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Property No. 4

Historic Resources of Stamford

Stamford Historic Structures Survey Identification number, STA-011

Name of property- Stamford City Hall

Address of property- 201 E. McHarg

Owner of property- City of Stamford (government)

Owner's Address- 201 E. McHarg
P.O. Drawer 191
Stamford, Texas 79553

Acreage- Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description- (Legal Description) Original Town; Block
19, Lots 1, 2, West 10' of 3

UTM Coordinates- 14/425100/3645360

Description

(altered, good condition)

The edifice constructed by the City of Stamford has its roots in the Beaux Arts style popular at the time for public buildings. The two-story rectangular building included a one-story rear garage for the city fire department.

The brick building rests on an unusually tall concrete base which actually forms the sill for the first-floor windows. Ornamental brick work, including panels and recessed courses, provides decoration for the building.

Other decorative features are of cast stone. Four engaged Ionic columns divide the recessed front facade into three portions. Bracketed segmental window hoods top the ground-floor windows, while a similar triangular pediment adorns the door. A molded architrave and cornice encircle the building, while cast-stone panels, paterae, and the words "City Hall" adorn the frieze. The cartouche adorning the raised central portion of the parapet and the parapet coping are also of cast stone.

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Though the building is little altered structurally, the replacement of original doors and windows leaves much to be desired aesthetically. The original wooden sashes, transoms, and doors have been replaced with fixed glass and metal panels which alter the proportions of the openings.

Significance: local level, architecture, government, 1917.

The Stamford City Hall is an architecturally and historically significant structure in the local setting. It is an excellent example of the Beaux Arts style as it is interpreted on a relatively small building, as well as the major focal point for city politics and local civic affairs.

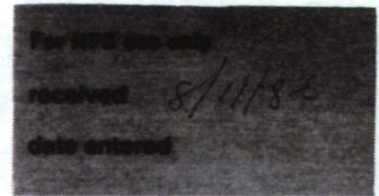
The Stamford City Hall was built in 1917, to replace the original city hall/opera house torn down to make way for the U.S. Post Office. Stamford's city fathers chose the Beaux Arts style, with its classical features, as it was popular for use on civic and public buildings in that era. Also, the Beaux Arts style quite effectively enabled a smallish or moderately sized building to take on a much more impressive and massive appearance through the use of columns and other classical features. Within Stamford, the city hall is a rare example of this elaborate and expensive style.

City Hall has served the city well for almost seven decades, and is a well-known local landmark and symbol. It has been, and still is, the focal point for local political and civic activities. Thus, its architectural and historical significance rank it as one of Stamford's most important surviving structures.

The Stamford City Hall is located adjacent to the town square in the central business district.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stamford Multiple Resource Area
State Jones County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
11. House at 815 East Campbell	Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest	Melona Byrum 9/24/86
12. Jackson, A.J., House	Substantive Review Keeper Attest	Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 Bruce G. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86
13. Old Bryant--Link Building	Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest	Melona Byrum 9/24/86
14. Old Penick--Hughes Company	Substantive Review Keeper Attest	Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 Bruce G. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86
15. Old West Texas Utilities Company	Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest	Melona Byrum 9/24/86
16. Old Wooten, H.O., Grocery Company	Substantive Review Keeper Attest	Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 Bruce G. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86
17. SMS Building	Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest	Melona Byrum 9/24/86
18. St. John's Methodist Church	Substantive Review Keeper Attest	Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 Bruce G. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86
19. Stamford City Hall	Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest	Melona Byrum 9/24/86
20. Swenson, A.J., House	Substantive Review Keeper Attest	Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 Bruce G. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stamford City Hall (Stamford MRA)
Jones County
TEXAS

Working No. AUG 11 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 9/11/86 - 9/25/86

Action: ACCEPT 9-24-86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Jones County, Texas
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201 E. McHarg, looking NW

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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