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REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printer in 12 pitch, using an 85 space line and a 10 space left margin. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name BRIGHAM CITY FIRE STATION/CITY HALL

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 6 North Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Brigham City

N/A vicinity

state Utah

code UT

county Box Elder

code 003

zip code 84002

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

No. of contributing resources
previously listed in the
National Register -0-

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Max J. Lee February 26, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
Utah State Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

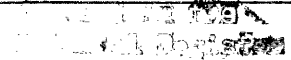
Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet
- ___ determined eligible for the National Register. ___ See continuation sheet
- ___ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ___ removed from the National Register.
- ___ other, (explain:) _____


Andrew Brown 4/7/88
 Signature of the Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT: fire station
GOVERNMENT: city hall

SOCIAL: civic
SOCIAL: meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof metal

other concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Brigham City Fire Station-City Hall was constructed in 1909 and remodeled in 1935. It is a rectangular, two-story brick building with a hip roof and Spanish Colonial Revival stylistic features. The building has not been altered on the exterior since the 1935 remodeling.

Constructed as a fire station, the building originally had a garage door centered on the facade (see attached historic photograph). In 1935, after the fire station was moved out of the building, the facade was changed to its present configuration and a small, one-story brick addition was constructed on the rear.

The facade is symmetrically composed with a central, projecting pavilion capped with a curvilinear gabled parapet. The four, evenly spaced windows that were originally on the second story were replaced with a pair of double hung windows on either side of the pavilion. The round arched window and door that were on the first story facade were squared off. The original buff-colored brick was covered with red brick as part of the remodeling, and the side and rear walls were painted red at that time to match. The red brick facade is accented with small white corner blocks in raised brick panels and white cast concrete trim. The rear addition has a flat roof with a stepped parapet and its round-arched windows and doors match those on the original building.

The fenestration on the north and south sides vary. The north side has five evenly spaced windows on both the first and second stories. The south side has seven windows on the second story, but only a door flanked by two windows on the first story toward the rear (east). Just above the door on this entry way reads "City Hall."

In both its original and current condition, the building exhibits features of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, though it is not an outstanding example of the style statewide. Elements of that style include the metal roof that looks like tiles, the arched doors and windows on the main floor, and the hose/bell tower with its arches. The curvilinear gabled parapet on the facade also expresses the style.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally

Applicable National Register Criteria X A ___ B X C ___ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Areas of Significance	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>Architecture</u>	<u>1909-1935</u>	<u>1909</u>
<u>Government</u>		<u>1935</u>

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

1909: Funk, Andrew/Hansen, Lars

1935: Wells, Carson F./unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Constructed in 1909 and remodeled in 1935, the Brigham City Fire Station-City Hall is historically significant as the first fire station and city hall constructed in the town and as the center of municipal government and services for over twenty-five years. It originally housed the fire department and city offices, the latter having been previously located in the adjacent Box Elder County Courthouse. Community growth and commensurate expansion of city services led to the removal of the fire department to new facilities and the remodeling of this building for enlarged city offices in 1935. It continued to serve as the city hall until 1974. The building is also architecturally significant as the only example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style in Brigham City.

In the January 3, 1907, edition of The Box Elder News, a persuasive article supported the idea of constructing a city hall-fire station and made a case for it to be located north of the county courthouse so that the government offices would be centrally located.¹ Two years later, in May 1909, the proposal won approval from the city council, which gave the go ahead for construction on a site just north of the courthouse.² A frame library building that was on the site had to be moved back off Main Street (east) to accommodate the new fire station.³

The following description of the proposed building was given in the local newspaper.

Basement containing store rooms for electrical and water works supplies, under the main floor. In the east end will be built a cement room for the accommodation of tramps and other undesirable citizens who wish to lodge with the city. At the northeast end

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of the basement will be the hose tower which will rise to a height of seventy feet. In the top of the tower will be a belfry. The ground floor will be given over to the Firemen for truck stalls, excepting a corner of the southeast end, where a jail cell will be put in. This cell will not connect in any way with the "hobo" apartments underneath, but will be used for the more respectable "drunks, etc." The stairway leads up from the main entrance on the west end and the upstairs will be divided into five rooms viz: a large assembly room for the city council and the public, two city offices, fireman's library and lavatories. The building will be constructed of re-inforced cement and pressed brick, with a Spanish metal tile roof, in all to cost approximately \$7,000.⁴

In the July 22, 1909, edition of the paper, it was reported that architect Andrew Funk and Supervisor M.L. Nichols staked off the ground for the erection of the fire station, which was "16 feet east of the east Main street walk line, and 16 feet south of the north side walk line of the avenue running east and west." Contractor Lars Hansen was to begin the work as soon as the excavation was completed.⁵ The concrete foundation was underway by August 5, 1909⁶, and the completion of the building was celebrated by a Fire Department Social and Ball which was held in the large dancing hall of the Opera House and reported in the March 10 [17], 1910 newspaper.⁷

By 1934 the Fire Department was looking for more room to house their equipment, and in early 1935, the city purchased the Glover property at First West and Forest to build a new facility. The old fire station was to be remodeled to house the expanding city offices. Plans for this remodeling were drawn up by Salt Lake City architect Carson F. Wells (formerly of Brigham City), and they included a new front with a Main Street entrance, and the main floor would be converted into office rooms.⁸

In June of 1935, the fire department moved out of the old fire station, and the remodeling of this structure began.⁹ The remodeling was finished by mid-September 1935¹⁰ at a cost of around \$6500.¹¹ The Box Elder News gave a detailed report of its new appearance.

