THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUSH AND SECONDED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**

**OF MANDEVILLE ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO CONTRACT WITH POSTLETHWAITE & NETTERVILLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE AS OF AND FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING EACH AUGUST 31, 2021, 2022, 2023, AND 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS,** Section 2-08 of the City of Mandeville’s Home Rule Charter specifically grants the City Council the authority to engage an accounting firm to provide an annual independent audit of the City’s financial statements; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mandeville City Council solicited proposals to engage an accounting firm to provide an annual independent audit through the attached RFP specifications with the deadline for submittals of July 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mandeville received five proposals for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary to complete the City’s annual financial audit per the RFP specifications; and

**WHEREAS,** the appointed Criteria Review Committee reviewed all proposals under the guidance of the Purchasing Agent, the Director of Finance and the RFP specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee members discussed the consensus scores of the top scoring firms: LaPorte and Postlethwaite & Netterville. Reference is made to the recommendation of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor regarding time of engagement of CPA firms. LLA’s Best Practices advises that “auditor rotation is recommended because it will ensure that a fresh “set of eyes” will periodically look at the local auditee’s transactions”. The City of Mandeville has contracted with LaPorte for the past 5 years;

**THEREFORE,** It is for this reason, the Criteria Review Committee recommends that Postlethwaite & Netterville is awarded the contract for the City of Mandeville’s Auditing Services for Fiscal Years ending each August 31, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Mandeville in regular session assembled on the 28th day of October, 2021 acting pursuant to the recommendation of the Criteria Review Committee assigned to reviewing the proposals, that proposal for the City’s annual financial audit for Fiscal Years ending each August 31, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 be accepted and a contract awarded to Postlethwaite & Netterville

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Mandeville hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Mandeville and Postlethwaite & Netterville

With the above resolution having been properly introduced and duly seconded, the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5 ( Danielson, McGuire. Zuckerman, Bush, Kreller)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTION: 0

and the resolution was declared adopted this the 14th day of October, 2021.

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Kristine Scherer Jason Zuckerman

Clerk of Council Council Chairman