

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

**MAR 11 1982**

HISTORIC NAME: Kimball Prairie Village Hall COUNTY: Stearns  
 CURRENT NAME: Kimball City Hall CITY/TWP.: Kimball  
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 6 and 7, Block 4, Original town ADDRESS: Main Street and Hazel

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>  X  </u>	Excellent <u>      </u>	Local <u>  X  </u>	Primary <u>  Government  </u>
Structure <u>      </u>	Good <u>  X  </u>	State <u>      </u>	Secondary <u>      </u>
Object <u>      </u>	Fair <u>      </u>	National <u>      </u>	Others <u>      </u>
District <u>      </u>	Deteriorated <u>      </u>		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes   X   No        Restricted        PRESENT USE: City and township hall, library, and fire station  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes   X   No         
 OCCUPIED: Yes   X   No       

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1908 ORIGINAL USE: Village hall and library  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Village of Kimball Prairie ARCHITECT/~~XXXXXX~~: Louis Lockwood

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Kimball Kimball, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>  X  </u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A	UTM REFERENCE: 15 / 398075 / 5018290 Kimball, MN Quad. 7.5
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DATE: October 1980	

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 The Kimball Prairie Village Hall sits on a prominent corner on the town's several block long Main Street. Both the dominant front facade and the long side facade contribute to the streetscape. The Village Hall is constructed of red brick on a fieldstone basement foundation. The front facade has a double-door central entry to the main hall. Near each side are doors to the library and township meeting hall. The central portion of the facade is slightly recessed and has three arched windows on the second floor and paired double-sash windows flanking the doorway. Double-sash windows are on the second floor above the library and township hall doors. The side facade has rectangular windows in the front office portion and tall arched windows to allow light into the meeting hall. Brick relieving arches are used throughout. Window sills and keystones on the front facade are of local granite. A galvanized iron cornice and simple bell tower complete the design.  
 The building once housed the telephone company and dental office on the second floor and served as the local theater. Within the last few years the basement has been converted into a fire hall.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**  
 The Kimball Prairie Village Hall is significant for the role of government and the provision of public services to the local community. Designed to house the village offices, library, and theater, the hall reflects the emphasis a village placed on those functions. The second floor provided space for professional offices and the telephone company. Community oriented functions continue; the city offices, library, and meeting hall remain in use. The fire station is now located in the basement, and the surrounding township has located its meeting hall in the building. The building reflects a substantial public investment. The site of the village hall and its design dominate the town's main street.