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City council serious about animal services

■ Letter in Tribune spurs action for contract

By Amanda Rhodes
Tribune Staff Writer

A recent letter to the editor helped spark the city council to address the lack of animal control services in Calistoga. City council decided Tuesday evening to grant a 37-day continuance before deciding on whether

to negotiate a professional services agreement with Napa County or Petaluma for animal control and shelter services. Scott Atkinson of Wine Country Animal Lovers, Inc. (WCAL) and coordinator of Franquelin Dog Park addressed the board with concerns over Calistoga once again

working with the county of Napa for these services. “We understand the need to act quickly because the City of Calistoga has been out of compliance for many years with state law regarding the issue of animal control service but there is time to make a correct, rational decision, not a quick one,” Atkinson said Tuesday.

Calistoga resident Michelle Ortiz voiced her concern in Feb. about animal control in Calistoga after her Jack Russell terrier was fatally attacked in her yard by a neighbor’s pit bull. Ortiz said that after calling police she found that Calistoga does not currently contract with animal

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Library panel agrees with changes

■ Platform, shelves to be removed

By Pat Hampton
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The city council turned the final page on renovation of the Calistoga Library by unanimous vote Tuesday. Napa County has \$651,908 in a fund for a new roof, change in the floor plan and new furniture at the city library. The proposal also calls for new entry doors for the Myrtle Street facility.

The changes also include removal of a small wooden platform and wooden book shelves, which Calistoga’s library commissioner Shelby Valentine was against because of their historical nature. The city’s agreement with Napa County requires that city approval be given before major renovation takes place. At last month’s city council meeting, a Library Renovation Review Subcommittee was appointed to work with county librarian Danis Kreimeier to review the county’s proposal and make recommendations. Appointed to the subcommittee were Ed Tapper, citizen-at-large; Michele Amendola, member of the Friends of the Library; and councilmember Jim Barnes.

The subcommittee met on Feb. 10 to review public comments and draft a response of recommendations to the city council. In essence, the group agreed with the removal of the platform because “a platform is not necessary to perform library functions.” Removing the wooden shelves and replacing them with metal book shelves would make it easier for staff to use, the group offered. The group also suggested that part of the wooden book shelves in one area should be retained and used to hold special collections, such as the display of a rare Bible that belongs to the library.

“Overall, this process went very smoothly,” Barnes told the city council Tuesday. “I think the plan is a good one.” Mayor Chris Canning asked Kreimeier if the directions from the subcommittee was clear, and she replied, “Pretty crystal clear.” The work on the library will be done this summer after the bidding process has played out and a contract signed. The library will need a temporary home while the work is being carried out inside the building. It may be moved to the fairgrounds.

APTS MAY BE READY BY END OF MARCH



The Calistoga Family Apartments on Washington Street are nearing completion with driveways and sidewalks still to be constructed. City planning director Lynn Goldberg said she expects the first families to move in by the end of the month.

Apartments project getting closer to opening doors

By Pat Hampton
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Calistoga Family Apartments are getting closer to opening the doors for families who qualify for residency. The Calistoga Family Apartments will be limited to 48 families with at least one head-of-household employed in the agricultural industry because of

federal financing restrictions, developers have told the city council. The \$18 million project is being built by Corporation for Better Housing (CBH), a southern California non-profit firm that specializes in low-income housing projects. It was supposed to be finished in February, but hasn’t completed driveways and off-site sidewalks

said planning director Lynn Goldberg. Residents will go through a strict qualifications check, including income, criminal background, legal status and other benchmarks, Goldberg said, and that takes a lot of time to complete. Goldberg said she thought the apartments would be ready to move into by the end of March.

New recreation manager started job Monday



Shannon Clegg

■ Clegg brings 13 years experience

By Amanda Rhodes
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Stop by the Calistoga Parks and Recreation Department and a smiling new face will greet you at the door. Shannon Clegg marked

her first day as Calistoga’s new aquatics and recreation manager on Monday. Clegg has 13 years in recreation services that will help her manage the department, including a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Adminis-

tration with a concentration in therapeutic recreation from California State University, Sacramento. She has also developed and supervised programs for adults and children for the cities of Vacaville, Davis and, recently, the city of Larkspur.

“I’m very excited to work with the Calistoga community,” Clegg said at Tuesday’s city council meeting. City Manager Richard Spitler said Clegg comes highly recommended as an enthusiastic proponent of

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