

Actually, \$157,480.06 is a bargain, of sorts

If you thought paying Las Vegas law firm Lionel, Sawyer and Collins \$157,480.06 through January for the city's court fight against the people's initiatives was outrageous, get a load of this.

It could be a lot worse.

In response to a question by Councilmember Linda Strickland during the City Council's March 1 budget workshop, City Attorney Dave Olsen confirmed that because of his relationship with Boulder City resident Bob Faiss, a senior partner at the Lionel, Sawyer and Collins law firm, the city was receiving a discounted hourly rate for Paul Larsen and his staff.

He didn't get into specifics as to how much less the special rate was in comparison to the going rate, but he did say "we got lower rates than what their commercial clients get."

It's nice to know in these difficult city budget times that Olsen has the city's best financial interests in mind when it comes to hiring outside legal counsel for "frivolous" lawsuits.