

# Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

July 13, 2020

Commissioners:

Gonzalo S. Reyes – Chair

Kevin O’Keefe – Vice Chair -absent

Amy Boze – Secretary

Allen Lee – Treasurer

Tony Crisp

Staff:

Annette Hackbarth – Director

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 07/13/2020 at 6:05 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. He also welcomed our newest commissioner, Tony Crisp, who will be completing the remaining 2 years of Alex Segneri’s term.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Band Director Report

Band Manager Report

Commissioner Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Commissioner Lee presented the Financial report.

No motions were made since the report was not on the agenda.

**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Annette reported on the first week of the Phase 4 virtual band concerts. The band met at Grandon Civic Center on Tuesday evening, and rehearsed and recorded several selections. A commissioner was present to monitor the seating area in case people gathered to watch the recording. A handful of people did watch, but were appropriately distanced. A thunderstorm cut short the recording, but she was able to supplement the video with recordings of a few tunes from the Winter Pops Concert from January. Copyright permission was obtained for all selections. The band will continue recording concerts for 3 more weeks, to finish out the month of July.

Commissioner Lee presented the revised donor letter with the suggested changes. Paul will mail them this week.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

The band has been contacted about the opportunity to join a Consortium to commission a work for Solo Trombone and Wind Band by Dr. Thomas Bough. In return for contributing to the consortium, the band's name will be listed on the dedication page of the score. We will also receive a copy of the score and a full set of parts, as well as exclusive performance rights for a full year after the project is finished. Annette showed the solo part and sample recording to a few of the trombone section players, and they were excited about the opportunity. Our performance is tentatively scheduled for summer 2021.

Commissioner Crisp moved that we join the consortium at the \$1000 sponsorship level, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Reyes informed the Commission that the by-laws will be placed in Dropbox this month. A paper copy will also be available for each commissioner.

Annette mentioned that the chime repair is ongoing. Griggs is only partially open due to the pandemic, and we suppose that is why it is taking so long to track down the part. Also, Annette informed the commission that the vibraphone will need to be replaced in the next year or so, so we need to keep that in mind for budgeting purposes. Annette, Commissioner Boze, and other percussionists in the band will develop a wish-list for replacing/repairing the percussion equipment.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Secretary Amy Boze and sent to Band Manager Paul Ausman for submission to the Clerk of the City of Sterling.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Ausman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

**The next regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission will be  
Tuesday, Aug 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers  
located on the first floor of City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, IL. 61081**