

# Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

July 10, 2023

Commissioners:

Gonzalo S. Reyes – Chair

Kevin O’Keefe – Vice Chair

Amy Boze – Secretary

Allen Lee – Treasurer

Tony Crisp

Staff:

Annette Hackbarth – Director

Paul Ausman – Band Manager **\*\*absent\*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 7/10/23 at 6:12 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, Il. 61081.

Commissioner Reyes called the meeting to order and attendance was taken showing five Commissioners were present.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS**

Commissioner Crisp made a motion to approve the following consent items:

June 2023 Meeting Minutes

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

July 2023 Band Director Report

July 2023 Band Manager Report

Commissioner O’Keefe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Financial Report was presented showing:

|                         | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Personnel:              | \$69,800      | \$11,816.00   |
| Materials and Services: | \$38,412      | \$11,924.10   |
| Capital Expenses:       | \$3,500       | \$1823.50     |
| Revenue:                | \$118,026     | \$56,800.60   |

Commissioner Crisp made a motion to receive the report. It was seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe and carried unanimously.

**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No requests were made by members of the public for comment.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Attendance for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert was lower than we had hoped because of weather. Still, 500 is a good crowd! We will go ahead and book cannons for 7/3 next year. Commissioner Reyes will book Truman’s Ridge for preshow.

There are enough leftover bags from last year’s Kidz Konkert, so no new ones will not need to be stuffed.

The Randall Standridge luncheon will be at Arthur’s, in Sterling, at 12:30 on Wed the 26th. Approximately 25 people have signed up so far.

We have had \$313 in sales of merchandise so far.

The Big River Brass Band will provide their own programs.

WNIU will broadcast our Gershwin Theme concert on July 24, and promote the July 26 and Aug 2 concerts.

Landscaping was scheduled to be finished by mid-June. It Does not look like it will be completed this summer after all.

Director Hackbarth will put out a signup sheet for the Fiesta Parade to make sure there will be enough people interested. If there are, we will rent a trailer and order magnets.

Art in the Park will be at the Aug 2 concert. If the weather looks bad, we will not set up.

Commissioner Boze made a motion to approve the 23-24 meeting dates with the listed exceptions. It was seconded by Commissioner Crisp and carried unanimously.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

The goals for next year include applying for ILMEA, and recording the District 8 ILMEA Junior Etudes. Students could watch them on YouTube to have a reference recording as they prepare for their auditions. We need to get this organized to record during the spring concert rehearsals, and we will put this back on the agenda in February.

Commissioner O'Keefe will edit and have the audience survey ready for distribution at the last few concerts. The band member survey will be discussed at next month's meeting, and then prepared for distribution.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Manager Ausman's notes for the rain venue look great! They will be tweaked as necessary if we use the rain venue and see how it works, and what can be improved.

The Commission will provide a pizza party at the band shell after the last concert for performers and their families. Manager Ausman has it all organized.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Commissioner Amy Boze and given to Band Manager Paul Ausman to submit to the Clerk of the City of Sterling.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Ausman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

**The next regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission will be**

**Tuesday August 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers**

**located on the first floor of City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, IL. 61081**