

Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

May 9, 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 5/9/23 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 five Commissioners were present.

II. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Lee nominated Gonzalo Reyes as Chairperson. He was elected unanimously.

Commissioner Boze nominated Kevin O’Keefe as Vice-Chairperson. He was elected unanimously.

Commissioner Reyes nominated Allen Lee as Treasurer. He was elected unanimously.

Commissioner O’Keefe nominated Amy Boze as Secretary. She was elected unanimously.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

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

April 2023 Meeting Minutes

May 2023 Band Director Report

May 2023 Band Manager Report

Commissioner Crisp seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented showing:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Personnel:	\$62,300	\$56,522.50
Materials and Services:	\$38,200	\$37,437.17
Capital Expenses:	\$39,180	\$36,828.86
Revenue:	\$106,480	\$126,252.43

Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to receive the report. It was seconded by Commissioner Crisp 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 that the Spring Concert went well. Soloist Andy Rummel enjoyed playing and reconnecting with old classmates and former students. The clinic also went well, with around 75 students in attendance. Commissioner O’Keefe asked if future clinicians could play more, because the kids respond well to it. Director Hackbarth reported that Andy intended to play more, but the kids asked a lot of good questions.

Commissioner Reyes reported that replacement plantings in Central Park would be in mid/end June.

Director Hackbarth contacted Bud LeFevre, at Distinctive Gardens, about watering and two options for planters. Option 1 is to use the three planters that are already there at GCC. He will take them, put new soil in, plant flowers in them, and have back before the first concert. It would cost \$410 for all three pots, plus daily watering through the summer season. Option 2 is to invest in new earth planters that would only need to be watered once a week. They are \$450 each.

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to approve the stipend of \$300 for vocal soloist Corinne Latta. It was seconded by Commissioner Lee and carried unanimously.

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to increase the pay level for Band Member soloists to \$50 per solo. It was seconded by Commissioner Crisp and carried unanimously.

Commissioner O'Keefe has contacted Executive Director Christy Zepezaur at Woodlawn Arts Academy regarding Art in the Park. They have display boards for the art pieces. If they have their art camp, they can save pieces to use.

Director Hackbarth reported that all the guests are set for the summer season. A few members of the Band will also be featured throughout the season.

The first rehearsal on 5/17 will be at Challand Middle School due to concerts being held at the high school.

We will be providing Jimmy Johns before the 5/30 rehearsal as a welcome back meal for the Band.

The rehearsal on 7/4 will be from 3:00 – 5:00 to allow for families to have their celebrations that night.

Commissioner O'Keefe has contacted Scott Shumard regarding the new concession stand. Mr. Shumard does not have a key to it yet. They will set up a meeting in the next week for us to check the building out.

Director Hackbarth and Commissioner O'Keefe are both working on setting up the final pre-show slot to be filled on 6/21. Jeremy Hill has a few small groups that can do a 15-minute set each. Woodlawn is doing Little Mermaid, and can do a 15 set as well.

2023 auditions are set to be at CMS on 5/13. There are 9 people set to audition.

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to approve purchasing spirit gear from JJM not to exceed \$2500. It was seconded by Commissioner Lee and carried unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Bob Bartell contacted Director Hackbarth regarding providing music, and our sound system, for the Memorial Day Celebration. Everything is set up the same year.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS


Commissioner Reyes reminded the Commission that 6/12 will be a combined regular and annual meeting. He also reminded the Commission that they would be reviewing the Vision and Mission Statements, as well as updating the accomplishment list.

Commissioner Lee reported that the billboard art is ready. We will have two billboards again. One on Lynn Blvd, and the other across the street from Angelo's on Rt. 2 in Sterling. They will be going up soon.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

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

Monday June 12, 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