

City Hall

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- Originally built in 1889
- Major remodel completed in 1913
- Minor upgrades several times since 1913
- Currently 7,745 square feet
- Has been identified as inadequate since the 1960's
  - Plans have been developed several times for major upgrades or replacement

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## Renovation Under Way

# Walls Are Falling At City Hall

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Sounds of construction this week echoed through the Ashland city hall, as a remodeling project got under way which is supposed to lead to better space use.

Expected to last about another month, the renovation involves departments and the knocking down of some walls.

The whole project is intended to increase the use being made of available space in the city hall building.

As an added benefit, Ashland residents having business at the city hall will find it easier to deal with city government once the sound of hammering dies down and the project is completed.

One phase of the remodeling will lead to the relocation of all finance-oriented operations on the city hall's ground floor, said City Administrator Robert Ayre.

This would mean a concentration of all city operations having to do with money such as accounting, office machinery, administration as far as it is concerned with finance, records and cashing, Ayre said.

All city bills, Ayre said, could be paid in the same place. This would include court fines, traffic tickets, assessment payments and others.

The renovation also will bring about construction of a separate conference room for city officials on the city hall's second floor.

The room also could serve as a juvenile jury deliberating room. The jury now retires to one of several offices of the city administration when it considers a case.

But the jury may not be able to use the retreat for long. If the proposed downtown redevelopment program is adopted, the

city may hire a coordinator for the project, who probably will move into the new conference room and use it as an office, Ayre said.

While Finance Director Donald Heinz will move along with his apartment to the ground floor, other agencies are being moved to the second story.

They are Public Works Director Al Alsing and his department, and the electrical department with its director, Gary Boshears.

Administrator Ayre said his office and those of Alsing, Boshears and the proposed coordinator for the development project all will be adjoining.

Partitions between the outer offices will be knocked down. This will form a major foyer, in which one secretary will serve all four offices.

In another aspect of the re-

modeling, a separate office machine room is being established.

In it will be housed the city's large accounting machine, which will be utilized to accelerate many city operations such as payroll and other money matters.

The room also will house some other common office machines, gathering them in a central location and screening employees from the noise of their operation.

The revamping is being done by workmen on the city payroll and no specific cost estimates are available, said Ayre.

How long the renovated city hall will be adequate for Ashland is impossible to tell.

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# Deficient Systems

- Electrical System - inadequate for modern equipment
- HVAC – Inefficient and outdated, due for major overhaul
- Plumbing – Drains poorly, requires high flow toilets, lack of restrooms for the number of employees, water heater in the attic
- Internet/Network – moderate but a very difficult space to improve
- Structure Issues:
  - Single pane windows
  - Lack of insulation
  - Seismic issues

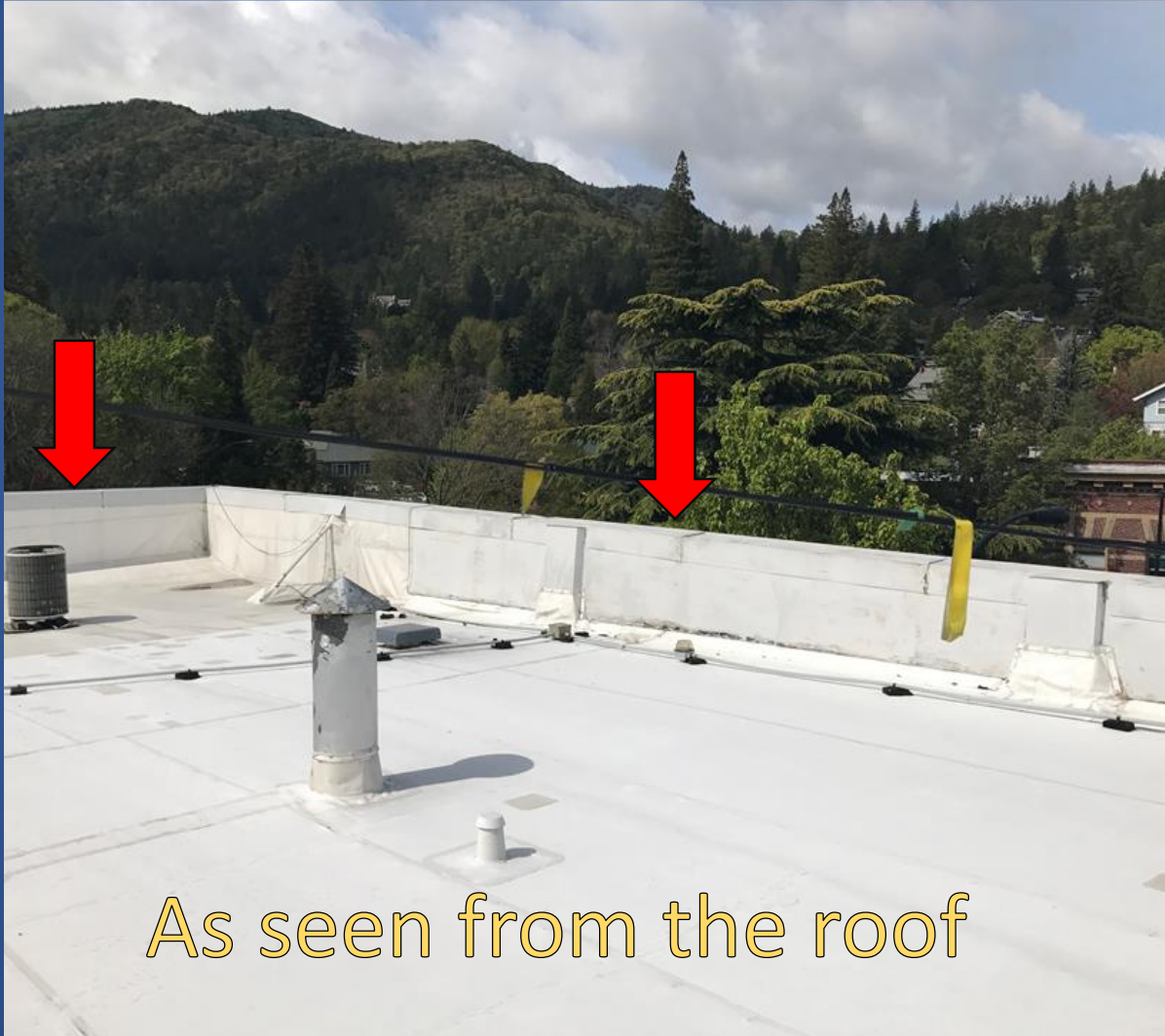
# Recent Issues

- First floor restroom water leak caused floor failure
- Plumbing backup caused building closure at midday
- Roof drain issues caused a backup inside the building

# Ongoing Issues

- Restrooms are inadequate for the number of employees
- Security and access are difficult with the layout of the building
- Maintaining aging systems is getting increasingly difficult

# Parapet Walls





# Klamath Falls 1993



*Klamath Falls, Oregon, earthquakes on September 20, 1993. Fallen debris litter the sidewalk beneath a partially collapsed, unreinforced-masonry wall and parapet in downtown Klamath Falls.*



*Figure 3 - The Stevens Building lost part of its parapet and wall, and suffered large shear/flexural cracks in the storefront brick piers.*





Ashland Ore 1919.



Prior to 1913



2017









1889 - 1913



1913 to Present







Questions?