

New City Hall site of 100th anniversary

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Original post office opened in 1914

A celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of the former post office and the new Sulphur Springs City Hall is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, on the front steps of the historic building at 201 North Davis St.

□□ □ The new City Hall building, opened originally as a post office July 15, 1914, became the city's public library after the post office moved to its current location on Church Street.

□□ □ Following the completion of the city's new library in 2000, the historic building sat vacant and derelict until 2012, when the city undertook a project to restore the structure to its original grandeur, restoring the building to its original appearance both inside and out, according to City Manager Marc Maxwell.

□□ □ "We wanted to go back to the original floor plan, which is not a whole lot different than it is now except that the mezzanine that was added in the 1960s for the children's reading area upstairs," City Manager Marc Maxwell said. "If you take out the mezzanine, you have this central grand room that is a great council chambers as well as municipal courtroom."

□□ □ Along with the restoration of the historic building, the city added a new section and plaza behind the main facility.

□□ □ The new City Hall houses the city manager's office, community development offices, planning offices and municipal court.

□□ □ The celebration will be held on the steps of City Hall, starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 15.