**Operation and Governance Meeting Minutes**

**Hillsdale City Hall  
97 N. Broad Street**

**Hillsdale, MI 49242**

**Council Chambers**

**January 26, 2022**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was opened at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by William Morrisey.

**Members Present**

Members Present William Morrisey, Bruce Sharp, Cindy Pratt

**Members Absent**

None

**Public Present**

Candy Carter, Lynnette Filppula, Leisha Taylor, Kathryn Watkins, Ethan Richards, Stephanie Myers, Traci Fowler

**Approval of Agenda**Motion by Sharp, seconded by Pratt to approve the agenda

Voice vote all in favor, motion approved.

**Public Comment**

Kathryn Watkins, she is against the unborn sanctuary city ordinance.

Traci Fowler, she is against the unborn sanctuary city ordinance.

Candy Carter, she is against the unborn sanctuary city ordinance.

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| Jansen commented that the proposed ordinance mentioned the Supreme Court abortion is legal. He asked what next, gay marriage is being illegal in the City of Hillsdale. What happened to free speech? |  |  |
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**Discussion of City Attorney Answers to Queries on Proposed Ordinance Re: Sanctuary City of the Unborn**

Morrisey briefly reviewed the attorney response to all the queries that had been submitted previously to the city attorney. He stated that the attorney generally concluded that it would not hold up in Michigan constitution. Recommends not moving forward with the ordinance.

Sharp stated that he is against the ordinance and isn’t the right of others to tell a woman what to do. It is an invasion of privacy. It is not what Hillsdale needs. He will not support it. This is city council not the state or Supreme Court.

Pratt mentioned that she doesn’t think it’s necessary, the council doesn’t have the power to pass the law and agrees with Sharp.

Morrisey stated it isn’t about being pro-life or pro-choice it’s about the serious problems with the ordinance.

Further discussion ensued.

Motion by Morrisey, seconded by Sharp to submit a memo to council to not move forward with ordinance.

By voice vote, motion approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**Traci Fowler thanked the committee for their work and what they have done.

Kathryn Watkins thanked the committee for not going forward with the sanctuary city ordinance.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. by Morrisey, seconded by Pratt.

Motion approved unanimously.