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Historic Name: Pine Island City Hall and Fire Station

Common Name: Pine Island City Hall

Owner's Name and Address: Village of Pine Island
Main Street
Pine Island, MN 55963

County: Goodhue

Community: Pine Island ~~City~~

Address/~~Legal Desc.~~: Main and Third Streets

Classification:

Building __X__   Structure _____   Object _____   District _____

Acreage:

Less than one acre

Condition:

Excellent _____   Good __X__   Fair _____   Deteriorated _____

Verbal Boundary Desc.:

Lots 12 and 13, block 2, original plat to the city of Pine Island.

Open to the Public:

Yes X   No

Visible from the road:

Yes X   No

Occupied:

Yes X   No

Present Use:

City Hall

History:

Date Constructed: 1909

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original Owner: Village of Pine Island

Original Use: City Hall and Fire Station

UTM Reference:

15/528280/4894000

Pine Island Quadrangle

Description:

The Pine Island City Hall and Fire Station is located on the northwest corner of Main Street and Third Street SW in Pine Island City.

The Pine Island City Hall and Fire Station is a two-story, orange-yellow brick building measuring 40 by 60 feet. Its facade is four bays wide, with large, round-arched double doors on each end of the ground floor, framing a pair of high, square windows with massive, rusticated stone lintels (these windows have since been filled in with signs listing the municipal offices in the building). The second floor facade contains four tall, narrow double sash with transom windows (whose transoms have since been filled in), with rusticated stone sills and decorative dark brick borders along their tops. The flat roof of the building is surmounted by a one-story, four-sided tower, flush with the (see continuation sheet)

Level of Significance:

Local __X__

State _____

Nation _____

Status:

Survey	Date
Local	
State	1973, 5/78
Nat'l. Reg.	
Nat'l. Land.	
HABS/HAER	

Significance:

The Pine Island City Hall and Fire Station is significant as an example of the type of municipal architecture that flourished in southeastern Minnesota towns in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

As successful manufacturing and commercial hamlets expanded into full-fledged towns, their need for municipal services grew apace. Everywhere, governing councils, volunteer fire departments, and police forces appeared to meet their communities' basic requirements. At first, these public services tended to be housed haphazardly, with small fire stations, meeting halls, and jails scattered around town. However, by the beginning of the 20th century, there was a move to integrate these functions in single large buildings.

Such a course was followed by the village of Pine Island in 1909 when it built the City Hall and Fire Station. Not only was it a functional building, combining a large hall, jail, fire station, and council chambers under one roof, but with its massive scale and flamboyant tower, it also served as a statement of strong civic pride.

Theme/s:

Primary Government

Secondary Public Utilities

Other _____

Local Contact/Org.:

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Description:

center of the principal facade, and featuring open arches below clock faces on each side and a candle-snuff roof with gargoyles at each corner and a flagstaff at its prinnacle. The building makes use of rusticated stone both for its foundation and for accent details in its first-floor arches.

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