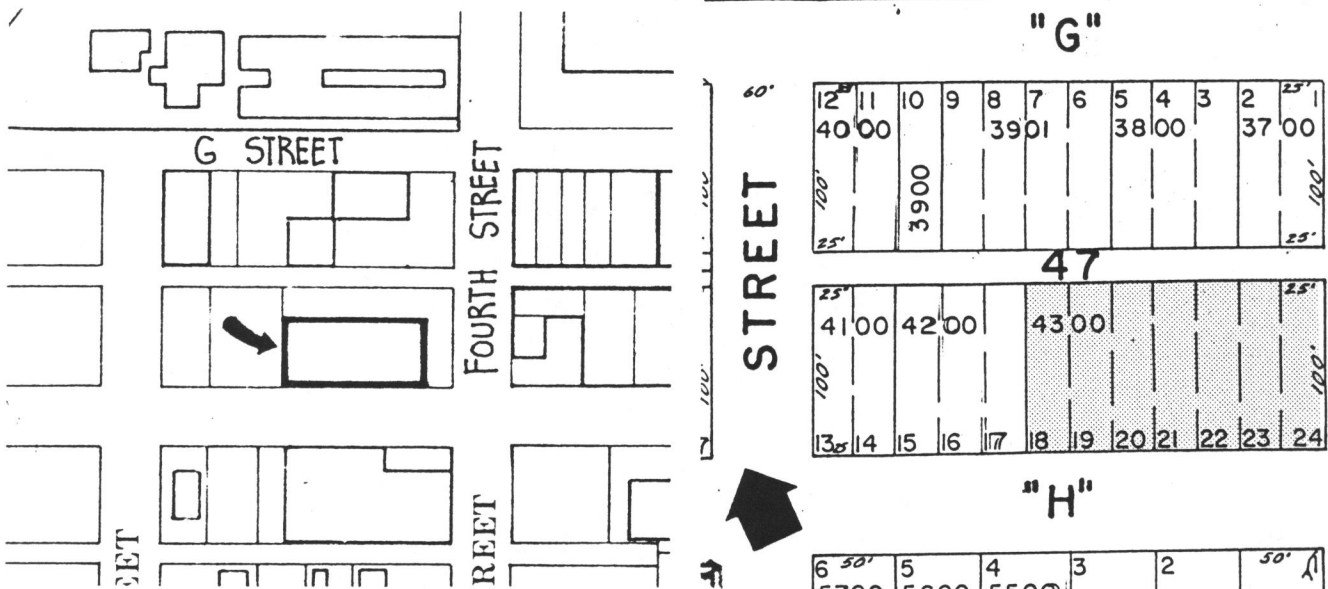
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GRAPHIC SOURCES: City of Grants Pass Topo, Josephine Cty Assessor Plat

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 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310



County Josephine
 Theme 8-D
 Name
 (Common) Grants Pass City Hall
 (Historic) (same)
 Address n.w. corner of S.W. H & S.W. 4th
Grants Pass, Oregon
 Present Owner City of Grants Pass
 Address Grants Pass, Oregon
 Original Use City Hall
 Date of Construction 1912

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The former Grants Pass City Hall is a two story building of beige bricks which stands at the northwest corner of Southwest H and Southwest Fourth. This structure, largely obscured by a heavy growth of ivy on its exterior, has a decorative metal shelf with brackets which projects at the roof level. The windows are six-over-one, double hung sash.

In the summer of 1976 this structure was vacant.

*architect: WF Bowen, of Ashland
 Builder: M J Clarke*

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Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 30 August 1976

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Sources Consulted:

Please enclose map Township 36 ^N _S 5 ^E _W Section 18

see NR case file