The new front is of red pressed brick, with black rodded joints and the rest of the building and tower have been painted to match the front. The main entrance is at the front of the building and the doors and windows are surrounded with ornamental white granite. At the entrance is an eight-foot terrace decorated with ornamental white granite with an imitation red tiled floor. In the two front corners

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of the terrance are large sixteen-inch flood lights to illuminate the front of the building. In the peak of the front of the building has been placed a neat Neon lighting effect by LeRoy Campion.

The office space in the building has been doubled, the vault enlarged, and provision made for rest rooms and lavatories. The main room has a plaster Paris cornice where the walls meet the ceiling and a beautiful arch spans the center of the room. A large oak counter will separate the lobby from the offices. In the lobby is a fine drinking fountain and the floor will be covered with imitation tiled inlaid linoleum. The floor in the office space will be covered with imitation tiled green linoleum.

The council chamber and rooms on the second floor have been renovated and redecorated and a cornice has been placed where the walls and ceiling meet in the chamber.

. . . Local workmen have been employed on the job. Amos Larsen assisted in painting the brick; Alma Thompson and Edgar Rasmussen painted the roof and exterior; among the carpenters on the job were John J. Johnson, Fred Kelly, Alf Jorgensen and others; Joseph Earl did the plastering and cornice work, and the pressed granite work was done by Hans Pella. The electric wiring and lighting was done by Deverell Petersen, under supervision of City Electrician Orion Eskelsen. Architect Carson F. Wells of Salt Lake City drew the plans, and Councilman A.M. Hansen supervised the construction in behalf of the city.

A sixty-foot steel flag pole was erected on the city hall grounds yesterday at the top of which a beautiful American flag was unfurled to the breeze.¹²

In 1965 an annual report called "Progress-1965" published by Brigham City Corporation documents the use of the building: The main floor office under the direction of City Recorder Tolman Burke handled all business affairs of the city including maintaining all official records, water, sewer, and miscellaneous charges. There were seven employees under Mr. Burke in this office.¹³ Upstairs was the large southeast room for the Circuit Court which also doubled as the city council chambers. The judge's office was in a small northwest corner room. The Police Department occupied the two other upstairs rooms with the dispatch office in the southwest corner and the Chief of Police's office in the northeast corner room with a restroom located between the judge's office and Chief of Police's office on the north side of the building. In the basement of the building were rooms for the

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public works department, the inspection department and the civil defense headquarters.¹⁵

In August of 1966, the police department moved out of the upstairs of this city buiilkdfing and into a remodeled facility which has since been torn down, but was located northwest of the First Security Bank buildingf on Main Street.¹⁶

After this movek, \$5,000 of remodeling to this upstairs part of the building was underway by October 1966. A new coat of paint was applied throughout, and the Circuit Court room received new drapes. A new city clerk's office replaced the police dispatcher's office in the northwest corner, and a mayor's office replaced the Chief of Police's office in the northeast corner.¹⁷

The city offices were becoming more and more cramped for space, so the city council decided to erect a new city government building. In January of 1973, groundbreaking for a new city hall building began. The new structure was built just north of this old city hall building on Main Street. The architect was Ralph Edwards, and the contractor was Reid Oyler. The cost of the new structure ws around \$560,000.¹⁸ The new city hall was completed mid-December of 1973¹⁹, and the city officials and employees vacated their offices in the old building to move into the more modern one on December 29, 1973.²⁰

Two months later in February 1974 the Brigham City Chamber of Commerce ws negotiating with Harold Felt and the city council to lease the main level of the old city hall. Although Mayor Felt would have preferred tearing the building down and building another for the Chamber of Commerce,²¹ a negotiation was finally reached and a lease was signed around the first of March 1974 with Mayor Felt and Boyd Newman, president of the Chamber of Commerce, for the Chamber's use of the bulding.²²

Renovation of the main level was accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce for around \$6500 by late spring of 1974²³ while the upstairs part of the buliding was used by the Alcohol Counseling and Information Service.²⁴ The second floor, however, was not taken good care of and soon ran into a state of disrepair. Around 1980, the Knights of Columbus Fraternal organization took over the upstairs part of the building with the understanding that they would do maintainance and custodial care.²⁵

Currently, in 1987, the Chamber of Commerce continues to occupy the main floor and the Knights of Columbus occupy the second floor.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS): _____ See continuation sheet

____ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

____ previously listed in the National Register

____ previously determined eligible by the National Register

____ designated a National Historic Landmark

____ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

____ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic preservation office

____ Other State agency

____ Federal agency

____ Local government

____ University

____ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property .20 acres

UTM References

A	<u>1/2</u>	<u>4/1/5/3/3/0</u>	<u>4/5/9/5/7/4/0</u>	B	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>	D	<u>/</u>	<u>/ / / / /</u>	<u>/ / / / / /</u>

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 2, Block 20, Plat A, T9N R2W Sec. 13 of the Brigham City survey; thence N 90 feet, E 100 feet, S 90 feet, and W 100 feet to the point of beginning. (tax no. 03-103-0081)

____ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the property upon which the building sits but excludes other adjacent buildings which are not associated with the historic functions of the fire station-city hall.

____ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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