

Historic Name: Delano Village Hall MAR 5 1979		County: Wright												
Common Name: Delano City Hall		Community: Delano, Minnesota												
Owner's Name and Address: City of Delano Delano, Minnesota 55328		Address/Legal Desc.: 127 River Street												
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than 1 acre												
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Atwater's Addition Lots 1 and 2 Block 1												
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____													
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: City Hall													
History: Date Constructed: 1888 Original Owner: City Architect/Builder: Swedebalk and Erickson Original Use: City Hall		UTM Reference: 15 Buffalo Quad. 437950 4987700												
Description: The Delano City Hall is prominently located on the north-west corner of Bridge Street and Second Street in Delano's small business district. This rectangular building is two stories in height and constructed of locally manufactured brick. A three story corner tower, which originally marked the principal entry to the building, dominates the building's two major facades. Although the building does not represent a traditional architectural style, it does possess Romanesque Revival design features. These features include arched window and door openings, windows grouped within recessed arch openings, and a parapet richly decorated with brick banding and panels. The major alteration to the exterior of the Delano City Hall is the application of modern building fabric to the Bridge Street facade of the building.		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____												
Significance: The Delano City Hall was constructed in 1888 in a simple two story, rectangular plan with a corner tower. The building's design is typical of many community government buildings built in Minnesota in that period. The City Hall has been since its construction a center of governmental and community activities and a source of local pride. In 1887 townspeople expressed the need for a city hall. On March 13, 1888, a contract was let to E.J. Swedebalk and Swan Erickson for \$3,524.00 for the construction of the present building. The bricks were purchased locally from Ed Ziebarth's brick factory near Delano. The building was completed on August 24, 1888. The first meeting in the building was held in September of that year; the second floor of the hall was used for civic activities. The first floor was used for council offices, a jail, and fire department headquarters. In 1896 a corner tower was added to the building. The building continues in 1978 to be utilized as a community center. Although a library now occupies the space used by the		Status: <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td>Survey</td> <td style="text-align:right">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td style="text-align:right">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td style="text-align:right">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td style="text-align:right">1/78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td style="text-align:right">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td style="text-align:right">_____</td> </tr> </table>	Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	_____	Nat'l. Reg.	1/78	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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fire department, the city continues to use the first floor for offices and the second floor for community functions.

The Delano City Hall is an easily identified public building that in its architecture and its use reflects the aspirations and the history of Delano. The city hall is one of two surviving examples of early Wright County village halls. The building is in a good state of preservation.