

# **Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission**

**February 9, 2021**

**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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 2/9/2021 at 6:08 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 O’Keefe made a motion to approve the following consent items:

January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Band Director Report

Band Manager Report

Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Commissioner Lee presented the Financial report showing:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Personnel:	\$61,000	\$16,895.25
Materials and Services:	\$37,950	\$6,182.46
Capital Expenses:	\$9,050	\$443.97
Revenue:	\$108,107	\$85,109.90

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

**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Director Hackbarth reported that Gabe Zeigler has finished editing the Flourish for Wind Band virtual song's audio. Editing the video portion of the song will begin this week. Once we post the video and see what the reception is, we will determine if additional virtual songs will be cost effective.

Director Hackbarth has shifted the Meet the Band video series to be pictures instead. They will feature a picture of the Band member along with some fun facts submitted by the member. She suggested using the free app Canva to produce them. Participation will be voluntary and Band Manager Ausman will edit and post them.

Consensus on whether or not the Spring Concert will take place is that it will not. Final determination will not happen until the March meeting though to allow for improving COVID restrictions to be considered. Director Hackbarth reported that if it was cancelled Dr. Ponzo would like to come back for the 2022 Spring Concert. Band Manager Ausman will also contact Sterling Public Schools to see where they are standing in regards to allowing outside groups inside SPS5 buildings, just to be sure everyone is on the same page.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Director Hackbarth presented two bids for percussion replacements. One from Griggs, the other from Ward-Brodt Music. The Commission discussed each item in terms of level of need. Final decision on purchases will be made at the March meeting.

Band Manager Ausman and Commissioner Reyes reported on the status of the heating unit on the west side of Grandon Civic Center. Mr. Ausman noticed the unit had malfunctioned and called Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning, FBE to check it out. They reported that the unit needed to be replaced along with the outlet that powers it. They submitted an estimate of \$2,500.00 to Commissioner Reyes. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the estimate from Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning, FBE to not exceed \$3,000.00. It was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe and carried unanimously.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

The Commission discussed events for the 2021 Summer Season. It was agreed upon to schedule pre-show entertainment for all concerts as well as canons for the July 4<sup>th</sup> concert. Events for the Kidz Konzert will have to be altered due to COVID. Initial replacement suggestions were: grab bags for the kids, build an instrument/musician craft project, egg shakers, teddy bear parade, and Peter and the Wolf. Seating for the concerts will need to be monitored within social distancing guidelines.

Director Hackbarth reported that she contacted Ward-Brodt Music to inquire on repairing the chimes. They will come and pick the chimes up, for free, and take them back to their shop for repair. She will get a timeline of communications with Griggs Music to Commissioner O'Keefe for review.

**VIII. 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 7:47 p.m.

Minutes were taken by 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". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and 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, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers**

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