

Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

September 12, 2023

Commissioners:

Gonzalo S. Reyes – Chair

Kevin O’Keefe – Vice Chair

Amy Boze – Secretary

Allen Lee – Treasurer

Tony Crisp **absent**

Staff:

Annette Hackbarth – Director

Paul Ausman – Band Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 9/12/23 at 6:00 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 four Commissioners were present.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of Annual Evaluations. It was seconded by Commissioner Lee and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Boze made a motion to enter Open Session at 7:05 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe and carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

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

August 2023 Meeting Minutes

September 2023 Band Director Report

September 2023 Band Manager Report

Commissioner O’Keefe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented showing:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Personnel:	\$69,800	\$43,200.00
Materials and Services:	\$38,412	\$23,606.57
Capital Expenses:	\$3,500	\$2,659.83
Revenue:	\$118,026	\$84,504.86

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

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Director Hackbarth reported on her communications with Randall Standridge regarding commissioning a new piece of music for the SMB. He suggested a suite style piece, with a delivery date in November 2024 and premier performance in January 2025. Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to approve Mr. Standridge’s fee of \$6,500, with the stipulation that other funding sources will be explored. It was seconded by Commissioner Lee and carried unanimously. Commissioner Lee suggested that we apply for a grant to cover part, or all, of the cost of the commissioned piece.

Band Manager Ausman reported that Scott Shipp, from the Dixon Historic Theater, contacted him regarding the SMB performing at the theater. After discussing it with Director Hackbarth, they decided that it would be possible to perform either of the two Saturdays directly following the last MuTS concert. We would rehearse the day of the concert at the theater and perform highlights from the summer season. Manager Ausman quoted Mr. Shipp \$4,500 for the Band to perform. This would cover the Band's costs 100%. Mr. Shipp will reach out in 2024 if their organization is still interested.

Director Hackbarth reported on being contacted by Jay Kahn, from Windjammers Unlimited. They are a national organization dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and performance of circus music from the "golden age" of the American circus. They meet twice a year, with one of those events being in the Quad Cities for 2024. They reached out to us first due to our history with J.J. Richards. They are still in the preliminary stages of planning, but Director Hackbarth has let Mr. Kahn know we are possibly interested, and what would fit our schedule and budget. The tentative dates are 7/9/24 – 7/14/24.

Director Hackbarth will be ordering cases to store and protect our crotales. The cases are \$419 for both. The crotales have suffered some damage, due to not having any storage device. They have been repaired. To replace them both would be well above \$1,500.

Director Hackbarth will not be attending Midwest Band Clinic this year due to scheduling conflicts with school as it is later in the month this year.

Commissioner O'Keefe presented the Band Member Survey. The commission discussed and edited it. Manager Ausman will send it out to the Band members that played this past year.

Commissioner Reyes verified that, for summer 2024, we will rent two billboards, book the face painter, and book the canons for 7/3/2024.

Manager Ausman will take care of writing thank you cards to the donors, Dr. Krueger, and Ausmans.

Commissioner Reyes would like for us to bring two names, for candidates to be on the Centennial Committee, to the next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

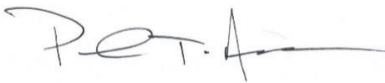
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Lee attended the first Sights & Sounds meeting. The event is on 12/1. We will provide a small brass band (4-12 players) playing music from the Salvation Army Band book. There is also a possibility of the group performing at a linked event at the Big Red Church on 11/30 as well.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Boze seconded the motion which carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes were taken by 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", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

**The next regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission will be
Tuesday October 10, 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**